

CROSS'S COLUMN

A FLOOD OF FLOOD STORIES:

At one place where the bridge was washed from its moorings, the ingenious townspeople rescued it and used it as a ferry.

At many places small boats charged 5c to ferry business men across the street (or the river) to work; 10c for a sight seeing tour; 10c to carry one out into the middle of the roaring river and then 10c to bring one back . . . pay up or swim home.

One town in Virginia unlocked the jail and told the prisoners: "Go home and come back Monday" . . . and every single man turned up on schedule. One of the prisoners was a colored man who was in jail for beating his wife . . . took advantage of the week-end "vacation" to go home and beat his wife again . . . he was already in jail for it, so why not?

One group of men we know had to cross a flooded river to get to their work each day . . . a distance of one mile. In order to get that one mile during the flood, they had to detour 144 miles each day!

Another man saw a train going over a trestle into the town he lived in; decided to ride the train into town; discovered that the train did not slow down but picked up speed as it went; was seen by a flagman who wired the next station where he was left . . . after having traveled 30 miles on top of the train in his shirtsleeves and in the cold.

Then there was the warehouse owner that sent his watchman to be sure the stored articles were removed when the water rose. He cautioned the man to watch closely, and if the water kept rising to hire some passers-by at a dollar an hour to remove everything. The man was conscientious but slightly under the weather . . . everytime anyone passed the warehouse he was clapped on the shoulder and told "Sit down . . . hic . . . a dollar an hour". The owner arrived next morning to find the water had risen only to the edge of the sidewalk, but the yard was filled with small colored boys . . . 52 of them to be exact . . . hired at various times during the night at a dollar an hour!

ALL THESE BLACK VEILED WOMEN petitioning congress are all too reminiscent of the black veiled "mourners" paid to weep in the public places of Paris to lower the French morale. (See THE STRATEGY OF TERROR.) Who are these women? A woman who lobbies without showing her face is on the same plane as an anonymous letter . . . If they are sincerely American they won't be ashamed for folks to know who they are. If they are not, the citizens of the United States have a right to know about it. How about it?

WIDELY PUBLISHED ARTICLES URGING A SMALL ARMY of non-conscripted men say that what we need is a small but mobile group, and that volunteers will supply all the necessary men. What we want to know is, where is this small army going to be when the Panama Canal is blown up and we are attacked from already established landing fields to our South (see KEN magazine, most any issue in 1938-39; when South America is being attacked by Japan (a recent Washington Merry-Go-Round) and the Russians are holding forth half-a-mile from Antota? (See TIME.)

The answer is I am D THE EIGHT BALL.

NELL BATTLE also in wrote about her visit to Wonders from Wonder Horse in last Sunbook, Scientific-ly . . . we know the Scrip who went to see the Baker Eddy. The crowd was another understood, the quite skeptical. whom say ye view" she make

about the horse, at which remark the horse opened his mouth and laughed at her. She later said it was the most embarrassing moment of her life, as she never expected to be on the receiving end of a horse laugh! The horse then refused to answer any of that particular girl's questions, though the other girls were answered, they said, correctly.

Big Docket Recorders August 27

Willie B. Williams, white of Weldon, was found guilty of driving drunk and fined \$50.00 and costs. License revoked for 12 months. Notice of appeal to Superior Court.

Willie B. Williams, assault, 12 months roads, capias to issue Aug. 31 or at any time thereafter within two years if the defendant is found in Halifax County except as he is in attendance in Superior Court.

Milliard Barnes, white of Weldon, assault. Prayer for judgment continued on condition the defendant remains of good behavior, sober and violates no criminal statute for two years.

Jonas Baker, col. of Scotland Neck, reckless driving. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Phelix Braxton, col. of Enfield, non-tax paid liquor, 9 months roads suspended upon payment of costs and on condition he appear the first Tuesday of each month for two years and show good behavior.

John Davis, col. of Tillery, 3 months roads for illegal possession of liquor.

John Davis, 3 months roads to begin at expiration of sentence in liquor case.

Warren Johnson, col. of Tillery, four months roads for receiving stolen goods, knowing same to have been stolen.

Costina Baker, col. of Brooklyn, N. Y., fine \$50 and costs and license revoked for 12 months on a charge of driving car drunk and without operator's license.

Ruben Boyd and John Brewer, col. of Weldon, affray. Judgment suspended upon payment of one-

half costs each and Brewer to pay doctor's bill.

Walter Wesley, col. of Weldon, liquor. Two years roads, capias to issue Aug. 28 or at any other time within two years if defendant is found in the State of North Carolina.

Byron Hardy, col., was found not guilty of driving while under the influence of liquor.

Willie Clark and Annie Clark, col. of Weldon, charged with affray. Annie Clark not guilty. Willie Clark 4 months roads suspended upon payment of costs and doctors bill.

Boe West Cummings and Roscoe Hutson, col. of Enfield, assault, and Cummings carrying a concealed weapon. Cummings 3 months roads—Hutson 30 days roads.

Richard Dean, col. of Hobgood, possession of non-tax paid liquor. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs and on condition he remains of good behavior for two years.

John Jones, col. of Tillery, 4 months roads for illegal possession of liquor.

C. Everett white, of S. C., was found not guilty of driving while under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

DOCKET FOR AUG. 20

Blake Williams, col. of Roanoke Rapids, charged with affray. Nol pros with leave.

George Ivey, col. of Roanoke Rapids, assault with deadly weapon. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Clayton Walker, col. of Roanoke Rapids, 3 months roads for assault on female—sentence to run concurrently with sentence of 6 months which was given him August 1939 and suspended, terms of said sentence having been violated.

Alton Haddock, white of Washington, D. C., improper use of spot light and reckless driving. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs and on condition he voluntarily surrender his operator's license.

Whit Johnston, col. of Littleton, liquor. Six months roads suspended upon payment of costs and on condition he appear the first Tuesday of each month and show good behavior.

Exum Wade, col. of Enfield, was found guilty of assault on female. Six months roads suspended upon payment of a fine of \$15 and costs and on condition he remains of good behavior for two years.

Willie Brown, col. of Weldon, driving without license. Judgment suspended on payment of costs and on condition he apply for operator's license at once.

Takes New Job

Miss Hazel Neville of Weldon has accepted a position as bookkeeper at Willey's Hardware Store in Weldon. Miss Neville was formerly cashier at Leggett's Dept. Store in Roanoke Rapids.

Weldon

Mrs. W. S. O'B. Robinson has returned home after spending several days in Durham.

Miss Elizabeth Harvell left Friday to resume her school duties at Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Esmond Carter and daughter spent several days last week at Ocean View.

Miss Virginia Lee Boseman spent last week in Petersburg, Va.

Miss Frances Moore spent several days last week with relatives near Jackson.

Miss Lillie Bounds has returned home after spending some time in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Whitaker of Shanghai, China, were week-end

guests of Mrs. W. A. Pierce, Sr. Miss Elizabeth Holmes has returned home after spending the summer in the western part of N. C. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Peoples are spending some time at Bats Cave, N. C.

Mrs. Garland Midyette and daughter are visiting in Oxford, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Harrell, Jr., of Washington, D. C., are guests of Mr. Harrell's parents in Weldon this week.

Grant - Green

Richard Brickle of Weldon announces the marriage of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Green of Weldon, to Henry L. Grant of Rocky Mount, on Monday, August 26, in Richmond, Va.

Miss Muriel Steinhauser of Norfolk, Va., was the week-end guest of Miss Elmyra Jenkins.

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