

Filling Up the Open Spaces



These boys fill up the great open spaces of Glacier National Park with songs. The cowboy quartet is known to many tourists. They are (left to right): Bullrig Tibbetts, Hackamore (Red) Hanson, No Tibbetts and Dick Bronson.

Can American Women Restore King Cotton To His Old Throne Over Sunny Southland?

Fayetteville.—(INS)—C a n getting somewhere in the "wear American women restore King Cotton, long the monarch of the sunny Southland, to his rightful throne? According to federation officials other club towns of the state probably will stage events along the same line in the near future to encourage the wearing of cotton clothes. The biggest day of the Federation's convention in Durham this May will be known as "Cotton Day," the second day of the convention. At that time every woman attending the convention will be required to wear a cotton dress. Prizes will be awarded for dresses, spreads, towels, and other cotton-made things. The members of the state committee in charge of the "Wear Cotton" movement are: Mrs. E. H. Williamson, Fayetteville, chair; Mrs. C. W. Bradshaw, Greensboro; Mrs. James Brodie, Henderson, Miss Ruth Burke, La-Grange; Mrs. S. W. Tucker, Durham; Mrs. John Gilmer, of Winston-Salem; and Mrs. J. L. Staten, of Charlotte.

Otto's Book Increases Sales After He Gets More Publicity By Capture

Raleigh.—(INS)—Sale of Otto Wood's autobiography, North Carolina's weirdest literary production in several years, is reported to be taking leaps and bounds, since the notorious convict's newest "publicity stunt." The slim little volume, which Wood penned when he was in "solitary" and distributed from his prison cell himself for "fifty cents and up," is reported to have sold several hundred more copies since his last sensational recapture in Terre Haute, Ind. Wood was arrested in the Indiana city and identified as the North Carolina fugitive after he was wounded in an attempted single-handed hold-up of the Bull Drug Store there. He escaped for a third time from the State Prison here on November 22, 1926. Wood was returned to Raleigh from the Indiana city, and was placed in his same old cell at the State Prison. Wood's autobiography relates a daring career of crime. Wood boasts of having escaped from prisons in Tennessee, West Virginia, Florida and Ohio, in addition to his three dashes for freedom from the Tar Heel pen. Wood has about 30 more years to serve on his sentence for the slaying of A. W. Kaplan, Greensboro pawnbroker.

Carolina Mineral Increasing In Use

Raleigh.—(INS)—Increasing use of cavorite, huge deposits of which have been found in North Carolina, will mean a larger market for the mineral mined in North Carolina, according to State Geologist H. J. Bryson. Deposits of the material in the state will become increasingly valuable with the continued use of cavorite, which is not only being utilized as a refractory material, but also with disperse, a hydroxide of aluminum, Bryson said. Until recently cavorite has been found only in small quantities in the Eastern part of the United States.

Trap Gun Gets Man.

Cleveland.—A trap set after three successive robberies of his store caused the death of an unidentified man who was found by John Hartman, owner of the store, when he opened his store. He arranged a shotgun so that foot pressure on a box just below a window would release the trigger.

Guilty Of Peonage.

New Orleans, La.—John D. Alfred, of Fluker, La., charged with kidnaping and enforced servitude of a family of negroes, pleaded guilty in the Federal court and was sentenced to six months in jail.

NEW TYPE DRUNKS EAT CANNED HEAT FOR TYPY FEEL

County Court Hears of the Latest Beverage With a Kick That Is a Kick.

Wayne B. Wheeler and Andrew Volstead, leaders in the move to keep America "bone dry," might upon a visit to Shelby pick up the information that it is possible to get tipsy without any liquid whatsoever.

In fact, the latest method of "getting high" hereabouts is to eat yourself drunk instead of drinking yourself drunk. Necessary ingredients are several soda crackers and a can of "canned heat"—the trade name of which is not to be made public for fear merchants could not supply the rush.

The new jelly beverage made its first official appearance in a court room here Monday when Recorder John Mull started to grind out his customary court on the morning after the week end. In two cases the defendants admitted to getting the kick out of the canned heat, and there was talk about the court room as how the sale of the new style intoxicant might be halted.

Housewives of Cleveland county perhaps have known of canned heat for some time, but up until this week it was not generally known as an intoxicant. One defendant, it is said, had eight cans on his person when arrested and no telling how many in his interior. It takes from three to five cans to get a man gloriously lit it is said and just a can or so more to get him cussed provided an officer happens by. The cans are said to cost about 20 cents each and with such competition the price of bootleg is expected to flop several hundred points.

STORE ROBBED AT BOILING SPRINGS

Mrs. Ed Hawkins is Buried. Social Clubs Meet. Personal Mention Of People on the Go.

(Special to The Star.) Boiling Springs, Mar. 1.—The Philonian Book club met at the home of Mrs. J. R. Greene Friday afternoon at 3:30. The home was a scene of beauty with its decorations of spring flowers which were artistically arranged. The meeting was called to order by the president and after disposing of the business a most interesting program was given on the "North Carolina Writers." Interesting and enlightening papers which depicted the true life of the mountaineers were read by Mrs. V. H. Hamrick, Miss Johnnie Maie McBrayer and Mrs. M. A. Jolley, piano solo by Miss Lawrence, vocal solo by Mrs. B. M. Jarrett. The guests other than the members of the club were Misses Garrison Clark, Miss Lawrence of the High Point school, Miss Georgie Hamrick, Mrs. R. D. Hord and Mrs. J. M. Walker. The hostess served an elegant ice and sweet course with accessories.

The Busy Bee club met at the public school Monday afternoon. A new club song was learned and the business matters were attended to but there was no demonstration at this meeting as it was impossible for Mrs. Wallace to be there.

Home Economics. The Home economics club met at the home of Mrs. Z. O. Holland on Monday afternoon. To most of the members this seemed an unusually interesting and beneficial meeting. The arrangement of furniture and how to make nooks and corners attractive was discussed by Mrs. Wallace. As usual she gave some valuable pointers on household furnishings. The next meeting will be with Mrs. O. P. Hamrick.

Basketball Games. The first team of the basketball quint spent a few days of last week at Mars Hill playing various teams on the Mars Hill court. This team won out in the preliminaries, but it wasn't long before our team had to drop out, leaving Lattimore and Forest City to contest.

Mrs. J. R. Greene, Mrs. F. B. Hamrick, Miss Johnnie Maie McBrayer, Mrs. Ladd Hamrick, Miss Elizabeth Hamrick were Shelby shoppers Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Rush Padgett and family and Miss Marion Bridges of Shelby spent Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Moore. Little Macy Carol Moore accompanied them home for a few days stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Tint Hamrick and

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Diplomat



Women are more diplomatic than men, some say, but they do not hold many posts in the United States service. Miss Lucille Atcherson (above) of Columbus, O., who was the first woman in the corps, has been assigned to the legation at Balboa, Panama.

Nothing New In Kidnaping Affair Here

So far as can be learned, nothing news has developed in the sensational Claude Weathers kidnaping affair and members of the Weathers family together with the general public are puzzled over oddities of the unusual attempt at robbery.

Indications now are that events transpiring last Friday night may never be fully known although Mr. Weathers himself and members of his family are making an attempt to locate the men who drugged Weathers early Friday night and kept him a prisoner until Saturday morning.

Members of the Weathers family together with Policeman Poston journeyed to Gaffney this week where an attempt was made to pick up any clues that might shed light on the mystery. However, nothing was discovered that would tend to offer definite clues although it was positively checked up that Weathers visited a garage there looking for Wern prior to the time the trade was made.

Unconfirmed rumors had it that a man by that name was known in the Gaffney region, while still another rumor was that a man by that name had recently served time for conviction of some charge at Blacksburg, but local officers say that so far as they know the rumors have not been traced down.

Fine Scenery For Smile Show Here At Theatre Thursday

Elaborate Costumes, Car-loads of Natural Foliage and Flowers For Local Talent Play.

The stage is set and everything is ready for the performance of Shelby's great "Home Town Follies" show Thursday night at the Princess. Because of the length of the show the curtain will rise promptly at 8:15 as the aisles of the theatre are used for part one, the "Childrens Slumberland." The childrens part is so small part of the performance, it will be thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and only those who are seated in time for the beginning of the act will be able to enjoy it. Patrons will not be seated during the act.

The stage of the Princess has been transformed into a beautiful "Smileland" under the direction of Mr. Hall.

A committee has been at work two days building the artistic stage setting. Carloads of natural foliage, hundreds of chrysanthemums, palms and other plants have been used in the decorations. Magnificent standing lamps and other properties from the John M. Best Co., add much to the scene. It is said to be the most elaborate stage setting ever seen in Shelby. The costumes are elaborate in the extreme, not a thing being left undone for a complete success. Shelby people will witness the production tomorrow night, have a great treat in store for them.

Mr. L. D. Rice of the Princess is musical director.

Eats 54 Oysters And A Pie.

Asbury Park, N. J.—M. Winslow Lawson, 67 year old farmer, recently won a wager by eating 54 oysters, after which he ate a pumpkin pie as a "chaser." He suffered no apparent ill-effects.

Heaviest Snow In Years Blankets Shelby Region

Twelve-Inch Snow Fell, It Is Estimated, With Fall Measuring 10 Inches Wednesday.

The heaviest snow since 1917-18 is the local estimate on the heavy snowfall of Tuesday and Tuesday night with a measurement of between nine and 12 inches Wednesday morning and a light snow still falling at intervals.

Despite the unusually big snow for March the temperature did not drop to any considerable extent. The lowest mark recorded early Wednesday morning by the Ebeltoft thermometer was 32 above and early in the morning the mercury started climbing upwards.

Although no official measurement of the snowfall has been made various reports coming into The Star range from nine inches to a little over 12 inches, the majority of reports being around 11 inches. Snowdrifts ranged from two to four feet deep.

Traffic Held Up. Early morning traffic in and through Shelby was held up for a period Wednesday morning. None of the big bus lines operating in Shelby had cars arriving early, although the seven o'clock bus for Charlotte left here on time but had not arrived at Gastonia several hours later.

No Rural Mail. It was learned from the postoffice early in the morning there would be no rural mail today, none of the carriers going out as it was estimated that few of them could make their rounds through the heavy drifts.

Local schools were in session today but held only one session, turning out shortly after 12 o'clock, and the general attendance was light, according to reports.

City workmen began clearing up-town sidewalks early in the morning enough to permit pedestrian travel and the horse-drawn drags were on the streets several hours later dragging out a roadway although motor traffic had been moving since early morning. In the uptown section one of the water hose from the fire trucks was used to sweep the streets clear.

By 10:30 in the morning the snow was melting fast under the rays of a sun that promised to get even warmer and the record March snow apparently will not stay on the ground for and length of time.

Started Tuesday Morning. Snow began falling early Tuesday morning and continued to fall throughout the day with the exception of one or two intervals. However, the fall during the day was not heavy and the ground was sparsely coated. Late in the afternoon the snow became heavier and by dark a driving blizzard was in full force. About 11 o'clock Tuesday night heavy winds increased the sway of the storm and drifts began piling up.

Snow Is General. Chester, S. C., Mar. 1.—Chester has experienced the most severe weather today in many years. It began snowing between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning, and in a few hours it had reached the depth of five inches, and by noon it had gone slightly over that depth.

Much fear is entertained tonight by many over the safety of the fruit crop, much of which had blossomed forth during the recent warm weather.

Asheville Streets Covered. Asheville, March 1.—The largest snow of the winter, more than an inch and a half, covered the streets here today. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the thermometer registered 29, with snow falling steadily.

Rock Hill Has Storm. Rock Hill, S. C., Mar. 1.—Rock Hill tonight was in the grip of the worst snowstorm it had experienced in years.

In Like a Lion. York, S. C., Mar. 1.—March came in lion-like today, with snow beginning at 5 o'clock in the morning and continuing all day, alternating with sleet in the afternoon. The snow had attained a depth of three inches by nightfall, but would have been much deeper if it had not melted slowly throughout the day.

Casar Defeats Union In Contest

(Special to The Star.) Lattimore, Feb. 28.—Playing the opening game of the non-accredited high school basketball championship series Casar completely outplayed the fast team from Union here this afternoon. The Mountain Devils had the big end of the score all the way through. However, the lads from Union played good ball.

The next game of the series will be played between Banoah and Casar in the new "tin can" Wednesday night March 2. Don't fail to see this game for it promises to be an interesting contest.

Air Mail Stop At Charlotte Would Speed Mail Here

With the likelihood that Charlotte, 50 miles east of Shelby may land a stop on the Atlanta-New York air mail route Shelby bankers and business men say that the air mail stop would mean much to local business.

Banks here having checks to clear in New York could at the close of the day's business mail them to Charlotte for the night air mail and have them cleared the next day in New York at a considerable saving of time and money. Likewise local manufacturing enterprises and other big business here with New York connections would be benefited by the fast air mail service in transacting business usually requiring either an expensive telephone call or several days by mail. Air mail will be carried it is understood at 10 cents per ounce.

LAMBETH BRANCH HERE BOUGHT BY FIRM OFFICIAL

Dodge Agency To Be Litton Motor Comes From Gastonia Here.

Announcement is made from Charlotte that Mr. F. B. Litton, of Gastonia, has purchased from the Chas. E. Lambeth Motor company their branch in Shelby, and the firm hereafter will be operated as the Litton Motor company at the same location on South LaFayette street.

Experienced Agent. Mr. Litton has had many years experience with the Dodge Brothers car and the Graham Brothers truck and has been connected with the Charlotte agency of the firm since 1921.

For the past three years he has been vice-president and general manager of the Lambeth-Litton Motor company at Gastonia. His past experience places him in a position to handle his new purchase here in an efficient manner and he will be welcomed to Shelby by the business interests.

Prisoner Is Gone When His Friends Arrange His Fine

In county court here this week a defendant was given a fine and the costs, and the court moved on to other cases. Later in the day a friend of that particular prisoner came along with the intention of arranging the fine and costs that would get him out of jail. A part of the sum was secured and the friend, according to reports, made a trip to jail to see if the defendant himself could contribute a little to the total, and then came the discovery that the friend was not in jail to be taken out. Later it was learned that he had strolled out of the court room after the trial and had not returned to jail at all.

However, it has been learned, according to court officials, that the defendant returned to his home and intends to arrange payment of the fine.

Goes To Death Bed Of Mother

Rev. William E. Allen rector of the church of the Redeemer, Protestant Episcopal, left Saturday for Atlantic City, N. J., having received a telegram that his mother was dying. Mr. Allen's personal friends and those of his fraternal order extend their deepest sympathy to him in his sorrow.

When Mr. Allen first took charge of the little mission here the future looked doubtful, but his faithful little flock have been so loyal that success must crown his efforts. Six months ago the rector refused a call to a parish in Washington, D. C., at a salary of \$3,000 and rector also one which offered many social advantages. This is truly one of the many proofs how deeply Mr. Allen's heart is in his work here in which his bishop has so much faith for the future.

SCHOOL BOARD TO BEGIN NEW YEAR ON APRIL FIRST

Names Of Five Members Selected In Democratic Primary Are Officially Confirmed

The five members of the county board of education for Cleveland county, nominated last year in the Democratic primary, have been officially appointed in an amicus bill passing through the legislature. Every two years the state legislature appoints the county board of education in the 100 counties in North Carolina. Cleveland is one of the few counties in the state that has reserved the right by special permission to nominate its school board by vote, so last year in the primary W. A. Kidenhour, of Kings Mountain; C. D. Forney, of Lawndale; W. D. Lackey, of Shelby; Ivy Willis, of Lattimore and J. L. Hord, of Waco, were nominated for a term of two years. They were not voted on in the general election in November as they were unopposed by Republicans.

It is learned that in the majority of the counties in North Carolina the members of the county school boards are nominated by the Democratic executive committee and in turn ratified by the Legislature at Raleigh, but Cleveland is more democratic in that the voters are given the opportunity to select their school committeemen in the primary.

It will be remembered that W. D. Lackey is one of the new members to take office the first of next month led the entire ticket in the primary. Ivy Willis, another new member is a former teacher of long experience and is considered a valuable addition to the board by reason of his contact with educational affairs. Other members of the board are present members.

Another Johnson Held For Court On Store Charge

Second Brother Bound Over In Connection With Thefts at Mauney Store. Four of Family.

Earl Johnson, who was held in jail last week on the robbery charge of the Roberts store in South Shelby, and later released when his brother, Harley, admitted the theft and was bound over, was himself bound over to court this week on a charge of stealing that he was connected with thefts at the P. M. Mauney store at the Ormill village. Bond was set at \$500 and was not given at the time, it is said.

This is the fourth member of the family under bond to Superior court. Harley's mother and wife being held in connection with the charges against Harley.

The charge against Earl came to light through a brother-in-law who officer says, stated that Harley sent a package to Woodruff, S. C., said to contain some of the goods alleged to be missing at the Mauney store.

Bert Whisnant Died Wednesday

Prominent Citizen of Polkville Succumbs to Heart Attack. Wife and Son Survive.

Mr. Albert (Bert) Whisnant, well and favorably known citizen of the Polkville section died Wednesday morning about 5 o'clock at his home, following a protracted illness with a heart trouble. Mr. Whisnant was a veteran of the Civil War, going away with the sixteen-year old boys when the Confederate forces needed re-enforcements. Mr. Whisnant was a valiant soldier, a devoted churchman with a host of friends who learn of his death with a deep sorrow.

Mr. Whisnant was twice married, the first time to Lizzie Ledford. After her death he was married to Mrs. Frances Crowder, a sister of the first wife. She survives, together with one son Barrett Whisnant by the first wife. He was in his 76th year when the end came.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday from Oak Grove church and the interment will be in the Whisnant burying ground.

Gas Kills Stowaways

New York.—Two of five stowaways who boarded the White Star liner Adriatic at Naples were killed by coal gas while the ship was enroute from here to Gibraltar. All would have died except for the timely discovery by Frank Bewley, assistant engineer.

LOCATE COLORED MAN WHO MAY BE LOCAL MURDERER

Officials here today are investigating court records to see if a negro man by the name of Peters was ever charged with murder in this county. The investigation comes as the result of a letter received by Sheriff H. A. Logan from an officer at Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

According to the letter a negro is being held there by officers who are of the opinion that he is wanted for murder here years ago. The letter states that although he goes under another name it is thought that his real name is Peters. Officers here plan to look back over old court records and see if anyone answering the description of the Tennessee man has ever been charged with murder here.

It is remembered here that a murder case of many years ago at Grover has been continued on the docket through many courts. The murder charge is against a negro for killing another negro at Grover, the slayer never being caught. According to officers and others about the court house the description of the man in Tennessee does not tally with Jim Lowery.

COTTON MARKETS

(By Jno. F. Clark and Co.)

Cotton was quoted on New York exchange at 11 o'clock today: March 14.50; May 14.56; July 14.68; October 14.81; December 14.94.

New York, Mar. 2.—Liverpool 22:15 p. m. March 8, July 10, October 4 American points better than due.

Raining over eastern belt last night, mostly clear west. Department of Commerce reports from London say British industry is intensely active with business leaders vigorous in efforts to make up for coal strike loss.

Memphis reports good spot demand. Advance in futures stimulated demand in Worth street yesterday, higher prices were being asked in the afternoon. A number of converters are complaining that they have not enough goods to take care of orders.

Southern spot markets ten to 30 points up, sales 31,000 bales.

Look for higher markets on foreign and domestic trade buying and increasing speculation for a rise. Think any reaction will only be temporary.

Ask McLean To Speak

Kannapolis.—(INS)—An invitation has been extended Governor McLean to speak at the commencement exercises of the Kannapolis high school here in May.