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GERMAN MADE LARGE SUM OFF A BIG TIMBER DEAL

When Folks Chided Him For Price He Paid for Walnut, He Named Some Eye-Opener Figures

MR. J. M. YODER WRITES OF THE CATAWBA SECTION

Scores and scores of people from this section have visited the Catawba county section in search of dairy cattle, but it has remained for Mr. J. M. Yoder of Van Wyck, S. C., to relate some of the folk-lore that abounds in that part of the state. Particularly interesting is his description of the huge cane-break some distance from Hickory which he gave the Lancaster News. "High spots" in his communication include the story of a big lumber deal in which a German figured and the fame of the fishing poles that flourished like weeds in the break.

"After traveling about four miles," he writes, "you come to another small stream known as Jacobs fork. These two streams form South Fork of the Catawba. When this country was first settled by the whites the pioneer was Henry Weidner, who entered a large tract of land in the valley including the conjunction of the streams. Mr. Weidner had two sons, Henry and Jacob. Henry settled on the west stream and this was known as Henry's fork. Jacob settled on the east prong and this then was called Jacob's fork. About five miles from where the streams run together, west is Baker's mountain, which is just between the two streams and from the top of it the silvery lines of water can be seen sparkling in the sunlight. There is a fine plateau from two to five miles wide running down from Baker's mountain to the forks of the two streams. There are a number of fine farms located on this plateau. In the forks of the two rivers there is a fine farm known as the Rockhouse farm which has been in the family of the Willfong's for many years.

"Fifty years ago there were about six acres in the forks, covered with a heavy growth of cane, and known far and wide as 'The Cane Breaks,' in which many wild animals made their homes. Black bears, foxes, raccoons and many other animals were found. Hunters found much sport in capturing them. Cattle had made trails leading in many directions through the canes. By taking a stand in these you had a fine place to get a shot at moving game after the dogs had stirred it from its lair. This cane break was visited from far and near by fishermen to get large canes for fishing rods. In this cane break was a quantity of fine walnut timber. Mr. Willfong offered to sell the cane break, six acres for twelve hundred dollars, but did not find a purchaser. About thirty years ago, a German who was hunting walnut timber to ship to Germany, was directed to Mr. Willfong to see the walnut on the cane break. After inspecting it he offered Mr. Willfong twelve hundred dollars for all the walnut from six inches and up, and would give him twelve hundred dollars to haul it to Hickory ready for shipping after it was cut. There was one especially fine tree, over three feet in diameter, and over fifty feet to the first limb. This German did not only cut the timber but dug up the stumps and roots, five inches in diameter and over. A citizen of Hickory, learning the price paid for the timber, said to the German, he thought he had been badly picked up in his trade. He answered that he had made a fine bargain, that the stump of the big tree would bring him twenty-five hundred dollars in Germany for veneering purposes."

SPEED AND ACTION IN "THE FAST MAIL"

First of Lincoln J. Carter's Famous Thrillers to Be Presented on the Screen

"Speed Counts" is the password at the Strand Theatre this week for they are showing that old time melodrama, "The Fast Mail," written by Lincoln J. Carter. It is a William Fox production, and has been directed with a keen eye for thrills by Bernard J. Durning. In the cast are Charles Jones, Eileen Percy and Adolph Menjou.

So fast does the action move that one has a hard time keeping up with the thrills. When the play was first produced on the stage the big scene came when "The Fast Mail" thundered across the stage in the title role. But the camera, handling the theme with a much broader scope, has managed to include, instead of the one thrill, one dare devil stunt after another, until the audience gasps. Charles Jones, who plays the role of the hero, Walter West, claims that he has no nerves, and this picture will surely uphold that statement. It is a melodrama pure and simple, but remarkably well done. Of course, West is in love with Mary, and she with him. The rejected suitor does all in his power to mar their happiness. Action first comes with a thrill steepchase, where West, on whom all the money is placed to win, is fouled.

Make plans now to grow a few hogs next season. The neighbors can help you make up a car lot for sale co-operatively. This affords a surprisingly good cash income when money is tight.

500 Rooters Should Go To Salisbury, Says Dr. Stewart

HE EXPECTS MONROE TO WIN OVER ASHEVILLE

Monroe Physician Isn't Worrying About the Greek—He Says Mack and Wick Are Wrestlers, Too

DISTANCE BUT FIFTY-FIVE MILES BY WAY OF CONCORD

Not less than five hundred supporters of the local football team should make the trip to Salisbury tomorrow to root for Mack, Yate, Jada, O. C., Wiggs and all, Dr. H. D. Stewart writes. "You will see a great fight," he adds, "as good as any college game." It is only 70 miles by Albemarle or by Charlotte and 55 by Concord, he finds.

Dr. Stewart is the champion peep-artist when it comes to boosting the high team. He has kept the local papers full of cheer for the home boys in their scrap for the championship. His last communication, which is given below, is the very essence of confidence and optimism over the outcome.

"Fall on those fumbles. Block those kicks and passes. Stop that Greek. Keep up with the ball and get your man. The defense seems to depend upon four things: 1. Blocking or intercepting forward passes before they are completed; 2. Holding the line against plunges or penetrations; 3. Stopping those backs from end runs or line penetrations; 4. Blocking kicks. The offensive seems to depend on five things: 1. Executing and completing passes quickly and accurately; 2. Going through the enemy's line for gains; 3. Running around the ends. This requires speed and interference; 4. Fine punting and goal-kicking; 5. Bewildering plays and trick plays. Don't wait for the other man to get him—get him yourself, everyone of you. Keep the enemy out of your territory. They say that boy Wiggs is as strong as a mule. And O. C. is so strong in the arms and shoulders that he nearly hurts the ground when he throws a player. They say the Greek is a wrestler. So are Mack and Wick. If you want to see the best football game you have ever seen, go to Salisbury Saturday. The Monroe boys are in fine shape, and will fight all the way through without weakening."

Y. M. C. A. Drive

Kiwanians and Rotarians, following a meeting held in the chamber of commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon, agreed to put on the drive for the community Y. M. C. A. on Dec. 8th instead of the 8th, as previously decided.

Dr. Weaver, the Rotary president, appointed Mr. F. G. Henderson chairman of one division, and the Kiwanians named Mr. R. W. Lemmon chairman of the other. The following captains were selected: For Mr. Henderson: Bruce Redmon, Dr. G. M. Smith, R. H. Cunningham and C. W. Walton. For Mr. Lemmon: Lee Griffin, W. A. Henderson, G. B. Caldwell, J. E. Stewart, George McClelland and J. W. Fowler.

Dr. Weaver appointed Dr. W. R. Burrell to serve with him as General Chairman.

These captains will meet at Dr. Weaver's office on Friday night, December 1st, for the purpose of selecting their team workers, and devising certain other detailed items. On Monday night, December 4th, another meeting of captains will be held to check up and see that teams are complete.

A dinner for all workers will be served Tuesday night, December 5th, and the canvass will be made Wednesday the 6th.

A large clock will be erected on the square or at some central point to note the progress of the campaign.

Pat Was On the Job

An Irishman was newly employed at a lumber office. The proprietors of the company were young men and decided to have some fun with the new hand. Patrick was left in charge of the office, with instructions to take all orders which might come during their absence.

Going to a nearby drug store they proceeded to call up the lumber company's office, and the following conversation ensued: "Hello! Is this the East Side Lumber Company?" "Yes, sir. And what would you be havin'?" "Take an order, will you?" "Sure, that's what I'm here for."

"Please send me a thousand knot holes." "One thousand knot holes." "Well, now, ain't that a bloomin' shame? I'm sorry, but we are just out."

"How's that?" "Just sold them all to the new barrel factory." "To the barrel factory? What do they want with them?" "They use them for bung holes in barrels."—Selected.

Speaking of Christmas presents—wouldn't the home town paper prove a most acceptable gift to one who has moved away from the community but still retains his interest in what happens there?

HIGH'S LEAVE TONIGHT OR TOMORROW FOR GAME

Monroe high's fast eleven leaves either tonight or early in the morning for Salisbury for the encounter Saturday afternoon between Asheville that will decide the western football championship. The winner of this game goes to Chapel Hill to battle the champions for the championship of the state.

The probable line-up is: Lemon, left end; Curlee, left tackle; Beasley, left guard; F. Williams, center; Baskerville, right guard; Wiggs, right tackle; W. Fairley, right end; Coble, quarterback; Laney, left half; M. Fairley, right half; and R. Williams, fullback.

SHELBY BACKING LOCAL BOYS TO LICK ASHEVILLE

George Blanton, Banker of That Town, Writes J. C. Sikes That He Thinks Monroe Can Do It

NO REASON WHY LINE CAN'T HOLD FAMOUS CHACKLES

Shelby is with Monroe and expects the local boys to win over Asheville, according to a letter received by Mr. John C. Sikes from his friend, Mr. George Blanton, a Shelby banker. He thinks that since Shelby held the famous Chackles last year that Monroe, by playing an offensive game, can trim the Asheville boys by a comfortable score.

The letter was turned over to George Beasley, Jr., captain of the Monroe team, by Mr. Sikes with the following comment: "As captain of the football team, I am handing you a letter just received from George Blanton of Shelby that is self-explanatory. I just wanted you to know that Shelby is anxious for Monroe to win the game Saturday. I hope that you have got straightened out and that the team is over the struggle with Shelby sufficiently enough to put pep in the Salisbury game to beat Asheville. Monroe is depending on you."

Mr. Blanton's letter reads: "Dear John: I thought I would write you a few lines in regard to our athletic contest in football.

"From comparative scores it seems that Asheville would have the advantage of Monroe. In reality, I believe Monroe can win if she will fight and hold her morale. I would not minimize the danger from Chackles. He is a wonderful player. Few teams can hold him, however, Shelby held him last year most of the time, though he made a great many gains on our team but we have a much better team this year than we had last year. There is no reason in my mind why Monroe's line should not hold Chackles at all times if they will stay in the game. I believe that if Monroe will play an offensive game using the delayed passes, forward passes and end runs that she will win. Go in the game for Asheville to make points but let Monroe make more points.

"I do not mean this as any criticism on your management, as I feel sure that they do not need it. I am just giving you my opinion as I saw the Asheville team last year and your team this year. Shelby is with you and expects to see you win. With very best wishes. Yours very truly, George Blanton."

NEWS OF GOOSE CREEK IS BRIEFLY RELATED

Young Man Branches Out Into the Fur Business—Saw Snow Fall Early Monday Morning

Indian Trail, Nov. 30.—Messrs. Lonnie Byrum and G. W. Rowell have already killed porkers.

Your correspondent had a fine rabbit stew for dinner Sunday.

Mr. Alonzo Dixon reports having seen snow falling about 2 o'clock Monday morning.

Mr. Bruce Pussor is preparing to go into the fur business. He has already ordered traps to catch the elusive, fur-bearing animals of this section.

Preaching at Union Grove Methodist church Sunday night by Rev. Mr. Strider.

Your correspondent saw smoke coming from the parlor chimney of the home of Misses Rena and Hazel Furr Sunday evening. He has not yet ascertained whether their guests were girl friends or their Sunday night beaux.

Mr. J. M. Pussor spent several days last week at Elberle, in Richland county.

Mr. Henry Rowell dug a well last week, going to a depth of one hundred feet before striking water.

Mr. Reece Simpson spent last week in Midland.

Mr. R. P. Rowell celebrated his birthday Thanksgiving day. Many attended with well-filled baskets.

Made for Any Waist Cook: "Twas a cruel blow, mum, that burglar makin' off with all yer silver."

Mistress: "Yes, Mary, but the arm of the law is long."

Cook: "It is indeed, mum, but everybody knows it better nor I do."

ESQUIRE SECRET FINDS CHAMPION FISHERMAN

He is a Florida Man Who Catches and Ships Not Less Than a Car Load of Fish Every Day

HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS FOURTEEN LONG YEARS

The champion fisherman of America has been discovered by Esq. T. W. Secrest, Union county surveyor, who is touring Florida, accompanied by several friends of the Waxhaw community, in an automobile. He is a man by the name of McCreary, who claims to have been in the fish business for fourteen years, in which time he has never failed to catch and ship less than a car load of fish a day.

Of him and other things of interest, the Esq. writes in the Waxhaw Enterprise, as follows:

"Permit me to say a few remarks about Torpor Springs, especially its beauty and industries. The shade trees along the streets are Palmetto. The bayou at the western end of the town is laid broad with cement walks. The driveway is elevated about 15 feet and about forty feet back between these are all kinds of beautiful shrubbery and flowers with occasionally a mineral spring of different kinds of water. Among the shrubbery not far from the bayou edge back of the driveway is the beautiful yards and residence. The bayou empties into Aclote river and the river empties into the Gulf of Mexico. The bayou is about 300 yards across. In it is a spring that has been fathomed 250 feet and no bottom found. This spring is called Torpor Spring from which it took its name from a rare but very fine fish that is occasionally caught in it. Brook's creek empties into Butler lake. The diameter of this lake is 5 by 9 miles. It never rises or gets higher in time of freshet. It is 1-2 miles from Torpor Springs and the water is supposed to pass under ground from the lake to the deep spring.

"One man, Mr. McCreary, told me today that he had already shipped this week 59 thousand pounds of fish. Said he had been in the business 14 years and had never stopped his business a single week day and had never shipped less than one car load each day. Nothing strange to see a fisherman with hook and line pull out from 5 to 25 pounds of great big fine looking fellows in one and two hours time.

"The population of this town is 3,500. Of that number about 1500 are Greeks. The chief business is the sponge industry run by the Greeks. One captain and his crew caught about \$30,000 worth last year. A local company purchased about \$74,000 worth last year, and already this year they have turned loose \$124,103 for sponges. In fact, the sponge business of Torpor has expanded until today it brings the city one million dollars per annum and is said to be the biggest sponge exchange in the world. It ships its sponges to every civilized nation in the world. They have a fleet of 250 sponge boats. The sponge is not a weed nor any form of vegetation, but grows from a seed in the Gulf of Mexico and is said to be the lowest form of animal life. The divers go out for the sponge from 150 feet to 130 miles, dive as deep as 10 to 30 minutes at each dive according to depth. I saw a boat start out today to hunt sponge. They told me it was prepared with food and gas to stay out on the hunt five or six months. These people are perfectly harmless and many of them have become American citizens and are said to be extremely smart mentally speaking. They have a Greek Catholic church here. Their children go to the white school and speak both the Greek and English languages."

EMBLEY ARMFIELD IS TO RETURN TO MONROE

Horace Neal, However, Remains with Rockingham Concern as Sales Manager—Name Changed

Rockingham, Nov. 30.—Mr. Embley Armfield has sold his interest in the Lambeth-Armfield Co., and has returned to Monroe. The incorporation of the company is now amended and the name changed to "Lambeth, Inc."

Since locating here last summer and establishing a Dodge sales and service station, Mr. J. A. Lambeth has built up a handsome business. The firm received this week two solid car-loads of new Dodge cars, and a carload comes in about every week now.

The personnel of the Lambeth, Inc., consists of J. A. Lambeth, general manager; Walter Seales, cashier and bookkeeper; Miss Silverstein, stenographer; Horace Neal, sales manager; Robert Steele, Jr., salesman, and M. L. Hancock, foreman in charge of the mechanical department.

"What makes Tinker carry such a big wad of bills every time he goes out in his car at night?" "The stick-up men told him if he didn't have plenty of money next time they held him up, they'd shoot him."

Nothing is calculated to jar a woman like masculine attention bestowed upon another woman with an inferior wardrobe.—Atlanta Journal.

A family jar is never used in preserving peace.

LEE HALLMAN EFFECTS ARREST OF LIFE TERMER

HAPPENINGS OF THE CORINTH COMMUNITY

Death of Walter A. Whitaker a Great Loss to the Baptist Church and People of That Section

Monroe, R. F. D. 5, Nov. 30.—Your correspondent regrets to chronicle the death of his friend and neighbor, Mr. Walter A. Whitaker, which occurred recently at his home in this section. Deceased was an excellent citizen and was liked by all who knew him. He was a member of the Baptist church, having professed christianity under the ministry of Rev. R. M. Haigler about ten years ago. Ever since he was a faithful worker, being superintendent of the Sunday school at the time of his death. Interment was at Corinth, services having been conducted by Rev. Messrs. Zeb Caudle and R. M. Haigler. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his passing.

The writer received a telephone message from Rock Hill Thursday morning announcing the death of his brother, Lemuel Helms. He was 79 years of age. Five children and several grand-children survive. He was a member of the Methodist church. The remains were taken to Lancaster and laid to rest by the side of his wife, who preceded him to the grave several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Boadus Usher of Monroe were the guest of Mrs. W. E. Helms Saturday evening.

Mr. W. T. Howie of this community has moved to Belmont.

All the members of the family of Mr. Joseph Richardson are very ill with the "flu."

Messrs. Carl Helms and Blair Price have gone to Charlotte to work at the carpenter's trade.

The members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Will Fowler are right sick at this writing.

Mr. Martin Murphy, who farmed on J. E. Crook's place this year, has rented a farm near Matthews and will move to it in the near future.

Mr. James Leonard Helms, of Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Helms of Helmsville, and Miss Lucy Diggs of Peachland, were married Monday evening in Peachland. They are popular young people and the writer wishes for them much happiness and prosperity through life.

Mr. W. A. Griffin has been elected superintendent of the Corinth Sunday school to fill the unexpired term of the late W. A. Whitaker.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bigham, a son.

The first snow of the season here fell Monday and Tuesday nights.

Mrs. Henry M. Eubanks of Laurinburg came in Sunday night to spend a while with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Doster and other relatives.

Rev. R. M. Haigler will preach at Corinth next Sunday evening, Dec. 3, at 3 o'clock. Sunday school at 2 o'clock.

New Mae Murray Picture Gorgeous

In "Broadway Rose," Mae Murray's latest production, to be presented by Robert Z. Leonard at the Strand Theatre on Friday, the famous Metro star has another of those roles which have come to be associated with her name and which provide opportunities for magnificent settings, gorgeous costumes and the dance episodes without which no Mae Murray picture is complete.

It is the story of a country girl who has become a Broadway favorite and won fame as a dancer. Admired by many men, surrounded by the glitter and luxury which comes to those who are successful in catching the adulation of the Gay White Way, Rosalie Lawrence finds her hope for happiness in the love of Hugh Thompson, whose parents are wealthy and of the socially elite.

Rosalie discovers, however, that the passage from Broadway to Fifth Avenue is not easily accomplished. The Thompsons have other plans for their son. Marriage with a Broadway dancer is not included in their social code. They have already picked out the wife for their son in Barbara Royce, a debutante of their own set. And so Rosalie consents to a secret marriage in order that there may be no break with his parents.

The results of this story involve Rosalie in a series of stirring incidents which threaten her with disaster but she eventually finds happiness.

The scenes of "Broadway Rose" are elaborate and lavish, representing the playgrounds of the idle rich and the gilded haunts of New York's night life. The costumes are striking in their originality and beauty and the original dances conceived by Miss Murray add to the interest of the picture.

"Broadway Rose," a thirty production, directed by Robert Z. Leonard, was written by Edmund Golding, who also wrote the scenarios of "Peacock Alley" and "Fascination." The photography is by Oliver T. Marsh and the art settings by Charles Cadwalder.

Supporting Miss Murray is a cast of unusual excellence containing such well known players as Monte Blue, Ward Crane, Ray Bloomer, Alma Taylor and Mrs. Jennings.

Tell your home-town editor you like his paper, or why you don't. He is doing a job which, left undone, would make your community not much of a community.

POU EXPRESSES KEEN PLEASURE AT CONDUCT

Action of Marshville Man Starts Talk of a Pardon For Him in the Early Future

MANY NOW THINK 15-YEAR SENTENCE WAS TOO HARSH

Raleigh, Nov. 30.—Lee Hallman of Marshville, serving a fifteen-year sentence in the State prison and stationed as a trusty at Mount Holly, yesterday notified George Ross Pou, Superintendent of the State Prison, that he had identified and effected the arrest of Thomas Johnson, a negro life-terminer who escaped from the prison on September 10.

According to the details that were received by Superintendent Pou, Hallman, who knew the Johnson negro, saw him at Mount Holly and secured his arrest.

Mr. Pou expressed keen pleasure at the conduct of young Hallman, who though he has served only six months of his fifteen year sentence, has been made a trusty. Hallman saw service with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

Johnson was sentenced to serve a life term for burglary committed in Rowan county.

Young Hallman's identification of the negro life-terminer and his part in effecting the arrest was hailed with satisfaction here yesterday by his attorneys and friends, many of whom entertain hopes of securing for him a pardon in the early future. His action, they say, together with the growing sentiment in the county that the 15-year sentence imposed upon was too harsh in view of certain developments during and after his trial, considerably enhance his chance of being freed with a year or two.

A few months ago it was reported that Hallman, while at work near Mt. Holly, had his foot so badly injured by falling rock that amputation was necessary. The Sunday following the circulation of this report, Sheriff Clifford Fowler, together with a number of people from Marshville, went to Mt. Holly to visit Hallman. The report, they ascertained, was untrue. Hallman having become confused with some other prisoner. Even then it was reported around the camp at Mt. Holly that the Marshville man was to be made a trusty, though he had not been in servitude but a few months.

Judge Walter E. Brock, who prosecuted him while solicitor of this district, upon hearing the report of Hallman's alleged injury, was quoted as saying that if it proved to be true he intended recommending his pardon to Governor Morrison on the grounds of being "sufficiently punished."

Meanwhile Hallman is said to be well-satisfied with the treatment accorded him by prison officials. Possessed of a bright, alert mind, he is reported to have gained quick favor with the Mt. Holly camp attendants.

Another Version

Writing to the Charlotte Observer, Brock Barkley, Raleigh correspondent, gives this version of the incident:

"Hallman, 'Honor Man' of the state prison system, a former army lieutenant serving 15 years on a criminal assault charge, captured a negro life-terminer who had escaped, it was made known in telegrams received this afternoon by Prison Superintendent George Ross Pou.

Thomas Johnson, hefty six-footer, sent up for life on a murder charge, made his escape from the prison here last September 12. Lee Hallman, Union county white man, a member of the prison force at work on the Southern Power company's Mountain Island development, espied Johnson at Mt. Holly this afternoon, and after a short scuffle made him a prisoner.

"Hallman had worked with Johnson at the prison farm for several months and saw him by sight. When he saw the negro walking the streets of Mount Holly this afternoon he knew something was wrong. After he had made the capture, he sent a telegram to Superintendent Pou and then turned the negro over to the guards at Mountain Island.

"Hallman was sent up a little over a year ago. Superintendent Pou made him an honor man several months ago, a recognition as reward for a good record.

"Hallman had gone to Mount Holly on business for the Mountain Island camp.

"Superintendent Pou was gratified over his honor man's good piece of work, and pointed to it as evidence of a high standard of manhood.

"Hallman is five feet eight inches tall and weighs about 140 pounds. (Continued on page four.)