

Maggie Area Community News

By MRS. C. L. BRADLEY
Community Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. James Ely have returned to their home in Dana, Fla. after spending the summer and fall in Maggie Valley, where they operated the Ely Antique Shop. They have been coming to Maggie for the last seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bradley and son, Maurice, of Bridgeston, N. J., have been visiting friends and relatives at Maggie recently.

Last week Misses Sally Rich, Sue Caldwell, Martha Sutton, Dale Parton, Bud Gentry, and Mrs. Jess Sutton visited friends and relatives in New Jersey. On Wednesday, Misses Rich, Caldwell, and Sutton went to Pennsylvania to visit Thomas Rich, who is a patient in an Army hospital there.

Mrs. L. E. Odell has returned to her home in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., after spending the summer and fall at Maggie.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Bradley announce the birth of a daughter October 20 in a U. S. Army hospital in Tokyo, Japan. Mrs. Bradley is the former Miss Reika Shimigoi of Tokyo.

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By LOUIS ENSLEY
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Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bryson were visited over the weekend by Mrs. Bryson's mother, Mrs. Gill Hoyle of Gastonia and by Mr. and Mrs. Bowman of Morganton.

Among tourists returning to their homes in Florida are, H. Rohde to Sebring; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Burman to Jacksonville; and Mrs. W. G. Shepard to Sarasota.

This correspondent, wife and daughter, visited with relatives in Newport News, Va., last week.

There was a large turnout at the polls at Balsam. It seems as if this will be the largest number to vote here in the past several years.

The all-night singing at the Balsam Baptist Church was a big success. Among the singers taking part were: Carolina Quartet of Asheville, Parham Quartet of Canton, Henson Trio of Franklin, Mehaffey Quartet of Robbinsville, Victory Quartet of Hazelwood, the Friendly Gospel Singers of Hazelwood, and the Rhymer Sisters of Canton.

A baptizing was held last Sunday. Jerry Parris was baptized by Rev. Ray McCall, assisted by Hubert Ensley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pelham have returned to their home in Lakeland, Fla. The Pelhams built a new summer home in Balsam last summer.

He Took The Pants Too Long

BURLEY, Idaho (AP) — It shouldn't be hard for Drummond Hoggan to find the thief who stripped a pair of trousers from an advertising dummy outside his clothing store here.

One clue: The pants are seven feet long.

Auto Pioneer Says Drivers Not As Improved As Cars



AUTOMOTIVE PIONEER. Walter S. Austin, Sr., works out some chess moves. In background is a picture of his Highway King auto, which last was produced in 1918.

By EDWARD J. MARKAITY
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Cars have come a long way—perhaps too far—says Walter S. Austin, Sr., since he stopped producing his Highway King auto in 1918.

The trouble is, says the 89-year-old automotive pioneer, drivers haven't improved as much as the cars.

"I just don't approve of cross-country driving any more—too many people killed," says Austin. "Motoring nowadays doesn't appeal to me."

Austin and his father, the late James E. Austin, once produced about 50 cars a year from 1901 to 1918 in their Grand Rapids plant.

The late William Randolph Hearst owned two Highway Kings. Mrs. Emma Calve, the opera singer, stopped off on a tour in 1915 and took one back to her native France.

Compared with today's streamlined cars, the Highway King was a formidable auto. Models ranged from a two-seat, six-passenger open sedan (\$3,750) to a seven-passenger limousine (\$5,250).

Austin himself developed his car's four-speed planetary transmission with a steering post shift; a two-speed axle and a double-cantilever spring.

Austin still works 12 hours a day at his engineering board. Only recently he patented a hydraulic transmission. In his spare time he plays chess.

Austin and his father left auto manufacturing in 1918 in favor of real estate development. Austin recalled that his Highway King satisfied customers although there never was an organized advertising campaign.

"We didn't believe much in advertising to promote car sales in those days," he said.



Crabtree Chronicles

By BEVERLY CHAMBERS

We are real proud of our football team. They really did make a good record this year. Even though they didn't win Saturday night, they played a wonderful game and they should feel real proud of themselves, as everyone else does, for playing so well this year.

An activity, sponsored by the Beta Club has already begun. Every member of the club has one day to act as receptionist in the front hall of the school.

Ours is only a small club, so already almost every member has had a chance. Also, every member has his week to sell ice cream, a money-making activity of the club. This project is prospering.

At our meeting Monday morning we discussed several money-making techniques. We came up with several, and we believe we can carry out all of them. One of these is showing movies. We hope to have several movies, all of which will be interesting. One, we are planning to show soon, probably near the end of November.

Stole The Show

CHARLOTTE (AP)—M. L. Johnson of Danford gave the oddsmakers something to figure on during the Carolinas Beauty and Harvest Festival. Six fur stoles were given away during the show. Johnson's name was drawn three times out of a box that contained thousands of tickets.

Wrong Conference?

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) —

County Supervisor Frank Gibson and his wife started out for the state capital at Sacramento to at-

tend a governor's conference on traffic safety. Minutes later Gibson's county

car collided with another auto. Mrs. Gibson suffered slight in-

juries. U. S. population is expected to reach 185 million by 1965.

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