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**EDITORIAL**

We wonder what has become of our Business Men's Club, which started with such an auspicious meeting in June? Some of the members have expressed a desire to get together again just for a "feed" if for nothing more. Those who were skeptical of such an organization in the first place are getting a "kick" out of saying "I told you so" now. A business man of Elkin intimated that a similar organization in Elkin would like to have a joint meeting with our Club at Roaring Gap some time. What about it, fellows? Are we going to let our Club die in infancy? There's work to be done here.

Art work among mountain people should be encouraged. True art comes from an innate desire for self expression. Handicraft in any form is self expression. The joy of creating beautiful things is deeper and more lasting than the hectic pleasures of gadabouts who have no real use for their own time and are bored with their own company. Our County Fair is assured. Let us endeavor to exhibit, along with the farm products, examples of home art, whether it be pictures or plowhandles, rugs or furniture. For as that noted poet Longfellow, would say: "Though you build a house or a rat-trap better than your neighbor, and your house be in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to your door."

Do you know the words of "Sourwood Mountain," "Cumberland Gap," "Bright Sherman Valley," or any of the other old, old songs of long ago? Send them in with a brief comment as to the history of the song as you know it. The Times will publish the words and the name of the one who sent the copy of the best and most complete songs sent in. Many of our subscribers would like to have clippings of many of these old-time songs.

On reading a legal notice now running in The Times, Editor Harris of The North State News was moved to say:

**"NEW KIND OF LAND CORNER."**  
 In an exchange appears in a description of land, in a legal ad, the following: "Beginning on a cucumber by River."

It may be that way. If so, probably the line follows the meandering of a gourd vine to center of a squash; thence south 2 watermelons to 6 bushels of peaches, pumpkin corner; thence to the beginning cucumber, (if it is still on the vine) and containing 3 acres of cucumbers, melons, and peaches, more or less.

We can readily see how that line moved Editor Harris to a witticism. When the writer read that line on the proof, he thought there was a typographical error. Reference to the original copy proved its correctness. Later we found that the "cucumber" in the copy referred to the cucumber tree, which grows in this section. So that line is just as familiar to people of this section as the following line would be to citizens of Wake: "Beginning on a pine by the river, etc."

If Editor Harris cares to make us a visit, we can show him Roaring Gap, Peach Bottom, Mouth of Wilson, Turkey Knob, Potato Creek, Trap Hill, Air Bellows, Cherrylane, Saddle, Whitehead, and a host of other places that might arouse the interest of a lowlander. And we might add that on his way back home Mr. Harris might, if he wished, stop at Pumpkin Center.

Come again, Mr. Harris.

**WHAT KILLS A TOWN?**

North State News.

About seven o'clock every morning, Mr. Soakum can be seen swaggering to his store. On the street he is one to himself. He possesses several hundred dollars in cash and a few thousands in property. In his warped mind he is independent and what he needs or wants he can buy. When asked to cooperate with a civic organization of movement for public welfare, he refuses and flatly denies discussion. Not only is he a public grouch, he is one of those front street ornaments who does not share the joys of life with the working and passing world but buries himself in a chair in front of his store and sleeps his time away, awakened only occasionally by someone who insists upon trading with such people.

His store is an old relic. Cobwebs, dust and dirt are displayed more conspicuously than his goods, and his store shows that no attention is given to cleanliness, rather, they are piled up like shucks. No, he doesn't push

his business. He waits for business to force itself upon him. Never does he advertise, except maybe he will allow a farmer to carry away free advertising note books, left in his store by some passing salesman. All merchants realize that successful business now rests on advertising, but the spirit of hogism will not let him go forward; he sticks to his seat of gloom. Any town that suffers the hogism of a grouch is a poor place to live.

**GLADE VALLEY NEWS**

Miss Nina Shoaf spent the week-end with Miss Iva Lee Moxley, of Laurel Springs, N. C.

Miss Evon Eldridge is spending the week with Miss Una Norman, of Elkin, N. C.

Cox Blevins spent the week-end with his parents in Laurel Springs, N. C.

Rev. O. W. Marshall is holding cottage prayer services this week in the following homes: Monday night at Mr. F. A. Stoker; Tuesday night at Mrs. C. H. Creed; Wednesday night at Mr. P. C. Collins; on Thursday night Rev. Marshall will be in Sparta and Friday night services will be at Mr. A. J. Bryan.

**BIRDS OF ALLEGHANY CO.**

**SONG SPARROW TRAITS**

(By Claude J. Smith.)

Being a plain-colored bird, the song sparrow is often overlooked, but he is found nearly everywhere, but usually in the vicinity of houses.

I have found that hunting the nest of this bird is an interesting experience. The best way to find one is to watch the parent birds during May and June when they are building. When you see one holding nesting material in its bill, drop everything else and keep your mind and eyes on the bird. If you are careful not to make any motions or noises, the bird will soon reward you by going to the nest, which is already taking shape. One nest that I found was placed in a rose bush that grew by the wall of an occupied dwelling house.

Inspection will show that the nest is made of coarse grasses, dead leaves and strips of bark. I have never seen but one nest that was not lined with horse-hair.

The song sparrow rears three broods in a season. The first nest is made in May or June, the second in late June and July, and the third in late July or early August. The first nests are usually made on the ground. I suppose this is because the bushes are not in leaf when they are built. Later nests are in bushes or briars, usually near the ground.

Usually 4 or 5 eggs are laid, but I have found nests containing 2 and 3 eggs. Usually a bird lays one egg less each time she lays during the season. I have seen eggs so thickly spotted as to appear nearly brown, and also those with very few spots around the large end. A pair, evidently the same one, has reared three broods near my home for the past four years. In all, this pair's progeny during those years has been 46. No wonder song sparrows are so numerous. When I was attending Piney Creek high school, I daily passed several large brush heaps in a sheltered nook. During the winter months it seemed that all the birds of the region would be wintering there. I counted over 80 song sparrows in those brush heaps. Often when the earth was locked in the icy grip of King Winter, these birds would try to sing, but their songs were poor efforts, as compared to their song of summer.

These birds are very fond of insects and are of great service to mankind by destroying these pests. They also eat wild berries and seeds. During the winter months, seeds form the principal part of their diet.

When trying to make sure a sparrow is a song sparrow, look for a spotted throat and breast with one spot in the center of the breast considerably larger than the other. This bird is a very welcome permanent resident in the county, and I am very glad that these birds are as numerous as they are.

**THE MOTORISTS WHO TAKE CHANCES**

You see them on streets and highways every day—motorists who take chances.

You see them turning corners at high speeds. Or stealing another car's right of way. Or passing on hills and curves. Or driving on the wrong side of the road. Or cutting in and out of thick traffic. Or coming roaring into intersections and road junctions without looking to either side. Or operating at speeds which are obviously higher than are safe under driving conditions of the moment. And, every once in a while, you see such a motorist cause an accident. Perhaps there is little damage done. Or perhaps a life is lost and valuable property is needlessly destroyed.

The reckless motorist comprises ten per cent or less of the driving population. But he causes ninety per cent of the accidents. If the reckless drivers simply injured each other it wouldn't be particularly important to the rest of us. But they seldom do that—they maim and kill the careful, the competent, the prudent. And you never know who's going to be next.

This year about thirty thousand people are going to be killed because someone was careless, reckless, discourteous. Not one of a thousand of those deaths is really due to an unavoidable accident—an occurrence which is almost as rare as the dodo. They can all be prevented. And they will be when there is a concerted public drive against those who make places of carnage out of public highways.

**NOTICE:**

**NORTH CAROLINA, ALLEGHANY COUNTY.**  
 In The Superior Court, Before The Clerk.

Frank J. Ball, Plaintiff,  
 vs  
 A. V. Choate, Alex Ball, Kyle Ball, Lucy Ball, and Dan Ball, Defendants.

The non-residents of the defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alleghany County, North Carolina, being an action to declare the plaintiff the sole owner of certain funds in the hands of A. V. Choate, Guardian of Frank J. Ball, Alex Ball, Kyle Ball, Lucy Ball and Dan Ball; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County on or before the 24th day of September, 1933, and answer or demur to the complaint filed herein, or the relief demanded will be granted.  
 This August 23, 1933.  
 A. F. REEVES,  
 Clerk of the Superior Court.

**NOTICE:**

**NORTH CAROLINA, ALLEGHANY COUNTY.**  
 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Pauline Wright, Plaintiff,  
 vs  
 Charles G. Wright, Defendant.

The above named defendant will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alleghany County, to secure form the estate of the defendant a reasonable subsistence and support for the plaintiff; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court on the 25 day of September or within thirty days thereafter and answer or demur to complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
 This 21 day of August, 1933.  
 A. F. REEVES,  
 Clerk of Superior Court.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NORTH CAROLINA, ALLEGHANY COUNTY.**  
 In The Superior Court—Before the Clerk.

J. T. Cox, Administrator of I. B. Cox, deceased, Plaintiff

vs  
 Alice Toliver and others, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of judgment in the above entitled matter, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, on the premises, near Blevins Cross Roads on the 9th day of September, 1933, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate: Beginning on a cucumber by River, Thomas Andrews corner, running thence S. 2 W. with Andrews line 101 poles to a chestnut oak, thence E. 28 3/4 poles to a stake, thence N. 52 E. 53 poles to a stake at River, then down and with the River to beginning. Containing 25 10-16 acres, more or less.

This 8th day of August, 1933.  
 J. T. COX,  
 Administrator and Commissioner.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**

**NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHANY.**

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by H. M. Brooks and wife, Ennice M. Brooks to The Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company, Trustee, which said deed of trust is dated August 1, 1927, and recorded in Book 15, page 155, of the Alleghany County Registry, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and in the conditions therein secured, the undersigned substituted trustee by instrument recorded in Book 6, Page 331, Alleghany County Registry, will on Tuesday, September 5, 1933, at or about twelve o'clock noon, at the court house door at Sparta, North Carolina, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, containing two hundred and fifty (250) acres, more or less, situate, lying and being on the Waters of Little River about three miles East of the town of Sparta, in Gap Civil Township, Alleghany County, State of North Carolina, having such shapes, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof, made by L. E. Edwards, Surveyor, on the 6th day of July, 1927, and attached to the abstract now on file with the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank of Raleigh, the same being bounded on the North by the lands of Monroe Wolfe, on the East by Little River and the lands of Charley Rector, on the South by the lands of S. L. Perry, on the West by the lands of R. E. Brooks, and being the identical tract of land conveyed by deed from C. J. Edwards, Administrator, De bonis non of Richard Choate, deceased, to H. M. Brooks, of date, May 8, 1878, said deed being recorded in Deed Book "D", at pages 385 and 386, in the office of Register of Deeds for Alleghany County, State of North Carolina, and by deed from S. A. Choate and wife, Laura A. Choate, to Hugh M. Brooks, of date, September 12, 1910, said deed being duly recorded in Deed Book No. "Y", at pages 332 and 333, in the office of Register of Deeds for Alleghany County, State of North Carolina, and by a certain bond, contract or paper writing executed by Calvin Wolfe, Commissioner, to H. M. Brooks, of date, September 7, 1882, and recorded in Deed Book "J", at page 311, in the office of Register of Deeds for Alleghany County, State of North Carolina, to which deeds and paper writing reference is made for more complete description of the same.

Terms of sale cash and trustee will require deposit of 10% of the amount of the bid as his evidence of good faith.

This 5th day of August, 1933.

JOSEPH L. COCKERHAM,  
 Substituted Trustee.

Robert Weinstein and Victor W. Thompson, Attorneys, Raleigh, N. C.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND**

**NORTH CAROLINA, ALLEGHANY COUNTY.**

Under and by virtue of a judgment and order of the Superior Court of Alleghany County in a Special Proceeding entitled P. L. Choate, Administrator of J. T. Lynch, vs Cleopatra Lynch et al., I the undersigned Commissioner, will on Saturday, September 23rd, 1933, at one o'clock P. M., sell at public auction at the court house door at Sparta, for cash, all the lands of the said J. T. Lynch, deceased, except that tract containing about 10 1/2 acres allotted to Cleopatra Lynch as her dower.

First tract: Known as the Doughton place, adjoining the lands of Ben Lynch, Alex Gambill, Lon Mc Reeves, Anders heirs and others, containing about 16 acres.

Second tract: Containing about three acres, lying on the east side of the J. T. Lynch home place, adjoining the lands of John Havner, the dower land, and others.

Third tract: Containing about six acres, being the remainder of the said J. T. Lynch land, lying on the west side of the place, and adjoining the lands of Jim Reeves, Bert Shumate, the dower land, and the Doughton place.

This 23rd day of August, 1933.  
 P. L. CHOATE,  
 Commissioner

**NORTH CAROLINA, ALLEGHANY COUNTY.**

Under and by virtue of power vested in us as Executors in the last will and testament of W. P. Fender, deceased, we will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the Courthouse door in Sparta, North Carolina on September 8th, 1933, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate, situate in Piney Creek Township, said County and State, adjoining lands of Belle Cox, J. W. Phipps land, C. S. Walls, Mrs.

Nan Spencer and others, being all the land in the homeplace of the said W. P. Fender, except a part of said land devised to Mrs. Myrtle Fender. Terms: one-third cash on day of sale and balance in six and twelve months.

This August 8th, 1933.  
 GROVER C. FENDER,  
 CLAUDE C. KENNEDY,  
 Executors of W. P. Fender, deceased.

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