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## XMAS BOOZE MAKERS GET BIG SETBACK

Sheriff Mason and Deputies Active During Past Weeks — Five Outfits Destroyed

The makers of Christmas liquor have received a rather costly setback during the past few weeks at the hands of Sheriff L. L. Mason and his deputies, and as a result many a Cherokee county citizen will probably go without his Christmas toddy on the 25th, unless his favorite bootlegger can make arrangements in the meantime to get his supply from other sources.

Five stills have been destroyed during the past few weeks, since Sheriff Mason took office on December 5th, together with thousands of gallons of beer, and hundreds of dollars worth of utensils and manufacturing paraphernalia. And officers don't intend to let up their strenuous drive even after the holidays are over.

On Monday, Dec. 12th, Sheriff Mason, Deputy Ezra Price, with Roy Lovingood and Grady Hampton as helpers, captured a large still on Shoal Creek, together with Jack Ledford. They poured out 150 gallons of beer and brought the outfit and Ledford to Murphy. Sheriff Mason already held a warrant for Ledford on a charge of forgery, and at a preliminary hearing, he was bound over to Superior Court under bond of \$500 for the forgery charge, and \$500 for the charge of violating the prohibition law. Ledford failed to make bond and is in jail awaiting trial.

Last Tuesday, December 13th, Deputy Sheriff Henry Rose, of Unaka, and Ben Rose and Fred Murphy, as helpers, cut down one of the largest outfits found in the county in some time. It was about a 95 gallon outfit, located 4 miles west of Unaka, and had been in operation for many months, officers said, judging from the evidence around the place. Approximately 3800 gallons of beer was destroyed, together with all barrels, containers, furnace and etc. There were three kinds of beer officers stated, pure corn, sugar and corn, and corn and molasses. It was not in operation and the still was missing from the furnace. Officers said the beer was just about ready to be worked off.

Friday, December 16th, Deputy Sheriff Henry Rose, with Ben Rose and Clifton Radford as helpers, raided about a 30 gallon outfit near the Buckberry school, destroyed some eight hundred gallons of beer and a small quantity of whiskey. This outfit was in operation. Warned by lookouts on the ridges, four men ran from the scene before the officers could close in on them.

Last Saturday morning, December 17th, Sheriff Mason, Deputy Ed Barnett and Wiley King raided a still place on the headwaters of Vengeance Creek, about 5 miles east of Marble, and destroyed a large outfit. The operators had evidently just completed a run and hid the still and cap, as this part of the plant was missing. They destroyed all utensils, containers, furnace, etc.

Saturday night, December 17th, a raiding party composed of Sheriff Mason, Deputy Sheriffs Ed Barnett and Toby Fain, with Cody Clayton as helper, raided a large outfit on Spring Branch, between the places of Jim Crisp and Will Ledford, about five miles west of Murphy and captured a complete outfit in operation, destroyed a large quantity of beer and a small amount of whiskey.

Just before the officers reached the place they planned to park, their car became stuck in the mud, and while they were working to extricate it, some one tipped off the operators and they got away.

Sheriff Mason has been busy since taking office on December 5th. He has moved his family into the jailor's quarters and is operating the jail. He had two prisoners when he took the Jail over, and now has about eleven.

The first arrest following his induction into office was the arrest of Julius Coleman by one of his deputies. Coleman is charged with stealing an automobile and having whiskey. His bond is set at \$1,000 and being unable to make the bond, is in jail awaiting trial.

### SCOUT OFFICE CLOSED

The Scout office will be closed all during next week to allow the force to take the holidays. We will be back again on January 2, 1933. Until then—

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

## The Spirit of Christmas



How inspiring is the thought of Santa Claus, that ruddy, happy, affectionate bearer of gifts. First on his beloved reindeer, now in that modern miracle known as the airplane, he spreads his beneficence over the entire world. He leaves no town or city without making it a better, gayer, more contented place because of his visit. Catch the Santa Claus spirit! Become imbued with his unselfish ideal of SERVICE. You, too, can spread good cheer. You too, can add to the sum of human happiness.

You can do for YOUR OWN HOME TOWN what the Spirit of Santa Claus and the strides of mechanical progress are doing for the whole world. When you purchase some things in the city, some things by mail and other things at home, you are dissipating the cedative strength of your money. When you do all your buying at home, you are doing a great thing for your Town and Community. You are contributing to its growth. You are helping them in their promotion of community activities and Associations.

At the same time, you are helping yourself—the more fertile you make the soil of your Town and Community, the greater become your own opportunities for prosperity and success. Don't carry your bag of good things elsewhere—concentrate your activities and purchases at home—and you will make it a happier, more prosperous and more livable community because you have lived in it!

## Locals and Personals

Mr and Mrs. William Taylor of Topton spent Monday with Mrs. Taylor's aunt Mrs. Dixie Dillard.

Messrs. A. W. Melver and F. W. Higgins left Tuesday morning for Knoxville, Tenn., on business.

Miss Kathleen Axly and John Davidson motored to Asheville Tuesday to meet Miss Annie Mae Townson who is attending College at Greensboro and will spend the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Townson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lee motored to Knoxville, Tenn., Sunday and was accompanied home by Mrs. Lee's Sister, Miss Ann Candler who is attending University of Tennessee.

Mr. Frank Hampton of Copperhill, Tenn., was a visitor in town, Monday.

Messrs. G. W. Ellis and Wade Massey made a business trip to Gainesville, Georgia Monday.

Miss Aline Richardson who is teaching at Campbells, S. C., will arrive Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richardson.

Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Higgins and family were called to Asheville late Friday on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Higgins father, Mr. Hyatt.

Miss Margaret Irby, teacher of English in the Murphy high school left Tuesday morning for her home at Enfield, N. C.

The many friends of Mrs. Bessie Dickson who was operated on last Thursday at the Angel Bros. Hospital will be glad to learn that she is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owenby of Greenville, S. C., are visiting Mr. Owenby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Owenby.

The many friends of Mr. Thompson Terrell who was operated on for appendicitis one day last week at the Gilliam-Quinn Hospital at Ducktown, Tenn., will be glad to learn that he is getting along nicely.

Sheriff and Mrs. L. L. Mason and daughter, Miss Wilda Mason, and Deputy Sheriff Toby Fain made a trip to Morganton Monday to carry Mollie Jones to the State Hospital for treatment.

Messrs. Paul and William Owenby spent the week end at Marietta, Ga.

Miss Francis Christopher, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas with her grand parents, Prof. and Mrs. L. E. Mauney. Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Christopher of Atlanta, Ga., will spend Christmas with Mrs. Christopher's parents, Prof. and Mrs. L. E. Mauney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Palmer, of Canton, N. C., will spend Christmas with their mother and sister, Mrs. Dixie Palmer and Miss Hattie Palmer.

The many friends of Mr. R. D. Chandler will regret to hear that he was carried to a hospital in Macon, Ga., for treatment.

The many friends of Mr. Charles Turner will regret to learn that he has the flu.

### YOUNG-GENTRY

Miss Emily Gentry and Mr. Irving L. Young, both of Chicago, Ill., were married Saturday, December 17th, in Chicago. After a short honeymoon to New York City, and a visit to the Bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Gentry, of Murphy, the young couple will reside in Chicago. The wedding was a surprise to their many friends here who wish for them a long and happy life.

Mrs. A. C. Huber entertained members of the Murphy school faculty, house guests of the Regal Hotel, and other friends with an old-fashioned square dance last Saturday night in the dining room of the hotel. Music was furnished by members of the Murphy high school string band. About fifty guests were present. During intermissions, popcorn, punch and wafers were served.

Mrs. Wade Massey was hostess to the Junior Woman's club at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ellis last Thursday evening. After business a social hour was enjoyed by all, after which the hostess served, chicken salad and coffee. Those present were; Mrs. T. J. Mauney, Mrs. Walter Mauney, Mrs. H. A. Mattox, Mrs. Glenn Bates, Mrs. Neil Sneed, Mrs. Porter Meroney, Misses Polly Davis, Della Meroney and Dorothy Heighway.

Girls and boys arriving home from college to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, are: Annie Mae Townson, Greensboro, N. C., Ann Candler, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., Mildred Akin, Breau, Gainesville, Ga., Sara Ruth Posey Cecil Mattox, Woodfin Posey, Mary Weaver and Martha Nell Wells, Asheville Normal, Asheville, N. C., Mrs. Franklin Smith, Maragret With-

## N. W. Abernathy Makes Statement

To my Friends and Readers of The Scout:

I wish to say in reference to an article in the last week's paper which referred to my settlement with the county, wish to state that there was a balance of \$3,600, some of which has been paid since that date. I also have around \$1100 worth of school claims to apply on the above which has not yet been approved by Superintendent Martin. Also \$2,300.00 worth of other securities with which I expect to take care of the remainder with a small exception.

The small balance was some money I collected and deposited and was caught in the bank failures which was beyond my control. I wanted the people of the county to know that I have not misplaced a dime of the county's funds. Although I was unfortunate enough to lose about \$3,500.00 in bad checks and the bank failures, I am coming clean and paying every dime of it.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Cherokee County for their hearty co-operation and their kindness in my four years' struggle in their service. I could have cut and slashed and pressed the people and got through with my tax collecting near two years sooner but for the sake of many who was crippled in the bank failures and other financial calamities, I went to the extreme in giving them time and by so doing I got around \$5,000.00 for the county that I would not have gotten otherwise, and in the meantime I did not take a hoof of any man's stock or any belongings of any kind.

With best regards to all of the citizens of the county, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,  
NOAH W. ABERNATHY,  
Ex-Sheriff Cherokee County.

## Christmas Program Hampton Memorial

The League of Hampton Memorial M. E. Church will present a Christmas program Friday evening, December 23, at the church at 7 o'clock. The program will consist of reading, songs, and two plays, "What's the Matter With Christmas," and "It Happened in Bethlehem." Everyone is cordially invited.

## AGED CULBERSON CITIZEN DIED AT FRANKLIN MON.

J. S. Hyatt, 63 years old, of Culberson, died Monday night at the Franklin hospital from a complication of pneumonia following an operation. The body was brought to Murphy Tuesday morning and carried to his home at Culberson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the home with interment in the family cemetery close by.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kate Byram Hyatt, and four children: Mrs. V. C. Hughes, Murphy Rt. 2; Mrs. L. C. Keasler, Maryville, Tenn.; Miss Jessie Hyatt and Edgar Hyatt, of Culberson; one sister, Mrs. Iowa Anderson, of Taft, Calif.

## Reynolds Given Membership On Two Committees

Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, has been assigned to posts on the committee on military affairs and the committee on banking and currency, it was learned here last night in a dispatch from Washington.

Harry P. Cooper, of Murphy, and Johnston Avery, of Lenior, connected with Senator Reynolds' Washington office, plan to leave Washington today in two Marine corps planes for Raleigh where they will confer with Gov. O. Max Gardner.

The two men will visit their homes for the Christmas holidays.—Asheville Citizen: Tuesday, Dec. 20th.

erspoon, Edna Patton, Bessie Palmer and Allowayne Burnett, W. C. T. C., Cullowhee; Burke Gray, James Malcome, Richard Parker and Marshall Bell, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; William Thompson, Harry and Bill Miller, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Lyle Martin, Tri-State College, Angola, Ind.; Hadley Williamson, Joe Dyer, Berlon Lovingood and Noah Hembree, W. C. T. C., Cullowhee; Jack Lovingood, James Parker and Mercer Fain, Jr., Mt. Pleasant Institute, Mt. Pleasant N. C.; Joe Bailey, Frank and Charles Mayfield, McAllie College, Chattanooga, Tenn.

## JAMES VAUGHN, MURPHY CITIZEN, DIED TUESDAY

James Monroe Vaughn, 68, died at his home here Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock following a two weeks' illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian church with the Rev. J. H. Carper in charge, assisted by the Rev. T. F. Higgins, pastor of the Methodist church, and the Rev. C. K. Turner, pastor of the Baptist church.

Mr. Vaughn was a deacon of the Presbyterian church and had been secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School for many years. He was born in Monroe county, Tennessee, March 27, 1864, and came to Murphy with his parents when about four years of age. Thirty eight years ago he married Miss Julia Abbott, of Murphy, who died a little more than a year ago. Mr. Vaughn was a member of the Masonic order and was a prominent merchant in Murphy for many years.

He is survived by three sisters, Miss Lyda and Miss Fannie Vaughn and Mrs. Jennie Howell, of Murphy, one brother, W. A. Vaughn, of Valley Mills, Tex., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers were Sheridan Heighway, Sheridan Dickey, Fred Dickey, Tom Axley, Herman Elliott, and Wallace Green. Honorary pallbearers were S. D. Akin, E. C. Moore, G. W. Ellis, A. A. Fain, R. B. Ferguson and P. H. Sword. Burial was in Sunset cemetery.

## LAST RITES FOR JOE MURPHY ON WEDNESDAY

Joe Murphy, 80, of Unaka, died at his home Monday afternoon following a long illness. The funeral services were held at Long Ridge Baptist church at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning with the Rev. Gus Hollinghead officiating.

Surviving are his wife and six children, Lloyd, Elmer, Mrs. Lilly Garrett, Mrs. Lizzie Curtis, Mrs. Eustace Patterson, and Mrs. Noland Morrow.

## PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE

Whereas, the prime object of the Taxpayer's League is a study of taxation, the promotion of economy in the administration of county and municipal government, and the enforcement of the statutory laws in relation thereto; and, Whereas, We are involved in an unprecedented financial depression, the consequences of which are that owing to the fluctuations in value of the products of commerce and its relation to the purchasing power of the dollar renders it necessary that a readjustment should be made in most governmental affairs; and Whereas, The burden of taxation has become oppressive and confiscatory, and like the locusts of Egypt is devouring the substance of our land, and producing distress on every hand, therefore, We ask that immediate steps be taken by the officials of the county for the mitigation of taxes, and the relief of a long suffering and tax ridden public; and Whereas, The only way to reduce taxes as we believe is to reduce expenses. And we believe that this can be done without injustice to any one; therefore, to the end that this may be done, we have adopted and do submit the following Resolutions, and ask their consideration by the county officials, and if found agreeable and practical, that the same be put into effect at an early day. If some of these resolutions are found incompatible with the existing laws, then, we ask that they be modified, or that legislation be sought to the end that the relief ask for may be granted. We could easily cite many other cases where adjustments could be made in the way of savings to the public without any injustice or hardship to any one, but believing that brevity is the soul of wit, we desist for the time; and

Whereas, We believe that there is a growing tendency to disregard the Statutory laws requiring publicity of the revenues collected and disbursed, etc., Sections No. 1311 and 1334 of the Revisal. After due and timely notice some have willfully and habitually ignored these laws; therefore, we believe that the time has come that patience ceases to be a virtue, and like the fable of the farmer dealing with a rude boy in one of his apple trees, we believe that the time has come that sternness should be used in obtaining our legal rights. We believe that publicity is essential to come that sterner means should be confidence in the officials by the public, and tends to the enlightenment and betterment of all.

(Continued next week)