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IN THE MESHES OF THE LAW

Six Alleged Bootleggers Captured by Sheriff Joyner and Deputies Near Seaboard

It didn't look very bright for the bootlegging business Wednesday afternoon, December 14, 1927, at about 3 o'clock when Sheriff H. L. Joyner and his deputies quietly marched six alleged bootleggers up the court house steps into Justice of Peace J. T. Long's court for a hearing. The result of the hearing was that Beulah Stephenson, Jarvis Stancell alias Britt, Edd Robinson, Matt Davis, Mark Davis and Johnnie Jones, all colored, were required to give bond for their appearance at the March Term of Superior Court, in default of which they were committed to jail.

It seems that the violators of the prohibition law had been pretty active in, and in the vicinity of, Seaboard of late. A complaint was made to the Sheriff, since which time he and his assistants have been secretly at work in this particular part of the county and on Wednesday the round up was made with the above result.

ROXBEL NEWS

The Roxobel-Kelford School closes Wednesday for the Christmas holidays.

Messrs Julian Norfleet, Carl Livermon and Edmund Jacobs have returned from a trip to Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tyler visited friends in Charlotte the past week.

Mr. J. W. Powell, of New York City, arrived last week to visit relatives at "Woodbourne."

Miss Frances Peele, Sullins College, Bristol, Va came Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Peele.

Miss Ruth Tyler, of Newport, N. C., is home for the holidays. Mrs. C. S. Bowers, Enfield, is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ester Jenkins motored to Richmond, Va., Friday.

Dr. Smith, Health Officer of Bertie County, visited the school Friday.

Honor Roll Roxobel-Kelford School

First grade—Mary E. Modlin, Sallie Dale Walston, James Louis Austin, Hilda Bishop, Thomas Arpcell, Odell Bryant, George Johnston, Owen Bracy, P. T. Roane, Myrtle Jones, Helen Harrell, Joe Martin, Mary E. Hall, Evelyn Hall, Evelyn Tyler, Eula Knight, Clarence Jilcott, Mary Stephenson.

Second grade—Wadsworth Jilcott, Worth Jilcott, Fae Byrd, Charles Bryant, Clarice Jones, George Thomas Harrell

Third grade—Marie Parker, Joseph Parker, Hartwell Jilcott, William Bryant, Elizabeth Norfleet, Marjorie Burkett, Essie Mae Harrell, Virginia Mizelle.

Fourth grade—Billie Ruffin, Dick Spivey, Earl Tynes, Jack Tyler, Margaret Curley and Sue

Fifth grade—Tom Norfleet, Jr.

Sixth grade—Lillie Mae Copeland, Frances Jilcott, Hazel Jilcott, William Jilcott, Mary Alice McCain, Luther Modlin, Jr.

Eighth grade—Mary Baker, Fannie Mae Smith

Ninth grade—Jerry Jilcott.

Tenth grade—Kathleen Jilcott, Doris Outland, Sallie Parker.

Eleventh grade—Weyland McCain, Susie Tyler, Josie Wimbrow.

SEABOARD NEWS

Christmas exercises will be observed at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program will consist of a Christmas pageant and exercises by the smaller children. A special offering will be taken for carpeting the church.

Mr. Alexander Davis, a student of U. N. C., arrived Tuesday and will spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. F. C. Weaver.

Miss Margaret Wilkinson, of the high school faculty, spent the week end at Belhaven with her parents.

Mrs. W. D. Barbee and daughter Nancy spent Saturday in Norfolk shopping.

Miss Virginia Gay, a student of Virginia Interment College, Bristol, Va., arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gay.

Mr. and Mrs. Zell Ward and son Linwood, Edenton, arrived Saturday and are guests of Mrs. Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ford.

Miss Alice Kelly Harris, member of Elkin high school faculty, arrived Saturday and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Harris.

Mr. M. Crocker Maddrey, a student of Wake Forest College, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. M. Maddrey.

Mr. Luther Bass left Saturday for Greensboro after spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bass, recuperating from an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Edith Bradley, of New Bern high school faculty, arrived Saturday and will spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pruden moved Thursday into the home of Mr. B. S. Stancell on Main Street which was recently vacated by Mr. Lynn Warrick.

Rev. Rufus Bradley, of La Grange, spent a few days here the past week.

Mrs. Elmo Crocker and son left Sunday for Portsmouth to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Plummer.

Mr. T. J. Stephenson, a student of Wake Forest College, arrived Sunday to spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stephenson.

Miss Agnes Edwards, a member of Lumberton high school faculty, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Edwards.

The play, "Lightnin," presented by the Community Dramatic Club the past Wednesday evening in the high school auditorium was a decided success. Each player acted his or her part with due credit both to themselves and their instructor, Mrs. Herbert Harris, who sponsored and coached the play. A neat sum was realized which will be used in helping to defray the expenses of the Carolina Playmakers next spring.

After more than a year of invalidism, the soul of Mrs. D. P. Harris, beloved wife of Rev. D. P. Harris, went Home on Monday morning at 10:45. The end, which was peaceful and serene, had been daily expected for weeks. A short funeral service will be held from the home, Seaboard Baptist Pastorium, Tuesday morning at 9:30, conducted by Rev. J. P. Essex of Jackson Baptist church and Rev. Frank Culbreth of Seaboard Methodist church, after which the remains will be conveyed to her old home,

CONWAY BANK ROBBED

Monday Night Thieves Break Into Bank and Get Away With Over Three Thousand Dollars

Conway, Dec. 20.—For the second time in recent years the Bank of Conway was broken open last night and the safe robbed, this time of a little more than \$3,300.00. The robbery was not discovered until this morning when Cashier Johnson opened the bank to go to work.

Entrance was gained through a rear window, and acetylene torch was used to burn a hole through the safe to reach the money. The safe was not blown open. The tank was left in the bank, as well as some other tools.

No clue as to who committed the robbery has been obtained, nor which way they went.

This bank was robbed a few years ago and the robber was captured on the Meherrin river near Sebern, tried, convicted and has served his term in the penitentiary.

Make It Hard For The Criminal

There is a whole lot of talk about the crime wave and how to reduce crime. A few practical suggestions have been made, but most of the publicity is given to proposals which would favor and pamper the criminal at the expense of the law-abiding citizen.

If we want to stop crime, the surest way to make it unpopular is to make it more unpleasant for the criminal.

A law to deny the private citizen the right to buy and own a pistol or revolver merely gives the criminal a safer field in which to operate. We already have regulatory laws regarding the sale of revolvers and the carrying of concealed weapons. These laws, in the past, have been effective when they were enforced.

The average man has no business carrying a concealed weapon. If he has occasion to, he can get a permit to do so. The crook has no business being a crook, but if he is a crook, still he has no business carrying a concealed weapon.

Therefore, if he is arrested in the act of lawbreaking and later convicted, he should be subjected to the penalty the law imposes. If he uses a gun in the commission of a crime, why not double the penalty?

This would punish the criminal who uses a gun unlawfully, rather than the private citizen who under the Constitution has a right to own and possess guns.

In other words, enforce our present laws, double the penalty for criminals where they use dangerous weapons, and uphold the law abiding citizen in his constitutional rights.—The Manufacturer.

Elizabeth City, where a brief service will be held in Berea Baptist, the home church of both Rev. D. P. and Mrs. Harris. Interment will follow in Hollywood cemetery, Elizabeth City. A more extended notice of the life and labors of this good woman will appear in a future issue of this paper.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Rev. D. P. Harris and family in the loss they have sustained in the death of wife and mother. May the Everlasting Arms be around them and give them that strength and comfort needed in their sore bereavement.

COMMUNITY CLUB ORGANIZED

Seventy-five Men of Woodland and Vicinity Join Local Organization for Community Upbuilding

Woodland, Dec. 17.—The men of the Woodland community assembled in the home economics room of the gymnasium building Thursday night and organized a live community club.

Notwithstanding the fact that Roanoke river on the west was overflowing its banks, the Chowan on the east was rushing towards the great Atlantic with its mighty load, and the Meherrin on the north was swelling and rapidly rising, and the rain which had been falling for about 24 hours seemed to take a fresh start, none of these things seemed to dampen the courage, enthusiasm and perseverance of the men in this community, for when the appointed hour of six o'clock came, seventy-five men were ready to sit down to the seventy-five places prepared for them by the local parent teacher association.

Dr. W. R. Parker, popular community spirited physician, stated the object of the meeting, after which he asked Rev. R. M. Von Miller, Rich Square, who has had considerable experience and notable success with organizations of this kind, for a few remarks. Mr. Von Miller briefly outlined the many advantages of such a club, relating instances of what the newly organized club of Rich Square had meant to that progressive town. "The existence of such a club generally acts as a moral clearing house in a community," said he. Among other places mentioned as examples of what can be done by organized effort, the speaker called attention to our neighboring town across Roanoke river, "Scotland Neck, one of the most prosperous towns in Eastern North Carolina, is what it is because the people there organized themselves," he said. He thought there was no finer way to promote the progressive spirit in the community than through a live community organization.

Other guests present were: Rev. D. A. Clark, T. H. Peele and H. D. Holloman, Rich Square all of whom made short and very appropriate talks. Mr. Peele thought the organization of a club here would mean more to the community than we had any idea of. The farmer, lawyer, merchant, banker, manufacturer, school authorities, every representative of community life, can come together, pool their interests and work as one for the upbuilding of the whole community.

A motion was made and carried that Dr. W. R. Parker be made temporary chairman, and that John H. Liverman be made temporary secretary. The proposed constitution was now read and unanimously adopted by rising vote. Appropriate remarks followed by R. v. C. M. Billings, pastor of the Baptist Church and A. E. Copeland, minister of the Friends Church here, after which separate motions were made and carried, one hundred percent making Dr. W. R. Parker, president, E. G. Griffin, vice-president, and John H. Liverman, secretary treasurer.

The president now asked those who wished to become members of the Woodland Community Club to let it be known by standing. Every one present stood.

The following committees were now appointed by the president: Executive committee, E. G. Griffin, chairman, R. C. Benthall, Dr. C. G. Parker, C. J. Vaughan,

Conway High School News

The whole student body of the school seems to be filled with the spirit of Christmas. School classes Wednesday and everyone is looking forward to the Christmas trees and exercises to be given on that day. The Primary grades will have their tree in the first grade room, the fourth and fifth grades in the fifth grade room, the sixth and seventh in the seventh grade room, and the high school in the auditorium. The children are planning to fill a box to be sent to the inmates of the County Home.

The Senior Play of Chowan College "Only Me," which was given in our auditorium last Monday night, was a success in every way. There were no particular stars as everyone played his or her part unusually well. Miss Pauline Willis in the role of Sheila Thayer, Miss Parker as Grandma Thayer and Mr. Peele as Billie Bainbridge carried the dramatic roles while Miss Julia Grady as Miss Finnerty, a beauty specialist and Livingston White as Senor De Garcia, a Mexican, took care of the comedy side of the play. The other characters were excellently portrayed. This was one of the best local talent plays seen in this section for some time. It is well balanced in every way. We appreciate very much the kindness of the Senior Class of the college in presenting the play here and wish them much success in their future presentations of the play.

The High School Dramatic Club is busy working on three one act plays to be presented during Parent's Week in January. These are to be presented complimentary to the parents and other patrons of the school and are to be a feature of the week.

The sixth grade had charge of the regular Friday morning Chapel exercises and presented an excellent program. An historical and patriotic play in which "Young America" enters the "Land of the Free" accompanied by the virtues was given. Another feature was a series of selections from Longfellow's poems in which the audience was asked to guess from what poem each selection was taken. These programs are always a feature of the week's work and arouse much interest among the students.

The boys basket ball team defeated Weldon Friday night in one of the most exciting and interesting games of the season. The score was 14-13. This makes a total of four one point games won by the local team this season. The game was chiefly one of guarding and both teams gave an excellent exhibition of defensive work. The passing of both teams was about on an equal. Captain Bridgers and Davis did the scoring for Conway with eight and six points respectively. H. Garner led the scoring for Weldon with 5 points.

L. C. Copeland; civic committee, R. C. Benthall, chairman, W. H. S. Burgwyn, J. Elwood Copeland; house committee, I. T. Blanchard, chairman, W. W. Carter, R. M. Griffin; industrial committee, E. G. Griffin, chairman, J. G. Parker, S. N. Blanchard; publicity committee, D. H. Brown, chairman, C. M. Billings, J. G. Feezor; program committee, E. C. Jernigan, chairman, Cary Reese, J. P. Griffin.

The meeting adjourned to meet the 2nd Thursday night, the 12th of January, 1928, at 6 o'clock.

DAVID H. BROWN.

TWO CARS DEMOLISHED

Chevrolet and Ford Smashed As They Come Together On Highway 305--No One Killed

Saturday night about 10 o'clock one of the most complete automobile wrecks seen in this county occurred half way between Rich Square and Jackson on Highway 305, at the cross roads at C. E. Lane's, when a practically new Chevrolet car owned and driven by Everett Bryant of Rich Square and a Ford touring driven by Al Whitaker of Jackson came together with a noise that waked up the neighborhood and described by Mr. Lane, who lives only a few yards from the scene of the accident as reminding him of an earthquake. Both cars were demolished, but fortunately neither of the drivers were seriously hurt, Mr. Bryant suffering great injuries.

Both cars were going at a good pace, the road being wide and in about perfect condition. Mr. Bryant was going towards Jackson and the other car coming towards Rich Square and both on the right side of the road until the cross roads were reached when Whitaker suddenly turned to his left to enter the road leading to Lasker and was hit on the front wheel, right side, by the Chevrolet. The driver of the Ford car evidently thought he could turn and enter the other road before the Chevrolet reached it but miscalculated the speed and distance. The impact was described as a terrible noise.

DEMAND FOR SOY BEANS CALLS FOR EXPANSION OF CULTURE

Soy bean growing is a branch of agriculture in which the national supply does not meet the demand, W. J. Morse, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, pointed out to an Illinois audience at the State Soy Bean Day celebration at Urban. In spite of the very rapid spread of soy-bean culture in the United States in recent years, we imported last year about 31,000,000 pounds of soy bean oil, 43,000,000 pounds of soy-bean cake, and 4,000,000 pounds of soy beans. These large imports and the increasing utilization of the crop, Mr. Morse said, call for an expansion of soy bean production in our country.

In the United States the industry is in its infancy and although soy beans are used primarily for forage, our oil mills offer an opportunity for a greater production of seed. In China the soy bean is primarily a cash crop. It is used in many food products and is an indispensable part of the national diet. In Manchuria, which produces about 70 per cent of the world supply of soy beans, the crop occupies about 25 per cent of the cultivated area, producing on the average about half a ton to the acre.

That the Department of Agriculture is doing its share in promoting soy bean culture is reflected in the fact that one of its agricultural explorers in China obtained approximately 2,000 introductions of seed, which are being tried out by the Government with promising results.

Cold Snap

This part of the country experienced this week the second cold snap of the winter, coming in between the warmest spell we have had for the season in several years. The thermometer has been as low as 20 degrees, but not cold enough to kill all the boll weevils, live ones being found in cotton carried to the gin about a week ago.