

Ex-Preacher Gets Caught Hauling Bootleg Whiskey

Clifford Maness, ex-street preacher, taxi-driver and part-time barber of Carthage, was arrested in Lee County Friday on charges of illegal possession and transportation of white whiskey.

Maness, who had one brush with the law before for liquor violations, was taken into custody by two Federal ATU agents, Moore County ABC officer C. L. McCollum, and Sheriff D. F. Holder of Lee County. He was arrested in Lee County near the Moore County line about 3:30 Friday, just minutes after he had left the residence of Mrs. Odella Atkins near the Green Gables restaurant on US Highway 1.

He was given a hearing before a district commissioner in Fayetteville and released on \$750 bond for later appearance in Federal Court in Durham.

According to McCollum, Maness had nine half-gallon jars of white whiskey in his possession. A 1955 Chevrolet which Maness said was owned by his wife was taken in the raid.

McCollum said that Maness was caught in 1950 for transporting whiskey in Moore County, and was given a two-year probationary sentence after being convicted.

He has been a street preacher in Moore, Lee, and Harnett Counties.

He has been working lately as a taxi-driver and part-time barber in Carthage.

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Broilers, Layers, Big Business In Moore County

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chicken house requires to get the same cash return from a wheat or corn crop.

Whatever it was, whatever caused the growth, is now the direct reason for almost 15 per cent of the county's population turning to chickens as a livelihood.

In 1955, of the total cash receipts from farming in North Carolina, 10 per cent was from the sale of poultry and poultry products. Tobacco was the only commodity that exceeded poultry and poultry products in terms of value of cash receipts. But those figures do not apply to Moore County. Here, there was only a \$4 million income from tobacco.

And, with tobacco farmers facing a 20 per cent cut in acreage allotments this year, more will probably be turning to broilers, even in the face of a declining market.

The chicken men are frankly afraid of the thought that more may enter. The field is already crowded and over-production is one of their principal concerns.

F. D. Allen, county agent, says there are probably four million broilers around the county at any one time. Counting four crops per year, and some producers are lucky enough to get five, that would mean that at least 16 million broilers are produced in the county each year. And, once again, the figures may be misleading because the industry saw a

big growth during the past year while the 16 million figure applies to 1955.

Biggest problem of the growers now (the broiler producers) is the lack of a nearby processing plant, something that will be remedied when a new plant is completed in the Robbins area.

The people there and in other nearby areas recognized the urgent need for a home processing plant, raised enough funds to construct a modern building and will lease it to a recognized processor.

Other problems, in addition to the already mentioned over-production, are diseases, which happen anywhere in the country,

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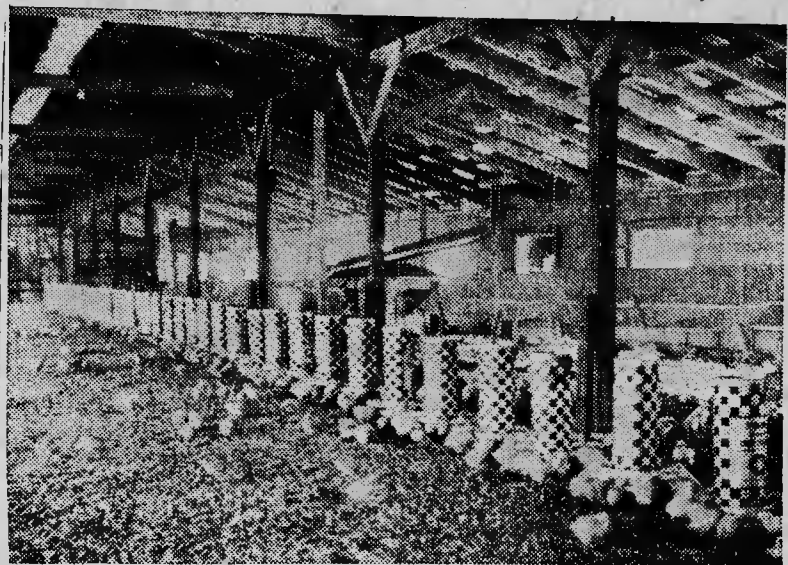
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ONE-WEEK OLD CHICKS in this just completed broiler house near Carthage are fed around the clock. In eight weeks, they'll be ready for market. For Glenn Benner, who has been in the business about four years, the 10,000 chicks will mean at least five cents each. He has two other houses that will take care of an additional 20,000 chicks.



THESE CHICKS, which also are being raised by Glenn Benner, are about five weeks old and in excellent condition. Once you visit a chicken house, you can't go in another one unless you clean your shoes, a precautionary measure taken to prevent spreading of disease from house to house. These chicks are of the same strain as the one-week old ones in the above picture.

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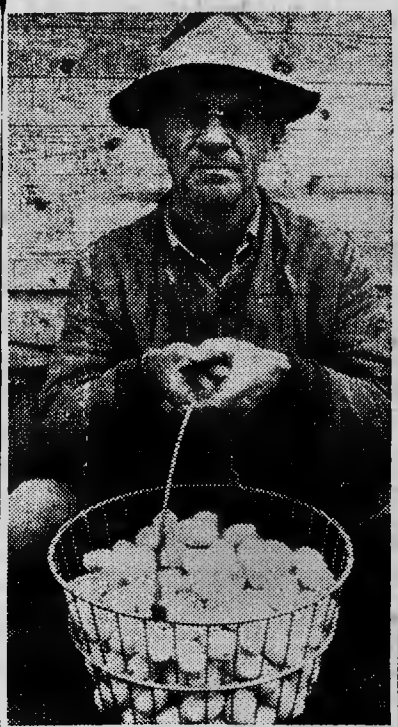
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EGG PRODUCTION on the C. L. Ragsdale farm in the Clay Road Farm area is a comparatively new thing but already showing excellent results. Mere Mr. Ragsdale, in the business only five months, shows a basket of eggs he has just collected from his flock that numbers 2,000. "Small business and it takes a lot of time," he says, "but I enjoy it."

overly-produced market, Allen said.

It takes 5,000 or more broilers before you can be termed a "commercial grower." Allen says there are now about 1,000 farmers in Moore, mostly in the northern end, who are so classified. Many more are in the business on a smaller scale.

"Volume is what it takes to make money in this business, although we are presently going through a period when over-production—call it too much volume if you will—has caused the market price to drop," Allen added.

"There are a number of ideas for eliminating the problem, ranging from price supports to a complete investigation of the industry by a Senate committee."

Senator Kerr Scott has asked for such an investigation. So far as egg production is concerned, most of the production is utilized locally. There are some large operators but not enough to meet the demands of the state.

In 1954 there were 145,169 dozen eggs produced in the county from 64,904 laying hens. The number has grown somewhat during 1955 and 1956 but how much is not clear since statistics are not up to date.

Allen says the poultry business

WEST END NEWS

Engagement Announced
Of special interest to this section is the following announcement:

Mrs. Blanche Blanton of Lakeland, Georgia, announces the engagement of her daughter, Marjorie Virginia, to Lt. George Foyle Houch, Jr., son of the Rev. and Mrs. Houch of West End.

The bride-elect is a senior at the Lanier County High School, where she has been an active member for the past four years of the Jr. Hi-Y, FHA, the basketball team and the 4-H Club. She served as 4-H president of the South Central District during the past year. She is now president of the Lanier County Tau Phi Lambda Woodman Sorority.

Lt. Houch is a graduate of Rowland high school. He attended Davidson College before enlisting in the U. S. Air Force. He is stationed at Otis Air Force Base, Mass., with the 60th Fighter Interceptor Squadron.

The wedding is planned for high noon of June 23, in the First Baptist Church at Lakeland, Ga.

Methodist Circles
The Circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met Monday evening using as their topic "The Church and Mental Health."

The Margaret Brown Circle met with Miss Alberta Monroe with Mrs. Vivian Tucker presenting the program, assisted by Miss Lucile Eifort. Mrs. Dwight Richardson led the devotions.

The Minnie Morris Circle met with the chairman, Mrs. Colon Williams, with Mrs. Tom Lewis serving as hostess. Mrs. T. J. Fletcher presented the program.

The Service Guild Circle met with Mrs. Lynn McInnis with Mrs. W. M. Chriscoe, Jr. giving the program.

Each circle enjoyed a social hour with its hostess.

Church Men Meet
The Men of the Presbyterian Church met Sunday evening with J. H. Poole presenting a program on "Bridging Social Barriers," assisted by J. F. Sinclair, Harold Markham and Alton Munn. They enjoyed a supper served them by Mrs. G. A. Munn and Miss Treva Auman.

Presbyterian Circles
The Circles of the Women of the Presbyterian Church met Monday evening with each circle using "Evangelism" as the topic for discussion. Each circle also adopted a child at Barium Springs to remember throughout the year.

Circle 1 met with Mrs. M. C. McDonald, Jr., with Mrs. Victor Bailey giving the program and Mrs. Harold Markham having the Bible lesson. Mrs. Fred Frye served as chairman.

Circle 2 met with Mrs. Donald Eifort with Mrs. T. B. Graham presenting the program and Miss

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Mrs. Robert Clark was hostess to Circle 3 with Mrs. Everette Cole giving the program and Miss Bert McCrummen presenting the Bible lesson.

A social hour followed each meeting.

Brief Mention
Carolyn Bronson is a patient at Moore County Hospital, where she is suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Auman and Laura have returned from St. Petersburg, Fla., where they visited the Rev. and Mrs. Hogan Yancey. Mr. Auman attended a convention of watermelon growers and buyers held in nearby Tampa. En route home they visited Mrs. Jack Silks in Lakeland,

Fla. Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barnette and Mrs. Jennie Teeter were Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Williams and Roger Lee, Mrs. Keel Brown and Mrs. N. F. Smith.

NEW MANAGERS

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mangum this week assumed management of the Dixie Inn Dining Room at Vass. Mrs. Lenna Cameron, who was in charge, has bought a home in Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, where she resided a number of years ago, and has gone there to live.

The Mangums are experienced in the food business and are serving meals daily, including Sunday dinners. Mr. Mangum is employed at the Fort Bragg post exchange.

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