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TOWN TOPICS

A weekly resume of opinion pertaining to local developments in the news.

A Mecklenburg legislator says he will introduce a bill in the next session of the general assembly providing for the sale of beer in the Old North State. Good for this feller! As Jefferson said: "Give a nation light wine and beer, and you have a sober people; deny it, and you have a drunken nation."

Believe it or not, the biggest barbecue ever staged, according to Mr. E. J. Hester, of the Farmer's Warehouse, was in Versailles, Ky., a few years ago.

"I was among 25,000 guests present," says the tobaccoist, "and former U. S. Senator Johnson N. Camden, of the 'Blue Grass' State, was the host. Barbecued to perfection were fifty fat steers, three hundred sheep and two hundred hogs."

Inadvertently omitted from last week's list of eligible bachelors:

Ray W. Barnes, Matthew McIver, Glenn Edwards, Bert Marsh, Dan Lawrence, June Underwood, Henry Mansfield, Ben Minter, "Crip" Oliver, Joe Ledbetter, Boyd Capps, Hubert Debeck, Sam Widdfield, Lauder Jackson, Guy Matthews and John Militou.

Attorney Hosea M. Jackson, if correctly quoted by the press, has little regard or respect for the type of justice meted out by Tammany-controlled juries and judges. He is said to have objected to the extradition of a client to New York State on the ground that a "Yankee jury wouldn't give Curney a fair trial."

After all, though, what's a little difference between Democrats?

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COAL OPERATORS FIND A MARKET FOR PRODUCTS

A few weeks ago The Express published a story about the sale and prospective developments of coal property on Deep River a short distance from Carbondon. It was stated that coal experts had discovered that coal taken from this mine is equal to the very best anthracite coal produced by the famous mines of Pennsylvania and other coal sections of the North. This statement given out by these mining experts attracted the attention of experienced coal miners, who after careful inspection purchased the property for the purpose of operating it on a large scale.

Taking the property over they at once made plans for installing modern mining machinery so that they could greatly increase the daily output of coal. We are informed that this machinery is now being received and will be installed and put in operation in the next few weeks. The Atlantic Coal Company is the name of the new concern. They are now ready to install a 150 horse power boiler and a 60 horse power air compressor. They are also putting in two

hydraulic pumps to take care of the water that accumulates in the mine. Other machinery will be put in as fast as it arrives. They are now selling the coal as fast as they can mine it, working a force of about 30 laborers. When the new machinery is installed they will be able to more than double their working force and expect to sell every pound of coal that they can take from the mine. Houses will be built near the mine for the miners and their families. As has been stated Sanford is headquarters for the office force.

The company is now selling its output to a number of concerns in Sanford and other places. It is being used by the State road camps here, at Siler City and Fayetteville. The Wilrik Hotel has been using this coal for some time and is highly pleased with it. It lasts much longer than the soft coal and there is very little smoke and ashes from it. It is believed that this coal will be mined and sold on a large scale after it has been introduced to the public.

MERCURY FALLS TO BOTTOM HERE

Sanford folks shivered Sunday morning when they faced that cold northeast wind which almost reached the velocity of a cyclone. Our big efficient Chief of Police John T. McKernan, who is authority on the weather, tells The Express that the thermometer registered 18 degrees above zero Monday morning and 17 degrees Tuesday morning. It seemed that the weather was colder Monday due to the cold wind that was blowing. Ice was in evidence during the cold spell that is now moderating. Monday's temperature was the lowest the mercury has fallen this season. On the 10th of last March the temperature dropped to 19 degrees. Many a porker squealed for the last time this week in Lee county. We judge from the reports that have reached The Express there has been more meat killed in the county since cold weather set in than ever before in the same length of time. Many of the hogs reported to The Express were large ones. A number of porkers went over 400 pounds. We recall that last winter was so mild that the farmers were put to it to kill their hogs without danger of losing their meat. In fact a number of the farmers in the county did lose their meat.

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NOTED MINISTER IS VISITOR HERE

Rev. A. R. McQueen, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Dunn spent a few hours in Sanford Tuesday. Mr. McQueen is a son of the late Rev. Martin McQueen, who was for a number of years pastor of Union and Carthage Presbyterian churches. Mr. McQueen resembles his father, not so much in physique as in his character.

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TWO FOR ONE ARE NEGOTIATING THIS WEEK BY SHERIFF

Posse Seizes Two More Whisky Still, Also Seizing Four Bunches.

PULL RAID HARNETT Lee Officers Active As Time Approaches To Surrender To Officers

Deputy Sheriff M. Thomas made a raid in a lower section of Lee county Monday and captured a substantial quantity of about 60 gallons capacity near Swann Station. He captured the complete outfit, but had no beer or other material. It had all been worked away by the liquor blockader. The still had not been in operation. Deputy Thomas cut up the still and brought in the copper parts to show that he had captured it. He thinks a lot of liquor has been made at this place.

A posse of officers composed of Sheriff Arthur Thomas and Deputy Sheriff J. M. Thomas, of Lee county, and Constables Kelly Cameron and Lee McDonald, of Harnett county, made a raid on last Monday and captured a complete outfit and liquor blockaders near Olivia, in Harnett county. The county officers were asked to assist in making captures. All the blockaders were young white men and followed are their names: Alex Brown, Alton Williams and Louis Adams, of Lee county, and the partner of Harnett. The outfit was in full blast. The still destroyed 10 gallons of liquor and 200 gallons of beer. Upon the receipt of their arrest, the officers came from Lee and county officers.

Deputy Thomas ran down two of the men. All these blockaders are young men who have hardly reached their majority.

LOCAL RAILROAD UNIT HOLDS MEET

W. L. Stanley, Executive S. A. L., To Visit Sanford In Next Few Weeks.

An enthusiastic meeting, the members of the local unit which was largely attended by of the Railroad Employees and Taxpayers Association of North Carolina was held in the dining room of the Carolina Hotel last Friday night, with President R. W. Vick in the chair.

Many matters of vital importance to rail transportation were discussed, in the regular routine of business. The secretary was instructed to prepare a questionnaire, including the subjects discussed, for consideration at the next meeting of the Association, which will be on Friday night, December 9th, in the ball room of the Wilrik Hotel.

A letter was read from W. L. Stanley, vice-president of the S. A. L. Railway, Atlanta, Ga., stating that he would be pleased to come to Sanford around the middle of December and deliver a public address under the auspices of the Association.

Mr. D. E. McIver, Jr., came down from Washington City last week to visit his wife and child who are still here with her people. Mr. McIver has returned to Washington but his family will not return till after the Christmas holidays.

TANTALIZER

The letters in the lines below properly arranged spell the names of two persons in Sanford. If the persons whose names are represented by the group of letters decipher their own names and bring copies of this paper to The Express Office before next Wednesday night, to each of them will be given a free ticket admitting them to the show at the Temple Theatre Thursday night.

This week's Tantalizer: RAEMNO LVSAET ELROLVJ RCIEVM
Dick Yark
Graham Glass

Induct County Officers Into Places of Trust Next Monday

The first Monday in December, every second year, is a significant day in the annals of Lee county's history. It is then that the old order passeth and the new is ushered in. The time is near. As the faithful old clock in Register of Deeds John W. McIntosh's office in the little red courthouse announces the hour of ten next Monday the scrolls upon which the outgoing regime has written its achievements will be closed and fresh papers, upon which the incoming administration may regale its acts, will be brought forth.

Sworn By Watson Now, it is, that W. Gunter Watson, clerk of court, performs the most dignified duty that be comes his office, for he will administer the oath of office to the incoming officials. But he does it with utmost simplicity.

When the hour of ten has arrived, two commissioners-elect and three commissioners-elect men of simple tastes who must approach the stupendous task of directing a \$13,500,000 corporation with something akin to fear and trembling, will be given the oath. These men are K. E. Seymour, oftentimes of late mentioned in connection with the chairmanship of the board; John A. Dalrymple, Charles H. Wicker, J. Martin Wilcox, and C. H. Crabtree.

Next in order is the administering of the oath to G. Ernest White, the new sheriff; then to John W. McIntosh, incumbent register of deeds; and with Judge Tom McPherson, incumbent recorder, the ceremonial is complete.

"Get The Ropes" The new officers will then proceed to familiarize themselves with the duties of the office.

It is generally customary for outgoing officials to assist their successors in "learning the ropes." Quite frequently it happens that the incumbent, who is but a few months removed from a heated political campaign with his successor, remains in office for a few days to help his former rival catch on to the duties of the office.

In the case of the county commissioners, after having been sworn in comes the organization meeting. This will be held immediately after they've taken office. Someone will act as temporary chairman until nominations have been made for and a permanent chairman elected. All five of the incoming commissioners have been groomed for the place but the name most often heard hereabout is that of Mr. Seymour.

It will then fall upon the commissioners to elect a county attorney, solicitor of recorder's court, superintendent of the county home, farm demonstra-

tor and home demonstrator; and select a depository for the county funds.

Swamped By Job-Seekers. The commissioners are vested with authority to appoint the auditor but since the term of the incumbent, J. Melvin Clark, does not expire until sometime in April, it is unlikely action on this office will be taken for some time.

Already, it is said, the new board of commissioners has been swamped with applications from office-seekers for the new places that are to be filled.

The most important office, perhaps from a remunerative standpoint, is that of solicitor of recorder's court. The present incumbent is K. R. Hoyle. Whether he is a candidate for a reappointment can only be conjectured. Others, though, to whom the place looks particularly juicy, are said to be H. M. Jackson and S. Ray Byerly, Sanford attorneys.

Probably more important than the foregoing office is the place of county attorney, now held by Warren R. Williams. Among those mentioned for this post are the incumbent and K. R. Hoyle.

The place of superintendent of the county home must look good for job-seekers for fifteen applications, it is understood, have been made for this position alone.

Since considerable dust was raised by the Republicans in the late campaign over the advisability of continuance of the farm demonstration and home demonstration departments some political observers are inclined to doubt if the incoming commissioners will be disposed to act upon these appointments next Monday. With their immediate

appointment might create a small ripple on the political waters, it is to be doubted if this would occasion such turbulence as the actual abolition of the two posts. The opinion held generally is that the commissioners will postpone action on these appointments.

For some years Page Trust Co. has been depository for the county. So far as can be learned nothing has developed that would indicate a desire on the part of the new administration to seek a new depository.

Appointment of a jailor, head deputy and deputies falls upon Sheriff-elect White. Though Mr. White has not made public any disposition regarding these places, it is said that a number of persons are receptive to them. Frequently mentioned in connection with the appointment as jailor is N. A. Howard, Hawkins Avenue filling station operator. Marvin Thomas has been spoken of as a possible aspirant to the head deputyship.

RELIEF PROJECTS HELP UNEMPLOYED RAISING FUND FOR CHILDREN

As has been stated in The Express Lee county has received from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation \$5,000.00 which is being used to furnish employment for a large number of laborers, some of whom have been without work for months. They are engaged in various activities. Some are cutting cord wood which will be used here during the winter for fuel, while others are busy cleaning off school and church grounds and the court house lawn. About 100 men are employed in this work. It is true that they are getting but it will help to support their small wage, 60 cents per day, families through the winter months and keep the wolf from the door. They are given employment three, four or five days a week, according to the size of their families and others who may be dependent upon them. From 200 to 300 men who want work have applied to E. O. McMahan, County Welfare Officer, who is in charge of the funds.

The Lee County Relief Association is constantly besieged by people who need help, and those who are without employment and unable to get help from any other source, are being supplied with the bare necessities of life.

Twenty-five empty milk bottles were placed in the city's drug stores, cafes and hotels yesterday by Lee Post No. 18 of the American Legion to be used as receptives for penny contributions for the Legion's Milk Fund. The pasteboard cap on each bottle contains a small slit through which pennies may be dropped. Funds raised in this manner by the Legion will be placed at the disposal of the local schools for the purpose of supplying milk each day to undernourished children. It is the plan of the Legion to place seventy-five additional bottles at convenient places throughout the city, making one hundred in all. Commenting upon the undertaking, W. T. Dowd, post commander, said yesterday that each bottle should net an average of 12 pennies daily. Calculating the entire number upon this average, the 25 bottles so far placed should net \$3.00 per day. The local dairies, cooperating with the movement, have agreed to supply milk for three cents a bottle, thus making it possible for a daily contribution of \$3.00 to afford one hundred bottles of milk.

DOWD IS GROOMED FOR STATE HEAD AMERICAN LEGION

William T. Dowd Making Outstanding Record As Post Commander Here.

SEEN AS BIGGER TIMBER Friends Push Him As Successor To Brice Beard As State Legion Commander.

Friends of William T. Dowd commander of Lee Post No. 18 of the American Legion, are advancing his name in connection with the State commandership of the Legion in 1933.

Those who are grooming Mr. Dowd for the post point out that the central part of the state has never furnished the North Carolina Department a commander and that this section is justly entitled to such recognition.

They also state that he is probably the best known legionnaire in Sanford, his recent association with the Reynolds candidacy and his presidency of the Roosevelt Motor Club having given him a statewide acquaintance.

Whether Mr. Dowd would accept the honor if proffered or whether he would care to make his race is problematical. Since he is known already to be a receptive candidate for the position of U. S. marshal in the middle judicial district, some of his friends are inclined to the view that he might not now care to be groomed for another place.

In any event, however it must be conceded that Mr. Dowd, should he care to offer for the place, would provoke a candidacy worthy of being reckoned.

FIERY DEBATE ON WAR DEBT HEARD

Brinn and Abercrombie Paint Debtor Nations As Stubborn, Poor Sports.

Enjoying a fiery debate on the war debt question and A-hing over a Thanksgiving dinner the Sanford Kiwanis club met last Friday evening with the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

J. E. Brinn and Charlie Abercrombie, arguing against cancellation of the debts, took a decision from W. E. Horner and Jimmie McIver, who plead for cancellation, as the best means to a recovery from the depression. The speakers for payment contended that the European nations should and could pay; that their ability to pay was demonstrated by their large armament expenditures. They often compared the situation to similar cases in private business and painted the debtor nations as stubborn, poor sports. The cancellation advocates pointed out that the payments must be made with gold or by credits in this country, and argued that only France had the gold with which to pay. They showed that retrenchment by the debtor nations would not help them to pay us, since economy would neither increase their gold supply nor establish trade credits over here. Using this basis of reasoning, they asked for cancellation as a means to restore international trade to its normal level.

The vote for the decision was taken from all the members. A plan to raise the Kiwanis Christmas Fund was advanced by Dr. J. F. Foster and C. P. Rogers. Those two members will be hosts at a barbecue dinner on December 16th at which Kiper plate, the receipts to go to the fund which is given each Christmas to the county's underprivileged children. Miss Charlotte Makepeace, who is teaching at Hillsboro, was a guest.

Accepts Position Here.

Roxie E. Barefoot has accepted a position as druggist at the Thomas Drug store. Mr. Barefoot, who is a native of Four Oaks, received his degree in pharmacy at the University of North Carolina. He succeeds Coley L. Snipes as pharmacist at the local drug store.