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column business, you get the strangest requests—

Received a letter last week, for instance, from one Chet L. Suitall of Beverly Hills, Cal., wanting a copy of the old-time dime novel entitled "Automobile Lillian, the Daring Girl Bandit of Arizona," which was published about 1908.

Mr. Suitall leaves the impression that he might pass along a rather handsome reward to the capturer of "this most elusive of all source books on our American cowgirl as we have come to know her and her Western attire as standard Western female wear ever since."

If you have a copy, please deal directly with Mr. Suitall.

Mash — The beer dealers are doing some hand-wringing on the bad publicity they get when raids are conducted on illicit stills in North Carolina—and aren't all stills in this state of the illicit variety?

Be that as it may, it seems that newspaper accounts of these raids feature headlines about so many gallons of white whiskey being seized—as well as vast quantities of "beer." That's what gets them.

The general public, the beer dealers complain, think that "beer" is beer. They maintain that their product is getting an undeservedly bad name.

"The beer that is seized at a still is not the beer that you buy in bottles at a restaurant or store. The still beer spoken of so glibly in the press is actually a 'mash' from which the whiskey is distilled. It has been given the name 'beer mash' because it has some grain in it."

Beer folks say this stuff is a far cry from the bottled beverage and they virtually have opoplexy when newspapers put the title "beer" on the unpalatable, unclean, raw mash that is seized in raids on stills. They solemnly request that, in the interest of accuracy, the newspapers term the concoction "mash."

We might add as an afterthought that only a pig pen in full bloom can approximate the smell of fermenting mash.

EXTENDED VISIT
Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Leeman have as guests for several weeks Mrs. Leeman's father, Wilfred Normand and Mr. and Mrs. J. Lajeunesse, all of New Bedford, Mass.

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AROUND THE DISTRICT

By George Vitas.

Last Wednesday we had the pleasure of showing the Mt. Mitchell District to 130 women, six children and three bus drivers. The ladies represented 18 McDowell County Home Demonstration Clubs. Most of the ladies were wives and mothers who took a day off from their normal duties to see some of the scenic beauty of the District and get a first hand look at many of the National Forest activities such as watershed protection, timber growing, logging, timber marking, fish and game production, fire protection, camping for children, forest recreation, the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Mt. Mitchell State Park. They met Gus Hultman, Parkway Ranger, Robert Wilson, Mt. Mitchell State Park Superintendent, and Blight Rector, State Game Protector. The trip was made possible through the organizational efforts of Miss Elsie Garrett, county home demonstration agent and was financed by three of Marion's leading industries—the Cross Cotton Mill Co., Clinchfield Manufacturing Co., and the Marion Manufacturing Co. The rule in conducting show-trips is not to take more than 50 people because of the difficulty of keeping more than that number of folks together. However, we are pleased to say that the 130 ladies cooperated wonderfully and we were able to pretty much adhere to a tight schedule, and had a really delightful day. Now that the ladies had a close-up look at the District, we hope that they will come back often with their families.

The South Toe Organization Camp, which is in the heart of the Mt. Mitchell Wildlife Management area, opened on June 4 and is now occupied by 75 children from rural areas in the District. The camp, although built and owned by the U. S. Forest Service, has been leased by the government to the Optimist Club of Asheville for 30 years. It is a non-profit camp, ran on proceeds from the Optimist Club's annual benefit football game at Asheville and from contributions from individuals and organizations interested in providing under-privileged children an opportunity to spend a week in the clean healthy atmosphere of the forest for a week. Dr. J. B. Anderson, of Asheville, has given unstintingly of his time to make the camp a success. We are proud to have such worthwhile use being made of a National Forest camp. Incidentally, when the ladies visited this camp they got quite a thrill out of walking across the swinging bridge that spans the South Toe river at the camp.

In these days of heavy equipment and great earth-moving machines, hills and ridges are quickly chewed up and shoved around like they didn't mean much. But William T. Wright of Pleasant Gardens, our Forest improvements foreman, can remember back when things were different. Mr. Wright has had

30 years of service with the U. S. Forest Service in road, telephone line, building, bridge, etc., construction and maintenance. He can remember back many years ago when he was overseer over 5 miles of county road near Highlands, N. C. All road work was done by hand at that time. One day, while reading a farm magazine, Mr. Wright saw a mule-drawn grader advertised by a Milwaukee firm. It sold for \$160.00. Mr. Wright wrote and asked if he couldn't buy the machine on terms. The firm not only shipped the machine to him but automatically made him the North Carolina sales representative. When compared with the great diesel-powered road machines of today, the grader was a midget with a tiny 4-foot blade. But in spite of its size, the grader and a team of mules could do the work of 50 men. Mr. Wright says that when the newly-painted grader arrived from Milwaukee, it caused more excitement in Highlands than when the first automobile chugged into town. After using the machine for two years, he sold it to the county at its original purchase price. Mr. Wright said, that about five years ago, while visiting Highlands, he spotted the old grader—still in good shape—parked in a local blacksmith shop.

SPENDING SUMMER
Mrs. E. G. Griffin of Woodland, N. C., is here to spend the summer at her home on the Montreat road.

RETURN FROM VISIT
Mrs. J. A. Gudger and Bill have returned from a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gudger and family in Atlanta.

• READ THE CLASSIFIEDS !!

Kerlee Heights

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan and children, Jimmie and Peggy, of Benton, Ark., visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burgin. Mrs. Morgan is a sister of Mrs. Burgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burgin were called to Forest City Wednesday because of the death of Mr. Burgin's mother, Mrs. Rufus Burgin.

Miss Joyce Lytle of Marion is visiting with relatives here this week, Mrs. Joe Quinn and her aunt Mrs. Roy Burgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dawson spent the week end with relatives in Georgia.

The intermediate class of Kerlee Baptist church met Friday night at the home of Mrs. Allie Padgett. After discussing our business, we played games and refreshments were served. Those present were

Mrs. Fay Quinn, Susan Quinn, Julie Kerlee, Beatrice Slagle, Geneva Brown, Mary Padgett, and Mrs. Allie Padgett.

The Padgett Trio and the Harmony Four Quartet of Kerlee Heights sang at the Ebenezer Baptist church near Marion Sunday.

Ed Lytle is a patient at Moore General hospital.

Claude Swann was a patient at Moore General hospital, but has returned home and is doing fine.

FOR SUMMER
Mrs. Mary B. Lenahan and granddaughter, Barbara Gravelly, of Miami, Fla., arrived last Saturday to spend the summer at the Lenahan home on Laurel avenue.

SAILOR HOME
Lester Caraway of the U. S. Navy, Norfolk, was home for several days over the week end.

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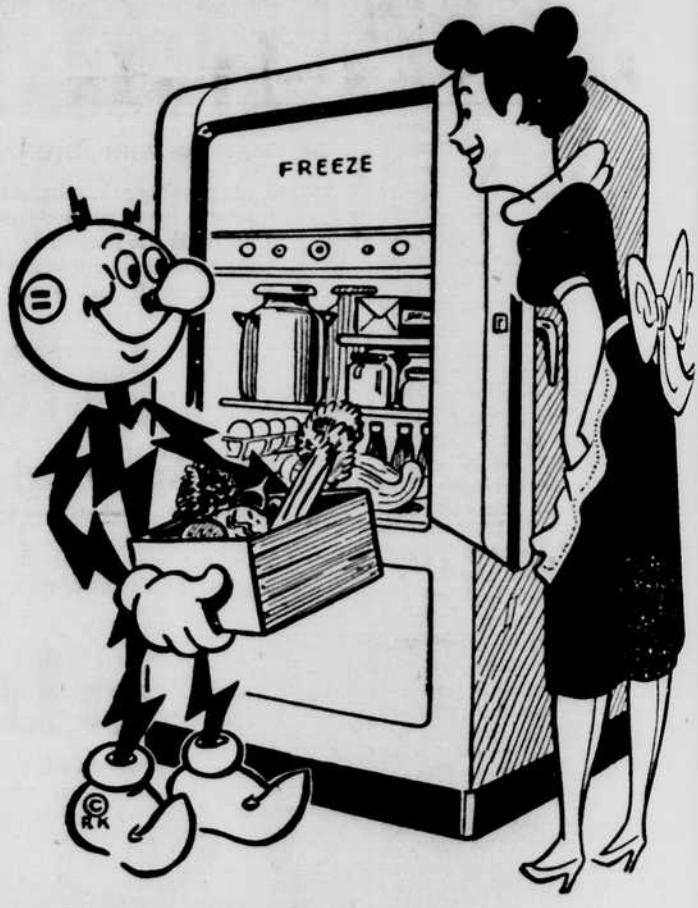
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