

# The Jackson County Journal

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## JURY FINDS CARTER BRYSON GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

A jury found Carter Bryson guilty of manslaughter, late yesterday, after a little more than two hours deliberation on the evidence in connection with the shooting to death of Adam Cope, at the home of Bryson, at Balsam, near midnight, on the 15th of last December.

Judge Finley, this morning, sentenced Bryson to serve 5 years in the State prison. Bryson gave notice of appeal to the supreme court, and appearance was fixed at \$3,000.

The first witness on the stand was Neal Dills, undertaker, who dressed and prepared the body of Cope for burial. He testified to the nature of the wound, and identified the clothing that Cope was wearing. He stated that the charge from the shot gun entered through the left lapel of the coat, ranging downward through the left lung and cutting off the lower tip of the right lung.

Elbert Reece, neighbor of the defendant, told of his coming to his house, during the night, and after he had heard loud talking in the direction of Bryson's house, and trying to borrow a gun, which he did not obtain, because Reece had no shells.

Hebron Bryson, half uncle of Carter, told that he, Adam Cope, and Bascomb Queen went to Balsam, on the fatal night, stopped at the rail road station for a while, and then walked down the track. Adam Cope, according to the witness, left the other two on the railroad track for some 10 minutes, while he was gone to Carter Bryson's house, a short distance away. He came back, according to Hebe, and brought a "short pint" of liquor. The witness stated that he went to his nephew's home, was invited in and had been there only a short time, when Adam Cope came to the yard and called him. He stated that Carter Bryson then grabbed a shot gun, said "there's that damned Adam Cope again", went out the door, closed it behind him, ordered Cope to leave, and almost, immediately, he heard the gun fire. He stated that he went out, and saw Adam Cope lying near the door on the porch; and that he left and went to the home of Mrs. Perry, to telephone the officers.

Elbert Coward deputy sheriff at the time testified that Mrs. Carter Bryson had told him, on the night of the slaying that Carter knocked Cope down with the shot gun, and then shot him.

Carter Bryson went on the stand in his own behalf, and admitted having fired the fatal shot; but insisted that he did it in the necessary defense of himself and his home. He stated that he and his family had retired when Adam Cope came to the house. He said that Cope had been drinking, and asked Bryson about a dog, which Bryson told him he had been unable to find. He swore that Cope then began cursing him, and struck him in the face. Cope then left, according to the witness, only to return in a short time, offered Bryson a drink, which the witness said he refused, and that Cope again cursed him, and left, going to two men, who were standing on the railroad, but whose identity the witness did not know at that time. A third time Cope came to the house, and Bryson had hidden in another room. He said Cope called for him and Mrs. Bryson told him that Carter was gone. He said that Cope then used very abusive and insulting language to Mrs. Bryson, and threatened to kill both Bryson and his wife. He said that Cope left and went to where the other two men were standing, on the railroad, only to return again, and began cursing Mrs. Bryson, and renewing his threats to kill the two. Carter stated that he then ordered Cope to leave. He said that Cope said he would kill both of them before daylight, and that he had the help and the goods to do it with, that Cope then left, and he and the other two men went away up the rail road. Carter stated that he then went to the neighbor's to borrow a gun, which he did not get, and that while he was gone his wife found a shot gun and loaded his gun. After a while the three men came back down the track and one of them coming to the house was recognized as Hebron Bryson, his uncle, and allowed to enter. In a short time, Carter said, Adam Cope came back, called first to Hebe and then to him, began cursing and threatening him, and

## QUALLA

On Sunday morning 23 during incessant rain and disagreeable travelling, a time any reporter thinks a time most any reporter would think no very interesting, worth while events likely to transpire, nothing daunted, the stork called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hastings Messer and added four sons, quadruplets, to their family, each weighing from 3 to 5 pounds. They were christened Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Rev. C. M. Pickens of Waynesville Miss Mary Cowan entered Qualla Shool Mon. as teacher for the remainder of the school term.

Mr. Lee Crisp and family of Murphy Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Crisp Mr. J. P. Crisp, and Miss Laura Swaney were guest at Mrs. A. C. Hoyle's.

Mr. D. C. Hughes made a business trip to Sylva.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hughes and Mrs. G. A. Kinsland of Cherokee were Qualla visitors Sunday.

Miss Cums Howell has recently undergone an operation at Candler Nichols hospital, Sylva. Her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shuler called at Mr. S. M. Crisp's.

Mrs. Maggie Gibson and Miss Carrie Parris of Wilmot, visited at Mr. D. L. Oxner's.

Mrs. D. C. Hughes spent part of last week at Mr. J. E. Battle's.

Miss Evelyn Kinsland called on Miss Polly Hoyle.

Mr. J. K. Terrell and Mr. H. G. Ferguson sopped at Mr. J. L. Stinson's.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes visited Mrs. J. K. Terrell.

## LYRIC ENTERTAINS CHILDREN

Mr. Harry E. Buchanan, proprietor of the Lyric theatre, entertained the pupils of the John's Creek school on last Friday and Saturday afternoon at his theatre with a free show. The picture, "The Lone Star Ranger," was one of the best western pictures to be sponsored by the Lyric. The two comedies were of an excellent nature and were enjoyed by all the pupils.

As The Journal goes to press the teachers and pupils want to thank Mr. Buchanan for his kindness and generosity.

kicked open the door, and was advancing through it, with a threat to kill on his lips, and a pistol leveled upon him, when he seized the shot gun and fired, from within the house. He stated that Hebe Bryson was drunk, and really couldn't have known what was taking place. He stated that he went to his neighbor's home, told what he had done, had the officers notified, went to Waynesville and surrendered himself. Mrs. Bryson took the stand and absolutely corroborated her husband, in every particular. Catherine Bryson, little daughter of Carter, was a brilliant witness, and she corroborated her father and mother in all essential points in their evidence.

The testimony was completed on Tuesday, and on Wednesday the day was taken up by addresses of the attorneys and the charge of the court.

Bryson was represented by Alley and Alley, and Sutton and Stillwell, while Solicitor Davis was assisted in the prosecution by C. C. Buchanan, Doyle Alley, and Dan Moore.

The jury that tried the case was composed of R. L. Cabe, L. R. Parker, Jasper Cowan, Ethel Green, G. D. Allison, Garland Jones, R. L. Holden, Isaac Hensley, Frank Wike, Cleve Tilley, Hanj Hoyle and Herbert Fowler.

## Europe's Prettiest



Miss Alik Diplapakou of Athens, Greece, winner in the international beauty contest which awarded her the title of "Miss Europe" in competition with girls of 20 nations.

## AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK TELLS HOW TO AVOID OVERPRODUCTION IN 1930

(By Caleb Johnson)

Hand in hand with the Government's efforts to regulate the marketing of farm products in such a way as to give the farmer his rightful share of the price which the ultimate consumer pays, and to equalize distribution so that foodstuffs will not be dumped on glutted markets, goes the attempt to regulate agricultural production.

The plain fact is that farming in America suffers more from overproduction in most of the staple crops than from any other cause. And this condition has been getting worse ever since the war, according to the Secretary of Agriculture.

"No marketing machinery can insure good prices and satisfactory income if the farmer plants and breeds unwisely," says a recent bulletin of the Federal Farm Board. It does not follow that because a farmer got a good price for the corn he grew on 50 acres last year he can get twice as much for the crop from 100 acres this year. The reverse is likely to be true, if all of the corn growers, or any considerable part of them, plant more corn than they did last year.

The Agricultural Outlook for 1930, just issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, is full of danger signals for the farmer. If all farmers are guided by them, the average of farm prices will be higher than last year. If they are generally disregarded, agriculture will not be very profitable to most of those engaged in it. No one farmer and no one community can control the situation.

Until all farmers are organized into marketing associations handling practically all of each staple crop, the only production control possible is through appealing to the intelligence of individual farmers. The Federal Department of Agriculture's program for this Spring includes the spreading of the information contained in the Agricultural Outlook as widely as possible, so that each farmer can govern himself accordingly.

Here are the danger spots to which the Outlook calls attention:

In general, demand for all farm products is likely to be less in 1930 than in 1929.

Corn acreage should be decreased, definitely.

Wheat cannot be expected to bring higher prices, and no increase in planting should be undertaken.

Cotton acreage is high enough now and should not be increased.

Hog prices probably will average as high as 1929, with a reduction in supply already indicated. That should not be taken as an invitation to breed more hogs, however, as demand is falling off.

Beef cattle herds are too large now, and prices are tending downward.

Dairy herds should be closely culled and more heifers slaughtered if butter prices are not to drop still further next year and the years after.

Sheep and lambs are at the top of their swing now. No improvement in the wool market is looked for before next year.

Any increase in poultry and egg production will result in lower prices.

The hay demand is for alfalfa and similar legume hays, but less sweet clover for seed should be sown this year.

Flax looks good. A third increase in acreage would not materially affect prices.

New apple orchards should be set out only where conditions favor growth of the highest grades. Grapefruit and oranges will be in greater production. Grape prices are expected to go lower. The peach outlook is unfavorable, with heavy production and low prices expected.

Cantalope and watermelon growers should reduce their acreage.

The outlook for strawberries is good, and production can safely be increased.

Present projected increase of 6 percent in potato acreage is unfavorable to price maintenance.

Lettuce demand continues to increase but marketing difficulties help keep prices down. Sweet potato acreage should be reduced. Tomato acreage should not be increased. Dry beans production should be kept at last year's level.

The early cabbage market looks very favorable; late cabbage not so good. Peanut crops should be reduced.

## JACKSON COUNTY FARMING OUTLOOK GOOD

(By C. W. Tilson)

The outlook for farming in Jackson county is the best this spring it has been for years, and the outlook for years to come should be good according to the most reliable indications. Already more folks are preparing and sowing permanent pastures in such a way as to produce good sod than any spring for the past five years. Pasture is the most profitable crop on Jackson county farms and good pastures will always be.

Ploughing for cultivated crops for this year already done indicates that more crops required for home use as well as for market will be grown this year than any year during the past five years.

It looks as if a corn crop that will support the county folks and the livestock needs will be produced this year if we have a fair season. Already more interest is being shown in good home gardens than before, which is a very healthy sign that Jackson county folks are growing tired of eating so much out of tins, and are going to live more at home.

More effort and progress is being made than ever to produce early chickens and consequently more eggs on every farm in the county. Already chickens and eggs bring more

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The tobacco outlook is good. Growers of Virginia fire-cured and Maryland can safely plant larger acreage. Rice prices are tending upward. Sugar at present production levels should hold up to present prices.

In other words, American farmers must watch their steps. And the ones who watch most intelligently are the ones who will survive. For it is clearly on the cards that there will be fewer farms and fewer farmers ten years from now than there are today.

More and more, American farming must be done for the American market. Secretary Hyde of the Department of Agriculture points out that in the world markets Canada, Argentina and Australia are crowding the United States out. In those three countries agricultural acreage has trebled since 1900. They now grow more wheat than we do. Argentina has become the world's largest exporter of corn. We are buying much of our flaxseed from South America. The Southern Hemisphere has multiplied exports of butter by seven in 30 years. Europe, too has increased production until they are now above the pre-war level.

American beef has practically lost the European market to South America. Australia is the world's great source of wool, growing three times as much as thirty years ago. Asiatic Russia is competing strongly in cotton, producing nearly twice as much last year as before the war.

All of the European countries are giving sharp attention to agriculture. Many are subsidizing agricultural settlement in their colonies where land is abundant and cheap. All are emulating American scientific methods and machine production.

The apparent certainties are that within a few years agriculture in the United States will be devoted to feeding the people of the United States; that all farm products will be handled from farm to consumer by farmer-owner cooperative marketing associations; that these associations will dictate to their members the amount of each particular product to be produced in any given season and so an equality will be maintained between production and consumption which will put agriculture in general for the first time on the basis of a business enterprise.

The "out" about this program is the independent farmer who will refuse to join the cooperative and whose "bootleg" crops will disturb the market and work to the detriment of his neighbors. And this may result on a national scale in the repetition of such activities as those of the "nightriders" in the Kentucky tobacco war between the Equity and the independents, twenty years and more ago.

If the Federal Farm Board carries out its gigantic program intelligently and succeeds in impressing upon every farmer the necessity of cooperating farming in the United States will be stabilized in time. Unless that is done, it will continue to be a hit-or-miss gambling enterprise with the odds against the general run of farmers.

## HOWELL ASKS TO GO TO PEN

Will Howell, convicted of an assault with a deadly weapon, upon George Shuford and William Pearce, and sentenced to serve four years on the roads, has made a request, through his attorneys, that the sentence be changed to the same term in the State prison. Judge Finley indicated that he would change it, if Howell will enter a plea of guilty of assault with attempt to kill, the felony charge, upon which he was first indicted, and upon conviction of which, his three brothers are now serving terms of 7 to 10 years in the prison.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Theodore Elliott, of Swain, to Lillian Lambert.

Jake Frizzell to Burdell Queen.

Chas. C. Fisher to Allie Gaddis, both of Haywood.

## TWO WILMOT YOUTHS GUILTY OF STORE-BREAKING

Thad Bradley and Arthur Suttle myre, two young men of the Wilmot section, were found guilty of breaking into the store of Mrs. Bumgarner, at Wilmot, last November, by a jury, in superior court, Friday, and were sentenced to the penitentiary Bradley for a term of three years, and Suttlemyre for two years, by Judge T. B. Finley, in the superior court. They gave notice of appeal. The supreme court but the appeal was withdrawn, on Wednesday.

The case had almost all the elements that would make it interesting and unusual, a store broken and entered in the night time and goods taken away, blood hounds brought to the scene, the contention of the State that the defendants had used turpentine, in their shoes, to befuddle the scent for the dogs, and a contention, that the attempt to connect the two defendants with the crime was a scheme of the wife of Bradley to get him out of the country.

Weaver Swayngim was found not guilty of resisting an officer, a case against him, charging carrying concealed weapons was not pressed, and he entered a plea of guilty of manufacturing liquor, and prayer for judgment was continued until next term of the court.

Isaac Littlejohn, an Indian, was found guilty of violating the age of consent, and sentenced to 6 months in jail. The prosecuting witness was his first cousin, Bessie Littlejohn.

## HOSEA QUEEN COMES BACK

Hosea Queen, 20 year old Caney Fork boy, who left court, and fled during the process of his trial on a charge of being accessory to breaking and entering the store of A. M. Henson, surrendered himself to his uncle, who is a deputy sheriff, and was returned to jail.

Though he is 20 years of age, the boy has never passed the fourth grade in school, and Judge Finley, in sentencing him to two years in the State prison, requested that he be played among the younger prisoners, given suitable work to do, and that he be given an education.

## JOHN'S CREEK LOCALS

Mrs. John H. Smith visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Henson on last Saturday.

Mr. Edmond Nicholson, who is now attending school in Sylva, spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith have been visiting friends in Canada.

Mr. Fulton Thomasson spent Saturday afternoon in Sylva on business.

Misses Janie Hooper and Dixie Henson and Mrs. Janie Brown spent last week end at their homes.

The program presented by the Caney Fork Progressive Club on last Wednesday evening was one that afforded much fun. The program was one of a miscellaneous nature, and each number was well rendered.

The Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools met in the auditorium of the former church and had their program together. The people were very fortunate in having President Hunter of Cullowhee to give them an excellent lecture on the lesson. Every one seemed to enjoy his talk and hope to be privileged to have him with them again. Mr. Hunter was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Martha Lou. After Sunday school, Mr. Hunter and daughter were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Henson.

## Only 104 Years Old



Leprelet Logee, who lives at Masonic Home at Charlton, Mass., can remember twenty Presidents of the United States and expects to live to 110.