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## THREE MORE OLD PAPERS DISCOVERED

Oldest "Ulster County Gazette," Published January 4th, 1800 Is Probably a Hoax

Two old newspapers and one old magazine have recently been brought to this office by readers of The Scout. The magazine and one of the newspapers are genuine but one of the newspapers has all the earmarks of being a hoax which somebody has played upon an unsuspecting public.

**The Magazine**  
The magazine is called the "People's Magazine of Useful Information," published at Boston in the year 1835. It is 7 1/4x11 inches in size, usually with 8 pages. The volume submitted to us by Mr. W. R. Wilbur of Wehuty, contains the entire issue for one year. The magazine contains just exactly what it says, "useful information," no part of it being given over to jokes or frivolous reading. It is profusely illustrated with woodcuts and even if read today, would be intensely interesting and enlightening.

To give the reader an idea of the type of reading found in "The People's Magazine" a few of the titles of articles will be interesting. For instance, nearly two whole pages in the issue of March 22, 1834, are given over to a discussion of "Burden's River Steamboat," together with nearly half a page illustration of the boat; "Currents of the Ocean," "Sketches of the Cherokee Indians," etc.

"The Ulster County Gazette," which newspaper the writer believes to have been a hoax, was submitted to us by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

It was published at Kingston Ulster County by Samuel Freer and Son, Saturday January 4, 1800. The inside pages of this particular issue are decorated in mourning for General George Washington who died on the 4th of December, 1799, by having all the column rules in 12 point solid black, with a 24 point black border around the entire two pages. Pages one and four are given over to news of the Congress and foreign news, and advertisements.

The paper is probably a hoax, but could be a true copy of an issue of such a paper published at that time. Several reasons for this conclusion are to be found in the newspaper itself. For instance, the newsprint is not the quality nor type of paper manufactured and used in that day and time. Again, the typography of the paper does not have the appearance of the art as practiced by printers in that period of our history. Then again, the state wherein the paper is published is not given in the masthead, and at only one place in the reading matter.

Regardless of whether or not the paper is a hoax, it is full of interesting reading, including a description of the funeral of General Washington.

**The Norfolk Landmark**  
A copy of "The Norfolk Landmark," daily newspaper published at Norfolk, Va., Saturday Morning Aug. 8, 1874, has been submitted by Mrs. Susie de Martine. This newspaper is regulation size seven columns all hand-set composition.

This paper is interesting from many angles. It contains election news from North Carolina of a Democratic landslide throughout the State. One item from Raleigh uses the words "Conservative" and "Radical" to designate the political parties. Another article from Raleigh also says: "Democratic gains are reported from every portion of the State. The State has gone Democratic by from 10,000 to 20,000."—Wake has gone Democratic for the first time in 14 years.

A glimpse into the situation in North Carolina politically in 1874, is contained in the following item from Raleigh:

"Official returns from every precinct in Wake County, show the gratifying fact that the Metropolitan county has gone Conservative. Busbee, for the Legislature has a majority over Harris, colored Radical, of 240. The other candidates, with the exceptions of register of deeds and county clerk, are elected by majorities ranging from 42 to 125, a Conservative gain of 700. The city is wild with excitement over the splendid and unlooked for success. Thousands of citizens and people from the country throng the streets. Public speeches, inspiring music and the firing of cannon are the order of the day. The State and national patronage have received a severe rebuke."

## MURPHY AUTO MECHANIC IS FATALLY SHOT

Jim Dockery Held On Charge Of Shooting Carl Carroll Saturday Night

Carl Carroll 26, was shot and killed at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, April 1st, near Ebenezer, five miles west of Murphy, and Jim Dockery, 18 is being held in the county jail here charged with the shooting.

Officers who investigated the shooting said the two had attended a box supper at Ebenezer. The cause of the shooting has not been learned. Dockery is said to have fired two pistol shots at Carroll. One entered the left ear and came out in the neck, the second entered Carroll's side near the heart and passed through the body.

Dockery was arrested by Sheriff L. L. Mason and Deputies Julius McClure and F. A. Fain.

Carroll was a mechanic for the Bickey Chevrolet company where he was employed for the past nine years.

Funeral services for Carroll was conducted at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, April 2nd at Salem church. The Rev. T. F. Higgins, pastor of Methodist church, officiated.

Mr. Carroll is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll; his widow, one son, and several brothers and sisters.

## L. & N. New 2-Cent Fare In Effect April 1

Throughout the system of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, reduction of passenger fares went into effect April 1st, states President Whiteford R. Cole. In coaches, the new rate will be 2 cents a mile. In sleeping and parlor cars, it will be 3 cents a mile, with no surcharge.

It is a well known fact that for several years the railroads have experienced a continuous decline in passenger revenue, said Mr. Cole. We have encountered one form of competition after another. We have realized that changing conditions call for changes in our operations. Various methods for solving the problem have been presented, but we have agreed upon the reduction of fares as the most practicable solution.

"We believe the public values the advantages of travel by rail. People like the cleanliness, safety and comfort of our trains. They appreciate the savings of time and trouble. Now we are making these benefits available at a rate which removes the economy of competitive methods of transportation from consideration."

"Beginning with April 1st, countless men who have been using their own automobiles for short trips will prefer the greater economy and ease of the train trip. For long trips, there will be no question as to the desirability of the train, from the standpoint of comfort and convenience, as well as cost.

"The Louisville & Nashville Railroad authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission," said Mr. Cole, "to make this experiment in reduced fares for a period of six months. At the end of that time the justification of the reduced rates must be judged by the results, but it is our hope and expectation that the 2-cent rate will bring back lost passenger traffic to such a degree that its continuance will be justified."

## Detective Magazine Feature Local Tragedy

The story of the gun battle between officers and bandits, in October, 1930 in which Mack Carringer, chief of police at Murphy was killed, and one of the bandits was mortally wounded, is told in the May issue of Startling Detective Stories.

The title of the story is "The Bangit Busters of Beaverdam Road," by J. A. Cearley, special deputy, as told to Frank B. Cooper, of Andrews. The first copies received at Murphy and Andrews were taken by the time they reached the counters. However, news dealers at Murphy and Andrews have ordered in an extra supply of the magazines which are expected to arrive the latter part of the week.

The story is told from beginning of the robbing of the Postoffice at Coker Creek, Tenn. to the sentencing of the Bryson boys at Franklin. The capture and trial attracted nation-wide attention, having been carried by newspaper all over the country at the time.

## Registered Dairy Stock Placed In Brasstown Section

Last week the Brasstown creamery association succeeded in placing 3 cows and 8 heifers of Registered Jersey, Biltmore strain with different members in the Brasstown community.

The cattle went to the Folk School, F. O. Seroggs, L. F. Seroggs, Mrs. Ruth Parker, George Bidstrup and W. M. Clayton.

The Brasstown Creamery Association is a co-operative organization of farmers in Cherokee and Clay counties produces about 2,000 pounds of butter per month. They also handle for members about a carload of feed per month, and assist the members in securing seed and better dairy animals.

Recently the association placed 60 bushels of certified seed Irish potatoes among its members, and it is hoped that they will be able to gather some certified seed from them this fall.

## 26.1 Percent Of North Carolina Population Are Receiving Aid

Raleigh, April 2.—A total of 164,000 families were aided by relief funds in North Carolina during the month of February, according to figures released today by the Governor's Office of Relief. This total is practically the same as the number aided in January, it was pointed out.

Based on five persons to the family this number represents only 26.1 per cent of the population of the State, rather than 33 per cent as has been reported from time to time in unofficial circles.

The percentages in the individual counties varies all the way from 8.3 in Pasquotank to 57.8 in Duplin. For Cherokee and adjoining counties the percentages or rank of counties according to per cent of population receiving aid during February, 1933, are as follows:

Swain, 16.0; Macon, 16.8; Cherokee, 28.5; Graham, 35.9; and Clay; 48.1.

## Padgett Foils Theft Of Automobile

B. L. Padgett, Register of Deeds for Cherokee county, Sunday morning foiled the theft of his automobile and with the assistance of George Leatherwood, a neighbor, captured the would-be thief and brought him to jail. The man gave his name as David Lawrence, and his home address as Mineral Bluff, Ga. He was said to have been drinking when apprehended, and begged so to be let off that Mr. Padgett dropped the charges against him, and he was allowed his liberty. He cried like a baby, Mr. Padgett said, and promised if released he would leave the state and not return.

About 3 o'clock Sunday morning, Mr. Padgett was awakened by a noise of some one prowling about his garage. He looked out of the window and saw the lights of his car blinking on and off. The starter roared but the engine failed to start—because Mr. Padgett had the key in his pocket.

He called to the prowler to know what he was doing, and the man started his hand toward his pocket. Mr. Padgett said he didn't have a gun, but the prowler couldn't see him and it didn't make any difference. He told the man to take his hands away from his pockets and reach for the sky if he valued his life. Whereupon, the prowler did so.

About that time, George Leatherwood, his neighbor across the way, heard the commotion, and called out to know if he wanted help. Mr. Padgett said he did.

Mr. Leatherwood came out with his gun and kept the prowler covered until Mr. Padgett could get out there. They found a pair of scissors in his pockets, and brought him to jail.

## Republicans Name Simonds Chairman

At a meeting of the Republican executive committee in the court house here Tuesday afternoon, A. M. Simonds was named chairman to succeed W. N. Collins, who resigned because of having moved out of the county and state. Ben Fox also was named chairman of the Notla township committee.

## NEWMAN DIES OF WOUNDS IN TENN. HOSPITAL

Bryson Held In Jail Charged With Firing The Fatal Shot

Oscar Newman, 26 years old of the Appalachia section of Cherokee county, died Monday night in a hospital at Ducktown, Tenn., where he was carried suffering from a bullet wound in the abdomen as a result of a fight, allegedly with Andrew Bryson, 24, also of the Appalachia section, Sunday afternoon.

The fight occurred in the open near Bryson's home. Bryson is said to have fired two shots from a .38 special revolver the first shot into the ground for the purpose of warning Newman, who he said was advancing upon him with a knife. Bryson said this warning shot went unheeded and Newman continued to advance, making threats, whereupon the second shot was fired. This shot lodged in Newman's abdomen.

The shot is reported to have severed Newman's spinal cord, and he died at the hospital Monday night about 11 o'clock.

Bryson told officers Newman was drinking at the time and quarrelled with him over a minor matter. He said he fired the shots in self defense.

Following the shooting, officers said they learned, Fulton Newman, brother of the wounded man, went to Bryson an fired a revolver bullet at him, inflicting a slight scalp wound. Fulton Newman is also said to have used a shotgun in beating Bryson over the head and on the body. These injuries are not of a serious nature.

Bryson has been lodged in the Cherokee county jail and Fulton Newman was arrested and released under \$500 bond. The grand jury Tuesday returned a true bill against Bryson charging him with the death of Newman.

Bryson and Oscar Newman are related by marriage, Bryson having married Newman's niece.

## Last Rites Conducted For Mrs. Gregory, 74

The funeral of Mrs. John Gregory, 47, who died at her home here late Sunday afternoon, April 2, was conducted at the Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. R. W. Prevost, pastor of the church officiating, assisted by the Rev. E. F. Troutman, of the Lutheran church, and the Rev. W. G. McFarland, of the Methodist church.

Surviving Mrs. Gregory are her husband, John Gregory, a step-son, Wilson Gregory, of Andrews and a step-daughter Mrs. Carl Deason, of Akron, O. Before her marriage, Mrs. Gregory was Miss Amanda Odell of the Hanging Dog section of Cherokee county. She was ill several months.

## GRAPE CREEK

A group of students from our school took the standard test for admission to High School at Murphy Saturday.

Sheriff Mason was a visitor in the community Sunday afternoon.

A few people from here went to the box supper at Ebenezer Saturday night.

Mr. Andrew Walsh and little sister Emily spent some time here last week.

The second Saturday and Sunday in April are the dates on which the Rev. Weldon West will preach at the Baptist church. It will be worth while for everyone to hear him.

The Grape Creek singing class practices regularly twice each week in addition to singing at Sunday school and other meetings. The class takes pleasure in singing. It makes anyone feel better on going and often drives the little cares and worries away.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dockery and baby visited Mrs. James Timpson and Mrs. Mae Coleman last week.

Pulling together we can build our community. Pulling against one another keeps us confused.

## THREE MURDER CASES BEFORE SUPERIOR COURT

Davidson Trial Begins Thursday With Special Venire From Clay County

Three indictments for murder were returned by the grand jury here this week. Judge John H. Clements is presiding, with Solicitor John E. Queen is representing the State.

The case of the state against E. A. Davidson, J. W. Davidson and J. B. Storey, charged jointly and separately in seven bills of indictment growing out of the failure of the Cherokee Bank, came up for hearing and Judge Clement, in line with the ruling of a former judge, ordered a special venire from Clay County from which a jury to hear the case will be picked. The jury was ordered to report Thursday morning.

The greater part of Thursday morning was taken up in selecting the jury. One witness for the State, Mr. Wilson, state bank examiner, who closed the bank Oct. 3, 1931, and took charge of it for the State banking commissioner, completed his testimony, and W. Bowen Henderson, who audited the bank's books following its closing, was on the stand at the noon hour.

The following are the jurors hearing the case: Fred Henson, Ralph Beal, Struby Galloway, W. E. Kitchens, Bert Carter, Sam Atkins, J. C. Aubrey, John Lands, Homer Henson, R. C. Roach, John Swanson and Ivan Johnson.

The grand jury, Monday returned a true bill into Superior court charging Felix Hill, of Wehuty, with fatally shooting Leslie Rogers, Tennessee Deputy Sheriff, on March 10th. Judge Clement ordered the sheriff to summon a special venire of men from the county to report Monday morning from which a jury will be picked to hear the case against Hill.

Tuesday the grand jury returned true bills against C. H. Bryson, 24, and James Dockery, 18.

Bryson is charged with killing Oscar Newman, who died at 11 o'clock Monday night at the Kimsey-Quinn hospital at Ducktown, where he was taken following a fight Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock near Bryson's home at Appalachia. Bryson is said to have shot Newman, the shot severing the spinal cord.

James Dockery is charged with the shooting of Carl Carroll, Murphy automobile mechanic, Saturday night near Ebenezer, as a result of an altercation at a box supper.

All of these cases are expected to be tried at this term of court.

The case of F. A. Fain, charged with embezzlement of the town's funds while chief of police and tax collector, is also scheduled to be tried. However, the belief is general among court officials and attendants that it will be almost an impossibility to dispose of all of these cases and the large number of other minor ones at this term because it is expected that several days will be necessary to hear the evidence in each case.

## CULLOWHEE

Students of Western Carolina Teacher's College from Cherokee County making the Beta Honor roll are: Bessie Palmer, Edna Patton, Edith Marie Shields, Franklin Smith and Violet Spivey.

Beauty Contest to be Held at Cullowhee.

The College newspaper at Western Carolina Teacher's College and the Journalism club will sponsor the contest. Plans to hold the contest among the women students of the college began Tuesday.

The contest will reach its second stage the third week in April, at which time the eight women who have received the highest number of votes will be selected for the final campus contest. The lady in this group receiving the highest number of votes from the student body will be designated as the college May Queen and will preside at a May Day celebration. The May Queen will be given the privilege of choosing a young man of the campus to reign with her at the campus May Day festival. The seven young ladies ranking next highest in number of votes will serve as the Queen's attendants.

Voting in the contest will be open to all students.