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MISSISSIPPI FLOOD

Thousands and thousands of men, women and children have been rendered homeless and destitute by the worst flood in the history of this country. Sections that have never before been flooded are completely inundated by the present flood. Large sections of several states in the flood area are under water, more than it is possible for us here in our sequestered mountain glens to conceive of. Large numbers have lost all their possessions, being even fortunate to escape the mad waters with their lives. Several hundred have been drowned by the angry waters which do not seem to abate but continue to reach out and cover more territory daily.

Fortunate indeed is it that we have such an organization as the American Red Cross, which was first to reach the scene of disaster, aiding and caring for the homeless and destitute, supplying food, shelter and comfort to all in their power to do so. At first the call went out over the country for \$5,000,000 to aid in the great work, people all over the nation responded generously to the call, the amount being asked for was over subscribed. As the flood grows greater in its ravage more money was needed to carry on and the call was doubled, the goal will soon be reached for the American people are always faithful and respond quickly to calls of distress like this. These poor people will need help for a long time, homes gone, crops destroyed, huddled together in camps by the thousands, depending on us to help them find homes and work so that they can help themselves. The National Government will have to come in and help with this work of charity as it is so great, organizations alone can not do all that is needed to save life from disease, etc., which follow a disaster of this kind.

Much of the flooded area will not be available for farming in a long time and some may never be reclaimed. The problem of controlling the great Mississippi will be one for our National Government to handle.

Amarillo, Texas,
May 3, 1927.

Mr. J. A. Gray,
Editor of Clay County News,
Hayesville, N. C.
Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find check for \$1.00 for one years subscription as per your ad in your issue of the paper of April 29th.

It may be of interest to some of the old timers of Clay County to recall the writer who left there with 9 other young men, chaperoned by the oldest man of your county, Uncle Johnnie Crawford, on Feb. 22, 1886, to come West to grow up with the country. Some of the boys I recall are Albert Sellers, Geo. Alexander, Ed Curtis, Mich Haigler, Hix Cherry, Luther Ledford, and a Mr. Brown from Towns County, Ga., and one other man that I cannot recall and Uncle Johnnie Crawford and the writer.

We all reached our destination and scattered to the four winds of the U. S. A., and I guess the majority of them have passed on to the great beyond.

I have one wish in mind and I hope to live to have it granted me and that is that I may have the pleasure of

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

**SQUANDERING OIL WEALTH.
400% MORE BABY SHOES.
USELESS RECORD BREAKING.
WILL SHE DIE?**

Mr. Teagle, president of New Jersey Standard Oil, warns oil men that they are cutting their own throats. This country is treating the nation's oil wealth as unintelligently as frontiersmen treated the herds of bison. The bison soon vanished.

Oil is actually being sold for less than it costs to produce, cheerful for buyers, but it will not last.

Millions are spent developing new wells to increase competition while oil companies are carrying 530,000,000 barrels of oil stored above ground at an annual cost, loss and waste of \$130,000,000.

The country's national oil wealth is not merely private wealth.

It is a great national asset and a way should be found to give oil production some national control and stop waste.

You are told many things about prohibition, for and against. R. H. Davidson, writing from Coronado Beach, California, asks, "Do you chance to know that the sale of children's shoes has increased 400 per cent per annum since prohibition came?"

Everybody will agree that 400 per cent more shoes for children, combined with larger savings bank deposits, is a strong argument for prohibition, assuming those things to be results of prohibition.

Those that would modify the Volstead Act say the average man is earning about twice what he earned before the war, and increased earnings, not the absence of beer, explain greater savings and more children's shoes.

A coal strike of a sort was started last week in what is called "the central competitive field." Union

making a visit home on the occasion of Uncle Johnnie's 100th birthday. It would be a great pleasure for me to witness such a celebration.

By the way, Mr. Editor, you have failed to give any account of the writer having the honor of being the Uncle of twin boys born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smart on March 1st. I have scrutinized every issue of your paper since this all happened and so far I have failed to see any account of it. I would almost be tempted to send you two or three years subscription in advance if I could see the boys names in print.

I hope to be back some time in the near future and we will all get acquainted and no each other better.

Regards to all the old timers, good luck to the new generation and success to the new generation and success for you and your paper.

Very respectfully yours,
GEO. M. LEDFORD.

The above letter from Mr. Geo. M. Ledford, one of Clay County's sons who went west in the early eighties to seek his fortune is very much appreciated by the Editor. Mr. Ledford has made a success in business since locating in Texas and this paper is glad indeed to hear that those who have left the old home county of Clay are making good.

With reference to the twin boys of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smart who were born on March 1st last, the Editor wishes to state that he is very sorry that no announcement of the birth of the twins was made sooner. The names of the twins are Roel and Noel and they are two fine boys of which Mr. and Mrs. Ledford have a right to be proud.

NOTICE OF SEIZURE OF LIQUOR CAR

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Sheriff of Clay County, North Carolina, on or about the 19th day of March, 1927, at a point on State Highway No. 28 near the residence of W. T. Bumgarner and between said point and the residence of D. C. Setzer, seized one Ford touring car, Motor No. 10061-52. That just before the seizure a man jumped from the car and ran and about 30 gallons of liquor was found in same. The owner will take notice that unless he comes in and files his claim for said property within ten days after the last publication of this notice which will be on May 20th, 1927, he shall be deemed to have waived all rights to same and the undersigned Sheriff will at once proceed to sell as is provided for confiscated liquor cars. Dated at Hayesville, N. C., this 7th day of May, 1927.
ED KITCHENS,
Sheriff Clay County, N. C.

men in the North cannot compete with non-union men farther South. The alleged attempt to reduce wages in the North would cause still further reduction of wages in the South. Industry and business are not civilized while it is necessary for employes to engage in periodical battles, at the expense of the workers' wives and children, to decide what is fair pay. Some impartial third party should fix wages. The public pays in the price of coal.

Segrave, British beat the world's automobile record last week, flying over the sands of Daytona Beach in Florida at a speed greater than 166 miles an hour. His racing car, the "Mystery S," looking like a submarine on land, broke the American record by ten miles an hour. It's an achievement interesting, but not useful. No automobile can go USEFULLY 166 miles an hour, or 100 miles an hour.

Up in the air, where the road is wide, is the place for real speed.

At Lyons in Georgia, men on trial for kidnaping and flogging the Rev. E. J. Jones, Jr., wore hoods. One had a pistol, another waved a sword. They told Mr. Jones they did not approve his moral conduct, drove him off in a car, held him down, beat him with a leather strap.

The clergyman testifies "After I was set free I started off down the road singing 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be.'" During the beating he had prayed aloud. Such fortitude is MOST unusual.

Now New York may have to decide about executing Mrs. Ruth Snyder, young, blond, curly-haired widow, aged thirty-two, who recently confessed she helped another man murder her husband.

She says she now loathes the man that did the killing. He seems to have borrowed a suggestion from his original ancestor, Adam. Friends say he was hypnotized by the woman whose husband he killed.

If human nature, public opinion and the course of events work as usual, the man will be executed and the woman sentenced to life imprisonment. There seems to be a psychological objection to strapping women in the electric chair.

We do not need war with China, and it would not be a righteous war, once we have rescued our nationals.

Having told Asiatics that they may not live here, it would be playing the hypocrite and bully to object to China's decision that she does not want us, or Europeans, on her soil. If we may exclude Asiatics justly, China may, with equal justice, exclude us.

About Your Health
Things You Should Know



by John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

CANCER

We cannot know too much about things that concern life itself. This terrible disease always strikes terror in the heart of its victim as well as in the minds of those who love, or are called to minister to him. Hence, this brief article.

We know that cancer is not communicable—and that it is not distinctly hereditary, though the "tendency" may belong to certain families. I have noticed that florid complexions are more liable to skin malignancy than the medium; and that the very dark individuals are more often afflicted with malignant growths of the internal organs. In either instance, continual irritation is the thing that brings cancer into activity. Hence, people with cancer-tendencies must avoid all things that set up continual irritation; a pipe-stem or cigar; a stiff, hard hat; a corset that exerts pressure in some particular locality; a rectal growth, simple at first, may become malignant by constant irritation; the eating of strong condiments, pepper, catsup, or other active irritants of the gastric membrane lining, continued for years, may hasten a malignant condition.

In this terrible disease, an ounce of prevention is worth many pounds of cure. May I insist upon the well-known axiom that, success with cancer depends upon its early recognition. Treatment here may well begin when a suspicion of the disease is aroused. Often to await the positive diagnosis is too late. Instant removal is the only safe way, if removal is possible. No matter what faddists may declare, we know this is the best possible advice. After removal—the X-ray or Radium becomes a God-send. I know of many cases happily cured by this line of action. I have never known any other way for a cure to be possible.

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MURPHY, N. C.

Last—Gold and Flesh—The Motive



This pair Henry Judd Gray and Mrs. Ruth Brown Snyder, charged with the brutal murder—by beating, chloroform and strangling of Albert Snyder, partially deaf husband of the woman, as he slept in a drunken stupor, now face a jury in New York in a case which holds the attention of the nation. The motive, it is charged, was lust for gold—Snyder's insurance,—and undisturbed love. Both have children.

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