

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our many friends in Macon County and throughout Georgia for the good help at the death of Alfred Lester Green and for the beautiful flowers.

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**Clarence Bishop,
Claimed By Death**

Word has been received here of the death February 13 of Clarence P. Bishop, a resident of Cartoogechaye, at Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa. He was 65-years old.

Mr. Bishop moved to this county several years ago from Philadelphia, Pa. He was a veteran of World War 1.

No 1

have ever seen," and he related how Mr. Mitchell, who carried a German luger, dropped running game more than a 100 yards away.

"Nothing was safe when I was looking for bait, not even a chickadee," the trapper reflected.

Cover 100 Miles

Back when they were partners, the two each maintained roughly 100 miles of trap line. Game included beaver, otter, mink, marten (American sable), fisher, muskrat, lynx, foxes, wolf, bear, and "just about anything with fur!"

Their territory was about 250 miles south of Hudson Bay—land frequented only by Indians and trappers. In the winter the mercury dips to 65 below zero and in the summer climbs to a mucky, warm, 90 degrees. (Mr. Mitchell has lost toe nails four times from freezing).

Snow shoes were, and still are, essential. A trapper's diet is mostly meat and what few supplies he can "pack in" on his back. Mr. Smith recalled that one time his partner packed 300 pounds of supplies on his back for more than half a mile.

"... back when I was a little younger," Mr. Mitchell explained, smiling. However, at 50 he appears to have the constitution of a man in his 30's and quite possibly he could still duplicate the feat.

Season Split

The trapping season generally is split into three parts, the two explained, to enable a man to sell his furs and restock on supplies. A trapper hits the "bush" about September 1 and

comes "out" about Christmas, returns soon after and stays until March, emerges to get supplies, and then goes back until June. During these periods the trapper moves about 10 miles a day, inspecting his trap line, collecting catches, and resetting traps. "Trap shacks", crude shelters of logs, moss and dirt chunked, were spaced about every 10 miles along the trapper's 100-mile strip, they said.

Keeping Warm Is 'Simple'

"This 65 below zero... how did you keep from freezing?" they were asked. Simple:

Heavy snow shoe moccasins, two pairs of wool socks, one pair of heavy felt insoles, wool underwear, wool shirt, wool

mackinaw pants, mackinaw coat, wool cap with ear flaps, wool and leather mittens.

"Look here, he's still got his wool underwear on," Mr. Smith laughed, opening the collar of his partner's shirt. He did! and it was almost a spring day in the Nantahalas.

Speaking of his summers at the fire tower in the bush country, the visiting trapper called on his sense of humor again to show that he "had the drop" on civilization.

80 Miles From Store

"I'm 80 miles from the nearest grocery store and my orders are delivered in about two hours." (A radio in the tower and an airplane—"grocery boy"

turn the trick.) "You can't beat that if you're a half mile from a store anywhere else."

So, the memories of life in the bush country were unfolded by the two, one who must keep on remembering, the other anxious to get back.

"I'm keeping him here by

brute force now," Mr. Smith explained.

But it takes more than brute force to hold a man who hasn't missed a trapping season in almost 32 years. Mr. Mitchell left after a couple of days here, "in love with the beautiful scenery here", but it's time to start trapping beaver in Ontario.

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