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The wicked rumor that the Times has sold out is circulating too freely. To bear false witness against a neighbor is not good.

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Snap Shots and Sun Spots

Life in Sparta is interesting, always. Those fine old trees by the Post Office inspire our admiration every day, and remind us again and again of Joyce Kilmer's lines, beginning, "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree."

And then one of the most interesting colonies of cliff dwellers we ever saw is a bunch of sparrows that live and dwell in a nice row of bird cottages built right into the brick wall of the Post Office. Talk about a row of residences — the birds have it, built to taste.

And while we're at the Post Office we may as well remark that we are asking nominations for any smile that springs to the countenance more quickly and spontaneously and easily than that of Odor Joines. It sure is a "million-dollar smile," and you'll look far to find a more infectious one.

Yes, and that reminds us: Don Shores was showing us some old Alleghany Times of many moons ago, and came across the Seventh Grade Honor Roll, and there was Odor Joines among 'em. How time does fit.

Spring must be "a comin' in," if the tramp of feet across Sally's front step is any indication, for something is doing, sure nuf. Dolling up for Easter, maybe.

And the sound of hammers and such down about the Alleghany Motor building is sweet music to anybody's ears, for it means men are at work, and the building is being rebuilt, in shape to resume business.

You'd be surprised how many have mourned and sighed because the Times dropped out Slim Jim. Well, there were difficulties, but we've been working on them, and are happy to announce that Mr. Jim is back with us again. Hope you enjoy him as much as ever.

A visitor drifted in one day and began to tell of a nine-month trip to New York, World's Fair, Europe, Panama, Philippines, and California. Really, we were skeptical, but began to check up with our personal knowledge of places visited, and we're fully satisfied it is no fairy tale. A prize-winning story for a very popular magazine, plus the need for a sea trip, secured from the McFadden Health Foundation an extensive trip for Ralph Redd, who attended Sparta High School and lives back here near New River Stock Farm.

Now, there's an interesting thing, really, that in all the 48 states of our U. S. A. only two — Michigan and Louisiana — bought more cars of some other make than Chevrolet in 1939. In some states the units of Chevrolet sold above the next car are as many as 12,000, but in North Carolina the lead is only 4376 — which is some, of course.

Dear, dear, how the cars do block up the road in front of the Post Office with double parking and treble parking and parking without name. We walk, to save fenders.

All right, then, we're nearly done, but we do want to ask who is the most picturesque individual in Sparta. Nominations are in order, and will be wholly confidential, but you must say why you consider so-and-so the most picturesque. Come on, who is the real Alleghany prize for picturesqueness?

Sparta Bridge Club

—met last Thursday night at Mrs. Alton Thompson's. The high score honors were taken by Mrs. T. R. Burgess, with Mrs. E. F. Chester second, and then came refreshments to top off a pleasant evening.

Your Government . . .

how familiar are you with it?
10. Is it possible for Congress to obtain advisory opinions from the Supreme Court upon the constitutionality of proposed legislation?
11. Do the people vote directly upon proposed amendments to the Constitution?
12. What was the latest amendment to the Constitution?

Senator Martin, of Lexington, promised that

—at the proper time he would make a statement outlining his views on public questions, "in simple, clear, and unmistakable language," and in keeping with his promise he has today released the following, in connection with his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor:

"I am under no delusion about the office I seek. I am aware that the Governor and not the Lieutenant Governor is the chief executive officer of the state, and I realize, too, that the state's policy and governmental leadership is under his direction. And yet I am not unmindful of the fact that the office of Lieutenant Governor is a very important branch of state government and carries with it a tremendous responsibility. And so keenly do I feel this responsibility I do not think I have a right to ask for the nomination on the mere statement that I am a candidate and want to occupy the office. I think the voters have a right to know something of my aims and purposes, and, acting under the conviction that a public office is a public trust, and believing that the people of North Carolina have a right to know the man for whom they are voting, and to know something of the measures for which he stands, and the things for which he will stand after he is nominated and elected, I now wish to particularize and state briefly my views on certain public questions:

Reapportionment

I favor an honest reapportionment of legislative representation in accordance with the plain mandate of the constitution.

Elections

I believe an honest ballot offers the best means of preserving a sound democracy and the integrity of the voting privilege ought to be held inviolate, and to this end I pledge the influence of the office to which I aspire.

Labor

During every session of the legislature in which it has been my privilege to serve, I have tried conscientiously to do equal and exact justice and equity between labor and capital. I recognize the rights of both and there has never been the slightest criticism of my position or my vote on any measure, either by the man who toils or by the man who employs, and I invite all men to examine my record and my services in the General Assembly.

Law And Order

I think the time has come when the state should refuse to permit the widespread gambling spirit now prevalent in the State, and I believe the legislature should refuse to license gambling machines. The officers of the law and the courts of our state have a right to a more consistent position on the part of the state. Moreover, the school children of North Carolina are entitled to a more wholesome atmosphere than these things afford.

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Oldest Citizen Ill

Mr. John Taylor, the only Confederate veteran living in Alleghany County, and the oldest citizen of the county, it is believed, is reported seriously ill. Mr. Taylor lives out near Laurel Springs, and was born December 5, 1845, so that he is approaching his 95th birthday. He was listed as a "Class A soldier" of Company D, 73rd Regiment N. C. S. T.

Babson Urges Return To Land For Prosperity

A return to the land and a lot of hard work, coupled with the self-reliance and independent spirit of the founding fathers of this country, is the formula needed to put the nation back on its feet, in the opinion of Roger W. Babson, business analyst. Citing the case of an Arkansas man who lost his job in the depression, but chose to take his family to a small farm and work himself out of his predicament instead of relying on government aid, Mr. Babson concludes that "personal initiative was what made this country great, and only personal initiative will solve its present problems."

The story of the Arkansian is reminiscent of early American days. With nothing but his health and energy and a boundless faith in himself, he took his family to a small farm, worked for \$1 a day, raised most of his food, saved money from the first day, and when the opportunity came, rented a cheap vacant store, and successfully operated it by keeping open when other merchants were closed.

Mr. Babson believes, however, that this return to the land must be at the initiative of individuals who want to make their own way. Resettlement projects, such as tried by the government, set people down with fine homes, modern conveniences—and an insurmountable debt.

Library Has Moved

—from its location of nearly three years in the Transou Building to a room on the second floor of the Court House. The Womens Club is greatly pleased, for they have been hoping for some time for such an opportunity.

The room vacated by the Library has been taken by the Alleghany Times, to serve as a work room and beginning of its job printing plant. Being connected with the Times office, makes it very convenient.

Posie J. Richardson

—sold his Alleghany County farm to Hassell Rector of Baywood, and has purchased a 96-acre dairy place six miles beyond Bel Air, Maryland, where he is 35 miles from Baltimore and 70 miles from Philadelphia. His sale here last Monday may be considered very successful, for it drew a large crowd and amounted to some \$900.

Dr. Christian's Pair Of Judies



Jean Hersholt, one of America's greatest character actors, who is identified in the minds of millions as "Dr. Christian," is shown here with his two beautiful "Judies." They are Rosemary DeCamp, left, heard with him every Wednesday night in CBS network's "Dr. Christian" dramas, as Judy Price, his secretary, and at right, Dorothy Lovett, who is seen as Judy Price in the film version.

Violent deaths and serious injuries are horrible

—to some degree, but they reach their peak in highway accidents, judging from records of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division.

During 1939, of the 8,133 persons killed and injured on the streets and highways of North Carolina, 685 suffered fractured skulls, 189 sustained fractured spines, 3,258 suffered severe general shock with contusions and lacerations, 301 had internal injuries, and 264 suffered from concussion of the brain. Those are violent deaths in the strictest sense of the word.

Of course, lots of the North Carolinians involved in highway accidents last year suffered no pain at all, because they were killed instantly or died without regaining consciousness and never knew what had hit them. A majority of them, however, suffered untold agony and dire torture before their ultimate death or recovery. And some will be marked or maimed for life as a result of the accidents in which they were involved.

The automobile, in other words, is a deadly weapon, especially in the hands of an incompetent, reckless, or drunken driver. It is, in fact, the deadliest weapon now in common use. Confirmation of this statement is to be found in the fact that motor vehicle deaths in North Carolina last year were 50 per cent above all the homicides and suicides combined.

For every person shot down by gun fire in the state last year, two or more pedestrians were mowed down by automobiles. Bullets are faster than automobiles, but they don't hit as many people. For every suicide in the state last year, there were three motor vehicle fatalities. Stepping on the gas is more deadly than inhaling it.

It should not be necessary, and yet it seems to be, to remind anyone who takes the wheel of an automobile that self-preservation is the first law of nature, and neglect of the commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," is murder.

Laurel Springs

Laurel Springs, Mar. 5.—W. Bryan Taylor, who recently accepted a position in Mocksville, N. C., spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Peatree and children and Mr. and Mrs. David Tarleton of Kannapolis, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hoppers Sunday.

Mrs. Cleo Choate accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith of Stratford, to Winston-Salem last Saturday where they saw the movie "Gone With the Wind."

Wilford Cox and Charles Pugh, students at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, spent the week-end at their homes here.

Mrs. Guy Taylor spent Sunday with relatives at Dobson, N. C. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyden Pruitt on February 28.

Miss Wilma Grace Ratledge was

Whitehead

Whitehead, Mar. 4.—Mrs. John C. Joines is seriously ill. Mrs. Venia Irwin and daughter, Nellie, of Beckley, W. Va., are at the bedside of Mrs. Irwin's mother, who is very ill.

Mrs. Ollie Edwards is not very well at present.

J. R. Rector visited his mother, Mrs. Jane Rector, last week. Mrs. Rector is very sick.

Mrs. T. A. Edwards is ill. Mr. and Mrs. Reece Caudill, Galax, visited relatives here last week-end.

Robert Cleary, Piney Creek, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cleary.

A social party was given on Saturday night, March 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Toliver in honor of their friends. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clive Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nichols, Mrs. Charlie Crouse, Mrs. Floyd Billings, Mrs. Ben Atwood, Mrs. Lony Nickols, Misses Wilma Crouse and Marie Crouse, Elmer Andrews, Ray Andrews, Jack Nickols, Paul Nickols, Misses Gene Atwood, Ruth Crouse, Leora Crouse and Grace Petty.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Toliver is slowly improving.

Miss Cora Fay Toliver has been spending a few weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Petty, of Laurel Springs.

Miss Lola Petty, who has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Stella Toliver, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Ben Atwood and son visited Mrs. Florence Wagoner last week.

Miss Grace Petty is spending a few days with her niece, Mrs. Elbert Toliver.

Stock Market Report

WYTHEVILLE, VA. MARCH 5
Total receipts 529 head. Not near enough stock to supply the demands. Prices steady.
Best Lambs quotable, 8.50 to 9.00
Best Buck Lambs 8.00
Com'n and Med. Lambs, 4 to 7
Com'n and Fat Sheep, 1 to 5
Top Hogs 5.85 to 6.10
Light and Heavies, 5.25 to 5.75
Sows 5.00 to 5.50
Select Calves, avg. 190 lbs., 12.00
Top Calves, avg. 180 lbs., 11.00
2nd Calves, avg. 150 lbs., 10.05
3rd Grade Calves, avg. 130 " 8.60
4th Grade Calves, avg. 115 " 7.60
Light and Com'n Calves 5.50 to 7
No Choice Steers Offered
Best Steers on Sale 8.00
Bulk 900 to 1100 lb., 6.25 to 7.50
Medium to Good Steers, 6.25 to 7
Com'n to Plain Steers 5.50 to 7.60
No Choice Heifers Offered
Best Heifers 7.25 to 7.50
Good to Choice Heifers, 7 to 7.25
Med to Good Heifers, 6 to 6.75
Com'n to Med Heifers 5.50 to 6
Best Cows 5.00 to 6.00
Bulk Good Cows 5.00 to 6.00
Canners and Cutters, 3.50 to 4.75
Best Bulls 6.80
Com'n and Med Bulls, 4.00 to 6.00

Lucille Ford Circle of the Sparta Baptist

—Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Walter Taylor, Tuesday, March 12th, at 7:15 o'clock, with Mrs. J. G. Mitchell as leader. Topics for month: Steadfast in the Homeland. All members are urged to be present.

A. J. Maxwell announces the appointment

—of Mrs. W. B. Murphy, of Snow Hill, as manager for the women in his State campaign for Governor. Mr. Maxwell says he is very much pleased to know that he will have the benefit of the support in his campaign of one who is so well and favorably known by the women of the State who take an active interest in public affairs.

In accepting this assignment Mrs. Murphy says: "I am pleased to be identified with Mr. Maxwell's campaign for two reasons:

"He has announced a comprehensive and progressive program that I believe will promote an accelerated era of progress in the State.

"I believe he has the qualifications of ability, experience and knowledge of State problems to carry out this program."

Mrs. Murphy (Mary Colvin) was born at Atkinson, N. C., Pender County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Colvin; married Dr. W. B. Murphy, prominent physician of North Carolina, who died May 4, 1937. They have one child, a lovely little daughter. Mrs. Murphy has traveled extensively in the States and in Europe. She has state-wide recognition in the educational, cultural, patriotic and political life of North Carolina.

Jury for Spring Term of Court 1940 was drawn

—Tuesday by the County Commissioners, Clerk of the Court and the Sheriff, and consists of the following named:

C. A. Miles, L. C. Hampton, Robert Joines, Amos Wagoner, G. R. Hendrix, Cleve Nichols, R. Cleve Gambill, David Higgins, Hardin Spicer, Roy Bryant, Bruce Wagoner, Tom Green, Cleve Wilson, W. G. Harris, E. M. Rector, J. T. Cox, Carl Glasco, John Carico, Gwyn Truitt, W. Carl Brown, Carl Parsons, Everett Wyatt, Clinton Young, Carl Halsey, S. M. Mitchell, C. T. Edwards, Joe F. Cox, Glenn Warden, Bill Irwin, R. J. Wagoner, W. M. Cleary, J. Lester Waddell, Bert L. Edwards, Baily Wagoner, Bob Hoppers, W. C. Woodruff.

Ennice

Ennice, Mar. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Richardson and Mrs. Richardson's mother from Bel Air, Md., returned to their old home place Friday, March 1 to attend their sale March 4.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hort Spurlin is very ill.

Mrs. Paige Wilson is ill with pneumonia but is improving.

Howard Hinchey, Eugene Andrews, Lonnie McMillan and Ray Andrews returned to CCC camp Sunday afternoon after spending the week-end at home.

Mrs. Fannie Andrews has moved into the home of Steve Spurlin.

Miss Agnes Whittaker visited Miss Ina Jean Spurlin Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Andrews announce the birth of a daughter, Thelma Anne, February 23.

Miss Ferrel and Emma Lou Gentry spent the week-end with Miss Virginia Ruth Smith.

Steve Spurlin, who has been ill with acute inflammatory rheumatism, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Edward Butcher has improved from her recent illness.

Town Council decides no drastic action

—is advisable at the present time against any so-called fire hazards in the town. The Council sat at the public meeting held Tuesday night in the Register's office, to hear any arguments that citizens wished to present. Ira Johnston, of Ashe County, was present at the request of some property owners.

Robert Gambill and Mr. Johnston discussed some of the aspects of the law on the matter, and Mayor Floyd Crouse very ably brought the matter to a close by stating that under present regulations citizens may present a petition to the Council against any building they consider a danger to the community. The Council will consider the specific case; ask the owner to present his side of the matter; and decide upon what action is necessary.

Womans Missionary Society will meet

—Friday night, March 15, with Mrs. Granville Lyles, who lives at Mrs. T. J. Carson's, Mrs. Jay Hardin will have charge of the program.

Mt. Zion

Piney Creek P. O., Mar. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Franklin, of Crossnore, visited Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith Sunday. Due to the dense fog they ran into a car while coming around the Grandfather mountain. Fenders on both cars were mashed, but no one was injured.

Rev. T. A. Plyler filled his regular appointment at Mt. Zion Sunday, and was dinner guest in W. F. Pugh's home.

Miss Logene Pugh spent Wednesday night with Mrs. L. K. Halsey of Piney Creek.

Work on the Piney Creek road is to be widened and curves taken ginning at highway near Jones Waddell's, Scottville, on to Piney Creek or Virginia line. The road is to be widened and curves taken out.

Mr. Charlie Osborne has recovered from a recent illness.

Alvis Blevins visited his sister, Mrs. T. E. Pugh Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Jake Osborne is seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Willie Wyatt, near Piney Creek. Two other daughters, Mrs. Glenn Fender and Mrs. Charlie Black, live in this community.

Georgie Cox spent the week-end with her brothers, Jesse and Dean Cox, of Piney Creek.

Dent Pugh and Joe Caldwell visited at Clay Smith's home Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Perry, Mrs. J. R. Cox, Miss Ethel Pugh and Mrs. S. E. Smith visited Mrs. T. E. Pugh Sunday afternoon.

J. F. Shepherd spent a recent afternoon with George F. Smith.

Mrs. Mary Cox spent the week-end with Mrs. J. E. Miller, of Piney Creek.

Ethridge Templeton underwent an appendicitis operation recently.

Mrs. Mattie Smith and daughter, Miss Edna Rae, visited Mrs. J. R. Cox, Mrs. W. F. Pugh and Mrs. S. E. Smith last week.

Mrs. S. E. Smith visited Mrs. Nellie Litton, Mrs. W. G. Williams and Mrs. Ben Williams recently.

Mrs. R. M. Pugh, who has been ill for some time, improves slowly.

R. M. Pugh is ill.

Mrs. Carrie Smith visited her aunt, Mrs. Mary Cox, recently.

The Hawthorne Sale

—last Saturday drew an enormous crowd, which was almost an embarrassment at times. Also, the time of year was not the best to bring high prices. However, the total sales reached approximately \$2800.



Other boys are doing it,

—and so can you. Do you want to get the American Boy Magazine a whole year for doing a little work in your neighborhood? We're willing to show you how. See the ad of American Boy Magazine in this paper, and if you want it for a year, for a little work, send this ad with your name, age, and address, to W. S. Mead, Alleghany Times, Sparta.