

The Jackson County Journal

\$1.50 the Year in Advance in the County

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\$2.00 the Year in Advance Outside County

BREEDLOVE AND BRYSON ON TRIAL IN MACON COUNTY

Jim Bryson and Walker Breedlove are on trial, in Macon county court, this week, charged with assaulting each other with pistols at the election in Hamburg township, last November. Judge John Harwood is presiding at the term and solicitor Grover Davis is prosecuting both defendants, while G. Lyle Jones, Gilmer Jones, Sutton and Stillwell and Dean Sisk are defending Bryson, and Col. Franklin Watson, Alley, Alley and Alley, and Horne and Patton are appearing for Breedlove.

There were eight eye-witnesses to the affair, all election officials, and Bryson was the Republican Judge of the election and Breedlove the Democratic registrar. The shooting occurred about three o'clock in the afternoon, at the time of voting the absentee ballots, and Breedlove is said to have received five gunshot wounds in his body, while Bryson is alleged to have been wounded in the forehead.

Aside from Bryson and Breedlove, in the room at the time were Frank Bryson, Fred Bryson, Sam Fisher, Lewis Monteith, Bud Monteith, David Moss, John M. Moss and Frank Hoop et.

All the witnesses, who were present stated that Bryson shot Breedlove, and there was some difference of opinion among them as to whether or not Breedlove fired his gun, though he admitted on the stand that he drew his gun "after," he said "Bryson had shot him three or four times" but he stated that he attempted to cock his gun, but did not know whether or not it fired.

Mr. Bryson, in his testimony, stated that he was a judge of the election, and Mr. Breedlove the registrar, and that he had been informed "by four Democrats" that there might be trouble, and that he had borrowed a pistol from Carl Jamison, the night before, put it in his pocket, as he said, for his protection. On the day of the election, according to Bryson's version of the affair, he insisted upon fairness at the election, and that some question arose over the casting of absentee ballot for J. A. Monteith. Bryson admitted that he fired first, but swore that Breedlove was attempting to draw his gun, and that he shot in self-defense, knowing Breedlove to be a dangerous and violent man.

Mr. Breedlove testified that the question arose over the Monteith ballot, and that he had a ballot for Monteith, and Mr. Bryson stated that he also had one, that he passed the ballot to Mr. Bud Monteith, the other judge, and asked the two to rule on the question. He stated that Mr. David Moss read the section of the election law applicable to the casting of absentee ballots, and that Mr. Bryson stated that it didn't read like his law, and produced a section of law, typewritten upon a piece of paper, and that they compared it with the copy of the election law furnished the officials for their guidance. Mr. Breedlove stated that Mr. Bryson was standing with his hands folded in front of him and that he drew a pistol from a holster under his left arm and began firing. He stated that the first shot struck him in his right shoulder, paralyzing his right arm and rendering it useless, that other shots came in quick succession, and that he ran at Bryson, stuck his head in his abdomen, and drew his gun from his right hip pocket with his left hand and attempted to cock it and fire, though he had been shot four or five times and did not remember whether or not he actually did fire. Mr. Breedlove stated that he had the pistol with him because he had heard that an attempt might be made to "shoot up" the election, and that he wanted to defend himself; though, he stated he had anticipated no trouble from any of the officials of the election.

There was some evidence about a man named Sanford, having fired while the affray was going on, though the Bryson defense introduced testimony tending to prove that Sanford was outside the building at the time. All the evidence showed that Mr. Bryson and Mr. Breedlove had always been excellent friends and that no

trouble had arisen between them previous to the time of the shooting.

Mr. Bryson was brought to Sylva and given medical attention, and Mr. Breedlove spent some three weeks in the Brevard hospital.

Attorneys for Mr. Bryson tendered evidence from their client that Mr. Bryson had been present at another occasion several years ago when Mr. Breedlove shot and killed a young man named Ford Burgess, and that his appearance on that occasion was the same as on the previous one. The judge ruled that out, and would not let it go to the jury. However, it was brought out in cross-examination of Mr. Breedlove that he had killed Ford Burgess, and was shown that at the time Mr. Breedlove was a deputy sheriff and was attempting to arrest Burgess on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Jim Bryson, and that Mr. a deputy sheriff and was attempting Bryson had been a witness for the defense on that occasion and that the trial had resulted in an acquittal of Mr. Breedlove.

The attorneys are arguing the case before the jury today, and it will probably not close until Friday or Saturday.

The contention, that is being made by the state is that both defendants are guilty. The attorneys for Mr. Bryson are contending that their client is not guilty, and that he shot only in self-defense, believing that Mr. Breedlove was about to shoot him, that he had reasonable grounds for that belief, and the jury should find him not guilty, that he was the victim of an unexpected and unprovoked attack, that he did not fire his gun at all, that Bryson was wounded by Sanford, if shot at all, and that Mr. Breedlove, if he did shoot, shot in self-defense, and after he had been wounded a number of times by Mr. Bryson.

The case has created wide interest in Jackson county, where both of the men involved are well known, of prominent families and have a great many friends.

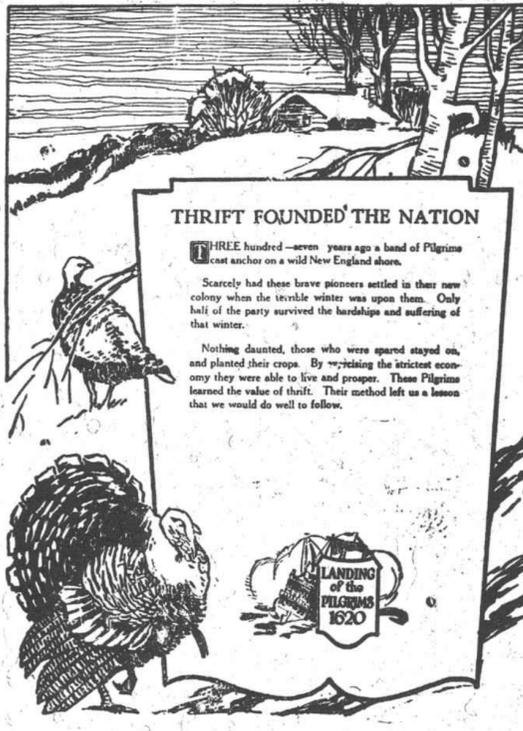
DRY FALLS SURVEY

Franklin Press

According to Mr. T. M. Keener, of Highlands, who was a visitor to Franklin Monday, surveyors are engaged this week in making a survey of the route by which it is hoped to run No. 28 under the Dry Falls of the Cullasaja. Mr. Keener, who is thoroughly familiar with that section of the county states that there are no engineering difficulties connected with this proposition that cannot be easily solved. Monday morning the surveyors were at work at Kelly Falls some distance below the Dry Falls.

Mr. Keener also informed a Press representative that the steam shovel on highway No. 28 is now at Brush creek, but that there is yet quite a bit of sub-grading to be done before cars can go to that point. This should be good news to Mr. Smith, of Atlanta, and others who have fishing clubs and stream privileges on the Cullasaja and Brush Creek.

Terraces check erosion, improve drainage and help store up moisture in the land for next season's crops.



CULLOWHEE TO START NEW QUARTER

Cullowhee, N. C., November 22.—Cullowhee State Normal will enter upon a new quarter's work on December 5. President Hunter is expecting quite an increase in the student body at the beginning of the winter quarter. He states that the increase in the winter quarter enrollment over that of the fall quarter this year will be double the increase of the same period last year.

At the close of the fall quarter on December 3 some half a dozen students will complete their course for the diploma.

A number of reservations have already been made for the spring quarter also, which opens on March 5. Many teachers employed in the short term schools, which close at about this time, take advantage of the opportunity to register for the opening of the spring quarter and President Hunter anticipates more than a capacity enrollment at that time.

ALLEGED RUM RUNNERS MAKE THEIR ESCAPE

Franklin Press

Officers Tuesday about noon gave chase—unsuccessfully—to an alleged rum running car.

The car, containing two men, and believed by the officers to be heavily loaded with liquor, was a Dodge. The officers drove a Chrysler.

The alleged runners passed through Franklin, going toward Asheville, and Deputy Frank Norton and Constable Charlie Oliver immediately gave chase. They overtook the quarry going up this side of Cowee Mountain, the officers said, but the driver of the other car "held the road," and the officers were unable to stop the men being pursued, who, having gained the top of the mountain, passed into Jackson county.

The race up the mountain was at a rate of speed approximating 45 miles an hour, it was stated.

Drain tile are cheaper now than at any time since 1918 and many fields may be improved in yields and appearance by being better drained.

HIGHWAY BODY TO RECEIVE 16 BIDS

Raleigh, N. C. Nov. 22.—Sixteen bids for about \$1,700,000 road work will be received on December 13 by the State Highway Commission, Commissioner Frank Page said tonight.

The lot involves construction of 48.51 miles hard surface; 65.29 miles of dirt road and structures scattered in 15 counties.

The projects:

Pitt County: grading and approaches to Tar River on Route 11.

Duplin: 18.3 miles grading and structures on Route 24 from Kenansville to Onslow county line.

Robeson: 1.7 miles grading on Route 70 six miles south of Fairmont.

Robeson: 7.9 miles concrete on Route 211 Lumberton to Bladen county line.

Durham: 10.06 miles top soil and structures Orange county line to Nelson.

Lee: 6.3 miles hard surface on Route 50 Chatham county line toward Sanford.

Orange: 2.61 miles top soil and structures Chapel Hill toward Nelson. Vance: 4.7 miles concrete on Route 57 from end of hard surface to Granville county line.

Hoke: 9 miles concrete on Route 24 Raeford to Scotland county line. Rockingham: 4.5 miles grading and structures on Route 77 Leakesville north to Virginia line.

Iredell: 10.37 miles concrete on Route 10 Catawba county line to Statesville.

Lincoln: 4.98 miles dirt roadway on Route 206 Lincolnton to Gaston county line.

Union 15 miles dirt road on Route 151 Monroe to Cabarrus county line.

Cleveland: 9.7 miles concrete on Route 18 Shelby to Fallston.

Cherokee: 4 miles top soil or gravel eight miles west of Murphy to approximately 10 miles from the Tennessee line.

Haywood: 4.15 miles grading and structures on Route 10 Buncombe County line to Canton.

WILL COMPLETE CANTON HIGHWAY

Asheville Citizen. Announcement was made yesterday by John C. Walker, Ninth District engineer, that the highway from the Buncombe County line to the Main street of Canton will be paved in the Spring.

Contracts for regrading and temporary work have already been let he stated and this work is in progress. Bids will be advertised for the major part of the work in the Spring. The cost of the job will be about \$200,000. The distance is about four miles.

BALSAM

The Sunday School Convention that was held here last Sunday was a success in every way. A general account of the proceedings will be sent in by one of the high school students. Rev. E. W. Needham of Dellwood, the new pastor of the Methodist church was here Sunday.

Mrs. D. W. Ensley who was operated for acute appendicitis in the Angel hospital in Franklin, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ensley have returned from a visit to relatives in Hendersonville, Hickory and Black Mountain.

Mrs. Lillie Ricketts of Andrews is visiting relatives here.

Miss Stella Jones of Waynesville visited her father, Mr. C. R. Jones, Monday.

While Mr. John Lyles was working his team on the farm the horses became frightened and ran away—ran all the way home which frightened Mrs. Lyles. She went out in the field and found Mr. Lyles unconscious. Upon medical examination they found him badly bruised and several ribs broken. His daughter, Miss Annie Mae, who nurses in the Grady hospital in Atlanta was immediately sent for. Mr. Lyles is getting on as well as can be expected at this time. Mrs. Hattie Beck made a visit to Asheville, Waynesville and Hazelwood Sunday. Her daughter, Mrs. Dora Allen and little son accompanied her home from Hazelwood.

QUALLA

Last week—

Mr. John Johnson and family of Hickory and Mr. Fred McLean and family of Whittier were visitors at Mr. J. C. Johnson's.

Mrs. Dewey Ensley of Beta spent Sunday at Mr. W. W. Anthony's.

Mr. Carl Hoyle has returned to his school at Charles' Creek after a visit with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ensley of Sylva called at Mrs. A. C. Hoyle's.

Mr. John McMan of Tennessee spent awhile at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's. Mrs. Julia Roberts of Tennessee is visiting her sister Mrs. Clifford Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Shelton visited Mrs. Faye Varner of Whittier.

Misses Iva Hipps, Llewellyn Rhodes and Mrs. C. M. Martin called on Mrs. J. C. Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Thomas of Barkers Creek spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. James Sitton.

Messrs. J. P. Crisp and Paul Cooper made a trip to Sylva.

Mr. Guss Sherrell of Ela, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hyatt and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes were callers at Mr. J. E. Battle's.

Mrs. York Howell, Mrs. J. H. Hughes and Mrs. D. C. Hughes were visitors at Mrs. Oscar Gibson's.

Mesdames J. C. Johnson, H. D. Turpin and Fetzler Howell called on Mrs. J. O. Howell.

Mr. Horace Howell and family called at Mr. J. M. Hughes.

Misses Phyllis and Mozelle Moody, Clara and Fanny Honeycutt were callers at Mr. Oscar Layman's.

Mr. D. C. Hughes was a guest of Mr. C. B. Terrell

Miss Ruth Turpin visited Miss Allie Hall.

Mrs. Frank Owen visited her sister, Mrs. H. G. Ferguson.

Mrs. Bill Howell, who recently moved to Morganton, writes us that she "enjoys reading Qualla locals in the Journal".

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Crisp who have been on the sick list for several days are improving.

There are several cases of measles Qualla section.

\$15,000 WORTH OF MOUNTAIN TURKEYS SHIPPED

Raleigh, Nov. 19.—More than \$15,000 worth of mountain turkeys and other Thanksgiving fowl have been shipped out of North Carolina up to Saturday, with more going out Monday, the state department of agriculture reports.

Two solid carloads of Thanksgiving turkeys moved out of Toe Cane, in Mitchell county, this week, netting the producing farmers \$7,500. The sales were made in cooperation with the marketing experts of the department of agriculture.

The 2,500 head of turkeys weighed 25,000 pounds and brought an average of 30 cents a pound at the car door.

They were sent east, some of them going to Massachusetts for consumption by descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers.

S. C. I. DEFEATS INDIANS

Sylva Collegiate Institute defeated the Cherokee Indians on the Sylva High School gridiron Saturday afternoon in one of the most interesting and most hotly contested games of season in Western North Carolina. The local Baptist aggregation took the game by a score of 13 to 6. This is the second game with the Indians this year, the first game having been lost by more than 20 to 0 during the Indian fair, and fans pointed out this as great evidence of the strength S. C. I. has been gathering during its first year of football.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sam B. Cannon, who has been seriously ill at the Candler-Tidmarsh hospital since last Friday, has recovered sufficiently to be removed to the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. J. C. Cannon, in Diltsboro.

Mrs. Cannon, whose home is in Spruce Pine, was taken sick while here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lewis Cannon, last week.

YOUNG DILLS RECOVERING

David Dills, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dills, who has been confined to his home for several days, following injuries received while practicing with the local fire company, is rapidly recovering. It is said that the young man attempted to catch the hand holds on the fire truck, and missed, falling to the pavement.

BUMPER CROP OF POTATOES GROWN

Brevard News

E. A. Kitchen has gathered 295 bushels of salable Irish potatoes from a planting of 15 bushels of seed. Several bushels in addition to this were grown and used at home, being smaller than the fine potatoes Mr. Kitchen placed on the market. Friends of Mr. Kitchen believe this is a record for Transylvania county in yield per bushel of seed. There are, however, other sections of the county to hear from and it may be some others in the county, it is pointed out, will have a record to offer in another planting.

MARKER UNVEILED TO PATRIOT

Canton Enterprise

On Wednesday November 30, 1927, at 2:00 p.m., an event of interest will take place in the Clyde Cemetery. The Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, D. A. R. will unveil a marker to the memory of Jacob Shook, who fought in the Revolutionary War. This marker is furnished free by the U. S. Government and was obtained by the Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, D. A. R., which is entrusted with its erection.

FIRE COMPANY DOES GOOD WORK

The local fire department proved its efficiency, last evening, when a fire in a wood shed, at the home of Mr. C. M. Bullock threatened two residences. The alarm was given, and the fire department was quickly on the spot and had the fire extinguished.

POWELL IMPROVING

Mr. E. O. Powell, who has been very ill for the past two weeks is thought to be steadily improving now.

America's History Making Trans-Oceanic Flyers at White House



Prior to the awarding of the Hubbard Medal to Colonel Lindbergh, President Coolidge was host to luncheon to all of the trans-oceanic flyers. Left to right: Lester Maitland, Clarence Chamberlin, Ar Goebel, Charles Lindbergh, Ruth Elder, Paul Schuller, Emory Bronte, A. F. Hagenberger, Richard Byrd, George Haldeman, Charles Levine, Bernt Balchen and Wm. Block.