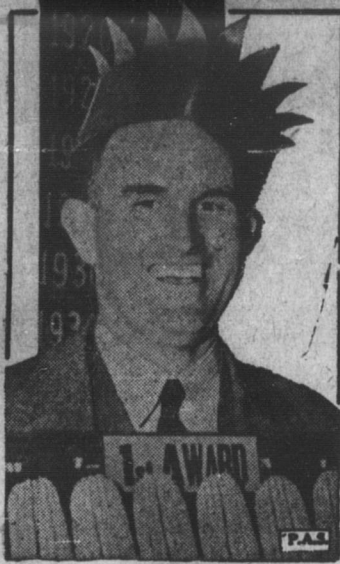


1936-37 Corn King



William H. Curry, Tipton, Indiana, 1936 Corn King, wins the much-coveted title again this year with his prize-winning specimen ears of "Curry's Yellow Dent." He is the first winner to repeat in history of the present competition.

DAIRIES GIVEN EXCELLENT GRADE

Rating of 97 Per Cent is Announced; Brings Official Congratulations

ARE EVEN BETTER NOW

An official report on the Federal Survey of dairies supplying milk in Elkin, made by M. M. Melvin, district inspector, on October 9, 1937, gives these dairies the excellent rating of 97 per cent.

This rating, as announced by Dr. Ralph J. Sykes, Surry county health officer, is considered very fine and a real honor, and brought congratulations as follows in a letter to Dr. Sykes from Warren H. Booker:

"Permit me to congratulate you on the splendid rating of 97 per cent on your retail raw milk supply. This is one of the best ratings of any town in the state, and my hat is off to you and Mr. Butler. You will note that four violations were recorded against your four dairies. All four of these violations can very readily be removed, which should give Elkin a 100 per cent milk rating. Since you are so near having a 100 per cent raw milk rating, I do not think it too much to suggest that you make an effort to clean up these few remaining violations."

The violations referred to above have all been corrected with the exception of one, and this is expected to be corrected within the next few days, Dr. Sykes pointed out.

TO PAVE 60 MILES HWY. NEXT YEAR

Stretch of Scenic Drive Already Gravelled and Parts Are In Use

DRIVE TO BE 447 MILES

By PAUL MAY

Washington, D. C., December 14. Sixty miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway, from the North Carolina-Virginia line to Deep Gap, N. C., will be paved next year, the Parks Service here announced today.

The stretch is already gravelled, and parts of it are in use. The extension will give an almost uninterrupted drive from Deep Gap to Swift Run Gap, in Virginia's Skyline Drive, and will leave only the lower portion of the 447-mile drive to be completed.

Also scheduled for next year, if funds are made available, are roads connecting Asheville and Roanoke with the parkway.

For convenience of travellers and local North Carolina residents recreational areas are under construction at Cumberland and Thompkins Gaps. A third area at Bluffs Gaps with overnight shelters is planned, but funds have not been made available.

In the two recreational spots under construction are picnic areas, lodges and over-night shelters.

Consistency would justify permit (only physical infirmities barring) our grandparents to talk and to act like we do, and to wear the same kind of clothing we wear when attending sport activities.

STRONG NOTE SENT TO JAPS PROTESTS SINKING OF PANAY

Demands Open Door in China For the U. S.

LETTER IS SIGNIFICANT

Freedom of All Americans From "Unlawful Interference" is Asked

JAPS HAVE APOLOGIZED

Washington, Dec. 14. — The United States, in a strong, formal note that covered far more than the Panay incident, virtually demanded Japanese pledges today that China's door would stay open and that all Americans and American interests in China would be free from "unlawful interference."

Secretary of State Hull presented Japan a note asking "a formally recorded expression of regret" for the sinking of the gunboat Panay; "complete and comprehensive indemnifications," and "an assurance that definite and specific steps have been taken which will insure that hereafter American nationals, interests and property in China will not be subjected to attack by Japanese armed forces or unlawful interference by any Japanese authorities or forces whatsoever."

This last phrase—"or unlawful interference by any Japanese authorities or forces whatsoever"—was regarded at the state department as highly significant. It was taken to refer to the numerous cases which have aroused protest from the United States in the past, including the taking over of communications in Shanghai and preparation for taking over the Chinese customs at Shanghai. It was termed a reaffirmation of the principle of the open door.

The message was received by Foreign Minister Hirota after Japan had dispatched a note giving apologies and assurances. The latter document mentioned that Hirota had already asked United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew to "transmit to the United States government apologies from the Japanese government," so that Japan has already apologized twice.

Since Hull's note was handed in later, however, it may require a third apology. Hull was non-committal on this point.

2 ARE VICTIMS OF MENINGITIS

Mrs. Nannie Key Johnson and Daughter Jessie Lee Claimed by Disease

FUNERALS ARE HELD

The death of two persons, a mother and her daughter, from spinal meningitis gave the town of Boonville a severe scare, which resulted in closing of the high school until after the holidays.

The first to die was Jessie Lee Johnson, 12 old year daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson. She died at the Elkin hospital Sunday after an illness of four days.

The little victim of the dread disease was in school until Tuesday, which gave the scare to school authorities. It was deemed best by Dr. T. W. Shore, Dr. J. R. Pinney, of Boonville and Dr. J. Roy Hege, of Winston-Salem, health officer for Yadkin county, to close the school, following a conference held by them Sunday at Boonville.

Mrs. A. E. Johnson, 52, mother of the little girl, was taken seriously ill and rushed to a Winston-Salem hospital where she died Monday night, a victim of the same disease.

Funeral services for the little girl were held Monday afternoon at the home of a sister, Mrs. Harvey Baker, a public funeral not being advisable. Funeral services for the mother were held at the same home Tuesday afternoon. Rev. J. P. Davis conducted both services and both were buried in the Boonville Baptist church cemetery.

Survivors of the two victims include the father and husband, A. E. Johnson, and 11 children, as follows: Thurman, Raymond, Zeb, Wade, Herbert Jr., Tommie and Allen Johnson, Mrs. Ekel Reece, Mrs. Hamey Barker, Mrs. Robert Transou and Mrs. George Williams; three brothers, Garfield, Theodore and Jack Key, and one sister, Mrs. Paul Carter.

Japan will permit the exportation of only 530,000 boxes of Japanese oranges this season.

Can Still Laugh



Washington . . . Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace doesn't seem troubled about rumors that the new 27,000-word Crop Control Bill is slated for a Roman holiday in the Congressional arena. Meanwhile, as Congress lays plans for an orgy of speechmaking, rapidly rocketing retail food prices threaten to bring on a virtual consumer's strike and Mr. Wallace's Department publishes figures that less than half of food-buyer's dollar actually goes to producers.

ONLY TEN OLD SOLDIERS LEFT

Nine of Surry's 10 Veterans Receive Semi-Annual Pension Checks Wednesday

IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

There are only ten Confederate veterans left in Surry county, last remnant of Surry's contribution to the Confederacy in the War Between the States, and nine of those surviving ten received semi-annual pension checks Wednesday.

Each of the Confederate veterans is given a check for \$187.50 on June 15th and December 15th each year, according to statement from F. T. Llewellyn, clerk of Surry superior court, who dispenses the pension payments. There are also about thirty-five widows of veterans who receive either \$100 or \$300 each per year, depending upon their financial and physical condition.

The nine Confederate veterans who received pension checks yesterday are W. H. Wall, of Elkin; Samuel Hodges, of Round Peak; G. C. Marshall, of White Plains; S. J. Odell, of Mount Airy; J. W. Phillips, of Mount Airy; B. J. Snow, of Mountain Park; N. A. Southard, of Rusk; A. S. Cockerham, of Elkin; and E. D. Harris, of Elkin. Z. T. Smith, of Mount Airy is the tenth surviving veteran, but he has never received a pension check.

TO OPEN N. ELKIN COLORED SCHOOL

Excellent Program, Including Negro Spirituals, to Be Presented

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

The formal opening of the North Elkin colored school will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock. A program, consisting of Negro spirituals and addresses will be given. The welcome address will be made by W. C. Graham, mayor pro-tem of Elkin, and the main address will be by Jasper Alston Atkins, Winston-Salem, attorney at law and assistant executive secretary of the Winston-Salem Teachers College.

Special musical numbers by the school Glee Club and the Jonesville quartette will be features of the program. The school is a three-room wood structure with a stone foundation and is painted inside and out. Two rooms of the building may be thrown together, by raising a blackboard partition, to form an auditorium. This advantageous in that it also will serve as a community center. The building was constructed by WPA labor. Mrs. I. C. Kearse is principal of the school and Eddie Wall is assistant teacher.

The public is cordially invited to attend the opening.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE ON NEXT TUESDAY

Elkin city schools, the North Elkin school and the Negro school will close for Christmas holidays on Tuesday, December 21. Classes will be resumed Monday morning, January 3, 1938.

LATENEWS from the State and Nation

HITCH HIKER TAKES CAR

Raleigh, Dec. 14. — Sam Pridden, Raleigh entertainer, said today a hitch-hiker he picked up near Durham robbed him of his automobile at the point of a gun. He described the man to Wake county officers as being young and having "real blond hair and in need of a hair cut."

CRASH TAKES LIVES OF 5 NEGROES

Burlington, Dec. 14. — A car-truck crash, converted into a blazing inferno almost instantly after the two machines met and an auxiliary gas tank on the truck burst into flames, cost the lives of five negroes and sent three others to Alabama General hospital here, seriously injured. The accident occurred about five miles west of here, on the ice-coated Burlington-Greensboro highway about 7:30 o'clock this morning.

URGES SUBSTITUTE FOR TAX LEVY

New York, Dec. 14. — Willard L. Thorp, director of economic research for Dun and Bradstreet, today urged business to think up a substitute for the undistributed profits surtax before burning up any more energy denouncing the levy.

He addressed a conference of the American Management association which previously had heard Morris S. Tremaine, New York state comptroller say "we can preserve the ideals of the new deal . . . under a tax system with a much broader base."

PANAY DEATH TOLL NOW AT FOUR

Shanghai, Dec. 15 (Wednesday) — Recovery of the body of another victim raised to four today the known foreign deaths in the sinking of the United States gunboat Panay and destruction of three Standard Oil company vessels by Japanese air bombs.

American, British and Japanese rescuers, meanwhile, struggled against obstacles which apparently had frustrated their efforts to shepherd 75 survivors including eight seriously injured, back to Shanghai.

Dispatches from the British gunboat Bee reported two Japanese motor launches machine-gunned the Panay before the vessel sank Sunday after a Japanese bomb attack.

JUNIORS TO GIVE PLAY FRIDAY P. M.

"Let's Get Together" Promises Evening of Real Fun and Entertainment

PLAN SURPRISE ACTS

"Let's Get Together," a three-act comedy presented by the Junior class of Elkin high school, will be staged in the elementary school auditorium here Friday evening beginning at 7:30 p. m.

The play is said to show the Christmas Spirit at work on a modern American family, and will be presented by the following cast: Hugh Gilliland, Jr., as "Dad," Edwina Lawrence as "Mother," Sam Gambill as "Jack," Billy Graham as "Roger," Sonny Brewer as "Bobby," Betty Lou Evans as "Bonnie," Rosamond Neaves as "Lucy," Geraldine Couch as "Granny," Dick Smith, Jr., as "Clark," Frances Alexander as "Patty," and Charles Harris as the announcer.

The play is a rollicking comedy that is guaranteed to chase away the blues and put the audience in hemstitches.

Several surprises are planned between acts. A nominal admission will be charged.

FIRE DOES SLIGHT DAMAGE TO HOUSE

Fire caused by a faulty stove pipe Saturday morning caused slight damage to the home of Paul Shores, in Jonesville.

The blaze began where the pipe entered the chimney, passing through a wooden wall. It was quickly extinguished by the Elkin firemen.

Hail Outstanding 4-H Winners



Chicago . . . Outstanding accomplishments and well-rounded records won the Roosevelt award at the annual 4-H contest here for Viola Niedfeldt, 17, of Bangor, Wisconsin, and Bob Norford, 18, of Amorita, Oklahoma. Besides a silver service set for 8 persons, the 1937 champions will receive a \$300 college scholarship.

FIRE DESTROYS 2-STORY HOUSE

Large Dwelling Known as James Greenwood Home-Place Burns Monday

WAS VACANT AT TIME

A huge two-story residence, known as the James Greenwood Homeplace, now owned by Jack Ray, was entirely consumed by fire late Monday night. The building was located just west of Jonesville on the Ray farm.

The origin of the fire is unknown, as by the time the blaze was discovered it had gained such headway that investigation was impossible. The building had been vacant for about two weeks but the previous day a part of the furniture of Marmia Day and family had been placed in the building preparatory to moving there to reside the following day.

A small amount of insurance was carried on the building.

ADDRESSES SURRY COUNTY TEACHERS

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, Head of State School System, Speaker at Dobson

SEE BUS DEMONSTRATED

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, head of North Carolina's mighty system of public schools, addressed between 300 and 400 white school teachers in the Surry county and Elkin schools at a joint meeting of the county and city faculties at Dobson high school last week.

His address, delivered in the Dobson high school auditorium that was filled to capacity, stressed the duties of the school teachers of Surry county and North Carolina in the proper training of the school children of the state in ways that will mean the perpetuation of the principles of Christianity and Democracy and the preparation of the youngsters for a right and full living.

Dr. Erwin, in addition to delivering the principal address of the third countywide teachers meeting of the 1937-38 school term, was also one of a group of educational and traffic officials who watched a demonstration of safe school bus loading by the faculty and pupils of the Dobson school, a display of efficiency that was highly commended by everyone.

TO AID IN CARING FOR NEEDY HERE

Cooperating with citizens and civic organizations who desire to contribute baskets to needy families in this locality during the Christmas season, Mrs. W. W. Whitaker and Rev. Eph Whisenand, of the associated charities, will be at the office of Attorney Wm. M. Allen Friday afternoon from 4:30 until 5:30 to assist in the allotment of families in order that all may be remembered and that there will be no duplication of contributions. Each organization is asked to send a representative to the meeting and individuals are asked to inquire regarding worthy families.

PRISONERS INCREASE

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—There were 9,317 inmates of North Carolina prisons December 1, as compared with 9,213 November 1, the penal division reported today. A total of 10,927 prisoners were handled last month, of whom 4,396 were white, 6,531 negroes and 208 women.

FEW CLUES LEFT BY FUGITIVE IN STATE MAN-HUNT

Unidentified Criminal Leaves Obscure Trail

SEARCH TRANSFERRED

Some Officials Think Object of Hunt is the Notorious Bill Payne

WOUNDED MAN SILENT

Wilmington, Dec. 14. — Federal investigators and state highway patrolmen followed tonight a poorly defined trail of an unidentified fugitive who last night escaped a rain of police fire that seriously injured his companion, a man identified as J. Bowling Byrd, a former convict.

Byrd was in a hospital tonight suffering from a head wound inflicted by officers during a 90-mile-an-hour chase along a beach highway.

The concentrated search for the unknown companion, believed hurt by the gunfire, was directed in the vicinity of Sanford and Asheboro. The office of Dr. Tiffany Barnes in Asheboro was robbed of adhesive tape, two rolls of gauze bandage and a pint of antiseptic solution.

Highway Patrolman Hugh Sloan, member of the pursuing police squad, said that it had been established that Byrd's companion used water and a towel at a roadhouse near here shortly after the fusillade of bullets pierced the fleeing, careening car, causing it to crash through a barbecue stand. Blood was left on the towel. The fugitive had departed a few minutes before officers broke into the cabin room.

Law enforcement officers contradicted one another as to the identity of the sought-for man. R. Grady Johnson, head of the North Carolina prison system, said many of the officers engaged in the search believed their objective was Wash Turner, alias Jack Borden, a staunch "pal" of Bill Payne, North Carolina's most wanted felon. Sloan, however, remained firm in his contention that the man was Payne.

It was Sloan who confronted the man he identified as Payne in a woods shortly after the fleeing car crashed and was in the act of placing the man under arrest when the officer tripped and fell into a branch. The fugitive disappeared. The next information was that he had hailed a motorist and obtained a ride into Wilmington and, alighted in front of a hospital and caught a taxi for the roadhouse where he dressed his wounds.

WHITE CHRISTMAS TO BE OBSERVED SUNDAY

The Sunday school of the Methodist church will observe "White Christmas" Sunday morning, December 19, at the regular Sunday school hour. Gifts donated will be given to the Methodist Children's Home in Winston-Salem.

Anyone desiring is invited to participate in the service.

REV. JOE CARTER KIWANIS SPEAKER

Rev. Joe Carter of Anderson, S. C., who was in a revival meeting here last week at the Presbyterian church, was guest speaker at the weekly Kiwanis meeting Thursday evening at Hotel Elkin. Kiwanian J. G. Abernethy was in charge of the program.

Thursday evening, December 23, the annual Christmas auction of the club will be held, proceeds of the auction to go for Christmas cheer for needy families locally.

INDIGNATION EXPRESSED

Hankow, China, Dec. 13.—Observers who witnessed the Japanese aerial attack on the United States gunboat Panay late tonight declared the bombing was unmistakably deliberate, precluding possibility of error.

Though the gunboat had American flags painted on her awnings and carried flags on every mast, observers said squadrons of Japanese planes bombed the Panay four successive times. The British gunboat Bee, which rushed under forced draft to the scene of the incident, was in radio communication tonight with Hankow, present seat of the Chinese government and the United States embassy.

The Bee reported she had found 12 more survivors from the three Standard Oil company boats, bombed when the Panay was attacked, who were on the Yangtze river's south bank opposite Hohsien.

American, British and other diplomats expressed bitter indignation at the attack on the Panay.

Uncle Sam has just taken the annual "bir count," by asking 750,000 hog raisers to fill in cards telling how many pigs and other farm animals they have.



THE BEST WAY TO UNDERSTAND OTHERS IS TO KNOW YOURSELF.