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DISCOURAGEMENT

It was once announced that the Devil was going out of business and would offer his tools for sale to anyone who would pay the price. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed, and a bad looking lot they were. Malice, envy, hatred, jealousy, sensuality and deceit, and all other implements of evil were spread out each marked with its price.

Apart from the rest lay a harmless-looking and wedge-shaped tool, much worn and priced higher than any of them.

Someone asked the Devil what it was.

"That's Discouragement," was the reply.

"Why have you priced it so high?" "Because," replied the Devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that, when I could not get near him with any of the others, and when once inside, I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, and very few yet know it belongs to me."

It hardly need be added that the Devil's price for Discouragement was so high that it was never sold. He still owns it and is still using it!—Anon.

ARROWHEAD MONUMENT TO BE UNVEILED JULY 27

The unveiling of the arrowhead monument at Old Fort will take place on Sunday July 27 at 2:00 o'clock.

The people from the adjoining counties are expected to meet at Old Fort on that date to help celebrate the unveiling of this monument which was erected to the memory of the early pioneer history of this community and to the old Indian fort which stood near Davidson's mill creek, from which the town derived its name.

This fort was a protection in times of danger to the early pioneers, and a direct descendant of one of the early settlers, little Miss Martha Nesbitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Nesbitt, has been appointed to unveil the monument.

That the Rev. Clarence Stuart McClellan of Asheville will make an address on this occasion is of much interest to the people of Old Fort, who hope to make this day one which will stand out prominently in the history of the town.

This event will be of particular interest to the many people of Western North Carolina who are descended from the early pioneers who settled in this section, and whose work and bravery will be commemorated on this day, and the people of Old Fort cordially invite them to come and participate in the unveiling of this marker.

Many prominent people have been invited to attend this unveiling, among whom are Will Rogers, Vice-President Charles Curtis, Ex-Governor Cameron Morrison, Ex-Congressman Zeb Weaver, Col. Fred Olds, State historian; F. A. Sondley, R. E. Simpson, W. F. Cooper, Robert Quillen, Horace Kephart, J. Hampton Rich, and Mrs. E. L. McKee.

Another interesting feature of this program will be the presence of a few Indians from the Cherokee and Catawba tribes, who have also been asked to take part in this celebration.

The marker is in the form of a huge arrow head, carved from pink granite, being 14½ feet high and stands on a rock and concrete base of slightly more than 15 feet, and no doubt is the largest arrowhead in the world.

NEWS FROM CAMP ELLIOTT

The group of boys sponsored by Mr. Whiddet of the Episcopal church of Charlotte left on Monday, except for several of the boys who have had their time extended for a while longer, to enjoy the camp.

Among the new arrivals are boys from Washington, N. C., and Marion, N. C. A group of sixty boys spent the Fourth at Chimney Rock and reported a delightful trip. The attendance has been showing a satisfactory increase.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Nannie Justice was in Marion Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams have returned home after spending a week in Charlotte.

Miss Nannie Nichols spent Monday in Asheville.

Miss Frances Fortune has returned home after spending a week with Mrs. D. S. Tucker in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Nichols spent Wednesday in Asheville.

Miss Roe Nichols of Shelby spent Friday with Miss Nannie Justice.

T. L. Nichols was in Asheville on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. A. Hoard and son of Shelby spent Thursday with Mrs. T. L. Nichols.

Carye Hedgepeth of Lumberton was a guest at the Mauney House the past week-end.

Patrick Sweeney and Robert Wilkinson of Johnson City, Tenn., spent the week-end in town with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck of Selma visited Miss Gertrude Dula Saturday.

Mrs. Bueck will be remembered as Miss Clell Branham, a former teacher in Old Fort.

Miss Della Robinson of Robersonville, Miss Irene Thomas of Rocky Mount, Miss Pauline Kitchin of Scotland Neck, and Miss Mabel Bagby of Wilson were guests of Miss E. R. Grady on Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Lytle was a visitor in Old Fort Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tate and children, of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tate, of Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Westermann, Miss Lenore Keatley and Miss Gertrude Dula were visitors in Marion on Friday.

Reverend Mr. Ingle and family of Asheville are now making their home in Old Fort, Mr. Ingle having accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at this place.

Cletus Tate of Hartford, Conn., and Bernard Tate of Johnstown, Pa., are spending some time in Old Fort with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swann of Asheville were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Haynes.

Geo. Lindley was in Waynesville last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stump and daughter Gladys spent Saturday in Asheville.

Miss Addie Thompson and Miss Harris of Marion spent the week-end in Old Fort with relatives.

Mrs. William Allison and Mrs. Delia Edney spent Saturday afternoon in Marion.

Misses Viola Grant and Alma Greene were visitors in Black Mountain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Long were visitors in Asheville Sunday.

Miss Laura Curtis of East Flat Rock spent the week-end in Old Fort.

Mrs. Don Grant spent last week-end in Gastonia with relatives.

Miss Gladys Stump was in Marion on Monday.

Miss Finley of Marion spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lackey.

Mrs. W. C. Morrison of Dixon, Tenn., is visiting relatives in Old Fort this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reid of Black Mountain were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

A. W. Padgett is ill at his home east of Old Fort.

Arlo Bates, who has been in Dixon, Tenn., for several months, returned to his home here Sunday.

Miss Farnes McCurry, of Asheville spent last week-end in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crawford of Spartanburg, S. C., are visiting Mrs. J. R. Crawford this week.

Misses Elizabeth Lipe, Gladys Stump, Marie Sabom, and Margaret Weaver, Austin Harris and David Taylor were visitors in Marion on Monday evening.

A. L. Hicks is visiting his son in Canton this week.

Miss Frances Grant, who has been visiting her grandmother in Gastonia, returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs. Viola Elliott of Winston-Salem is visiting her brother, Garland Bryson, who is seriously ill.

Members of the Junior Lodge decorated the graves of their dead Sunday afternoon at Cherry Springs and Old Fort cemeteries.

Little Harriet Long, who underwent an operation at the Mission Hospital last week, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Nannie Justice and two children left Monday for Norfolk, Va., where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Pierce.

Miss Hazel Erown of Black Mountain spent the week with Miss Frances Fortune.

Mrs. Nannie Justice had as her guest last week Misses Annie Justice, Lillian Nanney and Hazel Tate, of Rutherfordton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Westermann spent the week-end in Asheville, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Goodson.

A miniature golf course is being constructed on the lawn at S. F. Mauney's.

Prof. S. B. Smithey spent the week-end with homefolks.

Dr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Dula and daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Sarah Joe, and son Edward, of Lenoir, spent a short time in Old Fort Sunday en route to Brevard. They were accompanied on the trip by Miss Gertrude Dula.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Cowan and daughters, Misses Bessie Mae and Elizabeth Cowan, of Statesville, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graybeal.

The members of the younger set who enjoyed the swimming and boat races at Lake Lure on the Fourth were Misses Carolyn McIntosh, Janie McSwain, Eunice Wilkinson, of Old Fort; Jennie Lee Wilborne of High Point; Messrs. Jack Armstrong Carl Smith, Homer Bivers and Banks Pastern.

Mrs. F. P. Sweeney and sister, Miss Eunice Wilkinson, and Miss Nancy Miller motored to Johnson City on Saturday.

'CAT EYE' ANNIE SAWS WAY OUT OF PRISON

Notorious Burglar Escapes From Auburn.

Auburn, N. Y.—Cat Eye Annie Lillian McDowell—forty-eight—notorious burglar and one of the most elusive characters of the underworld when outside prison walls, escaped from the Auburn women's prison, but prison authorities are doing their best to lock her up again. Just three weeks after declining to try for freedom with two other inmates who were captured, Annie sawed her way out of her cell and escaped.

Cat Eye, who got her nickname from a peculiar cast to one eye, sawed through the wood around the lock in her cell door and got over the walls in a manner which left prison officials puzzled several hours afterward.

Every Nook Searched. Only a few days ago she told Warden Frank L. Heacock that Sally Joyce Richards, blond bandit of Buffalo, and Amelia Bascom, badger girl of Brooklyn, approached her to get her to join them in their contemplated escape of April 25. Mystified at the time by this revelation, and puzzled that Cat Eye had turned down the opportunity, prison officials now see her refusal to escape at that time based on a desire to play her old lone wolf part.

At first it was believed that she must still be within the walls, but an extended search of every nook and corner failed to reveal her. Immediately the hunt was started outside the walls by troopers and police throughout the vicinity. Cities throughout the state were asked to be on the lookout for her.

On a previous escape, after 26 hours of freedom, she was found rain-soaked and exhausted, hidden under a pile of straw a mile and a half east of Weedsport, eight miles north of Auburn.

Nearly Died of Pneumonia. A clew to her whereabouts was provided on that occasion by word of residents in that vicinity who said they had seen a woman near there acting strangely. She had gone without food for 24 hours.

Due to exposure she contracted pneumonia and nearly died. After recovery she was taken to Matteawan state hospital in the belief that she was becoming insane. Subsequently she was returned here.

The description to the police said she probably wore a blue striped skirt, a blue sweater, black shoes and stockings, and a light top coat and brown fedora. She was described as 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighing 120 pounds, with medium chestnut hair and light complexion.

Working in the dead of night on her previous escape here, with no tools but a short iron window prop and a spoon, Cat Eye Annie, virtually under the eyes of guards and prison matrons, dug a hole through the brick wall of the cell and, with the aid of a plank taken from the greenhouse, scaled a low wall and slid down an improvised blanket rope to freedom.

Packages of mortar and bits of broken brick were found stuffed in a mattress upon which she had pretended to sleep at night.

Her escape was made in the early morning on that occasion.

Style for English Girls Set by Baby Princess London.—Little Princess Elizabeth, four-year-old daughter of the duke and duchess of York, still rules the fashions of England's nurseries.

Her mother has chosen a particularly pretty wardrobe for the fourth lady in the land, this spring. Once again many of her frocks will be of a soft butter yellow color, which through its association with her has achieved the name, "Princess Betty Yellow." It is infinitely becoming to her bright golden hair and blue eyes.

There are also to be some printed crepe de chine dresses with flower posies. These are short and full, with tiny puffed sleeves, and they are expected to create a fashion for other very small young ladies.

For very special occasions, such as parties, the little princess is to be arrayed in a frock that consists entirely of frills—a style which is said to find great favor with her royal highness.

Sailor, in 20 Foot Boat, Will Try to Cross Ocean

Lisbon.—A Portuguese sailor named Macedo left Casa Blanca in a 20-foot cutter to cross the Atlantic to New York, where he expects to arrive in 40 days. He will follow a route which touches the Canary Islands, the Bermudas and Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. The cutter is equipped with three sails, a radio outfit, and displaces five tons.

Cow Bites 40 Persons

Belgrade, Yugoslavia.—A cow bitten by a mad dog ran amuck near the village of Essogg, biting everyone within reach. Forty victims were taken to a hospital, some with hydrophobia.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GARLAND BRYSON

The funeral services for Garland F. Bryson, who died Monday afternoon at four o'clock, were held at the Baptist church at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Bryson was an employee of the Union Tanning Company, a member of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, and a member of the Old Fort Volunteer Fire Department. He is survived by a wife and three children, Ina May, Violet and Garland Bryson, Jr.; five sisters, Mrs. M. E. Head, Mrs. Robert L. Danner, and Miss Selma Bryson, all of Old Fort; Mrs. Viola Elliott of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Grover C. Cooper, of Sylva; one brother, Geo. R. Bryson of Old Fort.

The services were conducted by Rev. L. J. Ingle, Rev. M. E. Hansel, and Rev. I. A. Rhinehardt. Members of the Old Fort Fire Department and Junior Order were present and assisted in the services. Interment was made in the Old Fort cemetery.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD FORT GROUP OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

M. E. Hansel, Minister
Old Fort

Sabbath School 10 a. m.

Junior Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.

Young People of the Church 7:15pm

Prayer worship 8 p. m.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

Siloam

Sabbath School 10 a. m.

Public Worship with Communion of Lord's Supper .. 11 a. m.

Oakdale

Sabbath School 10 a. m.

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