

JOURNAL'S OFFER ENDS ON MARCH 1

Case Of K. E. Bumgarner Set For Trial In Superior Court This Afternoon

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

SAMP . . . good eating

When I was a boy down East one of the familiar figures on the streets of our town was the "hulled corn man." He peddled from a huge can what the Indians taught our Pilgrim ancestors to make and to call "samp." It was Indian corn parboiled in lye so that the outer skin came off and the kernel was white and fluffy and very good eating, especially, I used to think, when served with Porto Rico molasses.

In the Middle States the Indian name for this processed corn was "hominy," and farther South the name began to be applied to coarsely ground corn which had been put through a similar process, and which the folks of the Deep South now call "grits."

When I hear anyone talk of the deliciousness of hominy, alone or in the familiar combination of "hog and hominy" I am never sure whether they are talking about our Yankee "samp" or the southern "grits." But I do know that both are mighty good eating.

RABBITS . . . and fever

Twenty years ago the small animal life of some of the Alaska islands was wiped out by a volcanic eruption. This left the Indians in bad shape, for they lost not only an important food supply but the foxes, whom they kill for their pelts, also had their food curtailed. Now the Government is "planting" colonies of rabbits on those islands, in the expectation that they will increase rapidly and restore the balance of animal life.

What I want to hear is that the Government has found a cure or prevention for the "rabbit fever" which is often fatal to men who handle rabbits or rabbit pelts. A Maine guide died the other day from this disease, which he caught from a fox skinned after the fox had been eating a rabbit. It is a curious infection which seems to be spreading all over the country.

GOLD . . . to market

The price of \$35 an ounce for gold has, naturally stimulated gold mining everywhere that a trace of the precious metal has ever been found, and in some places where they have only guessed it might be. One of my neighbors, a few miles from my farm, has taken out a license to dig for gold in the Berkshire hills. I hope he finds it.

They are getting gold in paying quantities from several abandoned mines in North Carolina. Before the gold strike in California there were profitable gold mines in many parts of the Atlantic seaboard. So much gold was mined in the Carolinas and Georgia that for years the Government maintained a mint at Dahlonega, Georgia.

Now there is no more gold coinage, but anyone who finds an ounce of gold anywhere can get \$35 for it from Uncle Sam, and some folks are going to strike it rich somewhere.

MUSIC . . . neighborhood sings

I am not yet convinced that the radio is a good thing in all respects. People do too much listening to professional singers and musicians, make not enough effort to produce their own music. Not that it is not refreshing to listen to first-rate music—which we get too seldom "on the air"—but it ought not to be too easy.

There is more social value, more that makes for love of home life and neighborly spirit, when everybody in the household, or a group of neighbors get together, in a home or a church or a town hall and try what they can do to make a little music for themselves. I know of nothing that is so heart-warming in its effect as a "neighborhood sing."

In the part of New York where—

CANCELLATION OF MAIL CONTRACTS BRINGS CRITICISM

Washington, Feb. 21. (Special)—For the first time since he began to put the New Deal into effect, President Roosevelt faced a storm of open and public criticism as a result of his drastic order summarily cancelling all existing air mail contracts and turning over the air mail service to the military aviation forces.

Telegrams and letters from all parts of the country expressed the view that the President had acted too impulsively in wrecking a great industry merely because there had been a delusion before a Senate committee that a few men had made a great deal of money out of Government contracts for planes and engines.

Telegrams came from such important and respected figures as Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh and others of equal fame in the world of aviation; from thousands of investors in the shares of aviation companies; from communities whose air-mail services were threatened, and from plain citizens who warned that the mail service is not one to be entrusted to flyers who have specialized in quite another branch of aeronautics.

This arbitrary action by the President started a good many people, too, to using the word "dictator" in their more or less private conversation. The word has been heard a good many times in Washington recently. Mostly it has been used by the President's political opponents, whenever they deemed it safe to indulge in words at all. The President's friends have pointed out that a dictator is one who seizes power without the consent of the legislature, and who maintains that power by the use of military force.

President Roosevelt has been punctilious to ask Congress for such powers as he is exercising, and has never asked until he was assured in advance that the powers would be granted. And, up to now, there has been no suggestion of disregarding the Constitutional provision that the military shall always be subordinate to the civil power of the Government. Incidentally, it is that provision in the Constitution that prevents the President from naming an Army officer as Secretary of War or a Navy officer as Secretary of the Navy.

There are some, however, who are beginning to point out that Mussolini, who certainly ranks as a dictator in his own Italy, is careful to go through the form of consulting the Italian Parliament and obtaining permission to do what he wants to do. These same critics of the Administration also point out that Mussolini did not have the official Italian army behind him in his March on Rome, but only his Fascist "militia," and they are viewing with some distrust the suggestion which is being talked about, more or less openly in Administration circles, that the young men who have been enrolled in the CCC, the beneficiaries of CWA who do not find other employment, and numerous other groups ought to be regimented into a permanent "work reserve corps." Some of the more bitter enemies of the New Deal profess to see in this a military implication, suggesting the possibility of the organization of a fighting force which might be used, in unscrupulous hands, much as Mussolini used his Fascists.

There probably is nothing in that idea, but those who hold it are frank in saying that the use of Army and Navy aviators to perform a civil function, such as carrying the mails, sets a precedent under which soldiers, sailors and marines might be used as letter-carriers, or even as workers in other lines of industry.

Hold up for the winter, Greenwich Village, we've been having these old-fashioned musical evenings this winter, and hundreds of my neighbors are beginning to say to each other: "I never knew what nice, friendly people New Yorkers were." Of course, they're just like all other people, everywhere, but it takes something that they can all do together to bring out the human qualities.

France's Strong Man



PARIS: A most recent picture of Gaston Doumergue, former President of France who headed the call during the Paris riots to come from retirement, accept the Premiership and attempt to form a new cabinet of "strong men."

GETS 4 MONTHS FOR ASSAULT

Charlie Laws, who lives down near Wilmot, dropped in for four months sentence from Judge McElroy, in superior court here, yesterday on a charge of assault on a female.

Miss Gertie Bumgarner testified that Laws, who is a married man, came to her home, while her father and mother were away. That he stood over her, took hold of her hand, against her will, and frightened her. The jury found him guilty, and the Judge sent him to the roads for four months.

GRAND JURY

Mr. M. D. Cowan is serving as foreman of the grand jury, the members of which are:

- J. C. Hoopes, C. C. Jones, Blaine Nicholson, J. A. Moore, J. M. Phillips, J. W. Wood, Dave Battle, C. B. Thompson, Fred House, R. S. Shelton, John B. Bryson, Dave O. Green, Jerry Stewart, L. L. Sutton, Lee Fisher, and S. T. Crisp.

SINGING CONVENTION SUNDAY

The Jackson County Singing Convention will meet on next Sunday, February 25, at the Buff Creek Baptist church, at Addie. The session will begin at ten o'clock. All singers and music lovers are invited to attend the convention and it is thought that a large number will be present. In addition to those in Jackson county, singers from other counties are expected to attend. It is requested that all singers take their dinner with them.

PARENT-TEACHERS SPONSOR PLAY AT DILLSBORO FEB. 23

A play "Bound to Marry" will be sponsored by the Dillsboro Parent-Teacher Association at the Dillsboro school auditorium, Friday evening, February 23, at eight o'clock.

Characters: Betty Jane Dave, madly in love, Evelyn Jarrett; Augustus G. Baker, the whoopee-maker, Wayne Terrell; Hilda M. Slater, a born hater, Mary Edger; Samuel Boyer, a resourceful lawyer, Parson Kincaid, Jr.; June Violet Ray, from old Broadway; Mrs. Wayne Terrell; Billie Ponder, the make-believe tutor, Bill Moody; Evelyn Grace, the girl in the case, Mary Louise Mason; Mose Lincoln Hall, a black snowball, Lawson Allen; Mandy Snook, a colored cook, Mrs. L. H. Cannon.

Mrs. J. E. Barrett and Mrs. Lawson Allen are directing the play. Admission will be ten and twenty-five cents.

CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

Young men's Boethian Class of the Dillsboro Baptist church held a business meeting on February 4, for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year.

Officers elected were: President, Joe Wilkie; first vice president, James Snyder; second vice president, Ossie Sutton; third vice president, Albert Robinson; secretary, Ralph Connor, treasurer, Ralph Dills. John Parks and Frank Crisp were appointed group captains by the president.

BALSAM

Mrs. Bessie Cuthbertson and family of Almond were guests of relatives here last week end.

All New And Renewal Subscriptions Must Be In Office Or Mail Wednesday

40 YEARS AGO

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Judge D. D. Davis was in town Monday.

Miss Florence Enloe, of Dillsboro, was visiting friends here, Saturday afternoon.

Rev. W. S. Barrows will hold services at St. David's Church, Calhoun, next Sunday morning.

Dr. J. M. Candler lost a little girl Tuesday morning, after a few days' illness of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

Charlie Bryson dropped in on us Saturday. He expects to go to work as a messenger for the Southern Express Company, on the first of next month.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Davis were here Saturday, the latter on her way to visit her sister, Mrs. J. H. Moody, who is lying critically ill at her home near Wilmot.

We are requested to state that Mr. D. L. Love will read the service of the Episcopal Church at the chapel here regularly every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. J. R. Dillard tells us that he visited the blue bird's nest, mentioned last week since the severe cold of Thursday night and found that the bird had deposited an additional egg, but that all three were frozen and burst. So that instinct in this case was not sufficiently reliable to prevent premature nesting.

Without warning from the weather bureau the severest cold wave of the winter struck us last Thursday, the temperature falling that night to 4 degrees below zero. It rose rapidly Friday and the weather soon became pleasant again. Monday evening we had quite a heavy fall of rain, with some hail and accompanied by considerable thunder and lightning.

The train from Murphy was delayed until late in the afternoon, Thursday, caused, we learn, by someone tampering with the engine at Murphy during the previous night. It is supposed that a tramp sought shelter of the cab and warmth from its fire, which he stirred up, and came near to blowing up the engine by emptying the water from the boiler into the tender.

Last Thursday evening during quite a storm of wind and snow, two dwellings at Dillsboro one occupied by Mr. E. B. McDade and the other by an old gentleman named Train, were destroyed by fire. Mr. Train's house caught first, during his temporary absence, and all its contents were consumed, including, we hear, about one hundred dollars in money. Mr. McDade succeeded in saving the most of his furniture.

Webster's brilliant and handsome young lawyer, Fred Moore, Esq., was here Saturday and left Monday to see the "Fair" at Newberne.

President Cleveland seems to have had a happy thought when he named Senator White, of Louisiana, to fill the vacancy on the U. S. Supreme Bench, by the promptness with which the Senate confirmed the nomination. It is rather astounding that the republicans did not unanimously oppose the confirmation, because the Senator had served in the Confederate army.

Prof. Blair, Supt. of the Winston graded school, expelled several pupils for going to the Degraff hanging.

Mr. Wilson Ensley and Mrs. D. W. Ensley are visiting relatives in Asheville this week. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Reese, Tuesday, the 20th, a girl—Dorothy May. We are having more very cold weather; slight snow Sunday night; mercury 4 above, Tuesday.

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