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\$2.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE OUT SIDE THE COUNTY

\$1.50 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

HIGH HAMPTON SOLD TO HALF MILLION DOLLAR SYNDICATE

Negotiations have been completed for the sale of the High Hampton Estate, in this county, to a Syndicate with incorporation papers for half million dollars. It is understood that Mr. E. L. McKee, former owner, still holds a 50 percent interest in the property.

The Asheville Citizen, of Monday, contains the following story of the contemplated developments of the High Hampton Estate:

"The passing of title papers, incorporation, and completion of articles to file incorporation papers were completed today at Raleigh, in the office of the secretary of state, the High Hampton property in Jackson county, passed into the hands of a syndicate of sufficient financial strength to develop the 2,500 acres of land on a scale commensurate with the intrinsic value of the property.

"For several days final negotiations have been personally conducted by James O. Cobb, president of the First National Trust Company of Durham, upon behalf of himself and associates from the tobacco city, in cooperation with Charles E. Waddell, of Asheville, H. W. Plummer of Asheville, E. L. McKee of Sylva and Gilbert White of Durham.

"The transfer includes the home and all other improvements on the property. A crew of engineers, land surveyors and experts on resort development will be placed in the field at once and after the survey is made and possibilities considered work will begin on a systematic scale to make of this an outstanding development. Since this old estate contains some of the largest trees and most extensive forests remain in the hands of man in Western North Carolina, it is the intention of the owners to preserve all the natural beauty possible. In the development, nothing will be permitted to destroy original growth.

"The High Hampton is located in the heart of the Sapphire Country, as is described by the passenger department of the Southern Railway as one of the most beautiful spots in Western North Carolina. It is in what is locally termed 'Cashier Valley' yet practically on top of the Blue Ridge mountains. It is at the junction of State highways 106 and 28. No. 28 starts at Chimney Rock, passes through Hendersonville, Bryson, Lake Toxaway, Lake Fairfield, High Hampton, at Cashiers, and Highland to Franklin. The proximity of this property to population centers is approximately as follows: Hendersonville, S. C., 56 miles; Spartanburg, S. C., 71 miles; Asheville, 61 miles via state highway No. 10. It is about 75 miles by road from Bryson, 75 miles via Hendersonville, Bryson, Rasmussen and Lake Toxaway, No. 28; Atlanta, Ga., 177 miles; and Anderson, S. C., 100 miles.

"The elevation of High Hampton is 4,500 to 4,700 feet above sea level. For nearly a century this property was the private estate and summer home of the Hampton family of South Carolina, which lavishes money in building beautiful drives, through the woods and paths through the forest, and golf course is everywhere else their remains the original growth in its primitive state. The estate is traversed by beautiful trout streams, while there is a small lake for boating and fishing. For the most part it is a level and rolling ground, yet there are many high mountain peaks each more than a mile high. Chimney Rock and Rock Mountain, two noted peaks on the estate, rise like monuments or sentinels, protecting a wealth of natural beauty unmarred by the touch of man.

"The wilderness of virgin woods is an almost level territory nearly 5,000 feet above sea level. And yet, within this wilderness is concealed the best features of the life as the people live it today. Approach to the wonderful setting is made through a winding road on either side of which is an imposing hedge of Norway spruce planted and cultivated in the days when the Hamptons of South Carolina possessed vast estates in number to accommodate whatever they desired. High Hampton was in its glory in the days of the old stage coach, and with the present plans and ample capital now available, it is destined to take its place in the sun as one of the real gems of this section, in the

automobile and airplane day. accessibility by roads from several directions is a factor in its favor. From Asheville the visitor may go by state highway No. 28 and return by state highway No. 10, and a more delightful circular trip would be difficult to locate.

"Flowers, gardens, grassy lawns and massive hedges surround the ancient setting of the Hampton Lodge built of logs and by hand, and the kitchen remote from the 'big house.' The houses are filled with magnificent furniture of a character indicating the elegance of the life of the grand old people of the past. Over each door and window deer horns bleached to marble whiteness by age are fastened. The hallway is lined with high backed chairs in carved walnut and leather finishings. The age of romance adventure and love, so frequently described in books of past ages is here brought back to life in all its reality and charm. Here one may fan into flames the dreams of home, honor and happiness in an earthly paradise unspoiled by the hands of modern man. The array of floral loveliness has been an important feature of attractiveness at High Hampton and the promoters will retain these in all their wild revelry and beauty. Silvery rippling streams add to the scenery of the scenery, which whispering crystal spring waters and murmuring falls vary the allurements of the High Hampton land of enchantment."

TEACHERS' MEETING

The second of a series of group meetings was held at Sylva on Friday, October the second. The group consisted of the teachers from Balsam, Addie, Willets, Beta, Dillsboro, Cane Fork and Sylva. The day was marked by an overwhelming amount of interest, enthusiasm and cooperation displayed by each teacher. This probably was due to the very excellent beginning—that of each teacher present and on time.

The entire morning was spent in observing the various teachers of the Sylva School followed by discussion of problems common to all of the teachers present. The demonstration work was recognized as that of a very high type. It was practical, sound, effective and outstanding in results. The commendable remarks made by the visiting teachers of the school work, the organization of the school and very attractive appearance of the rooms were numerous. The teachers of this group are to be commended on the splendid attendance record which they have made during the month of September. This is the best report made by any group so far.

Mr. Gibbs and the assistant teachers of Sylva were successful in their attempts to make the day one of pleasure and profit for the visiting teachers. Their hospitality was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

At the close of the meeting the condition of the school finances as shown by the audit was discussed briefly—especially the critical condition of the high school from a money stand point.

The following is a copy of the program:

- 8:45-9:15 Conference with teachers.
- 9:15-9:50 Observation in Primary room. Beginners reading; Miss Yates.
- 9:50-10:50 Discussion of work observed; Miss Borden.
- 9:50-10:30 Free observation period; Intermediate teachers, Miss Duvall.
- 10:50-11:00 Recess.
- 11:00-11:20 Third Grade arithmetic drill lesson, Mrs. Freeze.
- 11:20-11:50 Fourth Grade reading; Miss Haire.
- 11:50-12:20 Chapel.
- 12:20-1:30 Noon.
- 1:30-2:30 Discussion of Fourth Grade reading lesson.
- Informal reading test, Mrs. Freeze.
- Uncle Remus Stories, Mr. Gibbs.
- New Song, Fourth Grade girls.
- Attendance Record.

J. N. WILSON, Supt.

OVER 200 MILES TO BE LET TUESDAY

Bids will be opened on 207.65 miles of road work on next Tuesday at the offices of the State Highway Commission in Raleigh. Proposals for paving 118.21 miles and for grading 89.44 miles will be opened on that date. Bids are asked on a number of important links of the State Highway System and competition is expected to be keen at the letting.

JUDGE SCORES JACKSON LIQUOR LAW

The Galloway-Bryson Act, was roundly scored, by Judge T. D. Bryson, in his charge to the grand jury, Monday, who stated that he could not find words in which to express his opinion of the existing liquor law in Jackson county, which is "an amnesty, a pardon legally imposed for an illegal act". Judge Bryson stated that prohibition had been voted in North Carolina and is now effective in every county in the state with the exception of Jackson, Polk, Transylvania, Clay, and Graham, the counties in which, under the provisions of the act, passed at the last session of the General Assembly, a minimum fine of \$50.00 and a maximum of \$100.00 is imposed for first conviction of any violation of the prohibition laws of the state. The judge stated that he has been on the bench for seven years and never, until last week, had he failed to impose a road sentence upon one convicted of manufacturing or selling liquor; but that, when he held court in Clay last week, the act of the general assembly had his hands tied, and that they are tied in Jackson, by the same act.

"There is no excuse," said Judge Bryson, "for the man who manufactures or sells liquor, knowing the consequences of his act. He deliberately plans to violate the law, and road sentence, not a fine, will alone stop him." He stated that the act makes little difference between the man who makes a thousand gallons of liquor and the man who has a half pint for his own use. "The most that the court can impose in either case is a fine of from \$50.00 to \$100.00, and the violator of the law can stay in jail for 20 days and swear out of paying the fine."

Gambling at fairs and the like, was also scored by the judge, who warned the people to let the fakiers and gamblers know that they are one class of people not wanted in Western North Carolina.

Judge Bryson referred to the National Park and the roads, which he asserted, will bring millions of dollars into our mountain region, and he called upon the people to support the law and its enforcement, so as to attract the best class of people to our mountains.

He referred to the traffic laws, of the law of the road, and stated that it is defined in the following words: "No one shall operate a motor driven vehicle upon the highways recklessly or without regard to the traffic thereon", and he emphasized the fact that the gist of the matter is a to bow a reasonable and prudent man would drive, under the conditions existing upon the road.

He stated that when the statute allows a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour, outside the towns, it means that a man who drives at a greater speed than that is prima facie guilty of reckless driving; but does not authorize a driver to operate his car at that speed under all conditions, but that he must take into account the intersections to the highways, the curves, the amount of traffic, pedestrians, and other conditions, and operate his vehicle at a safe speed and with regard to the safety of himself and others, under the condition along the road at the time. The road hog was given a scolding, and the judge asserted that whoever names them road hogs, should apologize to all decent hogs.

Judge Bryson also paid his respects to the people who set out fire and destroy the timber. He stated that the timber is one of the most valuable of our assets and that its protection is a matter of vital concern to the people. He called upon all good citizens to help in suppressing the burning of the timber lands, by informing the officers.

The grand jury is composed of the following citizens: Foreman, C. A. Bird; members: Ed Middleton, D. L. Shook, T. C. Monteith, J. W. Green, Thos. Monteith, F. P. Hyatt, Bill Rogers, W. S. McConnell, A. B. Bryson, Charlie Fisher, Guy Fisher, P. M. Cooper, E. E. Pannell, W. F. Bryson, M. D. Hardin, J. Rice Gunter and J. C. Hooper.

Jim Rijnhart was found guilty of retailing and fined \$100.00 and the costs.

Sam Heese entered a plea of guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon upon Pearson Owen, at a prayer meeting, in Canada, last Spring, when he emptied the contents of a shotgun into Owen, and was sentenced to serve 18 months on the roads.

Tommy Turpin paid \$50.00 and the

SMATHERS MURDER TRIAL, THIS WEEK

The case of Ed Smathers charged with the murder of Verd Colvard, on April 11, will be tried in the superior court, this week.

On Monday, a few minutes after it convened, the Grand Jury came into open court, in a body, and returned a bill charging Smathers with murder in the first degree; but it is understood that the state will not ask for a verdict carrying the capital punishment.

Colvard was shot and killed, early on the morning of April 11, at a saw mill, in the upper part of the county. Smathers started to Sylva to surrender himself to the officers, and was met by them as he came toward town. He told the sheriff who he was, and surrendered. Bail was made and he has been out under a bond of \$5000.00 for several months.

It is said that Smathers will plead self defense and the unwritten law.

The defendant is represented by Alley and Alley, and the State by the solicitor and G. Lyle Jones.

Madison Hoxit, Shuford Harris and John Harris, had pleas of guilty of carrying concealed weapons and of retailing against them, entered at the last term of the court, with suspended judgements. They made motion to have the entry erased as to the pistol carrying cases, stating that they were made by mistake and without their consent. The motion was allowed. In the case of retailing they proved that they had already been convicted and sentenced in the United States court on the same offense, and they were discharged upon payment of the costs. In the concealed weapons case the state's witness, Nick Masengale is in the hospital, and the solicitor took the matter of a not pros under consideration.

Sam Hunter was found not guilty of an assault and of carrying a pistol.

Anderson Young, convicted and sentenced to a term of twelve months on the Buncombe roads, on a charge of retailing, at the last term of the court, the sentence to begin this month, came into court and succeeded in getting the sentence erased, as the Galloway-Bryson Act was ratified a few days prior to the time the judgement was pronounced. Judge Bryson fined him \$100.00 and the costs and Young is serving his 20 days in jail.

Verdie Sneed was found not guilty of violating the prohibition law.

Jim Whitmore was acquitted on a charge of selling liquor.

BALSAM

A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral of Mr. Talmage Ensley which took place Thursday of last week in Scotts Creek Baptist church and interment in Old Field Cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Deitz assisted by several other ministers. Mr. Ensley was successfully operated on for appendicitis last spring, but there were other complications from which he could not recover. Recently he expressed a desire to be taken to visit his father and mother at Beta. Apparently, the change benefited him and he was able to walk around his home, but soon succumbed to the inevitable and was not able to return to his home here. He suffered much, but bore it with little complaint. We extend our deep sympathy to the relatives, especially to his wife who nursed him so faithfully.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Horton, of Atlanta, are spending a few weeks in their summer home here.

Mrs. H. P. Ensley, Miss Grace Mehaffey and Mr. Hubert Ensley motored to Marion and spent the week end with Mrs. Coy Hedrick.

Mrs. Ida Green, Mr. Bill Green and family of Asheville spent the week end with Mrs. Lona Green.

Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Mary Barnes went to Waynesville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bryson motored to Toxaway Monday.

Mrs. Carter Bryson went to Sylva Monday.

Mrs. Ida Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hargrove and children of Canton visited Mrs. Maybelle Perry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Banks Nicholson and little Billy and Mr. Nicholson's father of Brevard visited Mrs. Carrie Queen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Christy, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Beck and Corbett Ensley motored to Almond Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cultherson.

Mr. John B. Queen and Mr. Odel Queen went to Almond Sunday to see Mrs. J. W. Cultherson, who is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rickards have moved to their new home in Canton. They will be greatly missed in Balsam, having lived here about twenty-five years.

Real estate continues to change owners. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Queen have purchased a cottage from Mr. W. J. Cogdill. Mr. W. T. Lee, Jr., has sold his home, Mountain View Cottage to Dr. Sheider, of Asheville. Mr. C. A. Balough has bought the C. A. Bryson farm. Other lots in the Ballough sub-division have been sold to Florida people.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ballough left Monday for their winter home in Daytona, Fla.

Mrs. A. F. Doek left Monday to spend some time in Jacksonville.

The young snow we had Friday night and the killing frost of Saturday night did not run all of the tourists away. We have about a dozen yet.

Mr. G. C. Cooper, principal of our school, was host to the Parent-Teacher meeting Friday afternoon. Miss Tullye Borden, County Supervisor of Schools, was expected to address the association, but failed to arrive. However, those present discussed various needs, etc., of the community and a most pleasant afternoon was spent. Delicious sandwiches and hot chocolate were served.

The Baptist church here will celebrate "Home Coming Day" the first Sunday in November and invite all other church members to come. There will be good singing and speaking by noted persons. A program will be published next week. Everybody come and bring a basket and help to make this, our first Home Coming celebration a grand success.

JERSEY HEIFERS COMING TO JACKSON COUNTY

Due to the fact that Carolina Creamery of Asheville is now building a creamery at Franklin that will open next March and give Jackson, Macon, Clay, Swain and Cherokee county farmers a market unsurpassed anywhere in the South for all the cream they can produce some of our farmers are already preparing to take advantage of this splendid market. The farmers from four different sections of the county have given County Agent Tilson and State Dairy Specialist F. R. Farnham orders for 14 Jersey heifers to be brought in to the county. These heifers will be bought in East Tennessee and shipped over here. The heifers these men are buying will freshen ready to milk in March and April. Mr. Farnham says good Jersey heifers can be bought more reasonably now than any time in the past five years. It so happens that Tennessee is the leading Jersey State of the South and Mr. Farnham has been buying dairy cattle from them for years.

The banks of Sylva are behind this move to bring in profitable dairy cows. Any farmer who has the feed of winter and is interested in some Jersey heifers should see his Farm Agent at once in order to have his heifers come in with the others.

JACKSON COUNTY FARMERS SHIP FIRST COOPERATIVE CAR OF LIVESTOCK

On Tuesday, September, 29th the farmers having cattle for sale were asked to meet Mr. T. L. Gwyn, State Beef Cattle Marketing Specialist in the County Farm Agent's office at Sylva. About 35 men having cattle to sell met Mr. Gwyn and the County Agent along with members of the local Livestock Shipping Association. Plans were completed for shipping the beef cattle that men has listed for sale with Mr. T. C. Bryson president of the local Shipping Association and with C. W. Tilson County Agent who are cooperating with Mr. Gwyn in shipping the cattle.

As a result of these plans the first cooperative car of livestock to go out of Jackson County was made up by the cooperation of farmers with cattle of the same grade and shipped from Sylva on Thursday morning, October 1st. More cars will follow.

This State is very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Gwyn to market the beef cattle for our mountain counties. He has handled thousands of cattle every year for the past 12 or 15 years or more. The cattle are contracted at the market by Mr. Gwyn and sold for the farmers in car lots by grades. The cattle are weighed and graded at the car before loading and each man gets pay for his cattle according to grade and weight.

SAVE ALL ROUGH FEED FOR WINTER USE

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—This is a good year to try one's ingenuity in saving all rough feeds on the farm for use as winter fodder. Much material that heretofore has been wasted might be used to advantage this year if properly stored and then cut or ground before giving to the livestock this winter.

"There are many farms in North Carolina where lots of rough feed has been wasted and will be wasted this year," says Prof. R. S. Curtis. "With the shortage of hay and other feeds caused by the drought over the mountain and piedmont sections of the state, this is a good year to realize the value of the proverb, 'Necessity is the mother of invention'. We must save all rough feed possible. Often-times, this rough feed may be ground or cut and mixed with a small amount of concentrated feed to make a palatable ration and one which may be very beneficial. It will be valuable for tiding over winter."

Prof. Curtis states that stover, husks, wheat and oat straw, low grade hay and other similar roughages may be made to serve a useful purpose by mixing with them cotton seed meal in proportions ranging from 100 to 200 pounds of the meal to the ton of such roughage. This, of course will provide feed for cattle and sheep only. Such a combination, states Prof. Curtis, will make it possible to carry breeding stock or stecker steers through the winter in very good condition.

"Take care of all the waste roughage available this fall," advises Prof. Curtis.