

Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 the Year in Advance in the County

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MACON COUNTY SHERIFF BATTLES RUM RUNNERS

One man is in the hospital in Franklin with a gun shot through the leg and two others in Macon county jail, following a spectacular running fight between rum runners and Sheriff Ingram of Macon county near the Macon-Jackson line, Tuesday morning. Nearly 100 gallons of liquor was captured with the three men taken.

Almost daily the Macon county officers are on the roads in their attempts to stop the liquor traffic thru the county from Georgia, and once in a while the rum runners show fight.

A man believed to be from Asheville and who gave the name of Evans was wounded in the leg. Officers declared Tuesday that his real name is Dewey Whitaker.

Several shots were exchanged between the men and the pursuing officers, police admitted, although full details of the chase were not revealed.

Sheriff C. L. Ingram is said to have been chasing the automobile containing "Evans" and another man, who was also captured and reveal his identity. A gun was found on him.

Receiving word, of the chase of Police R. M. Coffey and several of his men went up on Cowee mountain and parked their automobiles on either side of the highway, without blocking traffic.

Soon the automobile containing the two pursued men came speeding up, and the driver, apparently excited, according to the officers, struck the car parked on the right hand side of the road, the impact damaging both machines. The two occupants were captured and six kegs, filled to the brim with liquor, about 16 gallons in each, were captured.

Sheriff Ingram turned his automobile over on the road made slippery, by melting snow, during the chase, but escaped unhurt.

BILL TO TAX FOREIGN STOCKS

Raleigh, Feb. 25—A bill to place a tax of one half of one percent on the market value of shares of stock in foreign corporations and providing for the revenue derived therefrom to be placed in the State Equalization Fund, for the support of the State's free schools, was offered in the Senate yesterday by Senator Frank Hancock, Jr., of Granville and Senator Kenneth Royall of Wayne.

Senator Hancock, who has been at work on his bill for several weeks, estimates that there is at least \$400,000,000 worth of foreign stocks in the State today, and he estimates that the tax of one half of one percent of their market value would bring the State about \$2,000,000 annually.

Under the provisions of this bill, the tax, which would be collected by the Commissioner of Revenue, would be turned over to the State Treasurer to be employed to reduce the ad valorem tax rate on real and personal property by applying it to the school equalizing fund.

E. S. Parker, Jr., of Greensboro, attorney for the American Tobacco Company, and one of the Representatives from Alamance County in 1923, introduced a measure in the General Assembly of 1923 that resulted in the exemption from payment by holders of foreign stocks. The bill precipitated a hard fight four years ago before it was enacted into law.

Mr. Parker led the fight in the House for the adoption of his bill, and Senator Williams of Pasquotank, and Long of Halifax fought for the bill in the Senate.

Senator Hancock thinks holders of foreign stocks will be more apt to list their stocks if they are assured that the rate will not exceed that which he is advocating.

He and Senator Royall believe that exemption from payment of tax on foreign stocks in 1923 has done little toward bringing additional capital into the State. They feel that the capitalist would not protest paying of a tax of one half of one percent.

Senator Royall now has a constitutional amendment bill pending in the Senate. The measure would limit

IT SNOWED WEST OF THE BALSAMS

Yes, it actually did snow west of the Balsams. The Journal will have to admit; but it is such an unusual occurrence that it is worthy of a place in the news columns of the papers. If it were in the ordinary run of things no mention would be made of it; but it is the unusual that is news. A great editor once said, perhaps it was Charles A. Dana, that if a dog bit a man, it wouldn't be news; but if a man bit a dog, every paper in the country would feature the incident. It is on that principle that the Journal is remarking that it snowed west of the Balsams. If it had been elsewhere, in less favored climes, there would be no news value to it.

When the people of this vicinity awoke Tuesday morning, it was to find the ground covered with a blanket of white, and the beautiful Balsams standing out in splendor in their robes of white. The snow was not over an inch deep; but it was snow just the same, and when we can no longer say that it never snows west of the Balsams.

Snow began falling again Tuesday afternoon and continued until late evening, bringing the total fall to 8 inches, which is the deepest snow that this region has seen in many years.

Most of North Carolina was covered with snow, the fall extending clear to the coast and ranging from 8 to 12 inches clear across the state.

It is not thought that the fruit crop in the mountains is injured by the snow, and to the reverse it is believed that the late snow fall will delay the blooming of the apple trees and will tend to make a good fruit crop this season.

FLORIDA KEEPS ON GROWING

Evidence continuing growth in the face of depression caused by falling of the 1924-25 real estate "boom," ten representative Florida cities during February builded an aggregate of \$3,751,549 largely in homes, it was indicated in reports to The Associated Press.

Jacksonville headed the list with the issuing of permits totaling \$1,318,835 and Miami, the "Magic City" was a close second with \$1,163,461.

Tampa with \$525,890, ranked third and St. Petersburg fourth with \$269,600.

The ranking: Jacksonville \$1,318,835; Miami \$1,163,461; Tampa \$525,890; St. Petersburg \$269,600; Orlando \$159,129; Lakeland \$98,850; Gainesville \$67,687; Fort Myers, \$58,700; Sanford \$52,397; Leesburg, \$37,000.

CAROLINA CLAIM FOR WAR OF 1812 FUNDS PRESSED

Washington, March 1—A House resolution directing the comptroller general to reopen and adjust the claims of New York and North Carolina on account of advances to the Federal government during the War of 1812 was adopted tonight by the Senate. It now goes to conference.

As audited by the comptroller general in 1923, New York State's claim totalled \$398,823 and the North Carolina claim totalled \$159,566.

the ad valorem tax rate on real and personal property to two and one-half per cent and would classify intangibles with a lower rate thereon. The measure is due for discussion and consideration in the Senate today.

The Hancock-Royall bill carries a provision that the respective county boards of commissioners are directed to certify on or before the 15th day of August each year to the Commissioner of Revenue the names and addresses of owners of shares of foreign stock. The Revenue Commissioner would be empowered to determine to his own satisfaction the "true market value" on the shares.

The measure was referred to the Senate Committee on Education and may be acted upon today when the committee meets.

\$1,500 POULTRY SALE LAST WEEK

By C. W. Tilson
The farmers of Jackson County received over fifteen hundred dollars cash for their poultry and eggs sold cooperatively at the poultry car last Saturday. This much ready cash means something at this time to the farmers. Such results can only be obtained by cooperation and by the farmers patronizing their own car lot sale. Folks we must deal direct with our best market and sell by car lot cash sales to ever build up our market and hold our market.

The car lot cash sale plan on all our farm products is the only way to avoid overhead and middle man expenses and get the most cash for what we have to sell. And it always has paid farmers to get their own poultry, cream, hogs and other produce into the central selling point where they can deal direct with their own market for the most cash. This is the only way for us to have and hold a real cash market.

We loaded one third of a car last week. The snow has boosted our market for next week, so let's take advantage of that and fill at least a half car with poultry next Thursday, March 10th. At the price quoted in the ad in this issue we should make a double effort to make this a big sale.

ONLY ONE SYLVA

Sylva has the unique distinction of being the only town of its name in the United States, and perhaps in the world. This is true of only a very few towns and cities; but a careful perusal of the geographies fails to disclose another town of the same name as the beautiful county seat of the great county of Jackson.

True there Sylvias, Sylvania and the like, names similar; yet Sylva is the only Sylva.

In this connection it might be interesting to recall that the town was named by Miss May Hampton, the little daughter of General E. R. Hampton, founder of the town, and she named it in honor of one John Sylva, a journeyman carpenter and barber, who arrived, from no one knew where, afoot, and was making his abode with General Hampton at the time the postoffice was first established here. Then there were no houses in the "town" except the residence of General Hampton and the mill, from which Mill street was named. That was less than forty years ago.

INVALIDATE BRYSON- GALLOWAY ACT

The supreme court in handing down a decision in the case of the state against Fowler, a few days ago, declared the provisions of the Bryson-Galloway Act, that limits the punishment to a fine of \$100 on the first conviction of violation of the prohibition laws, to be invalid and unconstitutional, for the reason that it grants immunity to citizens of some counties of the state, not enjoyed by those in the rest of the state.

Judge A. M. Stack, who is presiding at the present term of Jackson county superior court, while holding court in Polk county, refused to comply with the punishment prescribed in the local act, and sentenced certain convicted men under the Turlington Act. One of them, a man named Fowler, appealed to the supreme court, and the court sustained the position of Judge Stack and declared the provisions as to punishment to be unconstitutional.

The other provisions of the act were not passed upon.

Judge Stack states that many of the provisions of the law are excellent, that it is, on the surface a stringent prohibition law; but that the minimum punishment clause would tend to destroy the purpose of the act.

Hogs owned by 206 farmers this past year paid \$2.05 for each bushel of corn to support 17 farm agents of State College.

LOCAL CREAM PRICE STEADY

By C. W. Tilson
The Carolina Creamery is paying 49-1-2c per pound cash for butter fat delivered to the creamery this week. Just a very few weeks now and the creamery will have their station in our county, and our farmers bringing in their cream and dealing with the creamery manager will get the same Chicago market price in cash for their butterfat. The Carolina Creamery pays Chicago Standard price for cream and we get each week just what the Chicago butter market is paying. Of course the Chicago market sometimes varies 1-2 to 1 cent per pound from one week to another but it has held from 47 to 50c practically all winter and will hold up good through the Spring and Summer.

No other creamery in the state makes a quality of butter that will sell on the choice Asheville market, except Asheville Creameries, and consequently no one can pay us anywhere near so much cash per pound for good quality cream as the Asheville Creamery. Last year the Carolina Creamery had to send for over \$100,000 out into Tennessee and Kentucky for dairy products. Folks, they say and we know our farmers should be producing this cream and getting this cash. So let's prepare to produce lots more cream, and it must be good clean well kept cream. We can only get such prices for good quality cream and it must be good quality. Every farmer knows good quality always builds up good markets in everything and we will start this year with nothing but clean wholesome high quality cream from everybody.

NEW MATERIAL FOR NEWSPRINT

Trees of North Carolina which have hitherto not been used for the purpose may in the future supply a large part of the materials for newsprint says a bulletin released yesterday by the Department of Conservation and Development following an announcement of a new pulping process by the United States Forest Service.

"A new pulping process which produces a high yield of cheap print paper from hardwoods and offers the possibility of shifting the burden of newsprint production from spruce, which is being imported in large quantities, says the Forest Service, "to the hardwood forests of the North, East and South has been developed at the Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin."

"Paper of the weight and thickness of newsprint made wholly from semi-chemical pulp of black, tupelo, or red gum, or aspen, birch or maple was found to have a greater strength than the present commercial newsprint. Pulp made by the new process from aspen and birch can be substituted for over 50 percent of the standard newsprint mixture of ground wood and sulphite pulp without sacrificing quality. In the case of gums, the department indicates that, provided black and red heartwood have been excluded, the color of the paper can be made to equal or excel that of standard newsprint."

State Forester J. S. Holmes sees, with the successful commercial exploitation of the new process, a profitable future for North Carolina's gum forests. "With such a market," he says, "these gum swamps might be made some of the most profitable forests in the State. The tupelo gum is a very rapid grower when young and sprouts well from the stump. With a rotation of 20 or 25 years, a large quantity of pulp wood could be produced while growing for saw timber would take at least twice that long.

"Our supply of spruce timber which has been depended upon for newsprint is becoming rapidly exhausted practically the only stands in this State are those owned either by the government or the Champion Fibre Company."

Though farmers of Union County saved about 3,000 bushels of lespedeza seed last season, they gave orders for a car of seed for February delivery.

N. C. TROOPS NOT ORDERED OUT TO STOP COCK FIGHT

STRANGE CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION

United States of America would be known as the United States of the World, the Senate would be abolished, the President and Vice President would be elected for eight year terms, and many other revolutionary changes in the Federal government and Representatives had been allowed to amend the Constitution.

Attempting to tinker with the Constitution has long been a favorite pastime of many Federal legislators. Since 1889 they have made the great document the target for 1,350 amendments.

Of all the amendments proposed during the 140 years since the Constitution was ratified by the States, however, only 19 have been adopted. Only four of those are among the 1,350 proposed in the last 36 years and the endless controversy which has grown out of the Eighteenth Amendment has caused some legislators, regardless of their position on the wet and dry question to believe it will be increasingly difficult for the Constitution to be amended in the future.

There is one amendment among those pending in Congress, however, which has strong support. It has been passed three times by overwhelming votes in the Senate but has been consistently blocked in the House. Its author, Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, nevertheless, still expects favorable action.

The Norris Amendment would change the time of meeting of Congress, would go away with the "short" or "lame duck" sessions, and would change the beginning of the Presidential and Vice-Presidential office terms.

WAYNESVILLE CAGERS WIN DOUBLE-HEADER

Waynesville, N. C., March 1—Waynesville high school won two basketball games here tonight, one an easy victory, while the other the boys' game was forced into an extra period before a victory was determined.

The girls' team defeated Almond in a slow, listless game, 19 to 12. In the boys' game with Sylva Collegiate Institute, the score was tied at 24-all at the close of the regular playing time, and the teams entered the extra period. Hooks, whose goal shooting was exceptional, caged two fields that enabled his team to win by a two point margin, 38 to 36.

AWARDS CONTRACT FOR SOUTHERN AIR ROUTE

Washington, Feb. 29—The contract for the New York-Atlanta overnight air mail service was awarded by the Post Office Department today to the Piteairn Aviation Company of Philadelphia the only bidder.

The Piteairn bid was \$3.00 per pound for carrying the mails. Service will start as soon as possible. The present plans call for night flying and the airways will have to be lighted before the service begins.

As contemplated the mail will leave New York and Atlanta at 9 p. m. and Stops will be made at Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond and Greensboro. Other intermediate stops may be added. The route will connect with other major air mail services and the rate of postage will be ten cents an ounce.

FOUR HURT IN AUTO SMASH

Ted Grooms was dangerously injured and Paul, John and Ham Childers were slightly injured when the automobile in which they were riding turned over on Highway No. 10 near Whittier Sunday afternoon.

According to reports the young men attempted to pass another car, and as their automobile turned back into the road, it failed to right itself and turned completely over, demolishing the car, and injuring the occupants.

Young Grooms was taken to his home at Ravensford and is said to be in a serious condition.

Duplin, N. C., March 1—The widely advertised three day cock fight scheduled to start near here today was not held, in spite of the fact that many roosters were in train for the tournament and a large crowd from all sections had gathered. Sheriff Priest had deputies at the arena. Officers told the Associated Press they believed promoters decided to wait for more auspicious conditions.

Raleigh, N. C., March 1—Bladen county will have to stop its own cock fights. Governor McLean tonight refused to call out the National Guard to halt them and informed protesting Bladen citizens that it was a matter for county officers.

The protesting citizen's name was withheld but the contents of his message was made public. It said a "great four day cock fight, dog battle and bull baiting exhibition" was scheduled to begin at Dublin near here tomorrow. He said prize stock had been imported from Mexico for the event and that prizes ran into the thousands for a single event.

Disclosure of the fight arena, within 100 miles of the state capital, was made yesterday following introduction of a bill in the general assembly by Representative Bridger, Bladen, to prohibit such sports in Bladen county. Bladen residents said quite an outlay of capital had been sunk in stands and pits and that the operators promised "protection to spectators."

The governor's only legal recourse under the law to stop the fight would be to call out the guard.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Roy Cogdill to Mathe Lou Lyle, both of Haywood.
George Hooper of Jackson county to Lillie Henson of Haywood.
W. P. Davis to Lilly Nations.
Porter Plemmons to Essie Moore, both of Buncombe.
Colored
Statesville Bryson to Elizabeth Moore.

ELECT DELEGATES TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

M. Buchanan, J. R. Buchanan, J. W. Keener, Mrs. D. T. Knight, M. B. Cannon and Dan Tompkins were named as delegates to the District conference, of the Southern Methodist church, by the quarterly conference of Sylva charge, held at Dillsboro Sunday afternoon. Mrs. M. D. Cowan, Mrs. P. W. Kincaid and Mrs. W. M. Robbins and W. H. Rhodes were named as alternates.

The date of the conference has not yet been definitely determined; but it will be held in Andrews, probably in April, with Bishop Monzon presiding.

ZONE MEETING HERE TUESDAY

The Zone Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies will be held at the Methodist church, Tuesday, March 8, beginning at 10:30 in the morning, according to announcement made by Mrs. M. D. Cowan, president of the Sylva society.

The Zone includes all the Methodist churches in Haywood county, west of and including Jonathan circuit and Waynesville, and all of Jackson county.

All the churches that have no societies organized at the present are urged by the officials of the work to send delegates to the meeting in Sylva.

Farmers of Chatham county will plant soybeans this year. One delivery of 1600 bushels has been made by the county agent and another car has been ordered.

A top dressing of 100 pounds of nitrate of soda or 75 pounds per acre of sulphate of ammonia will make the small grain grow better this spring.

Roobeson county broke the record recently when 327 farmers sold 17,476 pounds of poultry for \$3,769.89 at Lumberton when the poultry came to town.