



Let's see, did I ever tell you a "certain" tale? If I got really started on this, it would probably take the rest of my life. I'm not quite as old as this column leads some folks to believe. What I know about the Gibson girl is very faint indeed, and I was (safely?) married when the flapper took the country by storm.

When I first felt the pang of the mating call it must have been in-between periods. Girls wore pleated blue serge skirts, white blouses with black scarf ties. Black sateen bloomers, ribbed cotton hose, and even white cotton stockings were in vogue. An early teen-ager was considered rather fast if she sported silk hose, nor do I remember sox on girls, although country lasses went barefoot in summer. Bobbed hair was just coming in, as were cosmetics. Only the daring indulged.

There were not too many girls on North Fork, and a lot of these were kinfolk. The crop of feminine flowers just preceding this had been plucked away by the lumbermen. I divided my time between two of these girls, going with others now and then to make them jealous. By this time I had become a county-wide traveler by trading trips. Now there were many girls on Big Ivy, and I got to going with this very pretty young miss. We corresponded regularly, but it was most unhandy to call on her. Sometimes I would go by Reems' Creek on a horseback, or by buggy, but that was nearly a day's journey. I would have transportation when I arrived, we could go riding in the buggy, or I could race my horse up and down the creeks, and show my ignorance.

The next best thing was to walk across the Craggy range—a girl was pretty sure you liked her if you took this hard trip. It is such a trip that I want to tell you about.

I took a friend along to bear me company through the wilderness. It wasn't wise to lope the ridges by one's self, and then he wanted to look over the crop of young ladies. We started walking briskly in the bracing morning air. Our first exhilaration was well gone by the time we started to climb Craggy on the head of Sugar fork. We stopped to see the In-dian Fort. This is a place hollowed out in a solid granite cliff where a trickling stream ran around a crevice and caused small pieces of hard stone to whirl around in a hole, probably for thousands of years. The last time I was there it was the size and shape of a three-gallon dinner pot.

This trail is nothing but strewn boulders and fallen logs, it took us a long time to get to Grassy Gap, but this is just a whisper under the flats of Craggy. We rested a little while in the beauty of the Craggy Gardens, but this was in spring, and the chill soon sent us on down through the scrubby beech woods toward Stony Fork. The locusts were blooming at the head of this creek, they were lovely indeed. It didn't take us long to go on down to my brother's home. We must have been four or five hours on the trail, can you imagine a young fellow going to so much trouble nowadays to see a girl? (To be continued.)

The intermediates of the Lake-wood church B. T. U. entertained the juniors with a supper last Friday night. After supper games were played, and a very good time was had by one and all. Eighteen were present. Our B. T. U. meetings were held in homes during winter on account of weather conditions, but will get back in full swing the first of April.

I offer deepest sympathy to the bereaved Roberts family. Guy used to be a collector of unusual firearms. He loaned me a sackful once to use in a play that we presented. I remember him best

### 25 Attend Party For Snellings At "Briarbrook"

Dr. and Mrs. David Snelling, who are moving to Asheville within the next few days to make their home, were honored with a bridge party given Saturday night at "Briarbrook" by Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Daugherty and C. E. Keith.

Following several progressions, prizes were awarded to Mrs. W. A. Allison, Mrs. C. C. Godfrey, Gordon Greenwood, Dempsey Whitaker and Woodrow Beddingfield. A dessert course was served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Beddingfield, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Buckner, Dr. and Mrs. Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kerlee, Mrs. D. P. Dinwiddie, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker, Mrs. Godfrey, Dr. and Mrs. Snelling and Mr. Keith.

### Services Held For B. C. Chandler

Services were conducted Saturday, March 22, in the chapel of Harrison Funeral home for B. C. Chandler, 77, of Swannanoa, who died Wednesday night in an Asheville hospital. He was a native of Madison county and had resided in the Swannanoa section for about 32 years. He was a former employee of Beacon Manufacturing Co.

The Rev. John Wright officiated and burial was in Mountain View Memorial park.

Pallbearers were Quinten, Wade, Fred and Wayne Martin and Edison Allen and Ralph Harwood.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Julia Nichols Candler, a son, B. C. Jr., of Detroit, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. William H. Brown of Swannanoa, and Mrs. Roger Spittle of Athens, Ga.; three grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Roberts of Rock Hill, S. C., and Mrs. Max Allen of Whitney, S. C., and a brother, Robert Candler, of Huntsville, Ala.

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