

Sam Ervin, Candidate for Solicitor 12th District

From The News-Herald:

The famous Dr. Archibald Alexander held that the rugged scenery of the mountains excited an influence on those who grew up under their shadow. Whether this theory can be sustained as a general fact or not, it is true that some of our brightest and most virile men have come from the mountain section.

Sam Ervin, Jr., is a case in point, judged by the following record of his thirty years of life:

He was born in Morganton, under the shadows of the Blue Ridge, in 1896, and received his early education in the public schools of the city, graduating from the Morganton high school in 1913.

In the same year he entered the State University. During his University course a larger share of honors fell to him than are usually given to one man. He was a member of the Dialectic Literary society, and an assistant editor of the University Magazine. He served as the historian of his class in both his junior and senior years, as vice-president of his class in his senior year and as vice-president of the Junior Law class.

He was a commencement marshal in his junior year and a valedictorian of his literary talent and scholarship in law was elected to membership in the Sigma Upsilon (literary) and the Phi Delta Phi (legal) fraternities. He also completed in four years at the University the four years' course in the School of Liberal Arts and the first year in the law school, graduating from the University with an A. B. degree in 1917.

His success along historical lines has been equally remarkable. In his freshman, sophomore and junior years, he won the historical prizes offered by the Colonial Dames for the best essays on the Colonial History of North Carolina, two of his articles—"A Colonial History of Rowan County" and "The Colonial Agents of North Carolina" being published in the James Sprunt Historical Publications.

Sam Ervin, Jr., entered the navy in May, 1917, and remained in military service until April, 1919. He served eighteen months in France, being a member of the 28th Infantry, a part of the famous First Division. He was twice wounded in battle, once at Cantigny, May 28th, 1918, where he received from General Bullard a citation commending him for "conspicuous gallantry in action." The second wound was received in the great Aisne-Marne offensive, July 18, 1918, when he was severely wounded by a shell fragment while leading an advance party in an attack upon a German machine gun. In consequence of his second wound he was ultimately discharged from the army with a physical disability rating of twenty per cent.

In 1919 Sam Ervin, Jr., returned to the law school at Chapel Hill for the summer course and in August, 1919, he was granted his license to practice by the Supreme Court of the State. In the fall of 1919 he entered the Harvard University Law School where he received the degree of LL.B. in 1922, having completed the three years' course in that University in two years attendance.

Sam Ervin, Jr., has always taken an active part in the work of the American Legion, having served for one term as department historian. He is now a member of the National Guard, being first lieutenant in Company E, 105th Engineers, of Morganton, and is a member of the State Bar Association, the State Literary and Historical Association and of the Kiwanis Club.

He has ever taken a most active interest and part in the work of the Democratic party and served for a time in 1924 as chairman of the Democratic Executive committee of Burke county. He has twice represented his county in the General Assembly, having been elected to the House of Representatives in 1922 and again in 1924. A former Speaker of the House has declared that he was one of the ablest debaters who served in these Legislatures.

Sam Ervin, Jr., has been a diligent student of the law, having begun to read Blackstone for himself before entering college. He has received excellent legal training in the law schools of the State University and of Harvard and under the tutelage of his father, S. J. Ervin, of Morganton, with whom he has been associated in the practice for several years. He has been actively engaged in civil and criminal practice in the State and Federal courts and is an able trial lawyer. His friends feel that his even disposition, his high principles and his vigorous prosecutive ability commend him to the people as the proper man for solicitor of the 12th judicial district and they feel that if he is elected to this office, that he will discharge the duties thereof firmly, impartially and ably.

QUEEN THE PAINTER DID JACK PALMER'S NEW HOUSE

Jack Palmer's new home inside is a beauty. Every room is papered in the latest paper which is good to look at. The woodwork is done in white enamel throughout. The painting and panering was done by W. H. Queen, who specializes in papering and room decorating. The paper was furnished by "Queen" adv

TRY STAR WANT ADS.

TELLS POLKVILLE OF AFRICAN WILDS

Red Letter Day at Polkville Methodist Church, Miss Cleo Returned Missionary Lectures.

Editor of The Star: Sunday, March 28, 1926 was red letter day for Polkville, Methodist church which is situated about 13 miles northwest of Shelby. This is one of the finest buildings for worship in any rural community or small town in Cleveland, and has in addition modern, commodious and elegant parsonage. A perennial Sunday school and an Epworth league are also maintained here; and the membership is composed of good business men and prosperous farmers.

The feature of the occasion was the lecture of Miss Cleo Young, a missionary who has been quartered at Sierra Leone, which is situated in Western Africa. She is an earnest, convincing speaker, and vividly depicted the filth, ignorance, and squalor of that portion of the Dark Continent. She proved that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; and the burden of her discourse was an appeal to send more laborers.

She said the wealth of an African aristocrat is determined by the number of his wives. A plebeian is allowed one woman and but one; while a laughing aristocrat, especially if an able and energetic warrior, can share his nuptial couch with at least five hundred. They have no moonlight rides in autos, no love letters and no balcony scenes depicted by Shakespeare in the love-making of Romeo and Juliet. He selects his bride anywhere from two years of age until budding adolescence and she has nothing to say as to vows of constancy and her parents very little. As is the rule of all savages, whether white, black, yellow or red; she is the abject slave of her lord and master, and all she gets out of life is being his obedient vassal. Paraphrasing, we don't have to go to darkest Africa to find men who cherish and practice such atrocities. Men who claim the benign influence of civilization are in hearty accord and were "agin" women being entrusted with the ballot. Miss Young has the gift of persuasive and convincing oratory and created a very favorable impression in the large and responsive audience. She has been in the missionary field for 16 years and is at home on a rest vacation.

In Memory of Betty Beam Grigg. Betty Beam Grigg, a precious one from us has gone. A noble woman; a voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our community and in her home which never can be filled. Her prayer is answered, glorious bliss. God in his wisdom has recalled the loom his love has given. We shall miss her smiles, 'tis true, But while her body plunders, her soul is safe in heaven. A Friend, L. M. L.

Reas. Story at Least Interesting Reading Hickory Record. Well, even if Julius Dellinger isn't the long lost Charlie Ross of Philadelphia he has furnished the nation with a corking good newspaper yarn. And there is sincerity in the story he tells. Now a picture of the lost Philadelphia child is being sent to Shelby where a man has a picture of Julius Dellinger taken in boyhood. If the pictures show the same child the identity will be fairly well established, at least.

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598 PEOPLE KILLED IN 11 STATES SOUTH

All Were Victims of Accidents, Mostly from Automobiles, North Carolina Comes Fifth.

Eleven Southern states yielded a total of 598 dead and 3,316 injured in traffic accidents during the first three months of 1926, a consolidation of weekly surveys by the Associated Press revealed this week.

Accidents by trains, automobiles, trolley cars and motorcycles were taken into account in the compilation of the surveys.

Florida and North Carolina led in checking up the larger number of deaths, Florida's total being 126 for the three months, while North Carolina registered 115. Arkansas trailed the list with only 29 deaths for the period.

Florida also led the injuries column with 666. Again, North Carolina, with her 115 deaths, came fifth in the list of injuries, with 285. She was led by Georgia, Virginia and Louisiana in addition to Florida. South Carolina brought up the rear in this column with 68.

There were no particularly outstanding accidents which yielded a large number of deaths recorded during the period of the surveys.

Woman is Shot From Ambush at Black Mtn.

Was Called to Door at 1 O'clock in Morning, Thought Perpetrators Wanted Her Husband.

Asheville, Mar. 29.—Mrs. John Melton, who lives near Black Mountain, was shot repeatedly from ambush when she opened her front door at 1 o'clock this morning in answer to a call from a messenger, announcing that her son Harry, had been hurt in an automobile accident.

The person or persons who did the shooting were concealed in a clump of pines in the yard near the door, and as the door swung open four shots

from an automatic shotgun and one from a .32 calibre pistol were unloading in her direction, the pistol shot entering her abdomen and the others taking effect in her thighs, it is reported.

Mrs. Melton is seriously wounded but alive at her home. Attending physicians are doubtful as to the outcome of her injuries, it is said. It is thought the perpetrators of the crime intended to shoot Mrs. Melton's husband and son, but were unable to recognize the figure who appeared at the door and fired into her by mistake, investigating officers said.

Bloodhounds are being used in an effort to trail the offenders. The shooting probably resulted from activities of Harry Melton in combatting moonshining operation, Sheriff E. M. Mitchell, of Buncombe county, said.

DR TOM DIXON IS WRITING NEW BOOK

Native of Cleveland Will Finish This Book Then Devote His Time to Development of Carolina.

Thomas Dixon, famous playwright and novelist, and author and producer of the "Clansman" and of the scenario, "The Birth of a Nation," one of the greatest motion picture films ever produced, will be the chief speaker at the Eastern Carolina Exposition and Automobile Show, at Greenville, in Pitt county, Thursday evening, April 8.

Mr. Dixon's acceptance of the invitation of the Eastern Carolina Exposition to deliver an address was made known here today at the offices for Wildacres, where a new American institution a summer assembly ground of the liberal arts, is being created by Mr. Dixon and other members of the Mount Mitchell Association of Arts and Sciences. It is located near Little Switzerland, in McDowell county.

"The Rising South" will be the subject of Mr. Dixon, who is considered one of the greatest living orators. This will be the first time this address has been delivered by Mr.

Dixon and it is expected that thousands of persons will hear this famous native son of North Carolina.

Mr. Dixon is now writing a book entitled "The Garden of America," which he declares will be the last book he will write as he intends to devote the remaining years of his life to aiding in the upbuilding of the South.

Believing fully in the wonderful future in store for this section, Mr. Dixon is already devoting his time and money to a project that is destined to bring national fame to the mountains of Western North Carolina. Being a man who has always done the unusual, he is now doing and accomplishing a unique thing in the Carolina Highlands.

The establishment at Wildacres—which is in the midst of some of the most beautiful mountain scenery in America—of a summer assembly ground of the liberal arts, is the result of a long-cherished ideal of Mr. Dixon's. He hopes to create a mountain refuge for creative thinkers, which will attract to Western North Carolina and the South a high type of people—authors, artists, philosophers, actors, educators, and other professional people, all leaders in the world of thought and action.

A cultural center. With the gathering of these people at Wildacres, there will be created a cultural center that is destined to have a far-reaching effect on Southern life and custom. That such a colony of famous artists and scientists will influence the cultural life of the Southland is obvious. It will mean a new era in the fine arts in the South, which at one time was termed by H. L. Mencken as "The Sahara of the Beaux Arts."

Wildacres will have special features to be found in no other place in the South or the country as a whole for that matter. The mountain colony, where 10,000 persons are expected to be living within the not distant future, is easily accessible by rail and highway, yet it is within the shadow of Mount Mitchell, the monarch of all mountains east of the Rockies, being 6,711 feet above sea level. The property on the west and north overlooks part of the Pisgah National Forest and Game Preserve, where will be kept inviolate some of the

most rugged and beautiful portions of the Eastern Wilderness.

3,000 Seats in Auditorium. On top of Pompey's Knob, in Wilderness, a place which is literally covered with rhododendron, with a carpet of moss and galax leaves, a hotel will be built, which, will command a magnificent, panoramic view including Mount Mitchell, Hawk's Bill, Table Rock, the Linville Gorge region, and other famous natural points.

Beside the hotel, plans call for the erection of an auditorium, seating 3,000 persons, and a casino. Rustic cottages will be built on the hillsides and streets, each of which will be a feat of engineering, will make any portion of the property accessible. A white way will be built from the foot of the mountain to Pompey's Knob, which in itself will be one of the most spectacular sights of this region, as it will be visible for a long distance.

The recreational side of life at Wildacres will be stressed and each

property owner will be given a membership in a Federation of Ten Clubs which include: the riding and driving club, fishing and camping, motor boat and canoe, golf, tennis, casino, trap and rifle, drama and music, cinema, and the liberal arts.

The real business of teeth is to chew; not, as one might suppose, to serve as diagnosis.

Among the world's rottenest sports are those who bring a child into the world and deny it the training that would give it a fair chance.

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