

# AROUND THE DISTRICT

By George Vitas.

no sound. When it vanished over Mt. Ida, a red glow became visible in the disappearing disk. The occurrence was so astonishing, that at the time that it happened, Sid said he didn't give it much thought, figuring that it was probably some new kind of fire works.

## More Roundup—

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All-Out — Reason for mention of Williams and the Raleigh Merchants bureau at this time is that the organization this month is going all-out on a "Get Out the Vote" campaign. As of last Saturday, the move was snowballing and had attracted the attention of at least one national trade organization interested in such products.

Prediction: Because of the activity of the bureau, the Capital City's vote this year, and in the future, will be much higher —and consequently much more representative of the attitude of all the people—than in the past. Here's a salute to Williams and the Raleigh Merchants bureau. May other organizations go and do likewise.

You recall that we wrote here several weeks ago in urging campaigns similar to that of the Raleigh Merchants bureau that only approximately 50 per cent of the eligible voters participated in our last general election.

Broughton And Teague—Woodrow Teague and Melville Broughton are still, technically speaking, law partners here in Raleigh. However, Melville is working in Umstead's headquarters and Teague, native of Lexington, is Wake county manager for Olive. Their names are still on the door, but chances are that the partnership, by mutual consent, will be terminated within a few weeks, whoever wins on May 31.

Stag Chosen — Few men did more in 1948 to help Kerr Scott become governor than L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine, who that year was elected, without opposition, Commissioner of Agriculture.

But deep in the winter of 1948 Stag cooled on the governor — mainly because it was all too obvious that the governor had, since his election, grown lukewarm toward Ballentine. He just didn't love Stag in December as he had in May.

Since that time, each has hoed his own row.

Early last week, despite what you may hear to the contrary, Kerr Scott was wanting Terry Sanford, Fayetteville Young Democrat and the man buying all that barbecue for the Scott farm event come August, as keynote speaker for the State Democratic convention to be held here on May 22.

As usual, State Democratic Chairman Everett Jordan differed with the governor. He wasn't the only one. It wasn't that the folks didn't like Sanford, but former Governor Cherry was against, as he put it, calling on a "boy to do a man's work." Scott gave in. Our information is that Cherry will be the big platform man for the convention and wanted Ballentine as a man who has always been a faithful worker, has taken his lumps when they came along, as a fellow who can speak with the best of them, and a darned good fellow on top of it. That was the thinking of the Democrats as they chose last week Stag Ballentine as keynote speaker.

## TENNESSEE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. George Green of Rogersville, Tenn., visited their daughter, Mrs. J. N. Goodman, and family over the week end.

## SEVERAL DAYS

W. H. Ledbetter of Lorton, Va., was a visitor in town for several days last week.

## Fraternal Order Meeting Schedule

### MASQNS

Black Mountain Lodge No. 663 AF & AM. Stated Communications First Friday of each month 7:30 P. M. Robert Hauth, Master. ORDER OF EASTERN STAR Black Mountain Chapter No. 200 First and third Tuesdays of each month 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Reva Hinkle, W. M.

### JUNIOR ORDER UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS

Black Mountain Council No. 145 Every Monday at 7:30 P. M. Clarence Pegg, Councilor.

Swannanoa Camp 970 WOODMEN OF THE WORLD Swannanoa Camp 970 Woodmen of the World meet fourth Wednesday, 7:00 p. m. Woodmen Hall Buckner building, Swannanoa. Don Wright, council commander. Boys of Woodcraft, every Monday night, 7 p. m. W.O.W. hall.

—There are eight furlongs in a mile.

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Times do change. Just the other day Alice Bryan, McDowell county librarian, showed us a Jan. 5, 1911 copy of "The Youth's Companion." One item in the magazine stated: Hereafter the great Santa Fe Railroad system will employ no person who is a cigarette smoker."

It costs money to build logging roads over which logs must be hauled to the sawmill. In making the timber appraisal, the Forest Service deducts the cost of road construction from the value of the timber. This means that the Forest Service has an investment in these roads. When logging is completed in a drainage, the service endeavors to protect this road investment by requiring that the water be turned out of roads and skid trails and that where necessary, these roads be crushed in with old laps to control soil erosion and to stabilize the road. On the Mt. Mitchell Wildlife management area, we have gone one step farther. Our improvements crew is now planting orchard grass and Ladine clover in old logging roads. This work was initiated last year and brought a fine crop of grass for deer to feed on. In addition to providing deer food, the grass will help anchor the soil.

The flu has shown no favoritism on this District. Louis Shurford, Albert Ballew, Bill Balmer, John Stanley and myself have all had to wrestle with the bug at one time or another during the last two months.

Nature can be cruel at times. Out West when a forest fire is racing through the woods, sparrow hawks will sometimes take advantage of the fact that dozens of small animals are fleeing the flames. The hawks will stay ahead of the fire and swoop down almost into the line of advancing flame to secure their terror-stricken prey.

The subject of flying saucers keeps coming up. The other day Ed Johnston was telling us that Eddie Moore, Henry McCall, G. Brooks and Walter Morgan were sitting in the stands watching the Marion Marauder baseball team play one night the summer of 1949 when a strange thing happened. Sid said that suddenly, if out of nowhere, a disklike object, "whirling like a buzz saw," streaked across the night-sky. It was at about 1000 foot elevation and from the ground looked to be about the size of an automobile tire. As it cut its way through the sky, blue light streamed out from the rim of the disk. It made



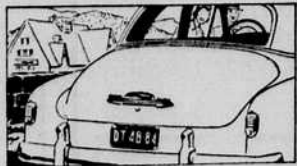
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