

## 1930 ROARING GAP SEASON OPENS

### BOOZE CONDITION IN ELKIN AIRED BEFORE RECORDER

### FATHER OF ARRESTED YOUTH MAKES TOUCHING TALK IN OPEN COURT

### HINT PROTECTION

Judge Barker Stirred Because "Big Fellow" Escapes And Boys Take Brunt of Blame

The big bootleggers being protected in Elkin? Is there a liquor ring higher up out of the clutches of the law in Elkin? The question was threshed out in a thorough degree in Recorder's court Tuesday morning when Russell Hampton, fifteen year old boy was before Judge Barker for having a pint of liquor in his possession. The court gave the boy a suspended sentence on the roads provided he give a \$200.00 bond for his appearance in federal court in November when he shall have reached the age of sixteen years. He is already under a suspended sentence in the federal court for the same offense.

Conditions in Elkin were sorely flayed by Gurney Hampton father of the lad, who arose in court and told the judge and spectators that he did not come to plead mercy but that he had advised and pleaded with the boy to give up his evil ways. That it was that the father, honored by all his fellow townsmen, flayed those in authority who permit this state of things to exist where big bootleggers parcel out liquor to youths who peddle it about the streets and where other fathers present come will come of their own accord and girls alike if not of affairs in Elkin.

Barker agreed with Mr. Hampton entirely, he said and pointed out that it was peculiar that only boys under age were about all who were being arrested in Elkin on liquor charges and that when big booze hauls were made, they were made by federal officers.

There was about the only case of any consequence this week, although Isom Macemore was let off with the costs and Colonel Cheek was given a fine of \$10. and costs for an affray.

Three cases were called but none of the defendants answered whereupon their bonds were ordered surrendered. Marvin Martin, charged with drunkenness was slated for trial and when he failed to appear the \$200.00 bond signed by Dr. I. S. Gambill was forfeited. The same was true when Willard Lewis failed to come to trial on a bad check charge and the \$200.00 bond of Gurney Lewis was ordered forfeited. Ernest Pardue, charged with drunkenness, failed to appear and the \$100.00 bond signed by J. G. Ray was ordered forfeited.

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### A PREMONITION

Just before Richard Hemric died in the Wilkes hospital, this week after being crushed through the glass window at the Sydnor Spainhour Store by a negro automobile driver, he told relatives that he knew he would die a violent death because he had been called to preach and had not obeyed the call. He was extremely active in church work.

### MT. AIRY BAND TO PLAY FOR MASONIC PICNIC ON JULY 4

### ADDITIONAL NAMES ARE PLACED ON COMMITTEES BY M. R. BAILEY MANAGER

With plans shaping themselves up in fine order for the annual Masonic Picnic July 4, it appears that the event this year will far eclipse any of the long string of picnics. Manager M. R. Bailey has made tentative arrangements to bring the Mt. Airy band here for that date. The Lee's Riding Devices will be here during the whole week. M. R. Bailey manager of the picnic, has made the following statement regarding the day:

"I appeal to the members of the committee and every one to help make this picnic a success. If your name is not on the committee, don't feel slighted. Take hold and help us. We will have a large crowd and it will take lots of food to feed the crowd, and I am depending on the good ladies to do their best, they have never failed us. Part of the committee list was left out last week on account of space. Thanking you to cooperate with us and make a success, I will do all I can to this end.

M. R. Bailey, Mgr. Names omitted, J. S. Atkinson, David Brendle, Dr. H. C. Salmon, A. D. Harmon, Fletcher Harris, R. C. Woodruff, Edworth Harris, Enoch Harris, W. M. Gray, Mrs. E. F. McNeer, Mrs. R. M. Chatham, Mrs. W. M. Gray.

### Late News

#### BYRD RETURNS

New York gave Admiral Richard E. Byrd a royal welcome Thursday morning after the explorer's long arctic trip in which he gathered data of the South Pole.

#### STOCKS DECLINE

The New York stock market went on another sharp decline this week, some issues going down as low as ten percent. Wheat and cotton prices also took big tumbles.

## STATE'S SUMMER WHITE HOUSE



GRAYSTONE INN, MAGNIFICENT HOTEL LURED BY THE PIRE BREEZES ATOP THE BLUE RIDGE AT 3700 FEET ELEVATION WHICH IS THE SUMMER WHITE HOUSE OF NORTH CAROLINA WHERE GOVERNOR O. MAX GARDNER WILL SPEND THE SUMMER SEASON AT HIS OFFICIAL WORK FAR FROM THE HEAT OF THE LOWLAND CITIES.

### NEGRO CHARGED WITH MURDER AS HEMRIC BOY DIES

### LAD CRUSHED THROUGH PLATE GLASS WINDOW OVER WEEK AGO, PASSES AWAY

Dan Harris, negro, has been charged with murder by Solicitor Marion Allen of the Elkin Recorder's court following the death early Sunday morning in the North Wilkesboro hospital of Richard Hemric, eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hemric. The boy was standing on the side walk in front of the Sydnor Spainhour store a week ago last Saturday evening when the automobile driven by Harris and owned by Louis Grayes, colored, ran off the street and into the doorway of the store, crushing the Hemric lad through the big plate glass window at the right of the door.

The boy's back was horribly cut when he was pushed through the thick plate glass window, some of the fragments severed the ribs and penetrated the lungs. After the accident the boy was rushed to the Wilkes hospital where he lingered between life and death for over a week.

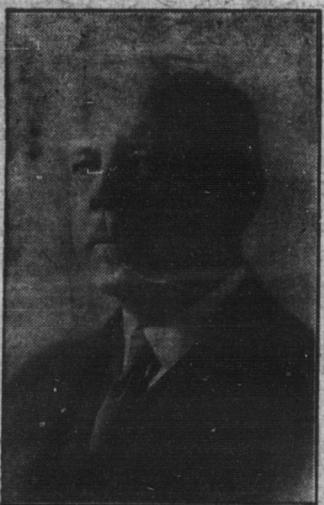
Funeral services were held Tuesday morning from the Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Wilkes county. Besides the parents, five brothers and three sisters survive.

Although it is probable that Harris will be faced with manslaughter, Solicitor Allen pointed out that all indictments of such natures must be for murder, the judge instructing the jury as to the degree of murder. Manslaughter carries a prison sentence of from four months to twenty years.

### LATE HUGH CHATHAM GUIDING SPIRIT OF GREAT DEVELOPMENT OF BLUE RIDGE SUMMER RESORT

### Local Man Saw Possibilities Of Roaring Gap Thirty Years Ago And When First Tiny Hostelery Atop Mountain Had To Be Reached By Horse And Buggy And Day's Drive From Elkin, Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars Spent In Making Place State's Foremost Summer Resort.

The great development which greets the eye today at Roaring Gap on the cooling brim of the Carolinas, twenty miles from Elkin is the fruition of the dreams that the late Hon. Hugh Chatham, beloved of Elkin and Winston-Salem, dreamed many years ago, and then having dreamed them, pushed them forward to a reality. Although Mr. Chatham died last autumn, lamented throughout this section of the state as no man was lamented before, the great mem-



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orial on top the mountain stands as another of the everlasting monuments builded by this pioneer. Coupled with Mr. Chatham in the development of the great play ground of the South was Leonard Tufts, the genius that made Pinehurst.

The great development at Roaring Gap is the fruition of a dream of Colonel Hugh Chatham, booster of the highest order of the great charms and possibilities of this section.

Colonel Chatham over thirty years ago saw the possibilities of the mountain top at Roaring Gap as a great summer resort where scores could come and live and play away from the heat of the valleys below. It is doubtful if Mr. Chatham ever dreamed however, that the development he foresaw, would equal the development already made with an investment of Roaring Gap, Inc., alone reaching almost a million dollars not to mention the private development that has reached into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Almost at the beginning of the present century, through the influence an at the instance of Mr. Chatham, an old develop-

ment concern was organized and a frame hotel to accommodate sixty persons, erected. Instrumental in this first organization were Mr. Chatham, W. C. Fields of Sparta and E. F. McNeer of this city.

In those faraway days, the mountain scenery and health giving air, was just as magnificent as today but the mesa atop the Blue Ridge, was well nigh inaccessible. Persons who went to the mountain top had to go up a steep grade in backs pulled by two stout and strong horses and it took a half a day to make the ascent from Elkin to the top. The hotel flourished however and was run for many years by Mr. C. H. Gwyn of this city. The old hostelery however was burned to the ground some sixteen years ago but this did not thwart the enthusiasm of Mr. Chatham and his co-workers. Indeed, one of the reasons for the establishment of the old Elkin and Alleghany Railroad was to make Roaring Gap within the reach of all.

But the automobile came too transplant the old horse and buggy days and a greater vision spread out before the pioneers who believed in the great possibilities of the place.

Mr. Chatham talked over the possibilities with Leonard Tufts the genius of Pinehurst, and Mr. Tufts became an enthusiastic as Mr. Chatham. The groundwork was laid for the present development and the stock company formed whereby the stockholders were given stock and a choice building lot for \$2,500. A giant barbecue was held and numbers were drawn from a hat with the numbered lots which were thus parcelled out to the number holders.

The building and development began and one of the first things done was to build a hard surfaced road into the development. Simultaneously, the cornerstone was laid for the present Graystone Inn. In the meantime, the State had laid the hard surfaced highway from Elkin to the top of the mountain at a cost of some \$22,000 per mile.

It is a far cry from the present looking development and colony to the colony in the early days of Roaring Gap. In its infancy the colony there consisted of the few cottages in the vicinity of the cemetery and houses were built and occupied by Mr. Hugh Chatham, and his

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### DUKE FOUNDATION OKEYS HOSPITAL PLANS FOR ELKIN

### CONSTRUCTION ON HUGH CHATHAM MEMORIAL TO BEGIN ABOUT JULY 1

### SELECT CONTRACTORS

### Blue Prints To Be Sent To Seven Firms Who Will Submit Bids

Construction work on the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital is expected to begin by July 1 following the favorable report from the Duke Foundation for the plans for the hospital, as drawn by Harold Macklin, Winston-Salem architect, had been approved and that the Duke gift of \$24,000 would be sent to Elkin. This makes a total of \$48,000 in the hospital treasury to begin the construction of the \$85,000 structure. Rev. L. B. Abernethy father of the hospital movement, received word from the Duke Foundation last Saturday stating that the plans had been given a formal okay.

As soon as the separate blueprints for the big institution are sent here, which is expected to be the middle of next week, the hospital committee will send them to seven selected firms of contractors who will be asked to bid on the work and the contract is expected to be let just as soon as the bids are received and the lowest bidder determined.

It is hoped to complete the hospital by the time of the annual conference of the Methodist Church next fall. The Methodist Church, South has voted to maintain the hospital. The institution, named in honor of the memory of the late Hugh Chatham, Elkin's greatest benefactor and dearly beloved son, was made possible through a subscription of \$12,000 from Elkin citizens and a like sum from the Chatham estate besides, the magnificent site in the pine clad knoll in the North section of town just off the state highway and the \$45,000 gift from the Duke Foundation.

### HOPE TO FLY NEW PLANE BY JULY 1

The Heath-Parasol airplane built by two local youths, Ted and Jake Brown is on display at the Ford Motor Company until the motor arrives from the factory. The local air enthusiasts plan to christen the Elkin-built plane by July 1 at Riverside Field.

With the building of the air vehicle, it comes about that the sons of the man who built the first automobile here, are the first to build the aircraft.

### SIDNEY FLOYD BRENDEL

Mr. and Mrs. David Brendle announce the birth of a son, Sidney Floyd Brendle on June 18.

### BIGGEST YEAR IN HISTORY OF RESORT SEEN BY OFFICIALS

### MANY IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AT FAMOUS SUMMER RESORT

### TAKES FIRST RANK

Golf, Athletic Contests, Bathing Boating and Fishing Pre-dominate

Graystone Inn officially opened today along with the summer season at Roaring Gap, the summer sport paradise of the Blue Ridge mountains with indications pointing to the most successful season in the history of the state's famous summer resort.

Graystone Inn, run by Pinehurst, Inc., under the efficient management of E. G. Fitzgerald, manager of the Carolina at Pinehurst, is again in charge which will guarantee the best in everything. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald have made Graystone Inn one of the most noted hotels as they have done the Carolina at Pinehurst. The hotel staff consists of Clarence Lyman room clerk Harry Nash, bookkeeper and Mrs. Nash secretary; Robert Bates will be in charge of the telephone line and night operator while Miss Mary Miles will be the day operator. Miss Ruth Hussey will again be the head waitress.

The hotel has an additional sixteen rooms since last season, these being built on the top floor and are equipped with Simmons beds. Beauty Rest mattresses and Ace Box springs. The new rooms are moderate in price renting for \$5.00 per day American plan and are accessible to both tub and shower baths.

The Pinehurst stables with five of the best saddle horses of that famous resort are now at Roaring Gap in charge of Croyton Cameron. The swimming instructor will be Richard Chatham of this city. Since last year six new cottages have been built, and workmen are now building a two mile paved highway running from the hotel through the cottage area.

As usual, the hotel will be equipped with a barber shop and facilities for quoting the stock exchange figures. Putting tournaments and archery contests are featured daily.

### KIWANIANS AND WALTONIANS IN JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club and the Elkin-Sparta chapter of the Isaac Walton League together with members of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club and Walton League was held at the Hotel Elkin last Friday night when an educational program was given by A. C. Heywood, field representative of the Dupont company.

Mr. Heywood showed reels of field sports, showing big and small game hunting, trout fishing, quail and clay pigeon shooting. The speaker pointed out that the Dupont company was making this educational campaign to stimulate interest in hunting and fishing. He pointed out that seventy percent of all hunting done was for game and the thirty percent on clay pigeons.

The next meeting of the league will be held at the Alex Chatham farm near State Road when a barbecue and a clay pigeon shooting will feature.

### MORROW WINS

Dwight W. Morrow, Ambassador to Mexico and member of the American delegation to the Naval Limitation Conference at London, was nominated by the New Jersey Republicans for the senate short term over ex-Senator Frelighusen and Franklin W. Fort. Morrow's majority is over 300,000. He ran as an avowed Wet.