

## BRISBANE THIS WEEK

Choses Vues  
Furs, Conscience-Proof  
Caterpillars and Weeds  
Wise Generosity

An able Frenchman, long since dead, wrote about choses vues—"things seen."

There are still many things to see and hear, although there is nobody to write about them as that old Frenchman wrote.

At the head of the London Times' "personal column," some one pays to print this impressive extract from the Psalms:

"Seek the Lord, and His strength, seek His face evermore. Remember His marvelous works that He hath done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth."

You spend a moment wondering what kind of English man or woman, strong in faith, decided to put that text before statesmen that today seek the "face" of Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, but forget the greater power of the Creator of those gentlemen.

After that, you read in the same Times this advertisement:

Furs humanely obtained that can be worn with a clean conscience—full particulars from Maj. C. Van Der Byl, Wapenham, Towcester."

This being an ingenious and doubtless quite sincere appeal to the tender-hearted Englishwoman who does not like to think that the fur around her neck once belonged to an animal that suffered for days and perhaps weeks tortured in a trap.

Possibly the best way to "obtain furs humanely obtained that can be worn with a clear conscience" is to buy and wear some of the innumerable furs, from rugged bears to silky chinchilla made from the skins of rabbits that are nourished in little huts in the suburbs of Los Angeles, and fed with "rabbit hay," tender young alfalfa, grown on the Mojave desert, a good deal of it on a ranch owned and operated by this writer.

When you buy furs, no matter what kind, with a rabbit skin foundation, you may be sure that the animal suffered very little, if at all, and when you buy that fur you also buy honest American alfalfa, which is a vegetarian product.

F. C. Cobb wrote from the Boy Scout reservation at Ainsure, N. J., "The last four week-ends have been spent by our scouts collecting tent caterpillar egg clusters from wild cherry and apple trees along the highways of Monmouth and Ocean counties. Many thousands of egg clusters, each containing on the average of 250 eggs, have been destroyed."

No better work could be done by scouts and other boys. It is far better exercise than perfunctory "hikes," often exhausting for smaller boys.

The fathers of the boys, also, in need of exercise, can be useful mowing weeds along highways, excellent work for the lungs and for reducing the waist.

Edward S. Harkness, generous young New York financier, gave to Lawrenceville School for Boys a sum that will make possible important new building, plus rebuilding and a more extensive system of small-group instruction, with more teachers.

Mr. Harkness, who does not like publicity, refused to make public the amount of his gift to Lawrenceville, but he gave \$7,000,000 to Exeter academy, \$13,000,000 each to Yale and Harvard, to finance their housing systems. That gives some idea of the size of his gifts.

Some Americans will agree that it is a good thing to have men of unusual ability accumulate wealth and use it thus generously and wisely.

Old-fashioned Americans would rather encourage such gifts and praise the givers than inculcate the notion that anybody with brains enough to accumulate wealth in this country of opportunity is probably a thief and ought to be in jail.

Mussolini knows how a dictator can keep his hold on the people. He establishes 2,000 government camps where half a million poor children enjoy free vacations at sea and mountain resorts. For nine years Mussolini has carried on this work.

In Europe, English, French, German, Italian or Czechoslovakian will believe anything you say about American crime, and that is hardly surprising.

The heading "Chicago Politician Dies Under Hall of Racketeers' Bullets" surprises nobody. There might be mild surprise if the heading read, "Chicago Politician Does NOT Die Under Hall of Racketeers' Bullets."

County supervisors and local supervisors for checking farmers' compliance in the soil-improvement program have been selected and trained in a number of counties over the State.

# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

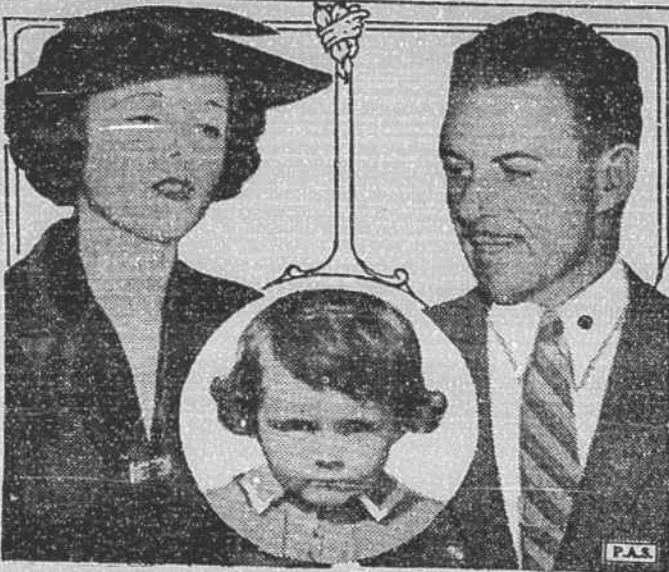
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## Love Lives Revealed in Battle For Child



The court battle of beautiful, red-headed Mary Astor, film star, against her divorced husband, Dr. Franklyn Thorpe, for the custody of their four-year-old daughter Marilyn, revealed damaging testimony against the love lives of the two which had been held by agreement at the time the divorce was granted.

## UTES AT SEATTLE FOR MADCAP SOLON

Congressman Zioncheck, Who Plunged to Death From Headquarters Is Eulogized.

A public funeral and a 17-gun salute marked the final rites for Representative Marion Zioncheck in Seattle Tuesday, the congressman having died at the feet of his bride following a five-story plunge from his newly opened campaign headquarters. The death was listed as suicide.

About 2,000 persons crowded into the small auditorium where the services were held. They occupied all available seats and standing room. Another 500 stood outside. Hundreds of others passed Zioncheck's bier before the services started.

In a setting of flowers given by numerous of the city's labor unions, friends and the family, the Rev. Fred W. Shorter of the Church of the People preached the funeral sermon.

"Marion Zioncheck was a casualty in a war greater in magnitude and significance than the World war, veterans of which found in him their best friend," Mr. Shorter said.

Repeats Last Words  
"His very last words revealed the passion of his young life. 'I have tried,' he said, 'to improve the condition of an unfair economic system that holds no promise—even a decent chance to survive, let alone live.'"

"He was a sensitive man who took life seriously. He took it so seriously, indeed that it crushed him."

## ROBINSON, BORAH MAINTAIN LEADS

Arkansas Senator Ahead Three-to-One In Early Returns; Idahoan Far In Lead.

Senator Joe T. Robinson, Democratic majority leader, had established a better than three to one advantage over two opponents in first returns from the Democratic primary election held yesterday (Tuesday).

Tabulations in 69 precincts out of 2,102 at 9 p. m., central time, gave Robinson 3,971; J. Rosser Venable 463 and Cleveland Holland 741. The returns were from 20 counties.

Senator Robinson's quiet race against two opponents and a heated five-man gubernatorial campaign based on personalities were high spots of the primary in which the electorate marked a long ballot ranging from Senator to constable.

Borah Gets First Box  
First unofficial returns from one box in the Idaho primary of Tuesday gave Senator Borah more than five to one lead. The vote stood, Borah, 96; Defenbach 17.

## RECORDER'S COURT

Following are the judgments of the Recorder's court in session Tuesday: Dock Main, Jr., assault with deadly weapon, dismissed.

Joe Wheeler, carrying concealed weapon, \$25 and the costs.

Joe Wheeler, violation prohibition laws, 90 days sentence, suspended on payment of the cost.

Midas Wheeler, public drunkenness, 90 days sentence, suspended on payment of \$15 and the cost; Joe Wheeler, costs.

J. C. Billings, Midas Wheeler, Joe Wheeler, affray, dismissed.

Arthur Isaacs, driving while intoxicated, \$50 and the cost. License revoked for 90 days.

## HIGHWAY FUNDS BEING USED UP

Waynick Says Few Roads Will Be Built When Present Funds Have Been Exhausted.

Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, produced figures Tuesday indicating few roads would be built in North Carolina after present funds on hand are exhausted.

The highway department now has \$10,369,214 to spend on new roads and grade crossing elimination projects. At the start of the next fiscal year, however, Waynick said, there probably will be less than \$6,000,000 to be spent.

"From now on, as far as I know, we will receive only \$2,940,000 a year from the Federal government—our share of the \$125,000,000 regular Federal aid fund," he said.

"We will be required to match those funds with an equal state appropriation. That will give us less than \$6,000,000 a year to spend on new construction, or an average of \$60,000 a county."

A total of \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 would be needed to meet the "urgent demand" for roads from various counties, Waynick added.

In addition to the funds for use on new roads, the State appropriates \$10,000,000 a year for maintenance and \$2,000,000 for "betterment" of highways.

Referring to a recommendation made recently by State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson that \$25,000,000 in low interest highway bonds be issued to finance more new roads, Waynick said:

"I don't want to be put in the position of advocating it, but the money could certainly be used."

## President's Visit To State Brief One

Congressman Doughton is in receipt of a telegram from Stephen Early, Assistant Secretary to the President, in which it is stated that the President's stop in Charlotte for the Green Pastures rally September 10, will be for only an hour and a half, and the text of the message follows:

"The President plans to arrive in Charlotte September tenth about four-thirty o'clock in the afternoon. He must leave Charlotte about six o'clock. In all announcements please stress that the meeting will be non-partisan. Public release of these plans by you is authorized."

## FARM OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Frank Parker, Federal-State Agricultural statistician, said today "the agricultural outlook in North Carolina is optimistic now."

Crops in all parts of the State "are steadily improving" and though some are late in some places stands are poor because of the June drought Parker said he expected a generally good year for the State from an agricultural standpoint.

## W. M. U. ANNUAL MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Association will hold its annual meeting with Cove Creek Society on August 21st, 1936, beginning at 10 a. m., and continuing throughout the day. Lunch will be served by the local society.

All are cordially invited and every member is urged to attend.

The bulk of the Montgomery county peach crop has gone to market. The peaches were good and growers were well pleased with their returns.

## NEGRO SLAYER OF CLEVINGER GIRL CONFESSES CRIME

Hall Boy At Fashionable Hostelry Admits Killing Helen Clevenger As He Searched Room for Money—Other Suspects Are Released.

The mysterious hotel room murder of Helen Clevenger, Long Island vacationist, which occurred at a fashionable Asheville hotel, was definitely solved Sunday with the arrest and confession of Martin More, 22, a negro hall boy.

Moore, after hours of grilling, made a signed statement that he crept into the girl's room at the fashionable Battery Park hotel the night of July 15, bent upon robbery, and brutally slew her when she cried out and he became panicky.

The negro youth said he did not expect to find the New York university student in her room, since the door was unlocked, "but when I got in there she screamed, and that's why I shot her."

"She screamed some more," he added, "and started to run out. I struck her with the gun. When she fell on the floor I struck her several times more to stop her screaming, as I was scared and did not want to be caught."

Moore denied he made any attempt to ravish the girl. The question of whether the girl was assaulted was never definitely determined. At first the undertaker, the coroner and a physician said she was, but later three physicians who examined the body were unable to decide.

The last of the suspects was released this afternoon after Moore made his confession. He was Daniel H. Gaddy, 26-year-old hotel night watchman, who had been detained for questioning almost since the crime.

Previously, Sheriff Brown, the chief investigator of the murder, had regarded Gaddy as the "key to the whole mystery" and said that "when Gaddy gets ready to talk we'll break this case wide open." Today he released the night watchman and said he was "completely exonerated."

The pajama-clad body of the 18-year-old student was found in her second-floor room at 8 a. m., July 16, by her uncle, Prof. W. L. Clevenger, of North Carolina State college, with whom she was traveling.

A bullet had pierced her heart and lodged in her back and her face had been mutilated by a severe battering with some heavy instrument. Her legs were thrown under her body, and officers said the position indicated she was on her knees pleading for her life when she was slain.

## CALDWELL MAY GET MODEL FARM

REA Considers Setting Up Electrically-Equipped and Operated Exhibit.

Lenoir, Aug. 11.—An electrically-equipped and operated model farm, similar to the one recently established in Virginia by the Rural Electrification administration as an exhibit, may be established in Caldwell county if present plans work out, County Agent O. R. Carrithers revealed on his return after a two-day conference with Federal REA officials in Washington.

The farm, if established, will be modeled after the farm recently opened to the public near the nation's capitol, and which is the only one of its kind in the nation. The Caldwell county REA project has been regarded as a model for the Carolinas, and Federal authorities are anxious to establish such a farm in this county to acquaint the people of this section with the benefits of rural electrification.

The status of the model farm project remains indefinite pending the approval of the county rural electrification project by Federal authorities. However, local leaders of the movement are jubilant over the prospects for success of the county project which has been aided by the activity of Congressman Robert L. Doughton.

Formal approval of the project is expected at the REA meeting here August 17, at which time Chester Lake of Washington, project supervisor of the REA and Congressman Doughton will be present and speak on the county REA project. In the meantime, a committee will be selected to work out plans for the model farm and the completion of the REA project, and which will make the final selection of the farm to be electrically modernized.

## Jacqueline's Dad is 82



William Mathews, 82 years old, of Gradyville, Pa., might well claim a record of some kind as he holds his new one month old daughter Jacqueline, in his arms. Mrs. Mathews is 40 and the mother of seven children, the oldest of which is 16 years.

## DROUGHT STRUCK COUNTY HEAVILY

Department Of Agriculture Includes County In Revised List Of Drought Regions.

In revising the list of drought-stricken counties in the Carolinas Monday, the Department of Agriculture listed Watauga as one of the 28 counties in North Carolina in which the effect of the searing breath of the dry weather had been severely felt. The North Carolina counties follow:

Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga and Yancey.

Though a few counties in the southeast were placed in the drought territory during the past week, the drought committee reports that conditions in that region have been measurably improved during the past few weeks by rather general and substantial rains.

Although as a general rule designated drought territory coincides with territory seriously deficient in rainfall, the correlation is not complete. Official drought territory is based on the need of a considerable number of farmers in a county for emergency drought assistance rather than on the country's weather record alone.

The designation of emergency drought counties serves as a guide for all governmental agencies which are providing aid to farmers in the drought-stricken areas. The application of reduced freight rates, the granting of livestock, feed and transportation loans of the Resettlement administration, and the work relief projects of the Works Progress Administration, the soil conservation service and the biological survey are based upon these designations.

## Marshals Named For Green Pastures Rally

A group of marshals from each county of the state is being named preparatory to the Green Pastures rally in Charlotte September 10, at which time President Roosevelt will be the principal speaker to a throng of something like 100,000 people, gathered from seven states.

The marshals, who are being named by Chief Marshal Hugh Mitchell of Statesville, with the cooperation of the various county Democratic chairmen, include the following Wataugans: Cleve Gross, Hardin Brown, John E. Combs, Charles G. Hodges, Charles Zimmerman, Wade E. Brown, Dr. Deaton, Sam F. Horton, Edward Mast, Rob Rivers, Donald J. Boyden, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, Chapel Wilson, Austin South, Dr. C. L. Rhyne.

Plans are being made to open up town headquarters in Charlotte for the rally within the next few days, and from this headquarters the actual business of preparing for the rally will be handled.

## BLACKBURN IMPROVES

Earl Blackburn, who received serious injuries when cut by a knife, allegedly in the hands of a brother-in-law, Dean Adams, is reported as showing considerable improvement. Reports from a North Wilkesboro hospital, where the local man is a patient, would indicate that his chances for an early and complete recovery are very good.

## RURAL ELECTRIC PROGRAM MAY BE HAD IN WATAUGA

Congressman Doughton Concerns Self Over Prospect Of Watauga County Being Included In Government Electrification Plan.

According to information coming to the local newspaper from Congressman Doughton Wednesday morning, the ninth district representative is particularly anxious for Watauga county to be included in the far-reaching benefits proposed in the Federal government's Rural Electrification Administration.

Mr. Doughton states, that he, in company with high officials of the REA, will be in Lenoir next Monday and that a meeting will be held at the courthouse there, at which time a full explanation will be forthcoming concerning rural electrification. Mr. Doughton is extremely anxious that a large number of interested Wataugans attend this meeting, and proposes to hold a similar gathering in Boone, at which time, if interest warrants, definite action can be taken which would permit Watauga county to participate in the program.

Mr. Doughton states that he is deeply concerned over the possibilities of rural advancement as contained in this division of the administration's development program, and stresses the importance of some local interest being shown at this time. It is repeated that those interested in securing the benefits of electric current in the outlying regions of Watauga county, should be present at the Lenoir meeting next Monday, otherwise Mr. Doughton will be obviously handicapped in his efforts to promote this much-needed enterprise. Complete cooperation, he states, is of vital importance.

## DETAILS OF FATAL CRASH ARE GIVEN

Washington Dispatch Tells Of Accident In Which Watauga Man Lost His Life.

Ephrata, Wash., July 30.—Hector D. Vinson, 22, Creston, Wash., was instantly killed and Richard Dyer, 24, O Mak, Wash., was so badly burned that little hope was held for his recovery, as the result of a motorcycle-hay wagon crash at Rimrock in the Grand Coulee shortly after noon today. Both were employed on the Grand Coulee dam.

Floyd Hanson, a Grant County deputy sheriff at the dam site, who came along with State Patrolman Bill Kellogg just after the crash, said that the motorcycle Vinson and Dyer were riding struck the front end of the hay wagon, driven by Sam Neace, Rimrock, as it started across the highway from an intersecting road. He said that the front wheels and gear were knocked from under the hay rig and that the team ran away.

## Wreckage Catches Fire

Both young men were thrown in the road, alongside the hay wagon, which caught fire from the motorcycle exhaust. Vinson suffered many broken bones and was instantly killed, said Hanson, who with Kellogg, pulled the youths away from the flaming wreckage.

Dyer was knocked unconscious and his feet and lower legs were so badly cooked before the officers arrived that doctors at the Mason City hospital, where he was taken, held out no hope for his recovery.

Neace, said the officers, was thrown from his rig into the ditch, landing on his head, and received some bad face and head cuts but did not require hospitalization. Among the injuries that caused Vinson's death, the officers said, was a penetrating gash in the chest.

Funeral services for Vinson will be held in the Christian church at Creston Saturday at 2 p. m., the Rev. Mr. Mitchell officiating.

(Note: Richard Dyer, one of the boys mentioned in this account is the son of Cicero Dyer of Valle Crucis. He has been working in Washington for the past two years. Five hours after the accident occurred, Richard died at the hospital mentioned. Funeral services and burial were conducted in Washington.)

(The above clipping was sent Mr. Dyer and the name of the paper was not included; however it is a Washington edition.)

## MANY WEEK-END ARRESTS

The police department reports the arrest over the week-end of 18 persons, and the county jail was crowded it is said. Practically all of the prisoners were charged with public drunkenness, and no serious disorders were reported.