

Author Poe



By Nancy von Lazar
How did the women at home keep the Union officers from taking all their food and possessions during the War?
One lady strung up a beehive at her front door and tied a string to it, which she carried into her home. When the Yankee officers came, she pulled the string, upsetting the hive and losing the bees on the unwelcome visitors.

Another lady lied a bit when the officers wanted to take a jar of lard. She told them that the pig had died from cholera, and that she only used the lard for making soap. The pig had not died from cholera.
These true tales, with pathos and humor, retell the story of the Civil War, drawing the reader into the midst of activity. It is not so much the historical side of the War as the personal which is captured in a new book to be published by the University of North Carolina Press.

Entitled, "True Tales of the South at War: How Soldiers Fought and Families Lived, 1861-1965," the book is the brain child of Raleigh's Dr. Clarence Poe, senior editor and board chairman of "The Progressive Farmer" magazine.

The son of a Confederate soldier, Poe has been interested in gathering stories of the Civil War and with the thought of bringing a host of them to Civil War enthusiasts.
In 1960, Poe appealed to his magazine audience, asking them to send him authentic records and memories of the War. He acquired a great store of tales which will delight both young and old alike. Poe also drew upon the help of editors, historians, librarians, and archivists to present the book which will be published on December 2.

Some selections in the book are reminiscences of the war. Much is first-hand information consisting of diaries and letters.
The eleven chapters of the book, in the order of their presentation, are entitled: "The Changing Faces of War"; "The Reminiscences of Berry Greenwood Benson"; "War as It Came to Wives and Families at Home"; "Colonel L. L. Polk's Wartime Letters to his Wife"; "War When Soldiers Were Not Fighting"; "Diary of a Soldier's Wife on Looking Glass Plantation"; "Some Kindness Lightened Even Prisons"; "Diary of a Refugee in Richmond"; "Slaves Cheer-ed and Helped Their Masters"; "Confusion and Chaos at the Confederacy's Capital"; and "A Prodigal Soldier's Return."

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What to Do in Black Mountain

Jaycee meets 1st Thursday for business, 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Thursday for dinner at Monte Vista, 7 p.m.
Black Mountain-Swannanoa Rotary club meeting, Monte Vista hotel, Mondays, 12:15 p.m.
Black Mountain Lions club, Monte Vista, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis club, each Thursday noon, Monte Vista hotel.

"Tween-Age" square dance group meets every Tuesday night at 8 at the Youth Center, just off Cragmont Road. Everyone of adult age invited for the fun.
The following events, sponsored by the Get Acquainted club, to which all interested persons are invited *Every Wednesday afternoon at the Monte Vista at 1, duplicate bridge. Every Thursday night, 7:30, Monte Vista hotel, duplicate bridge; instruction by Max Woodcock.

Other purely social activities listing in this column may call the Black Mountain News. Save this schedule for easy reference.

North Fork News
by Mary Hauth
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By Robert E. Lee
(For the N. C. Bar Association)
LIBEL AND SLANDER
Is it a crime to publish maliciously matters which tend to blacken the memory of a dead person?
Yes. It is a crime to write and publish defamatory matter of any deceased person if it is done with the evil purpose of injuring his family and posterity, and to expose them to contempt and disgrace.
The chief reason for punishing offenses of this nature is their tendency to a breach of the peace. Although the person may be dead at the time of the publishing of the libel, yet it stirs up others of the same family, blood or society to revenge and to break the peace.
May there be a recovery of damages in a civil action for the defamation of a dead person?
No. The law has not seen fit to give a legal cause of action for the defamation of a dead person.
There are many criminal actions which do not give rise to a recovery of damages in a civil suit.
May there be a recovery of damages in a civil action for the slander or libel of a living person?
Yes.
No. This is one of the few actions which do not survive the death of the party involved.
Is it a crime to slander or libel a living person?
Yes. There is a complete defense, however, if the defendant satisfies the jury that the facts are true.
A North Carolina statute stipulates that before any action, either criminal or civil,

is brought for slander or libel against a newspaper, periodical, radio or television station, the plaintiff or prosecutor must give a written notice of at least five days specifying in detail the alleged false and defamatory statements.
Also by statutes in North Carolina a newspaper, periodical, radio or television station may, under certain conditions, lessen its criminal or civil liability by an appropriate retraction.

SHOPE CREEK

We had a full house on New Years eve, all five beds full. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingle Jr. of Black Mountain, Mrs. Bernice Nichols and Wayne of Swannanoa, and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Greig and children.
Mrs. Ingle brought along her record player and we dug out some old records which she had here, and were up till the old year went out and the New Year came in.
1962 came in with a symbol

of its purity. 8 inches of snow piled up on everything. Our guests were snow bound for a while.
A long distance phone call on Tuesday from my cousin, Mrs. Allie Camp of Old Fort told of the death of her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Hensley on Jan. 1. Our sympathy to the family.
Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Nichols and Wayne attended the funeral of their cousin, Evert Dillingham in Brevard on Sunday.
Saturday was Moms 67th Anniversary. She and Dad were married on Jan. 6, 1895.
Sick List
Mom was sick during the holidays, but is feeling better at this time.
Mrs. H. C. Creasman is sick with a cold.
Mrs. Robert Jones is sick at her home.
The George Creasman family visited the Apple House in Waynesville on Sunday and had a bushel of nice apples shipped to friends in Fla.

RIDGECREST RAMBLINGS
MRS. ELBERT F. HARDIN
PHONE: NO 97134

At the Church:
Sunday, Jan. 7—106 in Sunday school and 52 in Training Union; two excellent messages by Pastor Hocutt on this first Sunday of the year, and a lovely solo by Mrs. Everette Murray.
The Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions has totaled to date, \$1212.48.
The W.M.S., scheduled to meet Tuesday, Jan. 2, with Mrs. Joe Moore, was defeated by our 7-inch snow and postponed for one week. Mrs. B. S. Meeks is hostess for the delayed meeting.
This year's January Bible study, "Studies in Jeremiah," will be taught by the pastor on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, beginning Jan. 14.

Community News:
The death of L. M. Jackson, Sumter, S. C., on New Year's day gave concern to Ridgecrest because Mr. Jackson was the father of Chaplain (Major) Louis M. Jackson, now stationed in Verona, Italy.
Airman Kenneth Rhodes, on week end leave from Stewart AFB, Newburg, N. Y., arrived by plane in Ridgecrest Saturday, Jan. 6. Within the briefest possible interval his car was packed and he and his wife (the former Miss Jean Tipton) and their baby daughter were en route back to Newburg where he had already procured a home for his little family. A telephone call back to the Charles Tiptons assured them of their children's safe arrival and joy in being together while Ken continues his service for Uncle Sam.

Mrs. Ralph Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Moore, underwent surgery in a Reidsville hospital on Jan. 3, immediately after her Christmas visit to her family here. She is still quite ill but is improving.
After 32 days of holiday visiting, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown are home again, much to the delight of their neighbors and friends. Mr. Brown drove his little red car all the way to the Pacific coast and reports a fine trip. He visited his son, Ernest Brown and family in Tucson, Ariz., and a nephew, Herbert Brown in Phoenix. Going on into California he spent some days in Pleasanton with two of his sisters, Mrs. George Shaw and Mrs. Effie Shaw, and another sister, Mrs. Bert Hynes in Richmond; then a nephew in Mill Valley (right at the Golden Gate). Other relatives, too numerous to mention by name, made his visit "out west" a happy time.

Mrs. Brown, not feeling physically fit to make such a long trip with her husband, spent the month with relatives in Savannah, Ga. She visited her two sisters, Mrs. M. M. Swindell and Mrs. E. M. Harris; her two brothers, S. H. and L. O. Helmezy; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Best of all, she returned with her health much improved.
Mrs. Lillian Gallamore was able in December to be transferred from a hospital in Morganton to Giesentanner's Rest home, 141 Hillside, Asheville. Her friends are all happy to have her nearby now.
The W. O. Sutherlands are having an extended Christmas vacation with their daughters in Greenville and Lyman, S. C. One day last week they made a brief call "back home" to pick up some of Mr. Sutherland's medicine. His health

Veterans News

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:
Q—As an orphan of a deceased serviceman, is it necessary that I be 18 and have finished high school to become eligible for schooling under the War Orphans Educational Assistance Act?
A—Specialized vocational training in a below-college level school may be taken if you have quit school, are above the compulsory school age, and the VA finds it would be to your advantage to begin your vocational education before reaching age 18.

Q—What is the patient turnover in all VA hospitals in one year?
A—During fiscal year 1961, which ended June 30, 1961, a total of 537,022 veterans were admitted to VA's 170 hospitals, and 540,068 were discharged during the same period.

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YOU AND SOCIAL SECURITY
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Are all your earnings credited to your social security account? If you cannot answer this question—and, particularly, if you believe you have worked for an employer who did not report your wages for social security credit—the Asheville District Office or the representative will be glad to give you a pre-addressed postal card for the purpose of finding out. Your future social security payments will be based on the amounts credited to your account. Therefore, you will want to be sure you are receiving credit for all your earnings.
Have you had an injury or an illness that has left you so disabled that you are unable to do any kind of work? If the victim is the breadwinner the family may be seriously affected. However, social security is playing an important role in the lives of many severely disabled people and their dependents. So if you have a disabling condition that prevents you from working, contact your social security office or meet the representative to learn of your rights under this program.
If you wish medical advice you go to a doctor. If you want legal advice you consult your lawyer. If you wish any information about your present or future social security status, write or call the Asheville district office, or meet the social security representative.

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