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Hance Shot To Death At Willets Saturday Night

Edgar Hance, 26 year old Scott's Creek man, met death at the point of a shot gun, Saturday night; and Fred Cope, of Willets, is in Sylva, charged with his murder. The shot gun struck Hance just above the right hip, and he died a few minutes. Cope, who is 27 years of age, and a son of L. L. Cope, went to the nearby home of Mr. Sutton, and asked Mr. Sutton to take Hance to the hospital; but when Mr. Sutton found that Hance was already dead, he brought Cope to Sylva, and placed him in custody of the officers.

An inquest was conducted Sunday morning by Coroner C. W. Dins, and the jury found that Hance came to his death from gun shot wounds at the hands of Fred Cope.

According to Elmer Parker, of the North Fork section of Scott's Creek, who was an eye witness, he and Hance had been together for several hours, and that as they were walking on the highway, between 11 and 12 o'clock, they came up with Cope. They talked and talked with Hance, until they neared Cope's home, when Cope entered the house, and returned immediately afterward armed with a shot gun, and shot Hance dead in the highway, opposite the Cope wood house. He stated that he had no argument or quarrel.

Hance is unmarried. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willet Hance, of Willets, by two brothers, Homer and Robert Hance, and by several sisters.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

HISTORY . . . understanding

People who do not know the history of the past are inclined to think of the world of the present as a pretty hard place to live in, and to despair of the future of the human race. But once it is realized how much better off everybody is today than people were even three or four hundred years ago, their outlook changes. If we have made so much progress toward better living in so short a time, it is reasonable to expect that our grandchildren and their grandchildren will have easier and more comfortable lives than we have.

The chief value of history is to make people understand that most of the romantic talk about "the good old times" is pure bunk. They were very bad old times, from any modern point of view, when even kings and noblemen lived in the squalor of filth and squalor that we nowadays deplore as the mark of the most depraved group.

The worst tenement houses of the city slums, which such great efforts are being made to eradicate, are partial mansions by comparison with the houses that even the upper classes lived in in the "good old days" when Henry VIII was king of England.

HOUSING . . . 200 years ago

I have been lately looking into the history of housing, in Europe and America. From the movies and romantic historical novels it is easy to get the impression that our ancestors all lived in beautiful "Colonial" houses or magnificent castles and manor houses. The plain fact is that most people, up to 200 years ago, in England and America, lived in houses such as we would hardly dignify by the name of "shacks."

In England, until the rediscovery of the process of making brick there were no chimneys in the houses of ordinary people. A hole in the roof let out the wood smoke which filled the single room. The ordinary house was built by piling posts in the ground, weaving saplings between the posts, and filling in the walls with clay. The roof was of rushes piled in a thick layer on poles, and kept from blowing away by heavy stones. There were no floors, only beaten earth, and no windows in the homes of most of our ancestors of 500 years ago.

The houses which the early American colonists built for themselves were of much the same order, or the order of "shacks," rough boards split out of logs, since there were no sawmills in the average American today is much better housed than his forefathers were.

RELIEF . . . progress

In the "good old times" of Henry VIII's reign laws were enacted for aiding the poor to beg, and providing for the collection of a poor fund by each parish priest. All idle children over five years old were required by this law to be put to work, either at farming or some handicraft. Any person who violated the law against begging was whipped. If he had his right ear cut off. For a third offense the punishment was death, "as a felon and an enemy of the commonwealth." As set down by one of the most eminent historians, "it was the express conviction of the English nation that it was better for a man not to live at all than to live a profitless and worthless life."

We have come a long way in our public attitude toward the unemployed and the poor, in a matter of 400 years.

VOTES . . . disqualifications

The idea that every citizen is entitled to a direct vote in the election of public officials is a very new one indeed. Down to less than 100 years ago in most American states, and still later in most other nations, none but property owners and taxpayers were allowed to vote. One must still be a taxpayer to vote in some of our states on any question involving the spending of public funds. In most states until very recently paupers or others supported out of

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David M. Hall Is Seriously Sick

Bulletin

Friday night, Mr. Hall, long prominent in Jackson county, died at his home about 9 o'clock tonight. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edith Moore Hall, two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Dowdle and Miss Lela Moore Hall, two sons, D. M. Hall Jr. and Bobby Hall, his mother, Mrs. Hannah H. H. sister, Mrs. David H. Brown, one brother, L. C. Hall, and many other relatives and a host of friends. He was 52 years of age and a native of Webster.

David M. Hall, manager of the Sylva Supply Company and one of Jackson County's most prominent citizens, is seriously ill, at his home in Sylva. However, his condition is somewhat improved.

Mr. Hall is said to have been suffering from a severe diabetic condition and a carbuncle, on his neck.

DISCARD WILLETS STATION

Raleigh—Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne has signed an order authorizing discontinuing Willets railway station.

Willets was established as a station many years ago, replacing the original Halls Station, a mile west of Willets, when that location became more convenient for the use of large timber operations in the Balsam mountains.

GOES TO CITADEL

Charleston, S. C.—Cadet J. O. Buchanan of Cullowhee is a member of the largest freshman class to enter the corps of cadets at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, at Charleston, in the college's ninety-seven years history. When Cadet Buchanan reported to The Citadel, he was issued a uniform and assigned to the second recruit company. His roommate is J. Y. Blankner, of Orlando, Fla.

TO SHOW PICTURE OF AFRICAN MISSION WORK AT CHURCH

Mrs. B. L. Lockett, returned missionary from Africa, will show pictures pertaining to work of Baptist missionaries in Nigeria, on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the Baptist church here. Mrs. Lockett will also speak at the 11 o'clock service, Sunday morning. Miss Mary Curran, State leader of Baptist young people's work, in the Woman's Missionary Union, who, with Mrs. Lockett, is spending this week in work among the Baptist young people at Cullowhee, will also be here Saturday night and Sunday morning.

County Teachers Hear Madison

Mr. M. B. Madison, county superintendent, addressed the teachers of the county on "Successful Teaching Methods", at their September meeting, in the Elementary School building in Sylva, Saturday.

The next meeting will be on October 21st, at Cullowhee, and at that time, from 9:45 to eleven o'clock the teachers will observe teaching technique in the training school.

The Western Division of the North Carolina Education Association will meet in Asheville on October 14 and 15. It was announced at the meeting. An Encyclopedia Americana, offered to the school in the county maintaining the highest percentage of attendance last year, was awarded to Cullowhee school.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

The singing convention at the Baptist church last Sunday was well attended. The picnic dinner and the good singing were enjoyed by every one.

Mr. George Knight, Mrs. D. T. Knight, and Mrs. W. B. Farwell attended Quarterly Conference at Delwood Methodist church, Sunday morning.

Mrs. W. S. Christy and Mr. and Mrs. Finley Carson left Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Roy Duncan in Glade Springs, Va. Mrs. Christy will remain for some time; but Mr. and Mrs. Carson will leave in a few days for their home in Milwaukee.

Several families of tourists came last week. Others are expected this week. We are having delightful weather, cool nights and warm, pleasant days.

Mrs. Dorothy Bryson is staying with Miss Irene Raby, near Whittier, and attending Sylva High school.

Mr. Oze Horton has returned from a short business trip to Atlanta.

Rev. Aaron Bryson's apple orchard is full of blooms.

Mr. John T. Jones is having his orchard filled with good cats for his cattle.

We understand that officers captured two stills near here, Sunday.

JACKSON WOMEN WILL GO TO W. M. U. MEETING AT BOONE

Several women from the Truckee Association are planning to go to Boone to be present at the annual meeting of the Asheville Division, Woman's Missionary Union, which will be held in the First Baptist church of Boone, next Wednesday, October 5. The Asheville Division includes the seventeen western counties of the

Washington Thought Turns Toward War

ALLEY TO PRESIDE AT OCTOBER COURT

October Term of Jackson County Superior Court will convene on October 23, with Judge Felix E. Alley, Resident Judge of this judicial district presiding; and Solicitor John M. Gann presiding the original date.

The jurors chosen to serve during the term are:

- Clayton Hill, Sylva; Elliot C. Priddy, Cullowhee; T. J. Fowler, Hamburg; J. H. Sheek, River; Allen Buchanan, Green's Creek; Doyle Hooper, Qualla; T. L. Wike, River; J. B. Brown, Canada; G. K. Bess, Sylva; J. E. Roney, Sylva; Thos. A. Gann, Cullowhee; J. W. Huxley, Sylva; G. C. Gann, Sylva; Lee Dillard, Sylva; E. W. Fisher, Sylva; A. L. Harris, Canada; John A. Parris, Sylva; W. A. Hooper, Caney Fork; L. A. Buchanan, Cullowhee; L. B. Naton, Hamburg's Creek; McKinley Henry, Sylva; J. T. Shepherd, Sylva; S. B. Bingham, Cullowhee; Hal Gann, Green's Creek; Gola Green, Green's Creek; H. B. Pressley, Cullowhee; J. R. Dills, Dillboro; Alva Hutton, Hamburg; Neal Zachary, Oakley's Valley; J. H. Painter, Clay's Hill, Cullowhee; Verlin Buchanan, Cullowhee; W. T. Henson, Cullowhee; J. W. Bridges, Cullowhee; James A. Buchanan, Green's Creek; Geo. Hooper, Cullowhee; Homer Gann, Hamburg's Creek; J. H. Hooper, Sylva; Charles Edwards, Oakley's Valley; Thos. Hughes, Cullowhee.

GRAND JURY

- W. S. Gann, Willets; Tom Fisher, Hamburg; Geo. Gann, Hamburg; O. L. Jones, Sylva; Taylor Hooper, Qualla; Lee Buchanan, Green's Creek; C. A. Moody, Hamburg's Creek; Sam E. Fisher, Hamburg; S. B. Hooper, Hamburg; Norvan Buchanan, Canada; D. L. Cate, Willets; C. E. Wike, River; J. M. Foster, Dillboro; Kanyon Moody, Sylva; Sam Brown, Canada; J. J. Zachary, River; Nelson Buchanan, Green's Creek; Charlie Crawford, Green's Creek; S. E. Davis, Qualla; Lee Langford, Sylva; Lloyd Coggins, Hamburg; L. Sheek, Hamburg.

JACKSON-COOPER UNION CONVENTION SUNDAY

The Jackson and Coconino County Singing Convention will be held at Qualla school auditorium, Sunday, October 2, beginning at ten o'clock in the morning. All clubs, quartets and duets are invited to be present.

Washington, Sept. 29—It is impossible for Washington, both officials and the general observers whose business it is to keep their fingers on the pulse of the public and official movements, to keep from talking about war. War breaks into every department of public affairs and political strategy. It even overshadows the talk about the composition of the next Congress and whether the President or the Vice President will con-

Not necessarily is the war talk based on the belief, fear or anticipation that the United States will be involved actively in a war at any time in the future, but this country's position in the war which Washington now believes is certain in the near future is of the highest importance, from both the political and the economic point of view.

With hardly an exception, every one in Washington who understands the European situation or is in touch with the State Department is convinced that war is inevitable. As to when it will start there are different views of opinion. More think it will come next year than this, but they agree that an "incident" may occur at any moment to touch off the explosion of stored-up racial and national hatreds in Europe.

Those who predict an early war in any event point out that the internal economic pressure in Germany is threatening Hitler's prestige, and that he is the type of politician who would readily resort to a foreign war to divert his people's attention from their troubles at home.

This is one of the oldest tricks of people.

They are losing their hold on the political leaders who realize that the important question now is: What would American policy be if Europe goes to war? There will be great pressure brought upon Congress and the Administration, both from abroad and from within, to line up the United States with England and France.

There will be no such thing as true neutrality among the American people in the great emergency of Europe going to war. There will be a general outburst of sympathy, with some variant degrees of war enthusiasm, among all Americans.

Another sign which is being displayed with some anxiety by both administration officials and others is old age pensions. There have been reports that the Social Security Act's old age provisions, by broadening their scope to take in farm laborers and domestic servants and by beginning the payment of old age benefits earlier and on a more liberal basis than now provided. There is a very optimistic feeling in Washington about the business outlook, and predictions from official sources of a sharp rise in factory output and business turnover beginning in October.

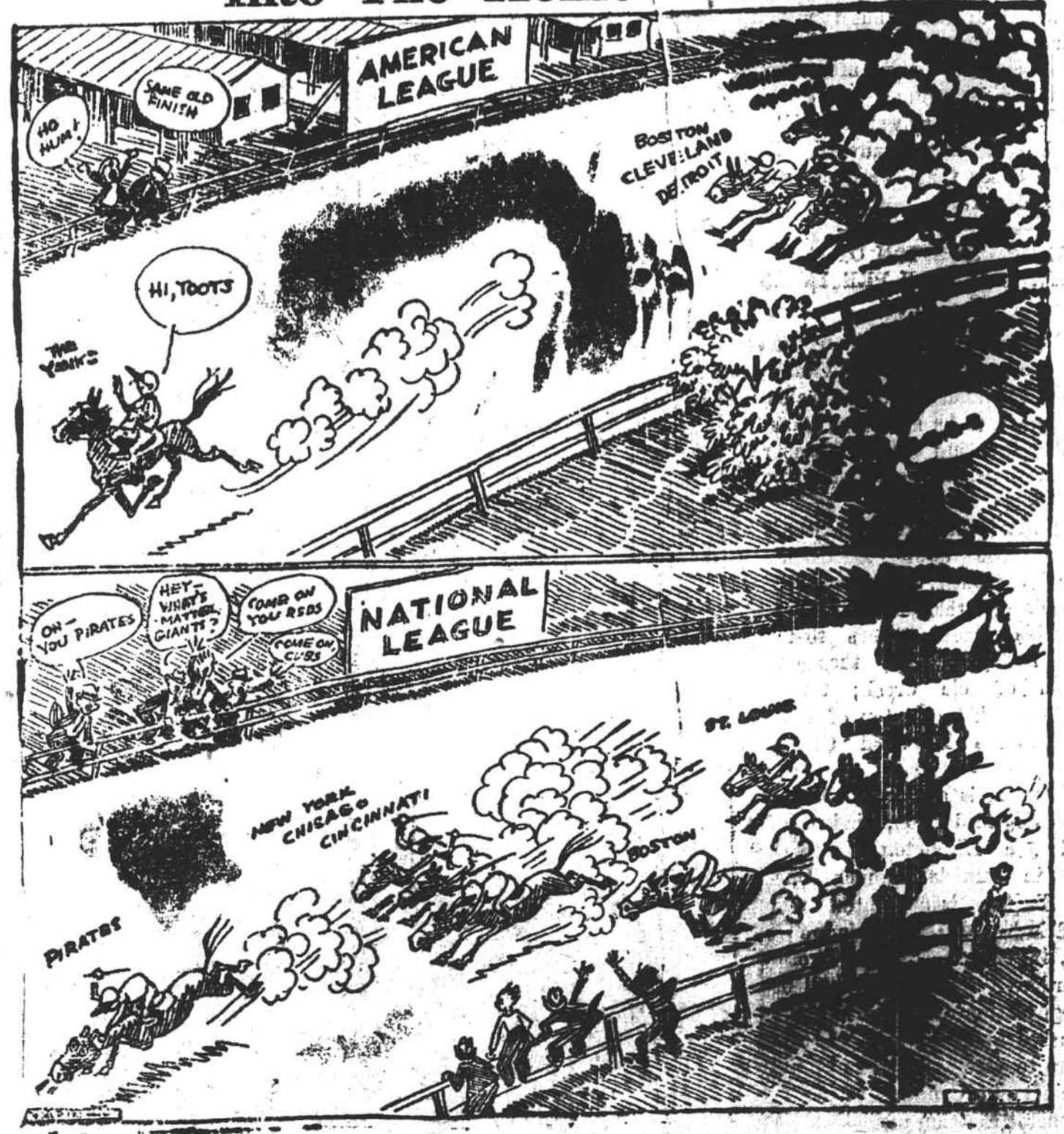
JONES FAMILY REUNION OCT. 9

The annual reunion of the Jones family will be held at the John L. Jones' (old Jones home) at Addie, on the second Sunday in October, according to Mr. J. T. Jones, the secretary. Mr. Jones stated that all relatives and friends are requested to come and bring a big basket.

REYSON CLAN TO MEET

The twenty second annual reunion of the Bryson family will be held at Scott's Creek Baptist church at Beta on next Saturday, October 1.

Into The Home Stretch



Mallonee Rites At Old Field

Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph Mallonee will be conducted at Scott's Creek Baptist church at Beta at two o'clock this afternoon, and interment will be in Old Field cemetery.

Mrs. Mallonee, a native of this county and a member of the Fisher family, one of the most prominent in the county, was 74 years of age.

Mrs. Mallonee is survived by her husband, by one brother, R. R. Fisher, of Addie, and by several nieces and nephews, and a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Mallonee had been in poor health for about two years.

Pallbearers will be her nephews and great-nephews, Paul Barker, John Jones, Herman Bolcan, Ben Fisher, Robert Fisher, Allen Fisher, Paul Fisher, Ben Fisher, Jr., and Fisher Sprinkle.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Rev. A. H. Bryans of Glenville preached at the Methodist church, Sunday morning, and at Olivet, in the afternoon. He is assisting Rev. McRae Crawford in revival services at Echota. He is a former pastor of the church at Qualla.

Mr. Charles McLaughlin and Miss Anna Ruth McLaughlin went to Cullowhee last week to enter W. C. T. C. for the ensuing year.

The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. J. E. Battle, Tuesday.

There was a Howell reunion at Mrs. W. J. Turpin's, on Sept. 11.

Robert Shelton has entered Lees McRae College.

Mrs. Hester Hoyle and Mrs. Mary Kinsland visited Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

Mr. Jim Wiggins of Whittier spent Tuesday night with his brother Mr. D. M. Shuler.

Mr. Oscar Martin and family of Bryson City and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson of Cherokee visited at Mr. J. C. Johnson's.

Mrs. Tyler Buchanan and Mr. De los Buchanan of Webster called on Mrs. J. S. Beck, Sunday. Mrs. Beck has been quite sick for several days.

Mrs. Roxana Carter of Greenwood S. C. spent last week with relatives at Qualla.

Mrs. A. C. Hoyle has returned from a visit with relatives at Smokemont.

Mr. D. C. Hughes and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bingham, Sunday.

Mr. Harry Martin is attending W. C. T. C., at Cullowhee.

Our farmers are very busy filling silos.