

SAVING COL. WATTS HAS PRIVILEGE OF VISITING RALEIGH

Durham Writer Holds For Giving Master Politician Fair Deal Over State

Durham Herald. A. D. Watts appeared in Raleigh a few days ago. Immediately speculation became rife concerning the purposes of the visit of the former "king-maker" in North Carolina Democracy.

For some time Watts has not been in the political limelight of this state. In fact, he has never been much for the spotlight, preferring to be the manager who worked behind the scenes, pulling his wires and manipulating the strings which caused the characters to do their stuff before the audiences.

Anti-Australian ballot motives were, of course, laid at his door. That was a safe guess. Opposition to the eight months school was another. Lobbying for or against certain features of the revenue bill was another motive ascribed.

The writings of the newspaper writers got on his trail and sleuthed him in hope of finding out why Als. Watts visited Raleigh. Surmises have been made.

But, as usual, Watts kept his counsel, and we'll bet a perfectly good fit that when he leaves the public will be just as much in the dark as to why he went there as it was the first day he was discovered in the capital city.

And let it be said in his credit that the party had some hefty leaders when Als. Watts was picking 'em. It is not yet leaderless, but is drifting into that state, and if somebody doesn't come forward and help frame affairs, the party in the State will some of these days find itself in about as bad a plight as the party in the nation finds itself today.

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A word to local merchants: Advise.

The Time to Correct Suffering is Now!

Charlotte, N. C.—"I got so all run-down that it was an effort for me to get around. I had a weak back and severe pains thru my sides. I was not much good for anything. Thru the advice of a friend I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and it relieved me of all my feminine trouble, strengthened my nerves and I grew well and strong."

Write Dr. Fien, President Invalide's Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., for free advice.

Gastonia Officer Has Auto Stolen

Missing "Chevy" Is Recovered By Strong Arm of Law At Kings Mtn.

Gastonia Gazette.

When sworn officers of the law have their goods and chattels snatched from under their noses, they are pretty apt to become peeved. Officer Rankin, night patrolman, had this experience Monday night when his Chevrolet was mysteriously spirited away from its parking place on Franklin avenue, next to the new city hall.

It came back all right, but not until the heavy hands of the law in Kings Mountain had fallen upon the comrite "Chevy" and stopped its wandering career. It is safe and sound, back in its stall today, with soft tears falling from somewhere near the radiator, and a look of pain upon its noble front.

They are still young boys. The eldest gave his name as Ernest Miller, and said that his home was in Greenville, S. C. The younger of the two said that his home is in Bessemer City. His name is Lloyd Morrow, and he looks to be about 18 years of age.

Ernest told the judge a story of how Lloyd asked him to go to Waynesville with him, the former consenting, as he didn't care particularly where he went and he didn't know where Waynesville was anyhow. The former knew that the car didn't belong to Lloyd Morrow, but he didn't take the pains to find out whose it might be.

Starting off for a little night air they headed in the direction of Kings Mountain. Officer Rankin missed his mount a few minutes after, and he phoned policemen in nearby towns to be on the lookout for it.

When the boys blew into Kings Mountain the cops were there waiting for them. Laying firm hands on the shoulders of the boys, they soon had them in the city calaboose where they awaited trial.

Judge Schenk Denounces Those Who Make Highways Unsafe For Travel

Statesville.—Judge Michael Schenk of Hendersonville, who is presiding over the present term of the Federal superior court, made it clear in his charge to the grand jury that men found guilty of driving cars on the public highways while under the influence of liquor would have had sledding in his court.

In explaining that the first duty of the grand jury was to pass on bills of indictment sent up by the solicitor, Judge Schenk stated further that it was equally the duty of the grand jury to report to the solicitor any cases of law violations that had escaped the notice of the solicitor.

Should Report "The highways are in your hands. The automobile is here to stay, and yet one man can make the road unsafe from here to Asheville. If you know of a man who is doing that thing, it is your duty to report it to the court," he said.

MERCHANT CHIEF WORKED FOR \$30 AS STORE CLERK

Charlotte Observer.

W. H. Belk, head of the Belk Brothers chain of 43 department stores in the Carolinas and Virginia, with headquarters and the main store in Charlotte, formerly was employed by the late E. D. Heath, at a salary of \$30 a month, said B. Frank Matthews in a "shop talk" at the Rotary luncheon yesterday.

Mr. Matthews, who is one of the officials of the present Belk organization, sketched the growth and development of the business from its beginning on a borrowed capital of \$500 in Monroe between 20 and 25 years ago, to the present principals, W. H. Belk, who dis brother, Dr. J. M. Belk, who discontinued the practice of medicine in Anson county to take part in the store at Monroe.

Mr. Matthews gave a brief description of the magnificent new store, soon to be completed on East Trade street, which will have 128,000 square feet of floor space. He said that the Belk organization purchases goods from 150 mills in North and South Carolina. Its purchases from one mill amount to more than \$60,000 a year. Annual purchases of Cannon lowsels alone total from three to five carsloads, he said.

Two thousand five hundred salespeople are employed in the Belk chain of stores, said Mr. Matthews, and several hundred in the best Charlotte store. The manager of each of its branch stores except three is a stockholder, he said. Referring to the outlook for 1927, Mr. Matthews declared the prospects are "that we will have our very, very best year."

Scores Grocers Who Sell Syrup For Home Brew

Greenwood.—An investigation into the reported sale of material for the manufacture of home brew by a chain of grocery stores probably will be instituted by prohibition officials in the west North Carolina district, as a result of facts brought out in federal court here in a case involving the manufacture and possession of the so-called beverage.

J. D. Albright, jr., of Charlotte, government chemist, testified that the brew question was made from malted barley syrup sold by chain grocery stores and contained 6.34 per cent alcohol. "I wish you could get hold of some of these chain grocery stores," said Judge Watkins. "They know what they are selling the stuff for and I would rather have them, the men who are manufacturing the drink.

It is not even an apology for good beer or liquor and I think the man who drinks it is a fool and simply has no respect for his stomach." Judge Watkins then said he wished Prohibition Director H. M. Caudle to call the attention of chief prohibition officials to the fact that chain grocery stores are selling material for the beverage in this section and ask for an investigation.

Bethlehem Items Of Late Interest (Special to The Star)

Feb. 2.—Rev. W. N. Cook was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McDaniel Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Harden and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watterson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee McDaniel Sunday.

Tenants Petition For Rent Raise

Wonders Will Never Cease. Latest Odd News Comes From Mountain City

Asheville.—Who ever heard of requests from a tenant that a landlord increase the rent? Not many, perhaps. And yet the commissioner of public safety of the city of Asheville is destined to get a petition from certain renters in the city market asking for an increase of 10 per cent of present charges. Needless to say, opposition to the idea will develop.

The unusual step will be taken by a group of occupants of stalls who will recommend that the fund derived from the levy be devoted to exploitation of the market as a trading area without reference to appeals of individual tenants. Since the market opened, rent has been cut twice by the municipality. A 10 per cent reduction has been made each time. The decrease were put into effects in keeping with commissioners' promise to charge against them only such carrying levies as that part of the building was obligated to assume on a proportionate basis. Accountants' reports have justified the two cuts.

Modern Health Ideas Blamed

Chicago.—Most college students are nervous wrecks because of their own gullibility and their parents' so-called modern ideas on health, according to Professor G. T. Stafford of the Physical Education department of the University of Illinois.

The grip of various cults in this country is amazing when you consider this is the twentieth century," he said. "Thousands of parents in this state belong to such groups—tracing their aches and pains to the paths of the stars and laying their lumbergo to the position of heavenly bodies. "And then you will find the trusting souls—there are probably millions of them—who are "meat" for any quack doctor that comes along with a receipt for health in six boxes of pills.

"Is there any wonder that students do not today have adequate instruction in health and health habits in their classes in schools due to the squeamishness of us moderns in many instances who believe that certain facts about the body and the body's health are too indelicate to be discussed by trained instructors—come to college with distorted standards of physical perfection?

"The average college freshman—in all the glory of his flat feet, falling or fallen arches—models his idea of physical perfection chiefly on muscular development. He comes to school bound to be another "Red" Grange! The star athlete in him is the perfect physical specimen. "He thinks if he could just run a mile in record time he'd be a regular Apollo—he doesn't consider mental, emotional, social conditions of health—bulging muscles mean perfection as he sees it. He fails to see that a good posture, a correct gait and general health can be obtained outside of athletics.

"You'd be astonished if you knew talk of the tiger-skin clad strong that college men 'fall for' the sales man who promises to make them 100 per cent perfect for \$30 and postage.

TERRIBLE PAIN

Alabama Lady Tells How She Obtained Relief by Taking Cardui. Feels Fine and Enjoys Life Now, She Says.

Talladega, Ala.—Mrs. Mary Hardy, 403 Henderson Avenue, this city, says that seven years ago she "got down sick" and was unable to attend to her household. "I have never been so weak before or since," she says. "I had a terrible pain in my side—so sore in my side and the lower part of my body."

"After this, though, I picked up right away. I slept better at night. I was hungry, enjoyed my food, which I hadn't done for some time. "The pain and soreness gradually left my side. I regained my strength. I took about six bottles and left off for awhile, then took two or three more. . . I feel just fine, enjoy life and can work now, too."

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Knob Creek And Toluca Mention

(Special to The Star.)

Toluca, Feb. 3.—The B. Y. P. U. at Carpenters Grove is getting along nicely since we received a study course at the close of the old year, 1926, and elected new officers. Our meetings just after Sunday school each Sunday morning are proving very successful in attendance, but not so well as the 6:30 meetings. Our new inexperienced officers are giving some good programs and hope to attain the standard requirement the whole year.

Miss Minnie L. Latham spent last Tuesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. D. Edwards. Misses Renner Alwan and Ira Blanton spent last Tuesday night at the home of Mr. A. G. Boyles, with Miss Gertrude Seism. The boys and girls of Toluca met and enjoyed a good time together, they played many interesting games.

Mr. Gus Boyles accompanied by Mr. Tom Osborne of Shelby went to Spruce Pine last Tuesday to purchase a truck. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hoyle were dinner guests at the home of Mr. Austin Hicks last Sunday. Mr. Wayne Carpenter spent last Saturday night with Mr. Woodrow Hoyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Willis visited their sister Mrs. Minnie Hoyle last Sunday. Miss Melvenia Lacey spent last Sunday with Miss Elsie Lou Burns. Mr and Mrs. R. P. Boyles went to incoln hospital last Tuesday to see Mrs. Boyles' father Mr. George Beam who underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is very low at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sain were in Shelby hospital last Sunday to see their daughter Miss Donnie Sain. She is getting along very well. Mr. Monroe Williams was a visitor in Shelby last Monday. Mrs. Emma Mull and children of Double Shoals were dinner guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Sain last Sunday. Mr. Dan Sain was a business visitor in Shelby last Tuesday.

It is now said that Queen Marie was dissatisfied with her American trip. You can hardly ever please royalty.

Walter Lee Marries Miss Mary Ramsaur

(Special to The Star.)

Lawndale.—Of interest to a wide circle of friends is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Mary Ramsaur of Morganton, to Walter Lee of Lawndale on Wednesday afternoon February 2nd, 1927. Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald officiating. The bride has many friends here having spent some years with her aunt, Mrs. Carme Elam, while attending Piedmont high school. The groom is a popular R. F. D. carrier of Lawndale, route 1.

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