

Look at Him Now!

Greensboro News.

"You are a smart fellow, Chapman." "But look at me now." The most notorious criminal in the country was in jail, handcuffed, beaten, surrounded by policemen, his career of rob-shoot-and-run once more cut short by the long arm forever reaching for his collar. In the end it got him. Not every time, but when the pack is after one so known and feared as Gerald Chapman, it is almost inevitable.

For 13 years Chapman had fought the law. His series of robbers, hold-ups, shootings, goes back to the James boys to find its equal. They range from a \$2,400,000 postal truck job through jewelry store hold-ups and on to every daring crime that has baffled metropolitan police. Once a ten year sentence in Atlanta. Again a 25 year sentence in New York. One he served, the second he fled. He escaped from the prison, was wounded, captured, placed in a hospital, escaped again, and back to the old trail. Not a police station in an American city that did not have his picture, his description, his record. Not a daring crime was committed that suspicion did not fall on him. It was a tribute to his fearlessness, and evidence of the fear in which he was held.

"But look at me now." Aye Chapman the world is looking at you now. It seems the end of the hunt, the bagging of the prize, the capture of the outlaw, are against millions, who knew only to draw and fire. The world will exact from you the last measure of punishment. It has long since marked you as fit for the dungeon and the chair. You knew that, and what hell's of torment it has brought you as you fled forever from the clenching hand only you yourself now know. Hunted of all men, outlawed, damned, "You are a smart fellow Chapman."

"But look at me now." The world will look Chapman, because it has not the courage to look at itself and learn what made you what you are.

BLUE RIDGE

Mrs. Myra Matney, wife of the Rev. J. P. Matney died on January 29th.

Mr. J. C. Miller is getting on very nicely working the road.

Mr. M. A. Story has been visiting his parents in Sampson this week.

Mr. S. A. Greene spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Harriet Greene of the Mt. Vernon settlement.

Mr. Ralph Story is in the hospital at Banner Elk. He was operated on Monday for appendicitis. Last reports are that he is getting on nicely.

Mr. Spencer Story from York, S. C. was called home Monday on account of the serious illness of his brother.

Predicts Man Will Lose Teeth, Toes, All His Hair

Boston.—Man will lose many, if not all, his teeth, he will be absolutely hairless and he undoubtedly will lose certain toes and fingers. These predictions are based on a scientific study by E. H. Raymond, professor of paleontology and geology at Harvard university.

These changes will not come until man has passed through a series of evolutionary phases, which probably will cover 40,000 to 75,000 years, according to Professor Raymond. He predicts heightening and broadening of the forehead and enlarging of the skull for bigger brain and longer life.

"The future man," he said, "is certain to lose his teeth as the ape man of the past lost his tail. The ape man used his teeth to tear sinews, break nuts and as weapons of offense in fighting. Civilization has done away with these conditions.

"Hair is a defense given by nature against cold. Civilization gave man coats and artificial coverings. Baldness is on the increase, which it probably never existed in ancient man. In 40,000 years man may be as bald as a billiard ball.

"The man will lose certain fingers and toes also seem to be a biological certainty. When man climbed trees to escape from animals, his toes were needed to give him footholds. Now they are quite useless. The shape of the human skull and some erect position are designed to promote an increase in the size and weight of the brain."

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Triplett who has had pneumonia is improving since at this writing.

Miss Annie Greene, who has been working at Rhodiss is spending a few days with home folks.

Mr. John Matney and Mr. John Davis attended the funeral of Mr. Matney's mother here on Friday.

Messrs. Boyce and Ray Holder are visiting relatives in Statesville this week.

Mr. J. C. Story is back from a business trip to Johnson City, Tenn.

Mr. Hampton and Charlie Storie visited Mount Vernon Saturday night.

Mr. J. H. Underwood has been employed as time keeper on the road from Aho to the highway.

Mr. Spencer Hampton and wife are getting along fine with the galax trade.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Storie have moved to their new home, and we hope they will make a success farming.

Misses Mae and Irene Ford were visitors at J. C. Storie's Sunday.

Miss Rosalie Triplett was a visitor at Mr. Frank Holder's Sunday.

Mr. S. C. Church was a welcome visitor at Mr. J. C. Storie's Sunday.

250,000 Men Received Summer Army Training

Washington.—More than 250,000 men received some degree of intensive military training under War department supervision last summer. The period of training ranged from fifteen days to three months. The bulk of the training was in the National Guard camps.

The reports show that in the twenty-nine civilian training camps held this year the attendance was the maximum which could be admitted and cared for with funds available to the War department for the purpose. The number actually at the camps, 33,983, for thirty days, was a big increase over last year, while the number of applications received amounted to 53,000.

Of that number, 44,900 proved to have the physical and other qualifications necessary for admission, so that approximately 10,000 youngsters were disappointed in their hope to go through a training camp course last summer.

A phase of the organized reserve corps work during the summer to which the War department attaches particular importance is the application for the first time of the principle of unit training to these organizations.

The Defense Day test, on the face of official reports from all over the country, served to bring out sharply the benefit of this unit training scheme, War department officials say.

New Chamber Discovered in the Endless Caverns

Newmarket, Va.—A new chamber, surpassing in beauty and natural wonder any hitherto discovered, has been found in the Endless Caverns, reports from a party of eminent ecologists now engaged in exploring the caverns say. The new chamber was entered by men who worked their way through a small opening and descended 80 feet on a rope. It is marked by vegetable and animal life and rock formations said to be more spectacular than that of other sections of the caves which have been open for inspection for years.

Warm Pool Is Used as Bed by Hermit

Salt Lake City, Utah.—"Hermit of the Warm Springs" is the sobriquet police have given to K. N. Jensen, sixty, found naked and asleep, floating around in a four-foot-deep pool of naturally warm sulphur water in a cave just north of here. A wooden pillow arrangement was used by Jensen to keep his head afloat. He told police that he had spent his nights for months in the pool, because it afforded relief from the cold weather.

Police at first thought him penniless, but it has since been learned that he has a private income.

1924 IS NOW HISTORY

WE HAVE ENTERED UPON A NEW YEAR— WILL WE SAVE OR SPEND DURING 1925?

We believe the Watauga Building & Loan Association offers the greatest opportunity for saving in a small or large way of any institution in Watauga County. 1924 was our most successful year. We now have assets of \$133,010.63. These assets consist of first mortgages on improved real estate for about 50 per cent of its value and in many cases much less. We paid our prepaid stockholders during the month of December \$3,867.58 interest, which was full six per cent. They paid no taxes of any kind on this stock and all received their checks promptly. We have aided in the construction of more than 160 homes in this county. Why not take some stock and make regular monthly savings in our Association? It is impossible for you to lose, and it is possible for you to own your home through this Association.

Read what prominent men of the United States say of Building and Loan Associations:

WARREN G. HARDING, DECEASED EX-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SAID:

"Believing that nothing can do more toward development of the highest attributes of good citizenship than the ownership by every family of its own home, I am always glad to endorse effective efforts to encourage home ownership. Nothing better could happen in the United States than a very notable increase in the ownership of homes."

CALVIN COOLIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, SAYS

"No greater contribution could be made to insure the stability of the Nation and the advancement of its ideals than to make it a nation of home-owning families, and all the institutions which have been devised to contribute toward this are deserving of encouragement."

MELLON, UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, SAYS:

"No greater service could be rendered the country than to increase the number of homes owned by those who occupy them. Building & Loan Associations, in countless instances, have made such ownership possible, and in so doing have rendered invaluable aid in the campaign which the government is conducting to promote thrift and encourage sound investment of funds which would otherwise be lost through speculation, fraud or carelessness."

HUGHES, SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES SAYS:

"In giving endorsement to the work of the Building & Loan Associations I feel that the aims of thrift and home-owning are most closely related to our prosperity and to the permanence of American institutions."

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HOOVER SAYS

"I have a profound faith in home ownership as an incentive to saving and as a step toward financial independence. While many difficulties and obstacles must be surmounted by most families in saving for a home, the very great majority of them achieve home ownership if they apply themselves to the task with enough determination. Families can save more and do it easier in paying for a home than in any other way. Nationally the problem of home financing is a huge one, for many millions of dollars will be required within the next few years to finance new dwelling construction. There are many advantages to the nation, and economically, to individual families in having this essential financing done as largely as possible through local financing institutions, which encourage systematic saving and lend their funds to home-owners within the same community."

Abe Lincoln said "Get ready and the chance will come." The Eighth Series of the Watauga Building and Loan Association is now open. Why not take some stock? Are all the above men wrong? Is the Building & Loan a good thing or not. If it is let Watauga County, as a whole, get behind it, one of the largest corporations in the county, which shares all its profits equally with the stockholders and take some stock today. Come in and talk it over with us at any time.

Watauga Building and Loan Association

W. H. GRAGG, Secy-Treasurer.

A GREAT FEBRUARY

CLEARANCE

I am going out of the shoe business and have cut the prices so as to move them.

I will also have on sale my entire line of Men's, Womens and Childrens' Sweaters, Winter Dress Goods, Winter Underwear, Outing Flannels, Clothing, etc

I have a good up to date line to select from. If you need anything in the above lines you will do well to come to this sale. If you dont need it now, you will save money by buying for your future needs.

No goods will be charged on account during this sale as the low prices will not permit it.

Butter, Chickens, Eggs, Hams, and Corn taken in exchange for goods.

A NICE PREMIUM WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PERSON BUYING THE MOST GOODS DURING THIS SALE, A PREMIUM THAT YOU WILL BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE.

Thanking you for your business in the past and hoping to convince you at this sale that I am, Your friend,

D. J. Cottrell

"THE CORNER STORE"

P. S.—All amounts of \$10.00 or more 60 and 90 days time with approved note.