

The Watauga Democrat.

THE HOME PAPER IN VERSE

THREE-LEGGED BEAR GAVE U. S. HUNTER LIVELY TIME

Bruin, Caught in Trap, Battles After Being Wounded.

Washington.—When a bear loses one of his legs he does not find it necessary to appeal to the keeper of a zoo for quarters and rations for the rest of his life. According to Government Hunter W. H. Caywood, a bear so crippled may destroy a great deal of live stock and put up a stiff fight when caught. A recent report by one of the predatory animal inspectors of the biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture contains an account of this hunter's experience in trapping such a bear, which was one of three killed by him in a few months in the ranges of western Colorado.

For the last two years stockmen in that region had complained of great losses of sheep and cattle through the depredations of the three killers. In June one man had lost nine steers. Later Hunter Caywood was put on the job in this locality and he trapped and killed all of the trio. The last one was a brown male weighing about 500 pounds and having but three legs. The other two had two legs each. They were all killed in a trap or snare of some kind.

In trapping the range, this brown bear would make these well-defined normal tracks, but the fourth one was merely a round depression and where the animal went and the imprint of his paw could be seen. This unusual variation in bear tracks puzzled the hunter for several months and it was not until he trapped the animal that the mystery was cleared up.

After being caught in the trap this tough old ruder, running on three cylinders, dragged the 25-pound trap and toge the three-quarters of a mile, and on the approach of the hunter took refuge in a thicket of quaking aspen. Here he put up what the hunter called an honest-to-goodness fight which nearly ended in a hand-to-hand encounter. The old murderer, minus one leg and with another dragging many pounds of trap and tangle, kept on coming even after a rifle had been emptied into him, and was finally killed at close range with a .28-caliber automatic pistol. This bear surely can be said to have died with his boots on.

Three Men Electrocuted While Working on Well

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Three men were killed when an iron pipe they were lowering into a well came in contact with a high tension electric wire. The three men, Worthy M. Johnson, Earl Coe and Opal Lightner, were knocked to the ground and died a few minutes later.

The three victims, employed at a local steel mill, had been laid off for a few days and were installing a pump at Johnson's home on the first of day. Another man, passing by the Johnson home, assisted in lowering the pipe. He was knocked to the ground, but escaped injury.

The contact between the pipe and the electric wire lasted but a few moments, the pipe sliding off the wire. As the contact was broken, the men were released from the pipe and were carried into the Johnson home, where they died.

Ship Construction in Britain at Lowest Ebb

London.—The tonnage of vessels actually under construction in British yards at the end of September, 1923, is the smallest for fourteen years, according to an analysis of Lloyd's ship-building returns by the transportation division of the department of commerce. The figure given—1,271,196 tons—includes 242,000 tons on which work has been suspended.

A specific illustration of the present condition is shown by the fact that launchings on the Clyde during the quarter ended September 30 totaled 27 vessels of 10,987 gross tons. Thus, for three months tonnage leaving the ways was about equal to two unmodernized cargo vessels, but actually was spread over 27 craft.

Eats Standing Up Since He Defied Armed Robber

Spencer, Ind.—John Barge, a baker, eats standing up as a result of his experience with a lookout for a robber band that held up the town.

The bandit told Barge to halt when he approached a "dead line" that had been drawn, but the baker ignored the command.

The bandit fired one shot from his shotgun. Barge has been unable to sit down with comfort since then.

Floating Palace of Tiberius Is Sought

Rome.—An attempt is to be made to recover from Lake Nemi near Rome the floating palace of the Emperor Tiberius consisting of two-galleys which have been buried in the mud for nineteen centuries and are believed to contain marvels of ancient art equal to those found in the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen. The expenses of the work will be borne by private individuals in order not to burden the government. The project has the approval of Premier Mussolini.

Local Affairs Town and County

The grading on Main Street has been abandoned for the present owing to the unsettled weather.

Mr. R. E. Johnson of Gastonia, was in town last Saturday and Sunday, having come to look after some business matters. Mr. Johnson's family spend the summer in Boone at the home formerly occupied by Dr. L. K. Bingham.

Regular meeting Watauga Lodge No. 273 at the Masonic Hall Friday night. All members expected to attend and visiting brethren invited. Much business to be transacted that is of importance to the order and the membership at large.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, who recently sold their home to its former owner Mr. Tom Long have returned to Ashe County, and Mr. Rodgers has moved into the vacant property. Mr. James Lyons and family of Blowing Rock recently purchased of Mr. Rodgers town property, moved in last week.

Misses Jeanne Henson, Winna Combs, and Gerdie Moody, all students of the Cove Creek Consolidated School were visitors in town Monday afternoon and remained for the movies in the evening. Misses Henson and Combs were pleasant and appreciated callers at the office while in town.

Arnold, the eight year old son of Mr. Zeb Mayberry, who was taken from Boone to the Christian Advent Orphanage at Live Oak, Florida, some two months ago, died at that institution on Jan. 7, after a very brief illness. He was out playing on the day preceding his death. Heart trouble is said to have been the cause of the coming untimely end of the bright and much-loved boy.

Attorney E. S. Coffey has moved his law library and office fixtures to the new offices of District Attorney Frank A. Linney, and the little building had not been vacated but a few hours until Mr. Stark Lawrence and family moved in.

The last section of the Blue Hill Hotel property is now being razed to make room for some business buildings that will be built the coming summer. The block of buildings, including the theatre building, will extend from Mr. W. L. Bryan's line to the alley west of the post office, and will comprise another big addition to the town.

Little Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Earp died last Friday, the result of a fall he had a week previous to that time. He was buried in the town cemetery Saturday afternoon, pastor Woolsey conducting a short burial service. He suffered intensely during the week after his fall, and had no medical attention whatever. However Dr. Perry was on the way to see him when the end came. He was of very poor parentage and had been raised in an unassuming home but it is good to think that his inheritance up yonder will be just as great as if he was the son of a millionaire. His parents are grief-stricken and have our sympathy.

Mr. W. J. Woodring of Junction City, Kansas is a visitor for a few days to this, the county of his nativity. Twenty-two years ago, he at that time being only twelve years of age, the uneducated lad left Valle Crucis for the west in quest of work, his father Mr. John Woodring having died previous to his departure. He landed in Missouri and took work with a farmer, and remained in that state for some time. From there he went to Kansas where he has since made his home. This is his first visit back, and now he comes from Graham, N. C. where he has been engaged for some time as construction foreman on a stretch of concrete road. He is now doing well, making money, has a wife and five children in Kansas, and will leave for his home within the next few days. The boy who has the grit to run up against the world at the tender age this one did deserves to succeed and that abundantly!

A LETTER FROM PINEY FLATS

Piney Flats, Tenn. Dec. 24. Mr. Editor: Enclosed you will find check for which please send the Democrat another year. I have read your paper the past year with a great deal of pleasure and interest. It is like receiving letters from home folks. I think you deserve the patronage and support of your home people. I see a great many things that interest me and do me good in your paper, from home folks and from friends.

Wishing you all the success and happiness possible for 1924, I remain Your friend, JONAS WINEBARGER.

No news is said to be good news. And no kicks about the paper are likely to be interpreted by the country editor as meaning that he hadn't displeased too many people. But there is one kind of a kick to which the editor objects—the kick that the paper has failed to arrive at the usual time. An unknown writer in the Waterbury American—we assume in Connecticut, though the exchange in which we found the poem doesn't indicate—has humorously described a kicker of this kind: My father says the paper he reads is aint put up right; He finds a lot of fault, he does, peering it all night; He says there aint a single thing in it worth to read, And that it doesn't print the kind of stuff the people need; He tosses it aside and says its staid on the bum, But you ought to hear him when he says when the paper doesn't come! He says about the wedding a d-d-awful mistake was made, He reads the regular doings with a d-d-awful shake, He says they make the paper for the wrong folks alone, He reads all the notices and he says they are all wrong, He says if you get a d-d-awful amount of information it doesn't have a crumb— But you ought to hear him when he says when the paper doesn't come; He always tries to grab it and he reads it plumb clean through; He says they don't know what we want, the darn newspaper gives; 'Tis going to take a day sometime and go and put them wise; 'Sometimes it seems as though they must be deaf and blind and dumb! But you ought to hear him when he says when the paper doesn't come.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. The following are the new officers elected Jan. 13, in our union: Herman Wilcox, President; Roth Cottrell, Vice President; Carrie Coffey Secretary and Treasurer; Mahala Kate Wilson, Corresponding Secretary; Jerry Nelson, Bible reader; Leader; Jeter Ramsey, Chorister; Lucy Moritz, Pianist; Group Captains, Samuel Hilton, Ruth Coffey, S. E. Eggers, Eula Hodges, Librarian to be appointed.

Why not with this band of young people have a real snappy Baptist Young Peoples' Union? The lesson or program for Sunday night Jan. 20th is "The Bible the one Basis of Baptist Belief." What could be more important than to study the beliefs of our own church? "Is a firm foundation valuable? Study in B. Y. P. U. Sunday night at 6:30. The Bible as the Basis of Baptist Belief. The intention of the president is to begin promptly on time as to give us ample time for our programs before preaching time, and it is sincerely requested that each member will make an honest effort to be on time. This is to the visitors—We will try to make our programs more interesting in the future and you are welcomed. We also extend a hearty welcome to those who wish to join our union. Foreword: "Even though you fail today, keep at it! Never throw your dreams away, keep at it! Let the thoughtless laugh and jeer then pretend you do not hear, when you conquer they will cheer, keep at it!" HERMAN WILCOX

TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS Rev. Uriah Farthing of Oklahoma, was at the chapel exercises of the Appaiachia Training School two days the past week. Also Rev. Huggins came down to the school two days. They conducted devotional services and made good talks to the students.

Dr. J. L. Morgan president of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, was in Boone on Saturday and preached at the Episcopal Church on Sunday night. Just before the sermon the Lutheran people organized a Luther League, elected officers, and appointed plans for this important work for their young people. The pastor and officers of the church met on Monday morning to consider the location of church building and parsonage.

Professor Chappel Wilson of the Normal School at the Training School, has been off the past week by the direction of the Vocational Board of the Federal Government.

A difficulty arose a few days ago between Mr. Cleve Johnson and a drummer. The latter struck Mr. Johnson with an iron spoke, and was hastened away before the policeman could arrive. He will be brought back and bound over to court for using a deadly weapon.

J. M. DOWNUM.

Farmers of Buncombe county are signing up in a five year contract to sell strawberries, potatoes and tomatoes through the Farmers' Federation. One variety of tomatoes, one of strawberries and two of Irish potatoes will be grown.

FORTUNES Fortunes, like rivers, can be traced back to a very small source—a beginning somewhere in little savings. Saving the LITTLES by self denial is the means of accumulating great fortunes and the development of character. We cordially invite you to start your savings account with us now DIRECTORS—N. L. Mast, L. A. Greene, F. A. Linney, J. W. Horton, G. P. Hagaman, B. B. Dougherty, S. E. Gragg, J. H. Mast. WATAUGA COUNTY BANK BOONE, N. C.



LITTLE RUTH BARNES.

IN MEMORY Little Frank Earp who died January 11, 1924. Our loss is heaven's gain. He has ceased to play on the earth and gather the flowers of spring but he has gone and joined the angels to sing.

CARD OF THANKS We want to extend our most sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown to us during the sickness, death and burial of our dear wife and mother, whose God has called out into the great Beyond. It has been so hard to give her up but God knows best and has called her home where perhaps He has a greater work for her. By the grace and help of God we hope to meet her in the sweet bye and bye.

B. F. CARROL and FAMILY.

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NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA WATAUGA COUNTY By virtue of the provision of a certain deed of trust dated July 5, 1922, executed by G. F. Bingham and wife M. A. Bingham to William F. Senoit, trustee, to secure certain sums therein mentioned and because of default made in the payments of the debts thereby secured at the request of the holders of the said indebtedness, I will on Saturday Feb. 16, 1924 at twelve o'clock noon at the court house door at Boone, North Carolina, expose to sale and sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash the lands described in said deed, which is registered in Watauga county in Book no. 1 of Mortgage Deeds at page 425, as follows: Lying in Cove Creek township, Watauga county, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. M. Stokes heirs and others.

Beginning on a white walnut and runs north 65 degrees west 21 poles to a birch, then west 4 poles to a dogwood on the top of ridge, then north 4 degrees east 18 poles to a stake on top of the ridge, then north 4 degrees east 21 poles to a chestnut on the top of the ridge, then south 68 degrees east 40 poles to hickory at a spring, then south 45 degrees east 12 poles to a stake; then south 21 degrees east 31 poles to Cove Creek, then down Cove Creek south 22 degrees west 20 poles, then south 48 degrees west 30 poles to a stake in the center of the creek, Stokes' line; then north 20 degrees west 8 poles to the beginning, containing 21 1-2 acres more or less. The purchaser will be required to comply with the terms of law relative to sales under deeds of trust and mortgages. This January 12, 1924. WILLIAM F. SCHOLL, Trustee.

PIANO SACRIFICE

Due to inability to keep up payments we have had a high grade piano in the best of condition, turned back to us. This instrument we can sell for a rare bargain, giving terms to responsible parties. For full particulars address Ludden & Bates, Atlanta, Georgia. 11c

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having qualified as administrator of the estate of H. H. Greene deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate of deceased to present them for payment within twelve months of the date of this notice or the same will be paid in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This January 10, 1924. R. W. GREENE, Administrator. Brown & Bingham, Attorneys.

NOTICE is hereby given that we George Robinson and Clyde Robinson have sold our part in the R. P. Robinson stock of merchandise to R. O. Robinson R. P. Robinson and R. A. Robinson collect and pay all debts due by mutual consent of all parties. This December 31, 1923. GEORGE ROBINSON CLYDE ROBINSON 1-10-24-25c

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STOCKHOLDERS MEETING All stockholders of the Brushy Fork Cheese Factory are urged to be present at an annual meeting on Jan. 25, 1924 at the above named cheese factory at 2 p. m. J. H. HAYES, President JAS. H. BINGHAM, Secy.

DR. ALFRED W. DULA EYE SPECIALIST TO SEE BETTER SEE DULA 17 Year's Experience The Best Equipment Obtainable. Glasses Fitted Exclusively MARTIN BLOCK, LENOIR, N. C. If you ask it from DULA, It's All Right. WATCH PAPER FOR DATES.

IMPORTANT NOTICE All persons who wish to borrow money from the Federal Land Bank of Columbia will come to the office of Brown & Bingham and make application before January 25, 1924. JOHN E. BROWN, Secy-Treas.