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DAN TOMPKINS, Editor

Reckon that it would be news it a preacher would bite a snake.

If another preacher wants to make the headlines now, we would advise him to try biting a rattlesnake.

For the encouragement of the young, we'll say that it doesn't feel so terrible to be 44.

A hint to the S.P.C.A. Don't you think this business is rather hard on rattlesnakes?

less than half that.

The mountains have contributed to him! the nation some of its greatest preach ers of the Gospel; but none of them Teester could be prosecuted under have ever been able to attract the at- the law as cruel to animals as I feel tention of the news agencies like sure it would be easy for you good Teester has. If given the news value mountain people to prove him a they have merited, they would have "Jackass." reflected credit upon the people of With my best personal regards and the mountains, and placed them in wishes for you and the preacher, I their proper light before the world. am.

As for the people of Jackson county, their feeling regarding the incident of Teester, who came from somewhere, some four or five years ADMINISTRATION FEARS ago, aur attached himself to the dozen or fifteen Holiness people on Cullowhee Mountain, appears to be either a merry laugh at the idiocy of the will keep the best part of the arid things, one of revulsion at its mockery, or of disgust at the sorry spec-

TEESTER AND THE SNAKE

There has been a great to do in the papers over the insignificant event of a rattlesnake, brought to the Holi ness church on Cullowhee Mounta ubiting one Albert Teester.

To our way of thinking, Teester didn't prove anything except that he was silly enough to run his hand into a box with a diamond-backed rattler. Even the unthinking dumb animals have a God-given sense that warns them to beware of snakes, and yo. can't drive even a mule into the la eality of Sir Snake. He Aso proyed that he had failed to inderstand the plain teaching of the Holy Writ that informs us that the Almighty has no patience with His children getting themselves deliberately into get them out. Satan, when Jesus was about to initiate the Christian movement, suggested that, in order to attract attention to Himself, the Master jump off the pinnacle of the Temple, and reminded our lord that the Scripture taught that the Angels would have charge of Him and see to it that no harm befell. (Shakespeare their acts of kindness and sympathy aptly put it: "The Devil can quote Scripture to his purpose). The reply of Jesus comes ringing down the ages. "It is also written, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

But the thing that concerns us about the Teester affair is the opinion that the news stories, and news reels will give the world of Western North Carolina. Usually, we don't care a great deal what people think: but this kind of publicity can, it people do not understand us, give a wrong impression of the mountains and the mountain people. Will the world believe that the religion of the mountains is of the type of that professed by Teester? If these are the impressions that intelligent people outside the mountains will get of us, wont they put us in a class of the benighted peoples in the heart of Africa and Asia? Wont all this tommyrot be of incalculable injury to the people of Western North Caro'-

FROM OUT IN TEXAS

Houston, Texas, 8-13-34 Editor Jackson County Journal, Sylva, N. C.

Dear Mr. Editor.

Being a native of North Carolina and having speat most of my life in the State, also keeping up with the happenings in N C, thru the Greens boro Daily News, (which is the best newspaper in the State, if not in the South) I am writing a little commentfor your newspaper about the Albert Teester snake matter, which probably needs pity more than comment.

From my observation, teachings, etc., in North Carolina, I learned to know that N. C. had some as smart people, good blood, high intellect as

the state same seas

any people in the world. I further knew, that N. C. had a few fanaties "dama fools," etc., but I did not know N. C. had a man so foolish as to invite trouble to his personal body in order to try to prove to you intelligent mountain people that a snake would not bite, nor could hurt. My opinion is, no one but a fanation would say such, or pretend to believe such as nature has proven to the most ignorant person in the work that what Teester said is not true In fact, I think the snake proved to him he told a falschood. I will admir it myself, we've got to have faith in what we do as the mind controls the body, but to tell intelligent people if you have faith you can stick your finger in the fire and it wont burn you is an insult to your intelligence You can be sure your sins will find you out and we will reap what w. sow. This should be a lesson to the preacher for letting his wife die in With tobacco bringing an average pain like he did. Some one might tell of 20 cents to 26 cents a pound, East- the preacher that the Lord punished ern Carolina is riding high, wide, and him for telling a false story. That handsome. Last year the price was would be just as reasonable as his snake story. A man making fool statements like Teester about the Now, watch things really happen snake will probably invite children to The first kidnapping in the entire try it on their brothers and sisters. history of Canada was perpetrated I will suggest that Teester's friends when a wealthy man was "snatched" make application at Morganton to and a reward of \$150,000 demanded get him in the asylum just as soon

My opinion is, that a 'man like

Yours very truly, G. D. Gurley, President Gurley Oil Corporation.

MORE LABOR TROUBLES

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land facus from being blown into the next state or across the continent. Ten million dollars has been allocated to start this work.

The inflationists are still busy, and cautious observers here look for stronger pressure toward an inflated of Greenville, S. C., reached here for Court of Jackson County on a currency than has been seen yet. But the enthusiasts who thought the new Housing Act was going to put five million workers in the building trades back on the job right away are finding that that just ain't so. James A. Moffett, the able young business mar who has been put in charge of this. recognizes impossibilities when he ees them and is soft-pedaling the cahisinsm over this project, "Some" relief by next year in the building industry is all he will commit him-

REWARD

LOST in Yellow Mt'n, section. trouble and then expecting Him to Hamburg, one fox hound, female, black and white spotted body. Lerron head, sear on right flank. Answers to name "Bill .- Notify Rufus Hall Sylva, N. C.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere ap preciation to our many friends for extended to us during the recent illness and passing of our dearly be loved husband and father.

> Mrs. John R. Green Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Jones Maud Green

LYRIC THEATRE SYLVA, N. C.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18. Buck Jones in "TREASON"

Also 'Love Detective" Chapter No. 6 "Pirate Treasure"

MONDAY-TUESDAY, AUG. 20-21 James Cagney-Joan Blondell in

"HE WAS HER MAN" Also Comedy-"Business Is Pleasure" Metro News

WEDNESDAY. AUGUST 22

MATINEE MONDAY, 3:00

Warner Baxter in 'SUCH WOMEN ARE DANGEROUS"

'Also Comedy--"A Good Scout"

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40 YEARS AGO

Fuckaseige Democrat, August 1, 1894

Asheville -- George W. Vander bilt has just increased his large holdings of land near Asheville by the purchase of 98,000 acres of mountain land in the counties of Henderson and Tran sylvania. The immense body of land adjoins a tract of 16,000 acres purchased some time ago, the two tracts thus framing a continuous boundary of 114,000 acres. Considered as whole the tract is bounded on th northwest by the crest of an irreg ular cross chain of lofty mountain connecting the Blue Ridge with th Great Smokies.

Murphy-Special Detectives Ma bane and Tate, of Greensboro, visited this section last week. The resul was that they captured four illici stills and 1,800 gallons of moonshin whiskey, which were shipped to Asheville.

Mr. Pierce Allen went to Ashevil! yesterday.

Postmaster Kerr, of Asheville made us a pleasant visit Friday.

Mrs. J. D. Allen went to Waynes ville Tuesday to visit her daughter Mr. W. R. Stedman, after spending several weeks with his mother's famas he is able to travel. God help ily, here, left Monday for his post of duty in Georgia.

Messrs. J. E. Moss and Win. Wilson favored us with a call Thursday. while on their way to the convention: at Dillsboro.

Mr. C. B. Wike and Master Robert Hazard, of Washington, D. C., left on Monday, for home, after a week pleasantly spent with relatives and friends in this county.

Mr. B. B. Brown, recently elected Supt. of the Normal Department of the Cullowhee High School, came in Monday, to assume his duties in th. school, which opens Monday.

Mr. R. M. Davis, formerly of this place, but now of Saluda, came in Saturday, to see his family, who are pending the summer here. Mr. Davihas many friends here who are a! ways glad to see him.

A mountain party composed of Mr party proceeded to Dillsboro to to render aid. spend several days with Mr. T. H Hastings. Miss Annie, whom every-

body remembers, was gladly welcomed as she has a great many friends to whom she has endeared herself by her kindly manner and sweet disposition. She left for home Tuesday morning, much to the regret of us

The Senatorial convention meeting in Dillsboro, with E. R. Hampton as chairman, heard R. L. Leatherwood nominated by James H. Cathey, and M. S. Farmer, of Henderson, by E. A. Posey, Mr. Leatherwood was nominated on the first ballot. ...

TRUCK PARKING ORDINANCE

The Board of Aldermen has recently enacted an ordinance regulating the parking of trucks and motor vehicles with trailers on Main Street of Sylva. It was pointed out at the City Hall that the ordinance was not passed to discourage people coming into town with trucks and trailers and stopping here, but to make traffic safer and more convenient through the town for all people who come

The ordinance reads: "No person shall park or leave standing, attended or unattended, any motor truck or motor vehicle with trailer upon the Main Street of the Town of Sylva, except when engaged in unloading merchandise or other commodities at a building located thereon, in which event the truck or motor vehicle with trailer, shall be parked parallel with the curb on Main Street.

"Any person violating this ordinance, upon conviction, shall be pun ished by fine of not more than \$10. 00, or imprisonment of not more than ten days, or both in the discretion of the Court".

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness to us and sympathy shown, at the time of the death of Mrs. Dean Carey Dean

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Governor of North Carolina for a pardon or Med Hustings and family, of Keo parole from the remaining part of a wee, S. C., Miss Mattie Hastings, of twelve months sentence imposed up Tennessee, and Miss Annie Jarratt on him at the May Term 1934 Super Friday evening, and leaving Mist charge of leaving the scene of an Annie Jarratt here, the rest of the automobile accident without stopping

This August 15, 1934. Theodore Mashburn.





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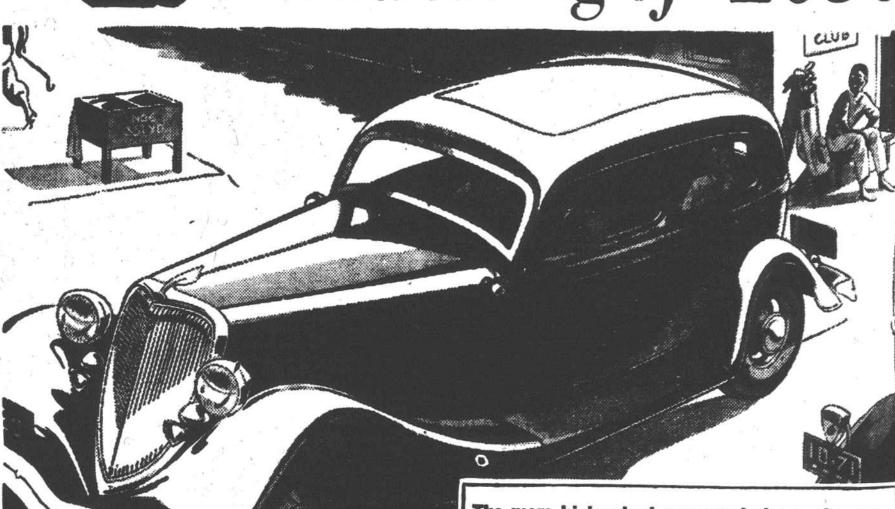
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