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FIRST LOVES Did you ever see an adolescent chap, hair sleeked back with scented ointment, shoes polished to the brilliance of a July sun, pinched coat and white duck trousers... stepping out for the very first time with his lady-love? A picture it is that would extract impassioned sighs from a one-armed Venus, quicken the stride of a careworn father, and bring back "apple-blossom" memories of a sun-boat and a pair of brown eyes and a kiss in the gloaming to poor old grandpappy. "First loves are the truest," or words to that effect, said the poet... and who could doubt it? He looks at her and she looks at him, they blush and squirm and sip chocolate sodas, and giggle and whisper and dream dreams of glorious rose-tinted days and months and years! A curtain of ignorance, thanks to the beneficent workings of Providence, obscures the sorrows and burdens and heartaches and rolling-plins and vampirism and conspiracies and treacheries, some of which just naturally come as the Book of Life unfolds its pages and the double harness of matrimony pinches the hides of those who wear it. Mark Antony and the seductive Cleopatra had a close session, says history, as the royal barge, draped in the richest of satins and silks, drifted down the dreamy waters of the Nile, and they sipped the rarest vintages from golden goblets, and immersed their very souls in the ecstatic sensuality of illicit love... but Mark was an old hand at the game and Cleo was about the most notorious courtesan north of the Equator... so we'll bet a couple of million rubles that this boy and girl, strolling hand in hand through the gathering twilight, are having a darned sight more fun than did those dishonorable lovers of long ago. Old Louis XV of France cuddled a gal named Du Barry close to his bosom, thumbed his nose at the world, and allowed his kingdom to topple for the joy of her kisses... but Looie, with all his gold and silver and jewels and stuff, couldn't purchase that one little smooth that this boy friend of ours purloined from his sweetie as they parted at the gate. First loves... just a pair of irresponsibles, maybe; crazy about each other, to be sure; giggling and blushing and smirking, yes... but a pair of first loves to us is a great big dab of honey on the hard crust of life!

NERVES! Automobiles, airplanes, radios, telephones, rocket cars and jig-saw puzzles... all have come during the Twentieth century... and also NERVES! The old folks have 'em, the kids have 'em, the stately matrons shudder and shake and scream, the cake-eater quakes like a palsied patriarch, the petite debutante gets the jitters on occasions, and the poor little babies bawl and squall, and beat their dimpled fists on the floor... all on account of NERVES! And do folks like to be nervous?... yes, verily they do, even as a kitten likes cream! "Oh, my poor nerves!" they all say, and they rub their heads and dash to the drug-store for bromo-seltzer, ammonia or something! A young married man stays away from home all day because his kids get on his poor, spaken nerves, a perfectly nice married lady refuses to answer the door-bell because Mrs. Brown's garble about this-and-that tears her nerves into smithereens; a kind old gentleman gallops hither and yon at the sound of a honking motor horn; dear old father can't darn the socks or cook the cabbage or sweep the parlor because all of these erstwhile familiar duties of womankind disagree with her nervous system, and little Johnny shakes the rafters with his satanic shrieks... another little nervous one! It's all in the head, says we—purely a psychological enigma. And this host of neurotics expend millions of dollars to psychopathic quacks, and imbibe millions of quarts of impotent compounds, and rant and rave and brag and boast about NERVES... Frankly admitting that we know not one thing about pill-making, and with kind apologies to the world at large, we venture to say that a hickory wythe freely applied to the equatorial portions of humankind would rectify fully ninety-five per cent. of all the shattered nerves north of the Rio Grande and south of the Seven Cities!

County Singing Was Largely Attended The semi-annual county singing was held in Boone Sunday, and classes well versed in the rendition of religious hymns gathered from different sections of the county. Hundreds of people came to enjoy the music, mingle with their friends, and enjoy picnic dinner in shady spots throughout the neighborhood. The event was an unusually enjoyable one, and the large and orderly crowd remained in town throughout the day.

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Solo to Europe



Jimmy Mattern, Texas aviator, who has completed two legs of his solo round-the-world flight, attempting to lower the eight-day record of Wiley Post and Harold Gatty. Wednesday morning he was reported flying over Siberia.

C. M. T. C. CAMPS ARE DISCONTINUED

Watauga Boys Notified Not to Report for Military Service. Would Have to Bear Expense of Return Trip.

Smith Hagaman, C. M. T. C. representative for Watauga County, Monday issued a statement notifying the ten local boys who had been approved for military service that they need not report for service at Camp Bragg this summer. Due to the reforestation program of President Roosevelt, citizens training will temporarily be abandoned by the Government, and Watauga recruits are warned that if they report at camp they will have to return home at their own expense. Mr. Hagaman's statement in full follows:

"I am in receipt of notice from the Citizens Military Training Corps headquarters that owing to the congested training camps, by reason of the reforestation program, that C. M. T. C. training is called off by order of the Government.

"This is to notify all Watauga boys who have been approved for Fort Bragg encampment not to go as they cannot be accepted, and would have to return home at their own expense."

Bairds Creek Man Cut By Hurst Harmon

Late Sunday afternoon Thuthyl McGinnis, resident of the Bairds Creek section, was badly cut in an altercation with Hurst Harmon, also a resident of that community. Harmon is alleged to have ridden by the McGinnis home, stopped his car, walked back to the house and started cursing McGinnis. He then drew a knife and inflicted several deep wounds upon the arms and body of his adversary. McGinnis was unarmed. Medical treatment was administered by Dr. W. O. Bingham, and the injured man is said to be recovering nicely.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Harmon, but this (Wednesday) morning he had not been apprehended.

Dave Dishman Badly Cut in Knife Battle

Dave Dishman, of the Beaver Dam section, was badly cut in an affray Saturday night, allegedly by Guy Stout. He was brought to Boone where several deep gashes about the head were treated by a physician, and his condition is reported to be satisfactory.

A warrant was issued for Stout, charging him with the assault, but on Monday evening he was arrested at Blowing Rock for driving drunk, lodged in Boone jail, and Tuesday morning was sentenced by Judge Suddreth to four months on the roads for the last mentioned violation. Whether or not the assault charge will be tried at this time could not be ascertained Wednesday morning.

Peoples Bank May Be Reopened Shortly

R. T. Greer and Gurney D. Brinkley, president and cashier respectively of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company, returned last Thursday from Raleigh, where they conferred with State Banking Commissioner Gurney P. Hood relative to the opening of that closed institution.

Mr. Hood approved a plan whereby it is believed the bank can be opened, a meeting of stockholders was held Friday evening, and committees appointed to carry on the reorganization work. They report a ready response on the part of depositors, and state that they see no reason why the bank will not be opened shortly.

BANNER ELK GIVEN CLEAR STATEMENT BY HEALTH BOARD

Sanitary Condition in Nearby Town Said to Be Good. Aldermen Adopt State Milk Ordinance. New Water System Put Into Use. Summer Tourist Business Starts. Many New Improvements.

Banner Elk—Dr. James M. Parrot, State health officer, Monday wired a complete public endorsement of the health situation at Banner Elk to Edgar H. Tufts, president of Lees-McRae College. His statement, made after a visit to Banner Elk last week with Dr. J. T. Burrus, president of the State Board of Health, says: "The public may now regard the sanitary conditions at Banner Elk as satisfactory and as being better at this time than in many sections of the country. I have confidence that the local authorities will continue their present co-operation with the State department of health in maintaining satisfactory sanitary conditions."

The town of Banner Elk following Dr. Parrot's meeting, adopted the State milk ordinance requiring that milk be graded. The Edgar Tufts Memorial Association has constructed a new water system, supplied by a 170-foot well, at an approximate cost of \$2500. Dr. Parrot's wire commented favorably on these improvements and also stated that "the county of Avery and town of Banner Elk have secured the services of a competent sanitary inspector and he is on the job and under the supervision of this department."

Sanitary Inspector Named The inspector is M. M. Melvin, who is assisted by Robert McDaniel of Newland, John Frank Hampton, the chairman of the board of county commissioners, and R. C. Lowe, mayor of Banner Elk, co-operated with the State officials and Lees-McRae College in removing all known sources of contagious diseases in Banner Elk and in winning the approval of Dr. Parrot.

With the receipt of Dr. Parrot's telegram, Banner Elk announces the formal opening of its summer tourist season. There are two hotels, the larger of which is Pinnacle Inn, owned and operated by Lees-McRae College, the formal opening of which took place on Thursday, June 8th, with a meeting of the board of trustees. The college has spent approximately fifteen hundred dollars in internal improvements in the Inn buildings, including a new kitchen; and ice machine with a capacity of two and one-half tons daily, and a freezing room 22x10 feet in size; electric ranges; an incubator; eight new private baths; and painting and wall papering, throughout the two stone buildings used by the Inn guests.

Moretz and Pulliam Name of Legal Merger

W. E. Moretz and Robert W. Pulliam, local attorneys, have formed a partnership for the practice of law, and the style of the new firm is Moretz and Pulliam. Offices are located for the present in the Blackburn building near the courthouse.

Mr. Moretz has been engaged in the practice of law for the past several months, and has apparently started a very successful career. Mr. Pulliam, who following the completion of an intensive education, located here six years ago, closed his office three years later, to accept a position under the Bureau of the Census in Washington. The two young barristers form an able partnership.

Three Arrested for Larceny of Wool

Frank Shores, Joe Pressnell and Forrest McGinnis, Watauga county men, are out on bond, and will face trial next week in Recorder's Court on a charge of stealing a quantity of wool, the property of Dr. H. B. Perry. The wool was taken from the physician's farm at Valle Crucis a week ago, and was found in Ashe County, it having originally been sold to an Asheville dealer. The trio was arrested on a charge of larceny, following an investigation. The fleece from about seventy-five head of sheep was involved.

Soil Survey Bulletins For Watauga Available

County Superintendent Smith Hagaman has a supply of the Watauga County soil surveys, issued several years ago by the Federal government, and asks that all those wishing copies call at his office and get them. The bulletins, which were furnished through the courtesy of Representative Robert L. Doughton, are very valuable, and the supply is necessarily more or less limited.

U. S. Delegation to World Economic Conference



These four men sailed on the liner President Roosevelt for London last week to represent the United States at the World Economic Conference. The delegation comprised Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, chairman of the delegation, upper right; James M. Cox, Ohio publisher, upper left; Senator Key Pittman, lower left, and Representative Sam D. McKeynolds of Tennessee, lower right. The Administration leaders at Washington are frank to admit that the prospects of the conference are definitely limited.

John Harshaw Attempts Suicide on Honeymoon Trip Here; May Recover

John Harshaw, Lenoir resident who on Monday evening was married in Boone to Miss Effie Suddreth, brought the honeymoon trip to a tragic climax Wednesday morning when he fired a bullet from a .32 calibre revolver into his left side below the heart. Physicians who were speedily summoned to the local hotel, where the Harshaws were registered, had been unable at press time to determine exactly the extent of his injuries, but were inclined to the belief that he has a chance to recover. A police investigation of the shooting, which was without eye-witness, was called off when Mr. Harshaw told attendants that he fired the near-fatal shot. He is about 65 years old.

Wednesday morning, according to information, Mr. A. H. Bush called at the hotel to see Mr. Harshaw on some business matters. Both men are employed by the Standard Oil Company. Harshaw told Bush, it is stated, that he was going out to collect some money and didn't like the idea of being unarmed. Mr. Bush told him he hadn't a revolver, but

might find one for him. He succeeded in securing a weapon, which he thought was to be used for the protection of corporation money, and left the hotel. Fifteen minutes later the report of the gun was heard and hotel attendants found Mr. Harshaw sitting on the bed with blood gushing from the wound in his body. No one else was seen in the room at the time. Physicians and police were summoned, and accompanied to the room by the hotel manager. Mrs. Harshaw was present then, and explained that she had been in the bathroom taking a bath when the effort at self-destruction was made. The revolver was lying at the side of the wounded man.

The police began to make an investigation of the affair when Mr. Harshaw explained that he fired the shot, but declined to make a statement as to the cause of the act.

Mr. Harshaw is the son of the late Moses Harshaw, and is widely known throughout Watauga and this section of the State.

James Grayson is Fatally Shot on Wilkesboro Beat

James Grayson, 22, night policeman at North Wilkesboro, died in Wilkes Hospital early Thursday morning from gunshot wounds received the night before as he walked his beat near the Deposit and Savings Bank. Glenn Walsh, 24, of Summit, and a boy with him who refused to give his name, were arrested a short time after the shooting by Deputy Sheriff Silas Reynolds. Walsh is being held in the Wilkes jail for trial at the next term of Superior Court, and it is understood that officers have obtained a confession of guilt on his part.

Young Grayson was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Grayson, had been on the North Wilkesboro force for two years, and was said to have been an

excellent officer. He was well and favorably known in Watauga, where he had many friends and relatives.

Reports state that Walsh and his companion were drinking in a Tenth Street cafe, and that Grayson had been told by the proprietor of the eating house that Walsh was carrying a pistol. Grayson approached the two men, and as he attempted to arrest them, Walsh opened fire. Two of the five shots found their mark, one in the right arm, the other in the abdomen.

Funeral services were conducted from the North Wilkesboro Methodist church Friday afternoon, and interment took place in City Cemetery. Several Boone friends of the deceased man attended the rites.

Three Badly Injured As Auto Turns Over At Blowing Rock

An automobile occupied by Mrs. Floyd Eggers and two children and Clay Brown, was overturned near Blowing Rock Sunday noon, inflicting serious injuries to some of the occupants of the machine. Mrs. Eggers received severe cuts and bruises about the head and body, and it was feared that internal injuries had been sustained. She is confined to her bed, but there is today less apprehension as to her condition. A small son suffered a broken leg, and a little daughter was considerably cut about the head. Young Brown received a badly crushed shoulder and deep cuts about the face.

The accident is said to have occurred when the heavy machine hit some sand at the edge of the highway and the fragile lady was unable to right the car. Passengers were forced to go to the village to secure aid before the auto could be removed from its passengers.

HARSHAW—SUDDERTH

Married at the Daniel Boone Hotel Monday evening, Miss Effie Suddreth to Mr. J. M. Harshaw, both the contracting parties being residents of Lenoir. E. N. Hahn, Esq., performed the ceremony. Mr. Harshaw is well known in Watauga County, having been connected with the Standard Oil Company for many years, and being a son of the late Mose Harshaw.

BRIEF ILLNESS IS FATAL TO MISS GRACE SHERRILL

Popular Young Lady Succumbs at Grace Hospital Following Operation. Was 32 Years Old. Funeral Services Held Saturday and Interment at Pine Grove. Church Leader and Business Woman.

Miss Belva Grace Sherrill, 32 years old, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Sherrill of Boone, died at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Friday morning, after having undergone an operation for acute appendicitis. She had been ill for about ten days when death came.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday from the Advent Christian Church by Rev. S. E. Gragg, and the auditorium was packed with sorrowing friends from throughout this section of the State. The floral offerings were abundant and beautiful, and evidenced the esteem in which deceased was held.

Active pallbearers were: Messrs. James Council A. J. Justus, Ford E. King, Charlie Hodges, R. F. Greene and Ben Moody. Honorary pallbearers were Messrs. G. P. Hagaman, John Greer, E. F. Bingham, John E. Brown, John Steele, Henry J. Hardin, J. F. Moore and W. R. Lovill.

Those in charge of the flowers were: Misses Helen Underdown, Edna Moody, Ruth Blair, Pauline McGhee, Helen Gragg, Vivian Carter, Fay Vannoy, Sylvia Greene, Edith Miller, Josephine Hodges, Elizabeth King; Mrs. Morris Casey, Mrs. John Greer, and Mrs. Henry Hardin.

Interment was at Pine Grove Advent Church three miles from Boone, in the neighborhood of the old Sherrill home. Surviving are the father and mother, four brothers and four sisters: Miss Stella Sherrill of Boone; Mrs. Blanche Hayes of Shepherds, Va.; Mrs. Edna Penick of Boone; Mrs. Anne Vannoy, Shulls Mills; William Sherrill, Hodges Gap; Allen Sherrill, Plainfield, N. J.; Eber and Orrin Sherrill, Boone.

Miss Sherrill was born in Watauga County and had spent the most of her life in this community. She received her education at the Appalachian College here, and later, desiring to enter the field of business, took a commercial course at a Knoxville institution. For the past twelve or fourteen years she had pursued secretarial duties and had been secretary for the local State Highway office since it was established. For two sessions of the Legislature she held responsible positions in the office of the Secretary of State.

Miss Sherrill had been a member of the Advent Church for 15 years and was very active in religious duties. Whether in business, church or social circles, "Grace," as she was familiarly called by her old friends, was a leader, and represented the highest type of Christian womanhood. Her death was the occasion for widespread and genuine sorrow.

New York Journalist Guest Here Last Week

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foltz Jr., New York City, spent the week-end at the Daniel Boone Hotel, as a part of a honeymoon trip through the Blue Ridge Mountains. The newly-weds made the trip to Winston-Salem from the Metropolis by air, and were accompanied to Boone by Judge T. W. Watson of the Winston-Salem municipal court, Mrs. Watson, and Jack Pinner, of Shawnee, Okla.

The New Yorkers were much impressed with the beauty of this section of the country, and considered Boone a model little city. Mr. Foltz is a son of the publisher of the New York Herald Tribune.

First Installment of June Relief Funds Is Received

Raleigh—Watauga County receives this week the first of four installments of \$2,620.00 allotted to the county for June relief, the Governor's Office of Relief sending the checks out to county treasurers June 5, to be followed by the three other installments as the month passes.

North Carolina will have \$651,300 available for June, about 13 per cent. less than was requested of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and about 20 per cent less than the \$866,000 received for May.

"Reports from all section of the State indicate a considerable improvement in employment," the report said. The lesser amount available is expected to be sufficient to take care of the more pressing needs, especially in view of the general reports of improvement in employment.

PUBLIC SCHOOL OPENS

The public school opened Tuesday for a six-weeks session. All the grades are being taught. Students who plan to attend are urged to enter at once.