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BLOCKADE STILLS FOUND.

Revenue Officers Make a Raid in Johnston

Three Stills Cut Up and Several Men Captured in Boon Hill Township. Still in Operation When Discovered.

Selma, N. C., Sept. 5.—Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock revenue officers made a raid on moonshiners operating in the southeastern part of Johnston county. Leaving this place early after breakfast, J. P. H. Adams, W. A. Stancill, W. G. Pool, D. C. Downing and A. F. Surles went via Pine Level to a point about six miles from that town into a community reputed to be occupied by illicit distillers, modestly and unceremoniously walked in upon the men in the very act of their operation, destroyed three stills, several large fermenters and tubs, saturated the earth with 1,200 gallons of beer, and arrived at Selma last evening in time for tea, accompanied by nine moonshiners—seven white men and two blacks—and followed closely by three wagonloads of demolished distillery apparatus and fixtures.

It was a bold and daring undertaking, but the inventory of what was captured indicates how successfully it was accomplished. Upon arriving close to the scene of operations the officers divided forces, one party led by "Buck" Adams, and the other by D. C. Downing, going in opposite directions, but for the purpose of circumventing the supposed distillery, and to shut off all avenues of escape. The Adams force found six men operating two distilleries, one 175 gallons and the other 40 gallons. Two men made their escape, but four were captured without resistance. While this scene was being enacted, the second squad came upon another still within three-quarters of a mile and there captured five men, but this was not done so easily as in the first capture. When the officers neared this latter place they were fired on two or three times by the moonshiners, but the officers returned the fire, rushed in upon them and took them into custody. No one was shot, or injured.

A mule and a wagon were taken at the first place and a horse and buggy at the second. So within less than one mile apart three stills were cut to pieces, nine men captured, and the whole operating plants demolished. As stated above, the men were brought here last evening for a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner C. U. Harris, but of their own motion the case against each of them was continued to September 16th, at which time they will be tried at this place.

All of the stills were located on one plantation, which was formerly owned by the late William Smith. The place was sold two years ago to W. M. Rose, and among the men captured were three of Mr. Rose's sons, who were helping at one of the stills. Besides these, two brothers named Tyner were caught, a man named Webb and one named Wilkins and two negroes.—Raleigh Post.

Are You Engaged?

Engaged people should remember, that, after marriage, many quarrels can be avoided, by keeping their digestions in good condition with Electric Bitters. S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville, S. C., says: "For years, my wife suffered intensely from dyspepsia, complicated with a torpid liver, until she lost her strength and vigor, and became a mere wreck of her former self. Then she tried Electric Bitters, which helped her at once, and finally made her entirely well. She is now strong and healthy." Hood Bros. druggists, sell and guarantee them, at 50c a bottle.

ARCHER LODGE NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hocutt Die in Same Week—Mr. Larkin Batton Also Passed Away—Other Notes of Interest.

We are glad to note that Mrs. R. H. Green is convalescent.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Della Barnes. Mr. Eugene Barnes, of Raleigh, spent last week with relatives in this section.

Jing-a-ling-ting-a-ling comes the reverberating sound of the wedding bells.

Messrs. J. W. Barnes and J. W. Bissett made a business trip to Smithfield Monday.

Mr. Ed Taylor, of Tarboro, is spending this week with his sister, Mrs. J. W. Bissett.

Mr. J. Leonard Boyett is spending this week with his mother, Mrs. Joseph Wall, of Wake county.

Quite a number of our people attended the picnic at Antioch last Friday and report a very pleasant day.

Miss Ida Castleberry returned last Saturday from Raleigh where she has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. I. S. Bagwell.

The committee of District No. 3, White, Wilders township, have chosen Mr. W. L. Stancil teacher of the Holder School for the winter term.

Miss Mary Hatcher has been elected teacher at the Earp School House for the ensuing term. Miss Hatcher has taught here before and we gladly welcome her back.

Just before mailing this letter we learn that Mr. Larkin Batton died last night at ten o'clock of heart dropsy. He was one of the oldest citizens of this community and had been confined to his room for several weeks. A more extended account will appear next week.

Mr. W. S. Browning, of Earpsboro, spent last week with his daughter, Mrs. George R. Stancil. While here Mr. Browning went down on the islands of Buffalo squirrel hunting and in three mornings killed 32 squirrels. All his fingers on his left hand except his thumb are cut off and he has also lost all on his right hand except two. We think that very good hunting for a man with limited fingers.

Last Thursday morning Mr. John W. Hocutt died at his home near here with a complication of diseases. The interment was made at Corinth church Friday afternoon in the presence of a vast throng of sorrowing relatives and friends. The funeral was preached by Rev. A. R. Flowers and was conducted after the Masonic order. On Saturday morning after Mr. Hocutt's burial Mrs. Hocutt, his wife, died of asthma. She had been in feeble health for some time and it is supposed that the shock of her husband's death caused her immediate demise. Mrs. Hocutt was laid to rest by the side of her husband Sunday afternoon at Corinth. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the grief-stricken children. We are informed that Mr. Hocutt's mother is also at death's door.

September 5. S. L. W.

Dr. Stevens Goes to Raleigh.

Dr. Ralph Stevens, of Smithfield, arrived in the city Saturday, and will locate here for the practice of medicine. Dr. Stevens has accepted the position of assistant to Dr. Hubert A. Royster, in place of Dr. William MacNider, who goes to Chapel Hill as instructor.

Dr. Stevens graduated from the medical school of the University of North Carolina with high honors and secured his license last summer. He will not only be an addition to the Raleigh academy of medicine, but he will lecture on pathology before the University medical school here.—Raleigh Times.

For the next 30 days you can buy ladies', Misses' and children's dressed hats at your own price at W. G. Yelvington's.

COTTON CROP REPORT.

Average Condition on the Twenty-Fifth of August.

It is Placed at Seventy-Two and One Tenth, Somewhat Below the Ten Year Average at This Season.

Washington, Sept. 5.—The monthly cotton crop report of the Department of Agriculture, issued at noon today, is as follows:

"The crop estimating board of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture finds from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau that the average condition of cotton on August 25 was 72.1 as compared with 74.9 on July 25, 1905, 84.1 on August 25, 1904, 81.2 on August 25, 1903, and a ten year average of 73.0.

The following shows the condition of the cotton crop by States:

Texas 70, Georgia 77, Alabama 70, Mississippi 69, South Carolina 75, Arkansas 72, Louisiana 62, North Carolina 76, Indian Territory 80, Tennessee 81, Oklahoma 82, Florida 77, Missouri 86, Virginia 76, United States 72.1.

The weekly crop report of the Weather Bureau says:

While a slight improvement in the condition of cotton in north east Texas and in portions of the central cotton States is shown, the reports, as a whole, indicate deterioration in the average condition of the crop as compared with the previous week. Rust and shedding continue quite general, but injury from boll weevils in Texas is somewhat diminished. Cotton has opened rapidly throughout the belt, and the weather has been favorable for picking, which has been generally active, having been completed in portions of Alabama and Georgia.

Much tobacco in the Ohio valley and middle Atlantic States has been housed and the remainder is maturing rapidly. A good crop is generally reported, especially in the northern part of the Middle Atlantic States and in New England.

Death of a Young Woman.

The town of Benson and community surrounding, were very much saddened last Wednesday, August 30, when it was learned that Miss Cora Belle Jernigan had died at her home near this place. She had been sick for some time, and the end was not unexpected.

Three years ago Miss Cora made a confession of faith in Christ, and united with the Missionary Baptist church at Benson. Since that time, as we learn from those who knew her best, her life has been most exemplary in her Master's service. She was quiet, trustful, and ready to respond to the call of duty, and was not unready for the call to death. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the absence of her pastor. The church could not accommodate the immense congregation that came to attend the service and to show their high esteem for the deceased.

After the service at the church her body was tenderly laid to rest in the Benson cemetery.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the widowed and sorely bereft mother and family. May God richly comfort them in this dark hour of bereavement. D. F. P.

Attacked by a Mob

and beaten, in a labor riot, until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. John H. Parker returned from a visit to Goldsboro Wednesday.

Mrs. Alex Martin, of Charlotte, N. C., is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. W. Vick.

Mr. Rodger Richardson is on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Richardson.

Mr. M. A. Hooks, Sprunt & Son's cotton buyer, is here again for the season.

Mr. H. D. Hood, the Supervisor of Selma Township roads, is doing some good work.

Miss Nannie Richardson left a few days ago for Graham, N. C., where she will teach this coming season.

Mr. A. L. Batton and family, of Wilders, spent a few days last week with his father, N. R. Batton, Esq.

Many boys and girls passed here this week on their way to school. The people of the east believe in education.

Mr. A. M. Noble left Tuesday for Pantego, N. C., where he goes to take charge of the schools for the coming year.

Mr. William Richardson, Jr., who has been home for a few days since his return from Europe, has gone to resume his work at Newport News.

Tobacco is selling well on our market. It is very seldom that the tags "are turned" on a pile now, and when a tag is turned it is generally done by a chronic kicker.

The Selma Graded School opened last Monday. There were one hundred and twenty-six children in attendance. The school is in charge of Prof. C. L. Wroton, of Rock Hill, S. C., Mrs. Mary A. Cooper, of Franklinton, N. C., Misses Sarah R. Martin, of Winston-Salem, Julia F. Ethredge and Fannie Richardson, of Selma, Miss Mattie L. Mizzell, music department. Sep. 7th. SENEX.

The Farmers Convention.

The annual farmers convention held at the A. & M. College last week was very interesting and instructive to all who attended. It began Thursday at noon and lasted two whole days. The meeting and forming acquaintances with the farmers from different parts of the State, the walks over the College farm, the lectures on farm subjects, the dedication of the new Agricultural Building, and the speech of Mr. Harvie Jordan, President of the Southern Cotton Association, were the main features of the convention.

Among those who attended from Johnston county were Messrs. R. H. Gower, Clifford Uzzle, C. M. Wilson, Will Wilson, Jr., J. W. Pool, E. B. McCullers, W. H. McCullers, D. H. McCullers, Ed Pool, Jesse Wellons, J. M. Beaty, G. G. Beaty, J. Walter Myatt, T. W. LeMay, Willis H. Sanders, George T. Whitley, J. H. Whitley, W. A. T. Durham, J. J. Rose, G. R. Johnson, D. J. Wellons, D. B. Hamilton, B. N. Hamilton and W. C. Harper, and Mrs. W. C. Harper and Mrs. B. A. Wellons.

Got Off Cheap.

He may well think, he has got off cheap, who, after having contracted constipation or indigestion, is still able to perfectly restore his health. Nothing will do this but Dr. King's New Life Pills. A quick, pleasant, and certain cure for headache, constipation, etc. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store; guaranteed.

Labor Day was celebrated generally throughout the country.

Good advice to women. If you want a beautiful complexion, clear skin, bright eyes, red lips, good health, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. There is nothing like it. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Selma Drug Co., A. H. Boyett.

If you want to buy Summer Dress Goods cheap go to W. G. Yelvington's store. Full stock to select from. Must be sold to make room for large Fall stock.

THE CROPS BENEFITED.

Cotton Opened Very Fast During the Week.

Only a One-half Crop in Some Sections of the State—Shedding and Rusting in East—Tobacco Cures Reported Fair.

The weekly crop bulletin for North Carolina, says for the week ending Monday, Sept. 4:

The weather during the past week has been especially favorable for the saving of fodder and hay and plowing. There was plenty of sunshine and in general crops of all kinds were benefited, although there are some complaints of dry weather through the eastern part of the state. The days were moderately warm but the nights cool, and frost was reported to have occurred in Mitchell county. Heavy rain occurred in some sections on September second, and was very opportune.

In the eastern part of the state the tobacco is about all cured. In the central and west portions cutting and curing are generally under way. There are some complaints of tobacco firing and specking, but on the whole the cures are reported fair, the quality and color being good, but the leaf lacks body. The crop is below the average.

During the past week cotton opened very fast and picking had become quite general in the east and central portions of the state, while in the west picking was started on several farms. There are less reports of shedding and rusting in the central and west portions, while in the east there are still complaints in this regard, the plants shedding their top bolls, and in places the cotton is turning yellow. The cotton in the east is opening, it is said, two weeks earlier than last year and prematurely. The yield is under the average, and some report only a one-half crop.

Corn is about made in the east and central portions of the state, and in the west it is maturing nicely. In the east the corn needs rain, looks fair, and crop will be below average. The prospects is for a good crop in the west and fair in the central part of the state. Saving of fodder and hay is under way in all sections of the state and in most sections of the east it is all housed. Peanuts promise a good crop. Sweet potatoes and turnips are doing fine in nearly all localities. In most places cow peas are promising well, but there are reports of vines being fine but very few peas. Irish potatoes are doing well in all sections, but in some places in the west they are rotting in the ground due to wet weather. Grapes are promising well in the east, although there are few reports of a short crop. Peaches are scarce in all sections and apples are nearly all lost having rotted and fallen to the ground. Buckwheat where planted is doing fine. Land is being turned for wheat and rye, and in some sections rye and oats are being sown.

The following rains have been reported: Raleigh 1.27, Goldsboro 1.14, Greensboro 0.06, Lumberton 0.86, New Bern 1.08, Weldon 2.44.

Like Finding Money.

Finding health is like finding money—So think those who are sick. When you have a cough, cold, sore throat, or chest irritation, better get promptly like W. C. Barber, of Sandy Level, Va. He says: "I had a terrible chest trouble, caused by smoke and coal dust on my lungs; but, after trying all the other remedies, I was cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colic." Greatest sale of any cough or lung medicine in the world. At Hood Bros. Drug store; 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

BENSON NEWS.

Miss Meta Harper, of Dunn, is visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittenton spent last Sunday in Dunn. The patronage of the Benson Graded School is daily increasing.

Mrs. William Woodard, of Wilson county, is visiting relatives and friends here.

The Benson tobacco market is being well patronized and the weed is bringing fancy prices.

Miss Nellie Parrish has returned from Clayton where she has been visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denning, of South Carolina, are here to attend the Johnson-Denning marriage.

Miss Alice Woodall has just returned from the Northern markets where she has been purchasing her fall and winter goods.

Calvin Lucas, who lives a few miles across the line in Harnett county, was tried Monday for running a "blind tiger." He was found guilty and was fined \$1,000 and costs, amounting to \$1,185. He was also required to give a justified bond of \$2,000 for two years not to sell any more corn juice.

Mr. C. T. Johnson and Miss Georgia Denning will be united in marriage to-night at the home of the bride's father, Mr. D. B. Denning. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. D. F. Putnam, of this place. After the marriage they will take their departure for New York and other northern cities. Solon.

County Commissioners Meet.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday in regular session with the following present: Chairman C. M. Wilson, W. T. Bailey, W. G. Wrenn and Josephus Johnson.

In addition to regular routine business the following matters of interest to the public were passed upon:

The petition for a new road leading from Richard Stanley's tobacco barn to Bethel church in Ingrams township was granted and J. H. Stanley, W. S. Strickland, N. E. Stanley, T. B. Allen and J. W. M. Stanley were appointed jurors to lay out and establish same without expense to county.

Two school elections were ordered held on October 9th, one in District No. 4, and the other in District No. 9, both in Beulah township. For No. 4, F. C. Edgerton, was appointed registrar and A. J. Southard and George Fulghum pollholders. In District No. 9, (at Micro) C. A. Fitzgerald was appointed registrar and D. C. Smith and C. W. Wellons pollholders. These elections are to be held for the people to decide whether they are willing to be taxed 20 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property and 60 cents on the poll for public schools.

Our Elevation correspondent reports the following: Mrs. Laura Hodges, who lives just over the Johnston and Harnett line, had been sick with fever for several days, and on Sunday morning she resolved to neither eat nor drink until she was able to walk to the dining-room. Sunday evening Rev. Mr. Jernigan, her regular pastor, and Rev. H. H. Goff held a prayer service at her home, imploring God to heal the scorching fever and restore her to health. Immediately after the prayer closed she arose from her bed praising God, dressed herself, and went to church Sunday night, apparently as well as she ever was. The little son of Mr. S. W. Lassater was also healed. Revs Goff and Jernigan are conducting a successful meeting at Hodges Chapel this week.

Mr. Sam Davis, of the firm of Davis Bros., is now visiting all the great Northern markets purchasing one of the largest stocks of fall and winter goods ever brought to this section of the State.