

CROSS'S COLUMN

"OUR COOK SAW A SNAKE in* the kitchen the other day," a Chapel Hill friend told us. "We moved the furniture and looked everywhere for the snake but it couldn't be found. I told the girl it was the wrong time of year for snakes. I declared that snakes almost never came into the house. I informed her that snakes could not climb steps. I reassured her in every possible way, but for some reason she was still frightened. She stayed frightened for the next two days. You can imagine my embarrassment, then, when I started upstairs and found my way disputed by a large copperhead coming out of the guest bedroom!"

GHOST STORY (as sent in by a reader)

Back in '33, when Carrie was still a young girl, every morning a man by the name of Brother Green used to go by the Stanley's house, and when he did he'd call to her: "Carrie! Oh, Carrie!" (I wish I could reproduce the cadence). One day in September he and another man went clamming. They found a good bed and had filled the rowboat to the gunwales when a sudden and very bad storm blew up. A white man in a motorboat saw them, and saw they were in trouble through the scud, but he was too scared to go to their help. He was the last person to see them alive. Two weeks later a colored man found them drifted against the bridge—each gripping the other's shoulders so tightly they could hardly be pulled apart.

Along about then Carrie began to hear the pump outside their house being worked in the middle of the night and very early morning. The first few mornings she didn't pay much attention, thinking it was a neighbor chile out gittin him a drink of water, but when she asked around about it, hadn't no one been out to get a drink at that hour. She began to listen for it then, and mos every night she'd hear it—first footsteps, like the gallopin of

a horse, then the pump workin. One morning it come right late, after dawn had started, and she got up and peered through the window. There was the pump handle going up and down, up and down, but there weren't nothing to make it do like that. Jest the handle by itself. She ran and roused up her Mama and they went through the back door, hearin the pump handle all the time. Soon's they got the door open good, the pump handle stopped and way off and soft like, she heard someone calling on her: "Carrie! Oh, Carrie!" Then the footsteps galloped off.

"Mama," say Carrie, "You hear what I hear?"

"Law, honey, yes, I hear 'im."

"An' you see what I see?"

"Law, honey, yes!"

"Then what is it, Mama? What is it?"

"Law, honey, it des Brother Green stopping by to git hisself a drink."

A CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST confessed that even he found "child-raising" a bit different from what the books said about it. His wife was out of town and his two lively boys didn't want to take a bath. He tried all the usual methods of persuasion but the boys still didn't want to take a bath. In desperation he visited the dime store. Life-buoy soap? No. Perfume . . . the loudest, cheapest, lingeringest perfume they had . . .

"All right, boys," he said that night. "You don't have to take a bath if you don't want to . . . you can go to bed without a bath if you choose . . . but one of two things is going to happen: either you go to school tomorrow smelling of a bath in soap and water or you go smelling of a shower in this perfume. Which is it going to be?"

P. S. It worked.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: "Greece is the Belgium of 1940."

TURKISH QUESTION: Will a goose cook quicker in hot water or cold Greece?

Calvary-Thelma

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harper of Roanoke Rapids spent the week-end with Mrs. Richard Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Hardy and family of Henderson spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Whit Morris.

Mrs. E. S. Jenkins, Mrs. Richard Harper and N. R. Jenkins attended the funeral of Ed Harper at Bear Swamp Church Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Woodlief of Richmond, Va., spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Frank King.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Myrick and Mrs. Baker of Weldon spent Sunday with Mrs. G. H. Myrick.

Mrs. Paul Etheridge and son, Mrs. E. L. Mosely and son, and Miss Virginia King spent Saturday night with their mother, Mrs. Frank King.

Friends of Mrs. H. S. Harper, who is a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital, are glad to know that she is getting along nicely after undergoing an operation.

Miss Sarah King of Halifax spent the week-end with her parents here.

Miss Rachel Myrick spent the week-end at her home here.

CALVARY CHURCH Sunday School Sunday morning at 10:30. Services at eleven by Rev. H. L. Davis. Every one is urged to attend.

CALVARY EPWORTH LEAGUE The Young People of Calvary Methodist Church held their regular meeting at the church on Sunday night, February 16th. After the program the following new officers were elected: President, Johnnie Aycock; Vice-President, Winifred King; Secretary, Bill Bobbitt; Treasurer, Edith Sillery.

On Friday night, February 21, the members of the League were guests of Mrs. W. C. Myrick. The social consisted of a business meeting. There were twenty-five present. Johnnie Aycock gave several suggestions on Parliamentary Procedure. Mrs. W. C. Myrick was elected Adult Councilor and Rev.

and Mrs. H. L. Davis for Advisors. After the business several games were played and refreshments were served.

The new president says that they are looking forward to many accomplishments and that their goals are their mottoes: "Look up", "Lift Up", and II Timothy 2:15.

First Christian Church

REV. T. E. TOMERLIN, Pastor Bible School 9:45 a.m.

Morning worship 10:45 a.m. Sermon subject: "The Law of God."

Christian Endeavor 7 p.m.

Evening worship 7:30 p.m. Sermon subject: "The Responsibility of the Church to Young People".

Circle No. 2 will serve a chicken and ham supper at the Church at 6:30 Saturday, March 1.

HONORED AT PARTY

Mrs. Jimmie Rogers and Miss Kathleen Lakey were joint hostesses on Saturday, February 15, at a delightful party in honor of Miss Ruby Lee Rogers on her birthday at the home of Mrs. Rogers. Games were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served to the following: Misses Dorothy Carlisle, Deanie Hux, Rachel Jones, Frances Keeter, Edith Keeter, Lizzie Mae Dunn, and the honoree, Ruby Lee Rogers; and W. L. Hux, C. W. Wood, William Keeter, Thomas Ingram, Howard Jones, Glenn Rogers, and Melvin Rogers. Miss Rogers received many lovely gifts.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ben N. Robertson of Littleton announce the birth of a son, Ben Douglas, on Sunday, Feb. 16. Mrs. Robertson was formerly Miss Lila Chichester of Littleton.

MINSTREL MARCH 3

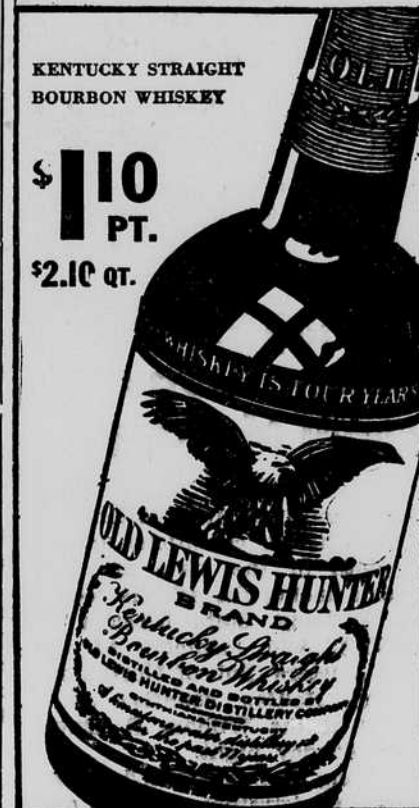
The date for the black-face minstrel originally planned for Friday night, February 28, at the Seaboard High School, has been changed to Tuesday night, March 3. The minstrel will be a presentation of the Senior Class, and proceeds will be used to buy the senior gift for the school.

Picot - Person

Miss Frances Person, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Person of Littleton, and John M. Picot of Littleton, were married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Casada in Hartsville, South Carolina, on Friday afternoon, February 21.



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