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# **Gopher Swallows Defeated Rattler**

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Sarasota, Fla. Feb. 12 .- There is an old tradition in Florida that a gopher snake can lick a rattlesnake. Ray Richardson, real estate broker, and John Martin, cattleman, now not only vouch for that but add that the gopher snake can eat up the rattlesnake and feel pretty good about it. And further, they fight for an audience.

Richardson and Martin were out looking over cattle land. To be exact they were in township 39 of Sarasóta county.

In a little gully, with not more than an inch of water in it, they report they saw a large gopher snake, his eyes fixed upon the opposite end of the gully.

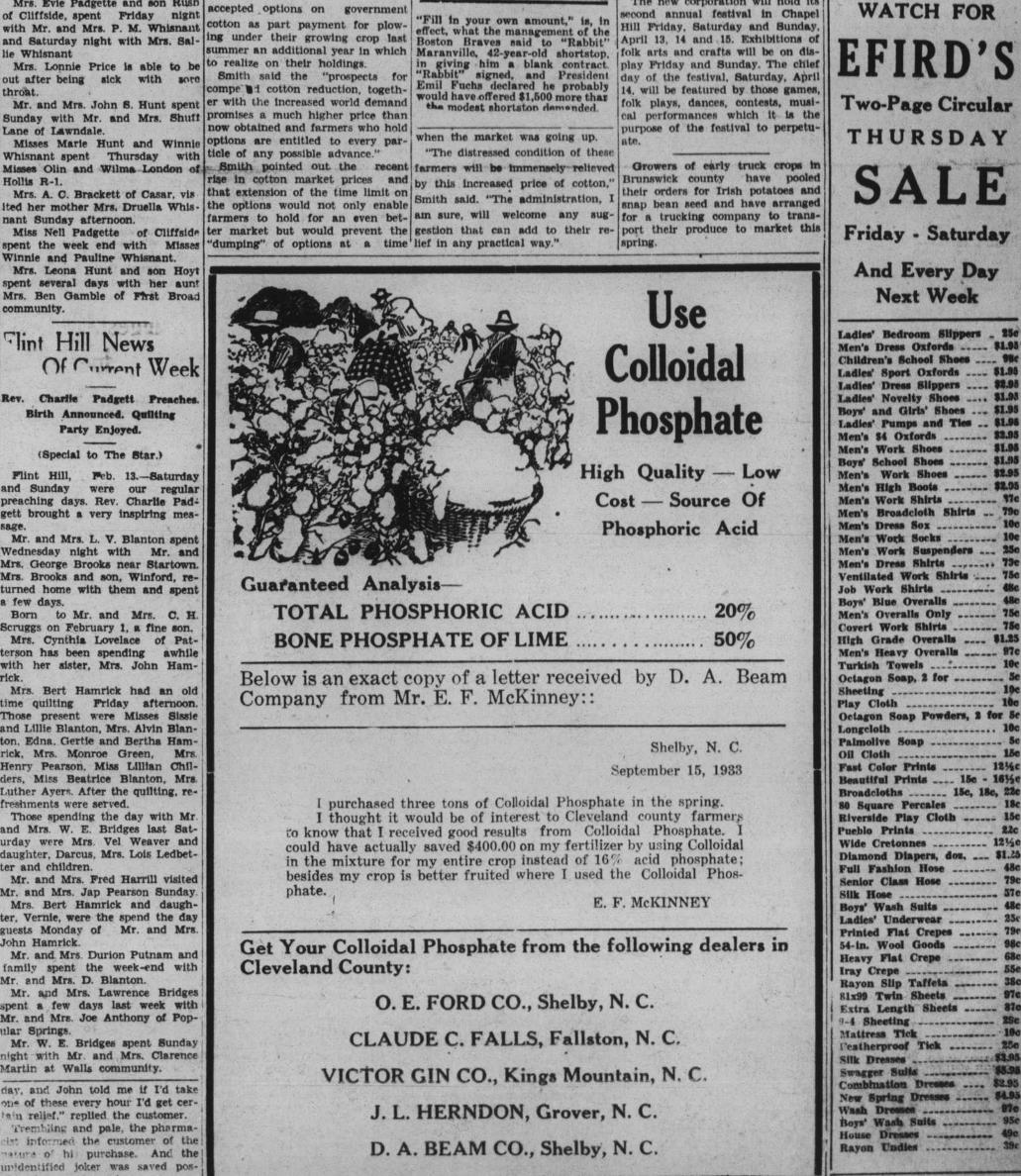
Looking there they saw another large gopher snake in deadly combat with a diamondback rattler.

The rattler would raise his head and sink his fangs into the gopher snake's neck. The gopher snake would coil around the upraised portion of the rattler and squeeze and writhe. Then they would break and clinch again.

Richardson and Martin say they watched the fight for 30 minutes Then the rattler, plainly tiring struck only to have his head land in the gopher snak's open mouth Slowly the gopher drew several inches of the rattler within him Then he dragged his adversary out Annual Event To Be Non-Stock of the mud and when Martin and Richardson left was in the process of swallowing him with every evidence of emjoyment.

The second gopher snake never interfered for a moment in the fight-nor did he seem to demand as much as a taste of the spoils of people victory.

> Forsyth farmers report more winter plowing done to date than in many previous years. Many growers have carefully terraced



NNUALLY on this sentimental date R. E. Blackwelder, Son Born To Mr. And Mrs. Mills Camp; Miss Runyan Recovered. A head dot-and-dasher of the Shelby Don't Write-Telegraph office is compelled, by the exigencies of his job, to work Miss Earle At Home.

Earl Community

News In Brief

(Special to The Star.) Earl, Feb. 14.-Mr. and Mrs. Mills Western Union department of sweet sentiment has written Camp announce the arrival of an a lot of messages for unoriginal swains to send to their 8 1-2 pound son, Noris Eugene, on sweethearts. All you have to do, if you want to send a Friday Feb. 9th. Mother and baby flaming song of passion over the wire to that blonde in Spartanburg, is shut your eyes and choose Valentine mes- are doing nicely.

sage No. 1, 2 or 3. Mr. Blackwelder then shoots the sugar Clarmont, spent the week end here with home folks. Mrs. Sue Phillips returned to her His mother, who will

At least, that's the theory of speeches to his family. . . Witt Ewhave been keeping an eye on this ville, who never touched a drop in spending several days here with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Sepaugh. his life, sent such a hot message to Mrs. John Sanders of near Hickuches us deeply to know that such Yates Webb that we are afraid to deliver it. . . . In spite of the fact daughter, Mrs. Mills Camp, and to Thurkill, wasn't the least bit Mr. Camp. that Lee Weather's first job was Mrs. George Bridges of Grover is

Webb. secretary to Congressman who was nominated by a member of ter. Mrs. M. A. Francis who is sick our own family. . . . What Cleve- with flu. land county health officer will be Miss Grace Runvan went to Gas-

at least one copy of "Ulysees," at the Orthopaedic hospital. once banned as smutty in the U.S., Friends of Miss Queen Runyan

in Shelby, which will be enjoyed by will be glad to learn that she is Chas. Keel if he can get it out of able to be out again after having the postoffice. . . . It isn't hard to been confined to her home here for believe that a very pretty gal in the the past several weeks. Miss Run-

We ought to help Mr. Blackwelcourt house could have been a yan will return to her work at Linier out on this business-he's been duchess if she hadn't preferred cot- colnton Saturday. ton to gasoline. . . Best index to prosperity we know is the Sat. Eve Ittle Richard Moss at Grover Sunery nice about staying up night to end out press stories. So we've conocted a few little messages, right Post: their advertising goes up and day were: Mrs. Alice Moss and son

down like a barometer. , ... Worst Rufus, Mrs. D. J. Moss, Misses Wilinformed publication on foreign al- burn, Elva and Hilda Moss and fairs is Time, which is a joke to Tom Moss. European correspondents and dip-| Miss Mary Sue Austell returned

lomatic attaches. Remember their home Friday night after spending boner on the ambassadorship to last week with relatives at Green-Moscow? . . . And the McKnights ville, S. C.

will tell you their Cuban news is Mrs. L. M. Cline of Greenville, S. C. attended the funeral of Mrs. Elva

Mr. And Mrs. Bingham Announce

Lackey At Meeting.

Germany with his Passion Play in 1928, but most of them deserted within a year because they couldn't Fallston News who have played the Christus have **Of Current Week** gone crazy, and the current actor says he will quit soon. . . . The Legion lost almost \$100 on the show

the meanest gal I ever necked Valentines to Hollywood should

ead like this: Mae Western Union tell you I'm "min upan' seeya sometime.

The advertising department sug-Ah, punctuation it's no good

It's colossal words we need for food.

uches the heart: mark?

And this one, we think, has a lyfictional Dr. Wolfe brought 60 actors from Borders here Friday. Won't you be my red hot momma can't live without you exclamation here, and did you know there almost wasn't any performance on

**Reporter's Holiday** 

under the auspices of the boy Cupid, as he properly should,

words over the air, and she's practically utterly yourn.

and it

ort of thing for years,

rested in our love affairs.

cended to such guff as this:

always be your Valentine.

or shine,

And lines like:

great corporation should be so in-

This year, to our disappointment.

the greetings are, to put it mildly.

tot so hot. W. U. poets have de-

through all the years, come rain

At miles between us we can laugh.

Our hearts entwined by telegraph

at of our own head, and we offer

hem without copyright to Mi

Plackwelder-or George Wray or

Bob McDowell, W. D. Lackey, or 1.

My poor heart with love is swollen

Von't you marry me semicolon

Oh. my darling, dearest comma

My whole life is out of joint

Or, if you want to be nasty:

Bets this by W. U .-- collect.

Austell. For instance:

Then we might say:

point.

e touch:

under the messenger-god, Mercury. In other words, the

Birth Of Son; H. S. Cline III; Thursday night? . . . The Housers are friends of Peggy Wood's, the introduction having been made by (Special to The Star.) a pet racoon they took to New York Fallston, Feb. 14 .- Mr. and Mrs some years ago. . . . The Hoey and Gettys Bingham announce the

Wray boys-just enough for a fost- birth of a baby boy Thursday. Both ball team. . . . Since you've been 50 mother and baby are getting along curious about it, the fellow who ex nicely. at the Birthday ball here was Wess Rev. W. A. Elam of Shelby were And just to sign off in a burst of Horton, who's trying hard to get on the dinner guests Sunday of Mr.

poetic splendor, here's one that the CWA. : . . Bob Hord, inciden- and Mrs. Clem Hoyle. tally, is pulling his family tree up Miss Viola Wright who is nurs-Please don't keep me in the dark by the roots. . . Oh, yes, we knew ing in the Rutherford hospital won't you be mine O question the story behind the story at Eton, spent the week-end with her par-

... Hatcher Hughes of Cleveland ents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright. county, who sprang into fame by The following were the dinner winning the Pulitzer prize with guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Sweezy

HELBY SHORTS. In the article we carried several "Hell Bent for Heaven," hasn't had Wednesday: Mrs. Molly Lucas and Winnie and Pauline Whisnant. ce and is still sues back about the colored burial daughter, Mary, Mrs. Dewey Whisodety, the unfortunate mistake of teaching playwrighting at Columbia nant. of Shelby and Mrs. Grier giving the wrong man credit for or- Dorton denies he was worried but Martin and children, Marlyn and Mrs. Ben Gamble of First Broad anizing the league was unintention he made it one of the most inter- W. A.

Returns Friday Afternoon; 80 Year Old Mother Makes Trip From Alabama. J. W. Thurkill returned from Ala-

**Shelby Man Brings** 

Long Lost Mother

Home With Him

bama last Friday, bringing with him his 80 year old mother whom he had thought dead for years. Thurkill, through a chance exchange of letters, located his moth-

Miss Thelma Earle, teacher at er and sisters, all of whom he had lost track of, and several days ago left with his children to visit them

at heast, that we will be at years home in Charlotte Saturday after old November 10, insisted upon returned with him. Despite her advanced age, Mrs. Thurkill enjoyed ory Grove, S. C., is visiting her the trip thoroughly, and according

> tired upon its completion. Thurkill's father died when the here at the bedside of her daugh- Shelby man was only two years old, and while in Alabama, Thurkill visited the old log cabin in which his father was born. He also saw lonely for three weeks? . . . There's tonia Tuesday for an examination the other five living children for

the first time in 25 years. Mrs. Thurkill plans to live with her son the remainder of her life.

Upper Cleveland Smith To Request

Measles Epidemic Dies Out. Mr. John Whisnant Improving Aft-

er Long Ilness.

### (Special to The Star.)

Casar, R-1, Feb. 13 .- The measles epidemic has died out, but many people have bad colds. Mrs. John Whisnant is slightly improving after a long illness with pneumonia also. Miss Dayberry, the trained nurse who stayed with them return

ed to her home. Buford Richards of Lawndale spent Wednesday night with C. W.

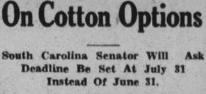
Mrs. Evie Padgette and son Rush of Cliffside, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Whisnant cotton as part payment for plowand Saturday night with Mrs. Sallie Whisnant

Mrs. Lonnie Price is able to be out after being sick with sore Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hunt spent

now obtained and farmers who hold Lane of Lawndale. options are entitled to every par-Misses Marie Hunt and Winnie ticle of any possible advance." Whisnant spent Thursday with

Hollis R-1. Mrs. A. C. Brackett of Casar, vis ited her mother Mrs. Druella Whisnant Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nell Padgette of Cliffside



Washington, Feb. 18.-Chairman Smith of the senate agriculture committee said vesterday he plan-Mrs. Dulla Whisnant is improving ned to introduce a joint resolution authorizing Secretary Wallace to extend the time for exercising cotton pool options from July 31, 1934

summer an additional year in which to realize on their holdings

compend d cotton reduction, together with the increased world demand Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Shuff promises a much higher price than

to June 31, 1935.

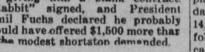
This would allow farmers who accepted options on government ing under their growing crop last

To Express Life Corporation; To Be Held In April At Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, Feb. 13 .- Incorporation of the Dogwood Festival into a non-stock corporation to give ex-

through music, drama, dancing games, exhibitions and other activities considered germane to the people has been effected, according to announcement from the office of their lands. Secretary of State, Stacey W. Wade n Raleigh.

**Dogwood Festival** 

The new corporation will hold its

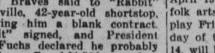


An aerial view of a section of Paris, showing the various points at which rioting broke out in crisis that caused fall of Daladier Cabinet. Seine River (1): Pont de la Concorde (2); Place de la Concorde (10), and Chamber of Deputies (11).

"Carte Blanche"

Points Where Riots Flamed in Paris

pression to the life of the



ally made. Samuel Davis, who is esting we ever had. . . He has a Walter McSwain of near Waco resident of the association, made farm in Connecticut where he un- spent the week-end with Mr. and special trip into town just to ask successfully tried to raise chick- Mrs. Cline Wright. is to correct the error. He wants it ens. . . . With a name like Hatcher! Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Melton of nderstood that it was he, not a .... George Denny, another Car- Glen Alpine and Miss Alice Scott al undertaker who started the olina playmaker, started in N. Y. were the dinner guests Sunday of ork. So we are hereby apologizing acting a bit part in Paul Green's Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stamey and Rev. Charlie Padgett Preaches. or the slip, and are giving full "In Abraham's Bosom" and is now family.

redit to Samuel Davis. A thousand | manager of Town Hall and going. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Costner and great guns. . . .. Thomas Wolfe of family of Double Shoals were the ardons, Samuel. And what about the young man Asheville, who wrote "Look Home- Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. ho smashed a car windor with his ward Angel" was teaching at N. Y. C. Royster and children.

. This U. when last we heard. . . . Doc Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore of read a few nights ago elyum has never heard the full Dorton denies h ewas worried, but Rutherford county spent Sunday if more CWA money hadn't been afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clararticulars but we wonder . umerous telephone calls to Kings granted by congress, wouldn't our ence Lee Hoyle and family. and county fair have been left up in Ben Boggs of Seattle, Washing-Jountain, Rutherfordton

round by local sheiks dating up for the air with the work half done? ton is spending some time with his he dance Friday night. . . . and . . . They say the Doc counts every cousin, Max Boggs. y the way, who is the heftiest nail that goes into that job. Miss Sara Cole of Canton spent Shelby's handful of prize-fighters the week-end with Miss Alice Falls.

weight) man on the Shelby po-Suggestion for are on the spot, not knowing wheth Mr. and Mrs. Evan Stamey and ce force?. . . . a CWA project: banking the curves er to string with the Red Men cr son, Evan, jr., of Shelby, Carl Lee a few days. in the court square sidewalks, so the Armory and neither place get- of Lawndale, G. L. Cornwell of near

that the youngsters can take them ting a crowd. . . . We'd suggest Lawndale and Clarence Stamey . . . Alvin holding the prize fights Thursday were the Sunday afternoon guests aster on skates. Propst, the scoutmaster, owns the nights. . . . At two bits a throw, of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stamey. nly red car we know of in Shelby, you don't have to wait until pay- Mr. and Mrs. Ferman Sellars What! more rumor of an approach- day. . . . And why doesn't somebody spent the week-end with relatives rick ng wedlock to come off sometime gamble on bringing in some outside in the Beams Mill community.

What names to give the racket a boost? H. S. Cline continues seriously time quilting Friday afternoon. ater in the spring. has happened to the street clean- .... Our bet is a couple of heavy- ill at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. John Hoyle and ng machine that the city used to weight wrestlers would draw. . Looks like it is Recommended: that Shelby clerks family spent Sunday afternoon with ton, Edna, Gertle and Bertha Hamemploy? mpossible to hold a fight program learn to say something besides Mr. and Mrs Bill Fortenbury of here without some of the fighters "Hurry back." We decline to hurry Shelby. Our greatest disappointment. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Martin re-

lailing to make an appearance. It is not only hurting the reputa | that we weren't in Shelby when turned home Saturday after spendtion of the promoters, but also the Ceph Blanton's coons got loose and ing several weeks with her parents. ocxers themselves. . . . Tubby scampered all over town. . . . In the Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hoyle of Beams Logan, the Oak Ridge cadet, in home of a Shelby official who's Mill. town. . . If it is possible to been in the public print and eye a Dr. and Mrs W J Lackey left Judge the return of prosperity by great deal recently there is a room Sunday to attend a medical, meetthe number of new cars, on the on the floor of which, in the grain ing in Charlottesville Va. They exstreets, then the president's new of the 21-year-old wood, is the perdeal has accomplisher something fect head of a woman. We could be latter part of this week.

-Pete.

# SIEUTHING AROUND.

Jake Rudisill will learn here that wife who gave her husband a sur- Brook. his voice carries strangely loud in prise birthday party and the exotic Misses Johnnie Fortenbury spent hotel lobbies . . . and that he was thing he did while blindfolded. . mistaken about the authorship of Ask Pitt Beam. . .. .Joe, of Jim's Eskridge. Shelby Shorts. . . . If Shelby mer- Place, is a Creole, in case you wonchants scanned your check more dered, and knows how to cook curiously than usual Saturday, it N'Yaleans dishes. . . . Observer and Eas because Everett Houser went News fighting for Shelby circulato bat in a hurry to inform C. of C tion. . . . Forrest Eskridge owns the Sustomers that there were forgeries log cabin in which the first Esk-. It's become a common ridge settled when he came here in toan. Bractise with state checks. . . CWA from Virginia. . . . And is the recent ral checks, signed by Alice Goode Dixon and Cleveland county.

"oods and harranging the trees." and Clyde R. Hoey used to stard sermon about him and called him a to their intended use. on the bed and make political Fundamentalist.

Mrs. Leona Hunt and son Hoyt spent several days with her aunt community.

throat.



Birth Announced. Quilting Party Enjoyed.

(Special to The Star.)

Flint Hill, Feb. 13.-Saturday and Sunday were our regular preaching days. Rev. Charlie Padgett brought a very inspiring message

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Blanton spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks near Startown. Mrs. Brooks and son, Winford, returned home with them and spent

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Scruggs on February 1, a fine son. Mrs. Cynthia Lovelace of Patterson has been spending awhile with her sister, Mrs. John Ham-

Mrs. Bert Hamrick had an old Those present were Misses Sissie and Lillie Blanton, Mrs. Alvin Blanrick, Mrs. Monroe Green, Mrs. Henry Pearson, Miss Lillian Childers, Miss Beatrice Blanton, Mrs. Luther Avers. After the quilting, refreshments were served.

Those spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bridges last Saturday were Mrs. Vel Weaver and daughter, Darcus, Mrs. Lois Ledbetter and children.

pect to return sometime during the Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrill visited Mr. and Mrs. Jap Pearson Sunday. bribed to tell the peculiar thing you Misses Edna and Viola Wright Mrs. Bert Hamrick and daughhave to do to see this lady. . . And spent Saturday night with Mr and ter, Vernie, were the spend the day going the rounds is the yarn of the Mrs. Ray Wilson of near North guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Durion Putnam and Alice family spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. D. Blanton. Many people from here attended

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bridges spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anthony of Popular Springs

Mr. W. E. Bridges spent Sunday Victim To Death night with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin at Walls community.

Winston-Salemb, Feb. 12 Workers here are paid off with Fed- author of a short history of Tom "practical joker" almost led a man day, and John told me if I'd take to death here yesterday. The vic- one of these every hour I'd get cer-King, assistant disbursing officer. Jack Cash, who had fun with the tim rppeared at a local drug store tain relief." replied the customer. Tom Dixon practised oratory as preachers in a recent issue of the and bought two dozen bich'or'de of! Trembling and pale, the pharma-\* boy by building a platform in the Mercury, was delighted when a mercury tablets. As he started our loist informed the customer of the mid-western parson preached a the drug clerk cosmally inquired as mature of his purchase. And the unidentified joker was saved pos-E. C. S. "I've had a terrible headache all sible charges of murder.

Saturday night with Mrs.

the singing at Lawndale Sunday.

John Almant I ands