

TWO STILLS CAPTURED BY ROBESON OFFICERS

One 75-Gallon Gasoline Tank Outfit and One 50-Gallon Copper Kettle Taken

(Special to The Star)

LUMBERTON, Jan. 4.—Robeson officers "brought in" a 75-gallon whiskey-making plant today. The still was in operation in Big Swamp in Wishart township and two men, Tom Phillips and Prentiss Barker, were at the still. Phillips was placed in jail, while Barker was released under a \$200 bond. The still was made of a gasoline tank and had a copper worm. Phillips has been tried in court here before on the charge of manufacturing whiskey, a still having been found near his home a few months ago. It is said that Barker was only a spectator and was not aiding in operating the still.

A second still, a 50-gallon copper outfit, was captured near Shannon by Rural Policeman W. A. Smith. Two barrels of whiskey for the still, which was set up and ready for operation, but the owner was absent.

A negro named Bethaea was shot and probably fatally wounded by Tode McKinnon, another negro, at St. Pauls, Robeson county, Saturday night. The load from a shotgun entered Bethaea's stomach. McKinnon was arrested and placed in jail here.

A "holl week" conference will be held in the courthouse here Thursday at 10 a.m. Representatives of the state department of agriculture will attend the conference, and ways of combating the weevil, which has appeared in Robeson, will be considered.

Letter Stephens was shot and dangerously wounded when he and Mike Herring, both white men, were held up and robbed by a band of negroes one night recently. The holdup took place in the suburbs of Bear Creek sawmill town 15 miles from Lumberton. Two shots were fired, it is said, one load of buck-shot entering Stephens' leg above the knee. The two men held up carried a jug of something to drink, it is said, and the negroes took the jug.

Tom Wooten, Sim Bellamy and Jack Britt, negroes, were arrested, charged with the holdup. Stephens and Herring were recently found guilty of manufacturing liquor by Recorder E. M. Britt, of Lumberton, and ordered to leave the county.

O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, will give a pruning demonstration in each of the 25 townships in the county during the next month. Many Robeson farmers have "put out" peach orchards in the means of meeting the boll weevil and the farmers generally are becoming interested in fruit-growing.

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TURNER ARRIVES TODAY FOR MATCH WITH ELLIS

Fans Begin to Regard Kid Ellis as a Man

Joe Turner will reach the city tonight bringing his famous crab hold for a thorough try-out on Kid Ellis and the test will be made Thursday night on the Academy of Music mat when the two men mix in a finish bout.

Turner's crab hold has never failed when properly applied, the victim usually yielding quickly and conceding the fall gladly. But then it has not been tried out on a man that is possessed of a pair of legs that refuse to be bent and until Ellis wills under the terribly crushing effect of the now famous hold, Joe cannot be sure it will always work.

Wrestlers have come and wrestlers have gone but none of them possessed the strength of Kid Ellis. And the Dry Pond boy is game to the very core. There isn't anything yellow about him and he will fight all the harder and more determinedly since Turner is rated as the best man.

Thursday night affords him his first opportunity to battle Turner. He has tried on several occasions to meet Turner but was always told that he wouldn't have a chance; that he must continue to wrestle dubs until he gained some reputation.

And then suddenly he broke into the limelight. The first bout that brought him fame was won at the expense of Hanson and then he repeated the trick. Filled with confidence, met the great Ketonen and although doomed to defeat from the first, he went in there and gave the little Finn the fight of his life. Ketonen classed him as the toughest man he had met in the south. Strange as it may seem, his defeat at the hands of Ketonen made him in the eyes of the fans. His showing against the Finn classed him as one of the best men in the country.

His next battle was with Paul Bowser, a man who outweighed him by twenty or more pounds and the Kid not only put up a rugged battle but hooked the big Michigan boy for the first fall and came near gaining a win. Ellis has been going like a prairie fire since his first win over Hanson and he doesn't expect Turner's interference on Thursday night to slow him up.

TO URGE HARDING TO NAME SLEMP FOR THE CABINET

ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 4.—A delegation of Republican leaders from Virginia and North Carolina will go to Marion, N. C., within the next ten days to ask President-elect Harding to consider the appointment of Representative C. Bauskett, of the ninth Virginia district, to a cabinet position. R. H. Angell, member of the Virginia state Republican committee, announced to-night Mr. Angell added that he was unable to say what post in the cabinet will be sought for Mr. Slemp.

CAROLINA "COTTON" DAY

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 4.—By call of Governor Cooper, Monday was "cotton acreage reduction day" in South Carolina and meetings of farmers were held in more than half the counties of the state. Reports received indicate no opposition in any county to the proposed 50 per cent reduction in cotton acreage and at a number of the meetings sentiment was developed against planting any cotton this year. Plans were made for a state-wide campaign in which every cotton planter will be asked to institute a reduction of one-half the acreage planted in 1920.

CHANGE TO COMMISSION

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 4.—This city changed its form of government today, the mayor and aldermen form giving way to a commission of five men. A city manager will be chosen who will cover the various departments.

WANT FISH RESOURCES OF JERSEY PROTECTED

People Especially Stirred Up by Wholesale Destruction of Menhaden

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 4.—A movement has been started in New Jersey to save from extermination the migratory fish which spawn in one place and move along the Atlantic coast with the changing of the seasons—such as mackerel, menhaden, herring, and numerous other species peculiar to certain localities on this coast. Experienced fishermen declare that the supply of these migratory fish has been seriously depleted by the pollution of the areas in which they spawn, and by the reckless manner in which they have been caught in nets.

The method proposed by the New Jersey fish and game preservation league to stop the extermination is to induce the United States government to take control of the sea, regulate the catching of these fish and to stop pollution of the spawning areas. It is contended that only in this way can the increasing cost of fish food to the consumer be checked or reduced.

The four fundamental points in the New Jersey league's proposal for national legislation are:

- (1) Protect spawning areas against pollution.
- (2) Prevent fishing in spawning areas.
- (3) Regulate the size of the meshes of nets so the immature fish can not be caught.
- (4) Protect the natural food supply of estable fishes.

The fourth point has to do with one of the most perplexing phases of the salt water problem—the matter of the menhaden industry. The menhaden, otherwise known as a mossbunker, which once swarmed along the coast in immense numbers attracting hordes of seals, gulls, and other birds on them, have been slaughtered right and left to produce oil and fertilizer. In the view of experts their end is not far off and with their passing will disappear from the Atlantic coastal waters many of such edible species as now remain.

Efforts to cope with the problem through state regulation here have failed utterly, the last straw being the complete breakdown of those measures which had been created by legislative enactment with a view to increasing the supply of food fishes and reducing the cost to the consumer. The five members of the board resigned in a body in July, 1919, and there have been no reappointments.

Investigation by a committee of veteran coast men disclosed an equally deplorable condition, it is said, in other seaboard states. It was learned, also, that fisheries officials of Connecticut and Maryland agreed with those of New Jersey that a federal law was the only remedy.

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MRS. MARANZA A. TODD BURIED AT CLARENDON

Most Estimable Woman Passes After Protracted Ill Health

(Special to The Star)

CLARENDON, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Maranza A. Todd, aged 74 years, and wife of Collier C. Todd, died at her home a mile east of town, Thursday morning at 6:45 o'clock. Mrs. Todd had been in declining health for the past two years, but was able to be up, until about a month ago, when she suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Since that time her sufferings have been great and her condition critical. Her bedside has been attended constantly by her relatives and friends, who expected the end many days before it came. Mrs. Todd was a consistent member of Clarendon Baptist church, and was a valuable asset in the community in which she lived. As long as her health would permit she was ever ready, day or night, to minister to the sick and suffering. In her death, the community loses a great loss.

She is survived by her aged husband, one son, D. P. Todd, with whom she resided, and three daughters, Mrs. W. E. Hinson, and Mrs. B. O. Edge, of this place, and Mrs. W. W. Harden, of Fairmont. Her remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground Friday noon, attended by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Sidney E. Harper, of Rock Mount, spent the week-end with relatives and friends here, returning Monday afternoon.

There is still quite a quantity of cotton remaining in the fields unpicked. Some of the farmers are giving half the cotton for picking. The cotton acreage in this section this year will be very small, it is said.

Norman Peal, who has been spending his vacation with his parents here, returned to school at Wingate, Sunday afternoon.

The stock law became effective in this part of Columbus county the first day of January. Some of the farmers took up their stock, while others are allowing their cattle to still run at large, with the hope that the approaching legislature will extend the time of the enforcement of the law.

FRANK N. BAUSKETT, SOUTH CAROLINIAN, DIES IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Frank N. Bauskett, of South Carolina, for many years connected with the state department, latterly with the bureau of passport control, died at his home here Monday, following a two months' illness.

Mr. Bauskett was born in Columbia, S. C., in 1876, and was educated in the private and public schools of South Carolina and at the University of South Carolina. Funeral services were held here today.

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PIEDMONT LEAGUE BALL TO BEGIN ON APRIL 27

Directors of League Hold Preliminary Session in Greensboro

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GREENSBORO, Jan. 3.—Piedmont baseball moguls met here today, adopted a schedule to make the first half of the season begin July 5, and the second beginning July 6. A total of 61 games will be played in the first half, and 63 in the second. After the season has been completed a post-season series for the pennant will be staged between clubs winning each half.

Those present were: President W. G. Bramham, Durham; R. E. Shore, Winston-Salem; W. C. Lyon, and Dr. B. Terry, High Point; M. L. Markham, Durham; Dr. J. E. Taylor, Danville; Col. Albert Cox, Raleigh; Charlie Brown, High Point; Albert Nolan and John T. Rees of this city.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A match for the chess championship of the world and a purse of \$20,000 will begin at Havana, on March 10 between J. R. Capablanca of Cuba and Dr. Emanuel Lasker of Berlin.



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