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THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

he Mandarin House Murders" By VAN WYCK MASON

"You've come to any conclusions,

"Only got here five minutes ago,

CHAPTER V was swung wider open

red face of Major Kil-

ugh, you've been taking time, I must say. t help it. What's wrong itions commenced North like lengthening

like a simple case of sui-Guy's abrupt departure ? there's something odd "My name's North, and you're

The dead man took this e a faise name and-but e draw your own conclu-

einvariable politeness of maldemn, Kilgour thankistant manager and sent individual back to his

gite's little sitting room wre standing in attitudes may. One was a big beefy with a phlegmatic face and simple, it's in there." one felt would always reervious to emotion. To a house detective. The othwand little Chinese much Buddha garbed in from the end of a bright nickeled European clothes. Smil-while, he was examining chain. of the new gray felt hat. Bruce ?" wheeled and clasped both so there hasn't been much time," r his round little belly. Major Kilgour stated shortly. "Still, bowed very low. I've noted a thing or two out of the

hight sun of wisdom en-eclipsing this dim plan-

too.'

ble.

you've been through them."

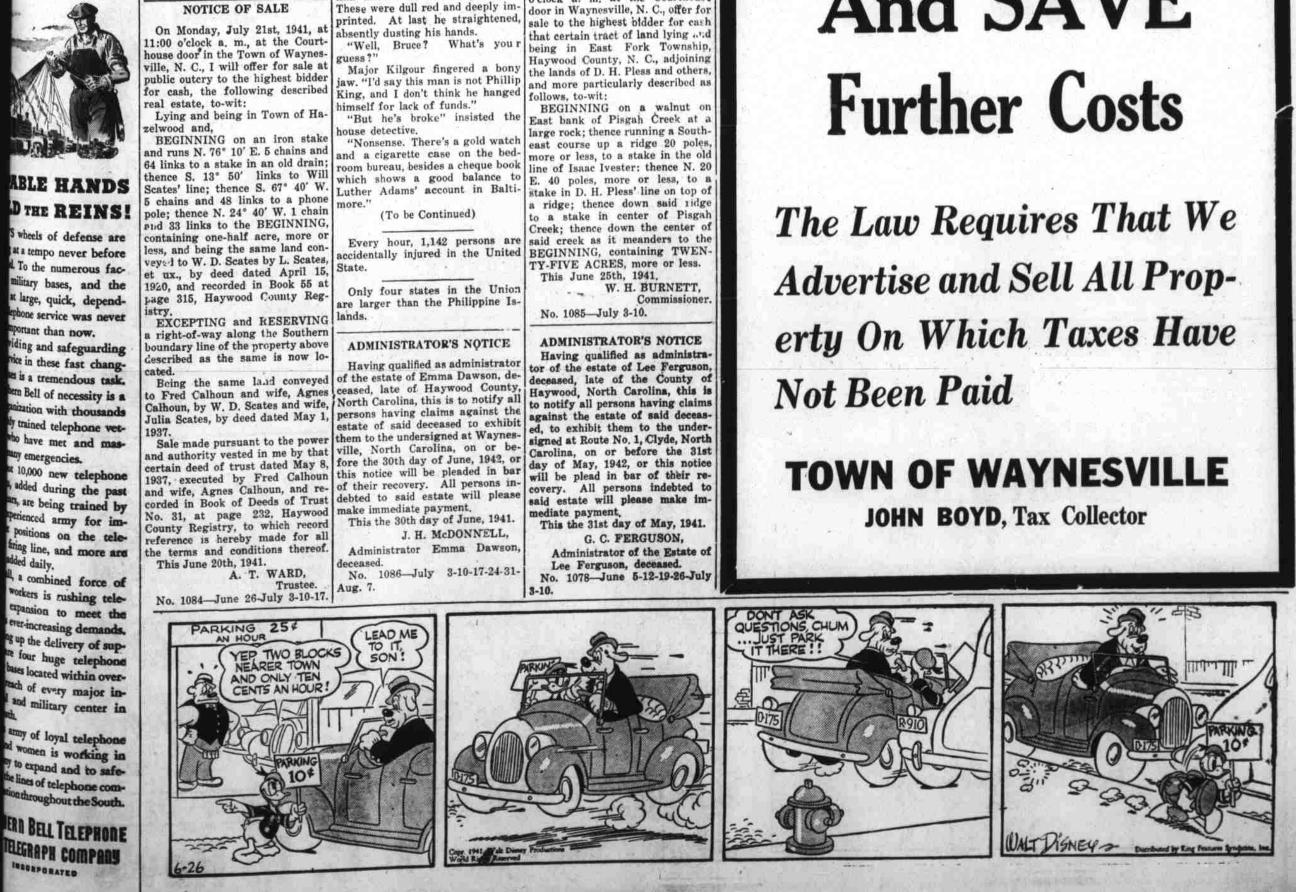
ter Chao, you ought to bead of yours examined." med and then suddenly

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serious one more addressed the than he did. It was also likely that British Intelligence office. "Where's the French Dieuxieme Bureau was Sir Guy?" no less well posted. "Left a few minutes ago. Said he

"L. A.?"

was sorry but he'd received an ur-"In lamented suicide's pocket was gent summons from our Consulate." a letter addressed to one Major While offering his hand to the Luther Adams, but that was all. All hotel detective, North wondered baggage new, all clothes new. Very whether intelligence of certain ar- queer.

rivals on the Empress of Finland Making no comment, North had not something to do with Sir stripped off his dinner coat and, with the help of the others, released

the corpse which they laid on the room's cheerful brown carpet. This "Pebble, Capt'n. Special Officer done, the man from G-2 narrowly

Pebble. Sorry we haven't got noexamined a strip of ahesive crudewheres yet, but this Chink." he ly securing the dead wrists. nodded contemptuously towards In-"Looks as if the blighter might spector Chao, "thought we shouldhave done it himself, at that," Kiln't do nothing 'till you showed up." gour suggested from across the "Sorry to have kept you waiting." body.

"Oh, it's okey with me. But it's "Yes, it's a poor job of binding." "Of course he done it himself," all nonsense, this waiting." He indicated the door of a bathroom proke in the house detective. "The neatly tiled in black and white. "If whole thing's plain as the nose on ever I've seen a case of suicide plain your face. Motive means everything."

North's black clad figure seemed "Motive ?"

"Yeh. The guy was flat broketo more nearly approximate its acthere ain't five dollars Mex on him tual six feet and his prominent cheekbones became quite sharply -no letter of credit not anything. delineated during his survey of a Guess this was just the end of the contorted figure dangling uglily trail for him."

"Shouldn't wonder," Kilgour murmured while running through a small heap of documents on the sitting room desk.

As for Chao Ku, he made no comment at all but continued a patient examination of the dead man's coat. The fatal chain-it was designed to loop back the shower bath cur-

way-Maybe they'll strike you, tains-glittered briefly in North's North Carolina Banks Drawing a deep breath, North apcarefully handkerchiefed hand proached the corpse and for some while he made a mental photograph of the distorted purplish features moments regarded its bulging eyes and protruding tongue with the de- glaring up from the level of his tached creticalness of a connoiseur gleaming dancing shoes. Long

pointed and sensitive, the dead examining a doubtful old master "Um. Fellow seems to have died man's countenance was far from of strangulation all right." It was, commonplace, and his brow was of a height as to suggest better than he found, interesting to speculate on

average intelligence. whether this gruesome figure's North bent over one of the dead brain had helped develop a secret man's wrists and then looked up worth the security of a dozen great sharply when he found it quite cool nations. He turned to Officer Peb--almost cold, in fact.

"At what time did-er, Mr. King "What about his papers? I see check in?"

"I've already found out, Captain," "They're made out to Phillip King Officer Pebble replied in conscious all right, passport and everything, virtue. "He checked in about six." but look at this." Officer Pebble "Is the clerk who checked him in raised up the lower tabs of the dead still on duty?" man's waistcoat to expose the in-

"No, Captain. The night clerks itials L. A. embossed on his belt come on at seven. Why?" buckle. "Well?" North was conscious of "I was wondering if anyone had

asked for Mr. King." Major Kilgour's effort to appear un-A brief telephone conversation impressed. He must be extra careful established the fact that Mr. King -he and Bruce generally worked had spoken twice over the wire. hand in glove, but in this case-The last call had come around six-Well, they'd probably still help each thirty-a man had called, the other up to a point, then the case operator thought.

would resolve itself into a struggle "He must have died shortly after for a swift solution. The chances that," Kilgour observed. were Kilgour's people already knew North nodded, then stooped again. more about Luther Adams and his This time narrawly to examine the sudden departure from Washington

link marks on the body's neck. These were dull red and deeply im-



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loans made per bank during the was \$968.

NOTICE OF RESALE

Under and by virtue of an order of resale of the Superior Court of Haywood County, made in the Special proceeding entitled "W. H. Burnett, Administrator of Celia Burnett, deceased, vs. Cora Bur-nett King, et al.," the same being No. 140 on the Special Proceeding Docket of said Court, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Monday, July 14th, 1941, at eleven o'clock a. m. at the Courthouse

Raymond Caldwell He Got The Bird And Also The \$1,500 Wins 4-H Award

Will Be A Delegate From Haywood To Short Course In Raleigh This Month.

One of the delegates from Haywood county to the 4-H Short Course at State College this year will be Raymond Caldwell, of Waynesville. He was named the outstanding 4-H club boy in the county, and the honor carries with it a scholarship to the Short Course. The scholarship pays all expenses and is worth \$5.50.

The 1941 State 4-H Short Course at State College will open Monday, July 28, and will continue through Saturday, August 2. L. R. Har-rill, State 4-H club leader, and Miss Frances MacGregor, assistthe event.

OAKLAND, Calif.-A small bird pulled the lanyard of a miniature cannon in a hotel floor show. That was part of the act, but what followed wasn't. So testified William B. Olsen,

who was awarded \$1,500 damages against the Paramount Hotel Corporation.

The powder and wadding struck him in the face,

A Missouri gardener's Airedale brought home a 12-pound ham and buried it in the flower-bed. The demand for Airedales is said to be increasing in certain communities.

speak on the Achievement Day program Friday morning, August 1, and Dr. Frank Porter Graham, ant state club leader, have an- president of the Greater University nounced a complete program for of North Carolina, will address the young people on Wednesday morn-

Governor J. M. Broughton will ing.

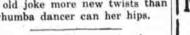
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