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CATHEYS CAPTURE CHICKEN PRIZES

Jackson was well represented in the poultry show at Western North Carolina Fair by the White Leghorns and Barred Rocks entered from Sylva, bred and owned by B. H. and P. Cathey. These birds won more than twenty ribbons, a cup and \$50 in other prizes. The poultry show was a success in every way, and it proved the most popular feature of the fair. It is hoped that other keepers of purebred chickens in the county will next year enter their stock in this show, which is under the official management of American Poultry Association, one of the largest livestock organizations in the United States. The Leghorns of Cathey Brothers last year demonstrated their capacity for continuous production by making individual trapnest records up to 273 eggs per pullet in twelve months, with other records between 200 and 250 according to the owners' statement, and their entries in the show were all as strictly utility fowls.

UNCLE JOE CANNON" A NORTH CAROLINIAN

Joseph Gurney Cannon, America's "Uncle Joe" whose passing at his home in Danville, Ill., last week saddened many hearts throughout the nation, was a North Carolinian. He was born 90 years ago in Guilford county, near the city of Greensboro.

Uncle Joe was speaker of the house before the rules were changed, following the revolt against absolutism in the house, and as such wielded the power of a Czar. He was the center of the fight against the rules which waged about him, and it was his unlimited use of the power given the speaker under the rules, to prevent legislation passing, which he opposed, that was largely responsible for the revolt. Yet, Speaker Cannon, sturdy, picturesque, was loved by the very men who fought him. The funeral was held in Danville Tuesday.

Red Buck Bryant, writing from Washington to the daily press, has this to say regarding the life and activities of Uncle Joe, coupled with remarks concerning the state of his birth:

"The late Joseph Gurney Cannon, who lives today, would smile at the controversy in North Carolina over his attitude toward his birthplace, and his curse words. Two things he had that shone—brains and courage. He was a Republican, a real one, and he was not a little who disagreed with him. His people evidently belonged to the Quaker stock of Guilford county, that opposed slavery, the Civil War, and Southern Democracy. They moved West long before the war commenced, and Mr. Cannon was a strong Union man.

It was with the Cannon expedition to North Carolina and never heard him say anything naughty about the State. He smoked his cigar, and let out an oath now and then, to the horror of some of the abstainers about his old home place, but he did it by force of habit, not to be offensive. Mr. Cannon was profane at times but not more so than the average man brought up in Indiana or Illinois where he got his schooling in books, politics and manners. Swearing in Indiana or Illinois is not considered as sinful as it is in North Carolina. There was nothing of the sneak or hypocrite about Mr. Cannon. His profanity was on his elbow. He did not vote for prohibition and drink at the same time. No one ever heard of him pocketing the money provided by Congress for clerk hire. The fundamentals of honesty he inherited from his North Carolina ancestors. His virtues he picked up as he matured and lived in his adopted county.

Proud of Ancestors
Mr. Cannon was very proud of the good blood handed down to him from his Quaker and Scotch-Irish Presbyterian ancestors. He often referred to it in talking with friends. The voters of the Danville, Ill., district, knew where to find their representative. There was never any question as to how he stood on important

JOHNSON IS AGAINST SMITH

Speaking before the State Baptist Convention, in session at Wilmington, Tuesday, Rev. Livingston Johnson, editor of the Biblical Recorder, organ of the convention, opposed the candidacy of Al Smith for president, saying:

"Our denomination should be so positive with regard to this question that no doubt can arise concerning our attitude. Personally, and I speak for myself, I do not intend to support the apparent candidate for the presidency, on the Democratic ticket, Al Smith. Not because of his faith, or his practice with regard to prohibition only, but because he stands pronouncedly in favor of absolute union of church and state, as was demonstrated on the recent visit of the Pope to this country."

On motion of T. L. Wilson, High Point, a resolution setting forth a view of the convention was adopted as follows:

"Resolved, that the convention endorse the great principles of separation of church and state, and the great fundamental doctrines of our faith so well presented in the great address just delivered by Editor Johnson, of The Biblical Recorder."

DISTRICT STEWARDS TO MEET.

The district stewards of the Waynesville District, Methodist Church, South, will hold a meeting at the Methodist church, here, tomorrow, Thursday, beginning at 11 o'clock.

Dinner will be served in the dining room of the church by the women of the Sylva church.

The presidents of the Women's Missionary Societies of the churches of the district have been invited to attend the meeting, by the presiding elder.

HAVE SUCCESSFUL POULTRY SALE

The co-operative Thanksgiving Sale of poultry, held in Sylva, Tuesday, was a successful one, according to officials of the Jackson County Poultry Association. The poultry was sold at good prices, to be shipped to the New York market.

1200 pounds of turkeys and 1700 pounds of chickens were sold bringing the farmers between \$600 and \$700 in cash, the money being paid at the car door.

questions before Congress. He had convictions and the courage to stand by them. That indicates the sort of stuff he was made of and the real reason he will go down in history and stay there long after 99 out of 100 members of Congress will be forgotten. No doubt environment had much to do with Mr. Cannon's politics, yet about the time his people departed from North Carolina there was an honest difference of opinion as to the institution of slavery.

Thousands of North Carolinians moved to Indiana, and started life anew because they were out of sympathy with the slavery system and felt that they could do better away from its influence. Many of the industrial plants of Indiana were built by skilled workmen who went there from North Carolina and other Southern States.

Dixon Similar in One Way.

Former Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana, was born in a Quaker neighborhood in North Carolina. His people were opposed to slavery. He is a leading Republican of his state. People here now point out that more than 60 years after the Civil War—and the elimination of slavery—North Carolina is beginning to hit the lick that will make her foremost among the states of the nation. The splendid ability of the people there is now manifesting itself in many directions. North Carolina boys instead of going West are sticking close to home to grow with their own communities. This is the sort of talk one hears here nowadays. There are many Uncle Joe Cannon's in the making. They may not come to Congress but they will use their brains in other fields.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

As a nation and as individuals we have passed another twelve months in the favor of the Almighty. He has smiled upon our fields and they have brought forth plentifully. Business has prospered; industries have flourished, and labor has been well employed. While sections of our country have been visited by disaster, we have been spared any great national calamity or pestilential visitation. We are blessed among the nations of the earth.

"Our moral and spiritual life has kept measure with our material prosperity. We are not unmindful of the gratitude we owe to God, for His watchful care, which has pointed out to us the ways of peace and happiness; we should not fail in our acknowledgement of His divine favor, which has bestowed upon us so many blessings. Neither should we be forgetful of those among us who, through stress of circumstances, are less fortunately placed, but by deeds of charity make our acknowledgement more acceptable in His sight.

"Wherefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November, next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and I recommend that on that day the people shall cease from their daily work and in the homes or in their accustomed places of worship, devoutly give thanks to the Almighty, for the many and great blessings they have received and seek His guidance that through good deeds and brotherly love they may deserve a continuance of His favor.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

"Done at the City of Washington, this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord, 1926, and of Independence of the United States, one hundred and fifty-first.

(Signed) Calvin Coolidge."

RECALLS JACKSON COUNTY TRAGEDY

A number of Jackson county people know that the railroad that traverses this county, now known as the Murphy Branch of the Southern Railway, but built as the N. C. R. R., was built by prison labor from the state penitentiary. A few of them have heard of the tragedy that occurred on the Tuckasee River, when the Cowee tunnel was being constructed. Fewer still have a personal recollection of the matter, and probably no one remembers the date when twenty two men lost their lives.

It is all vividly recalled in an article, appearing in the current issue of The Prison News, printed at the state penitentiary. The story as told in a History of the State's Prison, by Col. Fred A. Olds, says:

"December 30, 1882, twenty two men were drowned by the sinking of a flat boat on the Tuckasee River, near Sylva, on the Western N. C. R. R. There were in the boat 45 men and some one foolishly cried out that it was sinking, a panic resulting. The legislature investigated this occurrence. Sam Pickett, a negro convict, was a hero, saving several men and being given a pardon by Governor Jarvis; also \$100, as a gift."

The tragedy occurred, on the Tuckasee River, at the Eastern end of the Cowee Tunnel, between the Cowee mountain, and where Highway No. 10 now is.

S. J. BRISTOL LOSES BARN

Clay County News.
Mr. S. J. Bristol, who lives about two and a half miles out of Hayesville suffered considerable loss Friday night, October 29th, when his fine barn and eighteen tons of hay was burned.

The fire was discovered about 9 o'clock in the evening but had gained such headway that he was unable to save anything except some farming tools and stock. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Bristol thinks probably some one had been sleeping in the barn and dropped matches and rats getting hold of them, as there was evidence by some canned goods being found.

Mr. Bristol lost a dwelling several years ago with a small amount of insurance on it, also a barn without insurance, neither did he have insurance on this last barn.

Want A FORD? Go to the Auction Sale on Savannah Nov. 19.

CAPTURE LIQUOR CAR ON SYLVA STREETS

One of the most spectacular liquor arrests that has been made in this section in some time, was effected, Saturday, about noon, on the Main Street of Sylva, amid a crowd of week-end shoppers, when federal prohibition officers Queen and Branton captured a young man, a young woman about 85 gallons of liquor and a Nash Sedan.

The pair were nice-appearing, neatly dressed, and would ordinarily have been taken for a well-to-do young man taking his wife on a tour of the splendid highways of the mountain country at this delightful season. However, some prohibitionist, down toward North Georgia, if such there be, or some rival bootlegger, or some one else, had probably tipped the officers off, and the arrest was made.

The prisoners, the contraband and the car were taken to Bryson City, where they were held in custody awaiting a hearing before the United States commissioner, who probably does not believe that as much as 80 gallons of liquor properly forms a part of the necessary impediments for a trip over the Main Street of Eastern America.

PROGRESS IN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SYLVA

The prayer services last Wednesday evening were very effective. The subject discussed was, "What Can I Do to Advance Kingdom Work in the Community?" There were 45 present at this service and all seemed to be earnestly seeking to advance the cause of Christ. A number of people led in this discussion and there were some very helpful talks.

The discussion for next Wednesday evening will be on the subject, "How Can We Get Others to Come to Church?" The hour of prayer meeting is 7:00 p. m.

There will be preaching next Sunday at 11 a. m. The subject is, "The Record Books of Heaven."

The Y. W. A. will give a Thanksgiving program next Tuesday afternoon at the church. The hour is 4:00 o'clock.

The junior, intermediate and senior unions of the B. Y. P. U. will meet together Sunday evening at 6 in the church auditorium. There will be a joint discussion on the subject, "How to Spend the Sabbath." The public is cordially invited to all services mentioned.

BISHOP MOUZON OPPOSES SMITH

Durham, Nov. 16—"I am a Democrat, always have been a Democrat with a Democratic tradition behind me. But I want to say right now that I will vote for a Republican rather than vote for an out and out anti-prohibition supporter or a man who has kissed the Pope's ring or a subject of a foreign monarch. We will have some fun in the South if New York tries to do what it thinks it will do," Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, presiding over the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in Durham last week, told 450 members in attendance. His statement followed an address by Rev. C. A. Upchurch, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League and a Baptist minister who urged the Methodists to help keep the United States dry. A death-like silence followed Bishop Mouzon's statement, then prolonged applause, the first of the conference, broke out.

GEORGIA ROADS PLANNED AT COST OF \$10,500,000

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16—A program for highway construction calling for the expenditure of \$10,500,000 in the next two years and completion of hard surfaced roads from the Tennessee line to Florida and from Atlanta to the North Carolina line has been announced by John N. Holder, chairman of the state highway department.

The program as adopted by the highway commission, contemplates the addition of mileage that in six years will raise the state's system to \$3,000 miles of hard surfaced roads and 3,000 miles of soil or sand clay roads.

CLUB WILL HOLD SALE

The Twentieth Century Club will hold a sale of food and handwork, in Mrs. Carrie McKee's building on Main street, on next Tuesday and Wednesday. The proceeds will be used in the improvement of the High School grounds, which the club is sponsoring.

FREEZE HEADS HENDERSONVILLE SCHOOLS

Hendersonville, Nov. 17—R. P. Freeze was named chairman of the new city school board for the ensuing year, O. A. Meyer, secretary and Wiltshire Griffith, treasurer, at a meeting of the board Monday night at the new school building, when tribute was paid the retiring officers for faithfulness of service during the past year, and a fountain pen was presented to T. L. Durham retiring secretary in token of the board's appreciation of his service.

Chairman Freeze is a brother of Mr. J. F. Freeze of Sylva.

MRS. MCCLURE DIES IN CLAY

Mr. and Mrs. J. Guy McClure and little son, Thomas Edward, and Mr. P. E. Moody have returned from Hayesville, where they were called by the death and to attend the funeral of Mr. McClure's mother. Mrs. McClure has been seriously ill for several weeks prior to her death on Sunday.

She had a number of friends in Sylva, having visited here quite frequently, during the years that her son, J. Guy McClure, of the Medford Furniture Company has been making his home here.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Friends of Mrs. R. L. Knight, of Speedwell, will learn with pleasure that she has sufficiently recovered from her recent operation at the Angel hospital, Franklin, to return to her home, on Monday.

ACCEPTS POSITION WITH GULF COMPANY

Mr. Reginald Enloe, who has been with the Jackson County Bank for several months, has resigned his position with them to accept a post with the Gulf Refining Company. The Gulf Company is just now completing a large distributing station at Bets.

MASKED MEN HOLD UP TRUCK

Two masked men held up the Butler Crust bread truck on highway No. 10, near Dix Creek, Friday night, and relieved Mr. Fowler, the driver of about \$90.00 in cash, and succeeded in making their escape.

It is stated that Mr. Fowler was returning to Sylva from the Western part of his territory, and upon arriving at a secluded place in the road saw a car blocking the road, at which he stopped, when two men, with red handkerchiefs tied over their faces, stepped up to him presented their guns, and took the money, which he had collected from his customers on the trip. The bandits are said to have then gotten in their car and headed toward Sylva.

The place where the hold-up occurred is about two miles below Dillsboro and less than four miles from Sylva, on Highway No. 10.

Officers have been investigating the hold up, but no arrests have yet been made.

POTEAAT'S RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED

The board of trustees of Wake Forest College, meeting at the State Baptist Convention in Wilmington, has accepted the resignation of Dr. William Louis Poteat, as president of the college.

President Poteat was elected president emeritus of the institution, effective June 1, 1927. This announcement was made by J. A. Campbell, chairman of the board.

Preceding the election of President Poteat to the emeritus presidency, a letter requesting that he be relieved of the active presidency of the college because of his age and length of service was read and the resignation of the distinguished college president was accepted.

The resignation of Dr. Poteat had been a news fact for some time but was not officially recorded until today. He will remain at the college as professor of biology which position he has held continuously since he first went to the institution 30 years ago. Dr. Poteat became president of the State Baptist College for men in 1905 and since that time has been ranked as one of the leading college presidents of the South and nation. He has been the target for several attacks in recent years because of his impaled beliefs on subjects suggesting a conflict between science and religion. The storm around this matter subsided about one year ago, and Dr. Poteat stated last August that his years, (he was 70 last month) demanded his active retirement from the administration.

In conversation Dr. Campbell said that a committee of five, of which he will serve as chairman, will be appointed to look toward the selection of a successor for Dr. Poteat. This committee will begin work immediately and report to a call meeting of the entire board, as soon as some definite recommendation may be made.

The names of several men are being prominently mentioned around the halls of the Baptist State convention in session here as probable successors to Dr. Poteat. Outstanding among these are John L. Hill, book editor of the Baptist Sunday School board, and Gilbert T. Stephenson, attorney and banker.

CONDUCTS REVIVAL

Brevard, N. C., Nov. 17—J. H. Stanberry is conducting a series revival meetings at the Brevard Methodist church, assisted by L. G. Sumner, song director. The meeting began Monday night, and in spite of the inclement weather a good audience was present, with the attendance and interest increasing each night. Stanberry has just completed a very successful revival meeting at Cherryfield, three miles from here.

W. W. BROWN ILL

News is received here of the illness of W. W. Brown at his home at Cullowhee.