

THE FOUR-IN-ONE DETECTIVE AGENCY

(By Winfred Gaddy.)

One day in July, 1939, the 'phone of the "Four-in-One Detective Agency" rang. Chief Gus Boger and lieutenants Henry Snuggs, George Harris and "Red" Gaddy were in their office in the building formerly occupied by the Stanly Bank & Trust Co. Chief Boger answered.

"Hello! Chief Boger talking."

"Hello, yourself! This is Chief Casablanka, of the Porter Police Force. We have just discovered that someone has broken into the Union Station and has stolen a large sum of money, the payroll for the saw-mill hands, and we want to engage your agency to help us catch the thieves."

"I will report with my force," replied Chief Boger, "and we will investigate at once. Goodbye."

Chief Boger gathered up all his equipment, including the blood hounds and hired the city ambulance to carry his force to the scene of the disorder. Upon arriving, he reported to Chief Casablanka, who told him to report to his assistant, I. W. W.

Fresonkee. I. W. W., while leading them to the station, explained all the particulars of the case. Without the least hesitation, Chief Boger entered the ticket office, where he saw that the safe, a large wooden box marked "National Biscuit Company," had been blown open. The dogs were unleashed and put on the trail. After walking around the Union Station twice, then through the colored waiting room, they headed for the county seat. After hours of hard tramping, they reached Albemarle, and went straight to the office of the "Four-in-One Detective Agency." Here the trail ended. The members of the Detective Agency, Boger, Harris, Snuggs and Gaddy, were arrested and placed in jail. Thus ended the career of the "Four-in-One Detective Agency."

TEACHERS OF THE ALBEMARLE GRADED SCHOOL.

(By George Harris.)

On Wednesday afternoon, May 3rd, at the close of the society meeting Mr. McIver, in a few remarks, gave us some of the best news that we have heard this year. The board on the

evening before had re-elected Prof. McIver and his whole corps of teachers to serve next year. The student body as a whole think that the board did a wise thing in asking our teachers to serve here again next year and we sincerely hope that every one will accept. Miss Keel has made quite a reputation for herself as a history and English teacher. It has been largely through the assistance of Miss Moye, our English and French instructor, that the students were able to make "The Midget," the official organ of the A. H. S., the success that it is. Everyone knows that Miss Pridgen has made that dreary old Latin so interesting that if she stayed with us a few more years we actually believe that we could learn to love Caesar, Cicero and Virgil, and as instructor in dramatics, she is hard to excel. Mr. Stephens can "sling" math like a Pythagoras and physiology like Dr. Mayo. The A. H. S. has made more progress in debating and along the oratorical line this year, under the watchful eye of our principal, than it has in any two years heretofore. Here's success to you all. May you keep the good work going.

Is it a reflection on the intelligence of the family to admit that the Home Newspaper is not taken or read by it? We leave this for you to answer. In the meantime go into the homes of most of the educated people, people who are doing things, and see if they do not regularly read The Stanly News-Herald. Every person who is a resident of this county, if he is educated well enough to read, should subscribe to The News-Herald, "Stanly's Home Newspaper."

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