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Uncle Abe's Letter

BILLY "LITTLEBRITCHES"

Now folks, if you'll pardon me, back to my letter of 2nd week 'bout the ol' Waynesville Road marks, you can get the story right in with it. Fact is, I sent the Editor this in a letter, but I got so trilled about Long He Shek-me bein' a purty good drible, I natcherly expatriated with him, see? But now, since he's come off into self exile, being a somethin', I'll probly never get my message to 'im.

But I prom't you Ed, I'll briches this wk. Now I'll be sort of an ol' landmark, in 'back bout '63 to '64, '65, '66. It was a leather water mule, as Homer Davis, Jr. calls 'em, but Billy Bell, but ever he was, an' an' 'an' were s'f'ly little briches. He called 'im Billy "Littlebriches". He took 2 1/2 to 3 yds. of pants cloth for most men's pants, but not for Billy. Uncle Wade Frazier, see? He only took 1 1/2 yds. in the '63 and 1 1/4 yds. in '64. Billy lived bout the Brindle place, now he carries the mail from Waynesville to old Webster in Jackson Co. making the 41 mile trip on his back every day. Uncle Steve Shelton had the contract, Mr. Frazier see, an' paid Billy 50¢ a day.

Now, s'f'ly a hard-riding, good carryin' man woud be apt to develop bites down when the saddle rubbed an' the mail bags pinched so Billy developed 1 bit as a young aig, an' fourthly went mad, it got to hurtin' him so bad.

Then Wade Frazier was sent to stick Billy, an' Uncle Wade, when he stuck 'im that Billy ran a pt. full, small as he was. I finally got him down to 1 1/2 yds.

The mail route back then from Waynesville to Big Creek, via Cove Creek, was carried by Ben Nelson, one of the pioneer riders of the route, an' this round trip of 70 miles took 2 days.

But I wanted 'specially to tell you about Tom Esau Colwell who delivered Nelson, an' walk the route, yes s'f'ly! That is, he would up hill, trotted in the level stretches, an' s'f'ly, scooted and jumped down the mt. sides. Eds Howell had the contract when Esau carried, an' paid him 25¢ a day at first then 40¢. Bud Colwell who lives on South St., an' is now about 90 yrs. old,

then whir it does now, but wound around the bank by the Waynesville Mill to the ford at Smathers St. crossin' (now) an' up by what is now the Catholic School an' on up Church Street.

S' long,
UNCLE ABE.

FRANKLIN ENDS CRUISE

Jane K. Franklin, seaman apprentice of Waynesville, is scheduled to arrive in Norfolk, Va., January 29, after a six-month cruise in the Mediterranean Sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.



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Action Asked

"I remember back in the first war, I told people over there that if the United States wasn't careful, things would get to be like in Europe. It's happening."

"I figure," Guy went on, "that the Klan is the best organization to straighten out conditions by civic activity. What kind of civic activity? Education I guess that'll cover it."

Does Guy believe in violence by the Klan?

"Only," he said, "when the American government is threatened by force."

Would he consider Communism such a force? He would.

But what about the law? "Sometimes," he said, "people are afraid to act because of political pressures."

And if the law still fails to act? "Nothing the Klan could do," said Guy. "We could just bring pressure on the law enforcement agencies."

"The Klan's public record since 1921 contains a long list of actions outside the law—beatings and intimidations. On the part of some officials, no longer connected ostensibly with the Klan, the record includes fraud against the state of Georgia."

Scotts Fair Practice Idea

Would a Fair Employment Practices commission work in the south? "It would be like the prohibition law. Where you've got a majority of sentiment against it, it won't work," Guy said. "That's the kind of thing the Communists want. The Negro is being used to

DEATH DARKENS SCREEN

ST. PAUL (U.P.)—Death darkened the Tower Theater screen when the 60-year-old projectionist, Carl Lick, died of a heart attack while working.

MADE TO LAST

MINERAL WELLS, Tex. (U.P.)—R. J. Butler, who was 80 in December, still has the first pair of shoes he ever wore. They were made by one of his great-uncles in Alabama, where he was born.

Jackson, Swain Enter Turkish Tobacco Program

Growers in Alexander, Swain, Jackson, Graham and Marion counties, have tentative plan for beginning the production of Turkish tobacco this year, reports R. H. Crouse, agronomy specialist for the State College Extension Service.

Last year, Turkish was grown in Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes and Caldwell.

Altogether, Crouse said, these 10 counties will produce about 50 to 55 acres of the Turkish leaf in 1949. Since the leaves are very small and the crop requires a great deal of hand labor, most growers will plant about one-fourth acre each, but a few who have sufficient harvest labor available will plant half an acre each.

Aromatic Turkish leaf, important in the manufacture of popular brands of American cigarettes, was produced commercially in the United States last year for the first time. An average price of 80.7 cents per pound was paid to 87 Tar Heel growers who produced a total crop of 21,646 pounds and sold it for a total of \$17,469.22.

Hunter Gets Deer, Then Hunting License

BISMARCK, N. D.—With only about two hours of North Dakota's 3-day deer season remaining, G. C. Grenz, who lives south of Bismarck in Emmons County, walked into the state game and fish department headquarters at Bismarck and asked for a deer hunting license.

"You won't have time to get a deer before the season closes, will you?" asked a puzzled clerk as he made out the license.

"Oh, it won't take me long to run down and shoot one," replied Grenz confidently, plunking down the \$5 license fee.

He hurried out of the office, license in pocket, and headed for Emmons County.

There in a piece of wooded country was a freshly-killed, untagged deer.

There also were some game warden.

Grenz was fined \$50 and costs for illegally shooting a deer.

TAKES STORK IN STRIDE

CLAREMORE, Okla. (U.P.)—The stork comes and goes quickly here. Dr. John De Canio, local physician, calmly lunched at the Lions Club here, rose when the speaking started and said he had to go to the hospital to deliver a baby. He said, "I'll be back before the meeting is over," and he was.

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