

Borrowed Car For Ride In From Dance

Apparently some young fellow and his dance partner, or perhaps the young fellow by himself, "danced out" at the Friday night dance at Cleveland Springs, and just couldn't take another step.

LEWIS DOWN ON WORLD WHEN HE RETURNS TO GANG

Big War Vet Doesn't Think He Has Had Fair Deal, Unable To Work.

Frank Lewis, Princess Pat war veteran who has become quite a character in this section of the state, returned to his duties on the No. 6 chain gang here Saturday, but he was far from enthusiastic over his home-coming to the rock-pile, the picks and shovels, the guards and the chains.

In fact, the big blonde mountaineer seems to have soured on the world because in his opinion the world is down on him. Out on the gang he is far from content and is reported to have talked of doing away with himself.

First of all, he tells friends, he doesn't think he got a square deal in being sentenced to the roads for the shooting in a neighbor's home, which he contends he never did. On top of that he says despite his big frame he was unable to do heavy work when they placed him on the gang, and for that reason he escaped many weeks ago. And to top off his tough luck he says he was betrayed and sent back by a man whom he thought was a friend.

Rambled Far And Wide

While a fugitive from the chain gang here the Canadian war vet and mouth harp artist, wandered over many states and into two countries. Leaving Shelby, he told friends he made for Charleston where he hoped to catch a boat to New York, but failing to do so in a day or two he returned to Columbia and Greenville and later came back to Asheville, in this case. From Asheville it was Memphis, then St. Louis—blowing his harp all the time—and then Detroit, and finally Canada. In the country for which he fought during the world war, as a member of their most gallant and daring fighting unit, he visited Windsor, Montreal, Quebec, and other points. Then he came back to Niagara Falls, over to Schenectady, then down to the big city. From New York he rambled on to Washington, entertaining with his harp, known to radio fans, as he traveled. In Washington he visited the adjutant-general's office for papers, he said, to show the folks down home that he didn't fight with Germany but with one of the Allies. While there he related how the world was down on him, about his chain gang sentence here, his escape and so on. One of those listening happened to be a plain-clothes man. The next day Sheriff Logan had a wire that the escaped prisoner was held in Washington. Now he's back. And of the opinion that life hasn't served him right, but only a few hours back in jail, before he was returned to the gang camp, he blew several familiar mountains airs on his harp for the friends who called to see him.

ONLY ONE PUMP IN ORDER FOR WATER

One of the pumps in the intake tower at the city's water reservoir has gone bad and the city's water supply is again in jeopardy. Mayor Dorsey says the motors which were drowned out during the flood and had to be taken to Charlotte to be baked, were installed and set in motion, but another trouble has arisen. The other pump which is still in commission is thought to be sufficient to supply the water requirements of the city for the time being, he thinks. A man is kept on watch all the time to see that the remaining portion of the equipment is running.

The cause of the trouble is being ferreted out with the engineers, the contractors and the manufacturers from whom the equipment was purchased.

N. C. CANDIDATES SILENT ON SMITH DRAW CRITICISM

W. M. Person Attacks Those Who Fail To Support Al. Others Differ.

Raleigh.—"So far Clyde Hoey and former Governor Cameron Morrison are the only ones that have made speeches for Smith in North Carolina—and not a single candidate for office in the State, including Congressmen, have made any mention of Governor Smith. But unless they get busy and support the entire ticket, clear through, to Smith, I am going to vote against them—and there are hundreds of others who think as I do about it."

So said Willie M. Person, of Franklin County, noted co-op buster and tax-reducer, in discussing the noticeable fact that very few of the candidates for the State offices on the Democratic ticket have made any mention of Governor Smith or the national ticket in any of their utterances as yet, though it must be taken into consideration that few campaign speeches have been made as yet by any of the state candidates.

But Colonel Person does raise an interesting point—one that has been mentioned repeatedly by State officials, politicians and others in recent weeks, but always preceded by the remark "now this is not for publication," or "be sure not to quote me on this." But Colonel Person made his declaration for all who have ears or radios.

"Take a look at the Republicans" said Colonel Person. "The majority of them in this state were for Governor Lowden of Illinois for President. But are they soft peddling their talk about Hoover, and not even mentioned his name, merely because Hoover was nominated instead of Lowden? Are they telling the Republican voters in North Carolina to vote the Republican ticket in the state, but as far as the national ticket is concerned, to let their consciences be their guide, intimating that it will be all right for them to vote for Smith? Not a bit of it! They are backing the Republican ticket all the way through and are boosting Hoover louder than any of their other candidates."

"Why then, all this silence on the part of the Democratic candidates for state offices about the head of the Democratic ticket, and candidates for President—Governor Smith? Why can't the Democratic candidates and workers boost their candidates for President as wholeheartedly as the Republicans?"

"I am a Democrat and I intend to vote the entire Democratic ticket. But I want to be sure that I am voting for Democrats that are Democrats and that these are for the entire Democratic ticket, including the candidate for President. So I will not vote for any state officer or congressman who does not openly come out and support the entire ticket, state and national."

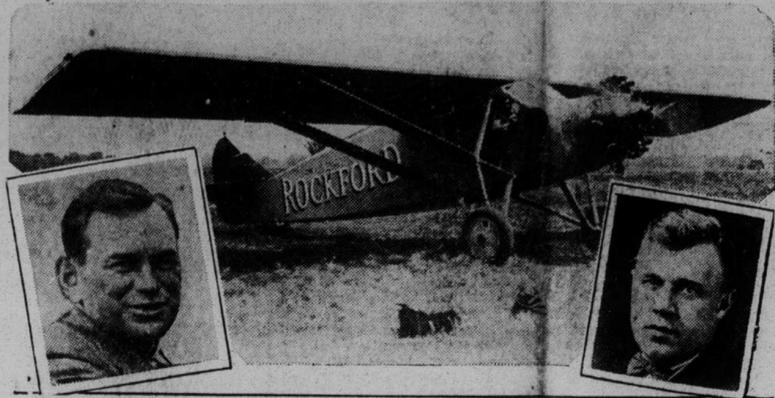
All of which is consistently inconsistent, likewise rather convoluted but gives expression to a state of mind that is current in the minds of many Smith supporters, and many who before Smith's nomination were opposed to him.

On the other hand there is a goodly number of anti-Smith Democrats who say that they will vote the Democratic ticket in the State and for congressmen, provided the candidates do not come out too strongly in favor of Smith, in which case they say they will scratch them. In several eastern counties, and even here in Wake county, out in the rural districts, documents are already being circulated, according to reports that are believed to be reliable, pledging the signers not only to vote against Governor Smith but also to vote against any candidate, county or state, that is for Smith. The activity along this line is being generally credited to the Ku Klux Klan and the Anti-Saloon League.

Big Fine For Booze Found On Premises

Deputy sheriffs out of Sheriff Logan's office made a raid last week out in the Oak Grove section of a county that Tom Bost, the political writer, termed "bone dry," and while on their tour located, so they say, some two gallons of whiskey about the premises of Will Dye, white. In recorder's court today Dye was fined \$100 and paid the bill.

ILLINOIS-TO-SWEDEN FLYERS ARE LOST



Park Cramer (left) and Bert Hassell (right) in their plane "Greater Rockford" were thought to be lost over the Atlantic at last reports. They hopped off from Cochrane, Ont., at 1:12 p. m. Saturday and were scheduled to reach Mount Evans, Greenland, at 10 Sunday morning on their flight to Stockholm, Sweden, in two hops. The last faint signals were heard from them at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Fear has grown that disaster has overtaken them.

Republicans Open An Active County Drive

G. O. P. Forces Seem To Be Centering On Electing Republican Sheriff, As Propheesied. Smith Will Play Part.

This old world springs something new often enough to make life more or less entertaining. Which is to say that Cleveland county is to see something out of the ordinary in politics this fall as the Republican forces, long submerged, open the most active drive they have made in years to land a Republican county official in the court house set amid the shrubbery and beautiful trees of the Cleveland county court square.

Today for the first time in something like 18 years, as it is recalled, a Republican candidate for county office is advertising in The Star for support in his race for county office. The G. O. P. candidate to first break the ice is Mr. R. A. Lackey of Fallston, the Republican candidate for sheriff.

Star Propheesied. This in part fulfills a prophecy made by this paper some weeks back in which it was said that the Republican leaders in this county were more than optimistic in landing a Republican sheriff for the first time in many years and would center their forces on that office.

Back of all this unusual "carry-over," as it seems to be just the usual this year, is the smiling face of a grown-up street newsboy of New York who has turned the political world topsy-turvy.

Back when the Smith fever and chills first struck the section, back about the time the county Republicans were picking their candidates, general information was that they would center their entire hopes on easing in a county representative to legislature in the person of B. E. Williams opposing Odus M. Mull, who has later become state head of the Democratic activities. At that time the Republican outlook for landing a county office was about the same as usual—which is to say two or three strokes over par. Since that time there have been important developments. So many Democrats sought to succeed Sheriff Logan that a second primary became necessary.

How It Happened. Meantime the Smith controversy developed into a rage. The New York governor, inside information has it, played a role in the selection of the Democratic nominee for sheriff. Anyway, some followers of Frank L. Hoyle, who was defeated by Irvin M. Allen for the nomination, broadcast the information that in several sections Allen led Hoyle because it was noised about among voters that Mr. Hoyle was Alfred Emmanuel Smith for president. The report may or may not have been true, but Cleveland county Democrats at the time were torn up more than they are now about Smith, and the report left welcome ears. Enthusiastic Smith supporters didn't like it a bit, or so the word was, and the word apparently crept to Republican ears.

Here was the opportunity they had been waiting for to these many years. For years untold the only hope county Republicans held of landing one officer, or an opening wedge into rock-ribbed Cleveland, was a split among the Democratic brethren. But the split was hard to pry open. The harder the Republicans tried; the more solid became the Democratic front.

Do Own Splitting. Then the Democratic cohorts did their own splitting, or so the Republican generalissimo are making themselves believe. They split up over Smith. Some Democrats will be mad, they say, if Allen endorses the straight Democratic ticket along the line an old toper took his booze

BROADCAST SMITH ADDRESS IN CITY

Two Radio Firms Will Give Crowds Opportunity To Hear Al Talk.

Pendleton's are announcing the broadcasting of the Al Smith acceptance speech Wednesday at the auditorium of the court house, and the McCords (the Shelby Hardware company) will entertain an audience at their store. Another broadcast will be made at Casey's place and another at Montgomery-Ward Co.

These concerns cordially invite the public to take advantage of their programs. The speech is slated to go on the air at seven o'clock Wednesday evening. Local political dopsters are "calculating" that this will be the Democratic candidate's most important utterance during the campaign, when he will be expected to clarify his stand on the wet issue, and are in consequence very much on the qui vive waiting for the speech to be put on the air.

Crowder Conducts An Unusual Test In Fertilization

Contrasts Use Of Ton Per Acre And 1,000 Pounds Of Fertilizer Per Acre.

W. A. Crowder, prominent cotton planter of the Lattimore section, is conducting a fertilizer experiment on one of his farms that is creating considerable interest among cotton farmers of the county.

In one plot Mr. Crowder used 2,000 pounds of fertilizer to the acre and on an adjoining one 1,000 pounds to the acre. On July 21 a count of the shapes on a 100-foot row in each plot was made. There were 2,365 shapes on the row under which 2,000 pounds per acre was used and 1,523 shapes on the row where 1,000 pounds was used to the acre. On August 4 another count was made and there were 3,260 bolts or shapes on the row where the ton of fertilizer was used per acre and 1,766 bolts or shapes on the row where 1,000 pounds per acre was used. It will be noted that in the two-weeks period there was an increase of nearly 1,000 bolts or shapes where the biggest amount of fertilizer was used and an increase of only about 200 bolts or shapes on the other. Saturday, August 18, another count was made and a decrease shown in both rows. On the row where a ton per acre was used there were 2,898 bolts or shapes, or a decrease of 362 bolts and shapes. On the row where 1,000 pounds per acre was used there were 1,711 bolts or shapes—a decrease of 55 bolts or shapes.

At the same time it was noted that there were 497 grown bolts on the row where a ton per acre was used and 371 grown bolts on the other row. At first the bolts on the heavily fertilized row showed a steady increase over the other row, but the last count would indicate that the second row is showing a gradual gain in the long run over the other row. Just how the two rows will compare at maturity is attracting considerable interest. The next count will be made in two weeks.

Miss Ellen Odell, of Cleveland, Ohio, left for her home this morning, motoring with her brother and accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. C. Peake, whose guest she has been while here. Mrs. Peake plans to spend ten days in the Ohio city.

ESTIMATE BRIDGE DAMAGE TO COUNTY CLOSE TO \$40,000

Seventeen Bridges In All Hit, Says Commissioner Weathers. Some Salvage.

The recent heavy rains and flood, likened unto that of '16, cost Cleveland county from \$35,000 to \$40,000 in bridges, according to a preliminary estimate made to The Star today by R. Lee Weathers, member of the county board who has been inspecting the bridges since the flood waters receded.

It was reported today that seventeen bridges in all were either washed away, dislodged or badly damaged by the high waters and it may be that one or two more will be added to the total.

Among those not reported heretofore are: the Hoyle bridge over the river at John Hoyle's mill place in No. 8 township, and the washing out of a rock wall or fill leading to the bridge over Broad river below Boiling Springs on the Gaffney road.

Five Steel Bridges. Listed among the seventeen missing bridges are five steel ones, some of them practically new. The steel bridges, says Mr. Weathers, may be salvaged, but not so with the wooden bridges the majority of which were of no great value, it was said.

Fills And Roads. The \$40,000 damage estimate does not include damage to fills, embankments and roads caused by wash-outs.

MR. W. B. DENTON DIES AT LAWDALE

Faithful Employee Of Cleveland Mill And Power Company. Active Churchman.

The remains of Mr. W. B. Denton, active Mason and churchman and for thirty or more years an employee of the Cleveland Mill and Power company were buried Sunday afternoon at Lawndale, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. John W. Suttle and Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald. Mr. Denton died suddenly Saturday morning and died Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, never regaining consciousness.

Mr. Denton was 54 years of age. Four years ago his wife died. At the time of his death he was shipping clerk for the Cleveland Mill and Power Co. and had been a most faithful employee for over 30 years. He was a consecrated Christian, a member of the Baptist church of which he had been treasurer for many years, an active Mason. He was secretary of the Masonic lodge for many years and one of the most highly esteemed citizens in the community. The masonic brethren according him the usual Masonic honors at the funeral.

Surviving are five children, Lilly Denton who is seriously sick in a sanatorium at Charlotte, Mrs. Selma Royal, of Charlotte, Jack, Virginia and Fred Denton of Lawndale.

COUNTY FARMERS TO TOUR AT HOME

Will Make Tour Of Own County Seeing Experiments On August 30.

Cleveland county farmers are going to tour among themselves on Thursday, August 30.

Some very valuable experiments have been conducted by County Agent Hardin and Mr. V. C. Taylor, agricultural teacher, in cooperation with several farmers of the county and it will pay other farmers in the county to take time to visit some of these demonstrations and see how good seed and proper fertilization will increase the yield of cotton.

All farmers who wish to take part in the tour are requested to assemble at the Blanton farm on highway 20, west of Shelby, at 10 o'clock on the morning of August 30. Demonstrations on the farms of the following men will be visited: N. H. Mäuney, O. Z. Morgan, William Moore, J. S. Gillespie, John L. McSwain, Forrest Crowder and Max Davis. Refreshments will be served at the Forrest Crowder farm.

Messrs. Boyd and Mask, of the educational bureau of a nitrate agency will accompany those on the tour and give information and advice concerning fertilization of various types.

Mr. Grady Lovelace spent last week in Statesville on business.

County Crop Damage Set Near \$250,000

Lake Lure Dam Thought Safe

Not Bursted As Reported Here. To Begin Repair Work Right Away.

Lake Lure dam is still holding and is now considered safe, or was early today when The Star was in communication with officials of the company controlling the dam.

Late Sunday night and early today reports were current on the streets here and elsewhere that "Lake Lure is gone," "the big pond is empty," and so on, but the reports it seems were not founded on fact. It is presumed that since the water level has been dropped 16 feet by the opening of the flood gates that some passing motorist noticed the low water and spread the report that the dam had broken and the big mountain lake had been emptied.

Will Start Repairs.

Early today it was stated by J. H. Thomas, at Forest City, that contract would be let during the day for the repair of the fill below one abutment wall which washed out.

"Insofar as I can see it is safe now," Mr. Thomas said. "Of course, the water continued to seep away the dirt fill against the wall, but we consider everything all right now." Mr. L. B. Morse communicating by wire with The Star said the road to Chimney Rock proper was only slightly damaged and informed that this scenic objective can be easily reached although some labor under a contrary impression impression.

Broad River Above 1916 Flood Level

Sam Ellis Loses 65,000 Feet of Sawed Timber—Earl Hamrick Loses Crops.

Broad River, down where it divides Nos. 1 and 2 townships made a new high water record last week—higher than the 1916 flood, according to Sam Ellis and J. A. McCraw who own considerable property in that section. Some resident had cut a mark on a tree where the 1916 flood waters reached and this year the water got above it, he says.

Sam Ellis is perhaps the heaviest loser in that section. He had a saw mill operating in the lowlands and the flood waters swept away 65,000 feet of saw timber—some in planks and some in logs. He is salvaging some few thousand feet where it drifted to the bank in the bend of the river. He also had about 400 bushels of corn drowned out.

Earl Hamrick who owns the Gramlin place on the river had about 25 acres of cotton and 30 acres of corn ruined by the high water.

INTER-CITY MEET ROTARIANS HERE

A combination inter-city meeting and ladies' night was staged by the Gastonia and Shelby Rotary clubs here Friday night at Cleveland Springs hotel. Approximately 100 Rotarians and their wives were in attendance, 60 coming from Gastonia for the enjoyable occasion.

A short talk of welcome was made by Elmer E. Scott, president of the Shelby club, and responded to by Andy Kirby, president of the Gastonia club. The program proper, other than the fine dinner and general talkfest, included songs by Horace Eason, readings by Miss Virginia Hamrick and violin selections by Dr. Hugh Plaster. Attorney Pat McBrayer, secretary of the Shelby club, was the entertaining toastmaster.

Shelby Boys Hike And Hitch Ride 3,000 Miles In 3 Weeks

Two Shelby Boy Scouts—Thurman Moore, 18, and Sterling Morrison, 14—arrived in Shelby today after hiking and "hitching-riding" 3,000 miles to Texas and back.

The two youths departed Shelby on foot some three weeks ago and made the long and interesting jaunt without mishap or trouble. In five and one-half days after they left Shelby they strolled into Dallas, Texas, and opened their eyes wide at the gay-shirted cowboys. Coming back they took approximately one week, leaving their last Monday to arrive here today.

In the 3,000-mile trip the two youngsters say that they did not walk over 100 miles. Passing motorists seldom refused to give them a lift perhaps due to their well-known Scout uniforms and their clean-cut appearance.

Corn Worst Hit By Flood Waters, County Agent Says. Hay Crop Also Damaged.

Crop damage caused by the recent heavy rain and windstorms and by resultant swollen streams will total at least \$250,000 in Cleveland county, according to an estimate made by County Agent Alvin Hardin and V. C. Taylor, Lattimore agricultural teacher, after the flood waters receded to their banks.

"The corn crop is the worst hit of all, and there is our big damage," Mr. Hardin said.

In his opinion practically 30 per cent of the county corn crop of about 35,000 acres was ruined, he estimated, this damage being placed at \$200,000. The hay and feed crops were the next worst hit, it was said. Much hay and cane was ruined by wind and swollen streams. Nearly all the lowland corn in the county was either washed down or broken, while quite a bit of upland corn was blown down by the wind in the first storm.

"Other than actual damage to the corn and feed crops the washed-out soil was our big damage," the county agent said. "Of course, it is impossible to estimate this damage to the agricultural interests of the county, but the effect on crops to come will be felt."

Cotton Not Hurt.

No great damage was suffered by the cotton crop, according to the county agent, who said that some individual cotton growers were damaged by the storm but that generally speaking the cotton is all right yet, although what damage there may be has possibly not shown up yet and may not until cotton-picking time. Just how the cotton crop turns out, it was stated, depends more on the weather just ahead than anything else. If warm weather sets in and remains for several weeks the cotton crop will be a bumper one. The fact that cotton was already somewhat late in maturing of course means that it is still later now as the cotton matured very little, if any, during the rainy period.

GUILFORD PARTY ON A VISIT HERE

Farmers Inspect Rural Light Lines In County, Pleased With Tour.

A party of 12 leading Guilford county farmers with County Agent Wagner spent a day in this county last week touring various sections with County Agent Hardin in an inspection of rural electric light lines. Having heard of the extensive rural electrification in Cleveland the party came here to investigate as the first step in taking electricity into the farm homes of Guilford, where there are only a few rural lines now. The visitors inquired into the system of operation and finance, method of building, source for power, construction cost and other details. When the party departed Shelby sentiment among those in the group was for installing a similar system of rural electric lines in their county.

City Preparing To Advertise Property

The list of property on which taxes have not been paid is now being prepared in the city hall, the property to be sold for taxes at an early date, says Mayor Dorsey. When delinquents have their property advertised, a twenty per cent penalty is added, he says.

There are quite a few people operating business which is subject to the privilege tax levied by the city and Mayor Dorsey says these will be prosecuted. Already two or three warrants have been issued for people operating without license.