

Buncombe Dry Vote Raises Issue In State

With Buncombe county registering a majority of nearly six thousand against the establishment of ABC Stores, the wet and dry issue was brought squarely before the State again.

The control advocates have been trying ever since the 1935 General Assembly to get a foothold for the ABC stores in the great west. In every county in which an election has been held, west of Durham, the prohibition advocates have won victories. Mecklenburg and Catawba both turned thumbs down on the proposal, and several counties east of Raleigh voted against the control stores. The advocates of control pinned their hopes of getting a foothold in the west upon Buncombe. An election was called in Swain, just to the west of us, and the sentiment appeared so overwhelming against the control stores, that the board of elections called off the referendum. That left Buncombe still to vote, and city districts have always been more favorable to the legal sale of liquor than country districts. Asheville is grown to be a sizable city, and the ABCers had hopes there. The city failed to give anywhere near as large an ABC majority as they had hoped, and the country districts and smaller towns of Buncombe piled up staggering majorities for the status quo.

The dry line in the west remains intact. If it had been broken, the probabilities are that other western counties would have said "what's the use?" and would have established ABC stores in the near future.

But that is all in the past. Buncombe held the line for the dries. Any when it failed to crumble over there, the hope of liquor control anywhere in the west went a glimmering.

Not only that. The fight that certain western members of the General Assembly of last winter put up against beer and wine and against letting down the bars any further, and hard liquors, aroused much of the State, and the tremendous majority Buncombe piled up, leads many people to believe that these westerners were really speaking and voting the sentiments of the people of the mountains. That has given heart to the dries throughout North Carolina and has thrown a fear into the legal liquor advocates that it may not be long until the whole State will be given a chance to vote on the issue, and that when it does, North Carolina as a unit may return to the prohibition column.

At least that is the way the writers to the papers from Raleigh and other points where they keep their hands on the pulse of the people are interpreting the fight in the last General Assembly, and the Buncombe vote.

We shall probably hear much about this during the primary campaign next year, as the voters choose the officers for the State. The writers say that there is no doubt that the pendulum has begun to swing back toward prohibition, not only in North Carolina, but also in many parts of the country.

Russell Opens Offices

Dr. W. F. Russell has just opened his dental offices, over Velt's Cafe. Dr. Russell is well known in Sylva. He had offices here several years ago, and had a large practice, before removing to Asheville, where he has practiced his profession for several years.

Hyatt Reunion

The reunion of the Hyatt family, long of the most prominent in Western North Carolina, will be held at Recreation Island, in Bryson City, on August 6. Mrs. A. M. Bennett organized the reunion, and Mrs. W. A. Hyatt, of Waynesville, is president, and S. P. Hyatt, of Qualla, secretary.

Parris Family To Hold Reunion

The annual reunion of the Parris family will be held, on the third Sunday in August, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Jones, near the Parris old home place, about one mile from Dillsboro.

All relatives are invited to attend and bring baskets of dinner.

COUNTY'S YOUNG TROOP TO BOOKS

It was back to school today for most of the school children and teachers of Jackson county. All schools in the county opened, except those at Sylva, Dillsboro, Qualla, and Cullowhee. Sylva, Dillsboro and Qualla will open on Thursday, August 31, and the Cullowhee school will run with the college year, as usual.

Superintendent Moses has just returned from High Point, where he got three new buses for the county schools. Two were new buses, to be used between Olivet and Qualla, and at Webster, and one is a replacement, for use at Sylva. The county buys all new buses, and the State makes replacements.

A vocational agriculture teacher has been assigned to Glenville High school, and additions have been made to the manual arts department at Sylva, and in others of the high schools.

The first of the teachers' meetings of the year was held at Sylva last week, and the speakers were Prof. John S. Seymour, of Western Carolina teachers college, who spoke on "Needed Changes in Education"; and Dr. Willis A. Parker, who spoke regarding extension work.

PARKWAY IS ISSUE IN INDIAN ELECTION

A campaign raging about the Parkway through the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokees, is now on in full swing, with a primary to be held today. Fred Bauer, present vice-chief, and convention nominee or chief, is the leader of one faction, and his cousin, Jarrett Blythe, present chief, is the leader of the other.

Both Bauer and Blythe are members of a family that has been prominent among the Cherokees for generations. Blythe is a son of the late James Blythe, and Bauer is a son of Rachel Blythe Bauer, whose love match with Bauer, a prominent white man of Raleigh, won her the admiration of the State.

The convention, meeting on July 29, nominated Bauer for chief and Gene Thompson for vice-chief, on a platform pledging them to resist any attempt to exchange, sell or otherwise alienate any of the tribal lands for any purpose, and specifically for the parkway, and to not accept employment at the hands of State, county, or Federal Government.

Bauer, Jack Jackson and other members of the band have just returned from Washington, where they were more or less successful in blocking the Weaver Bill, which sought to grant powers of condemnation for the Parkway to the Department of the Interior, so that the road might go down Soco Valley from Soco Gap to the town of Soco.

DAIRYING GROUP TO RECEIVE AID

Raleigh, July 31.—Miss Isabella Moseley of Kinston, graduate in-home economics from the Women's College of the University of North Carolina, was today appointed dairy marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture to conduct a state-wide program looking toward the increased consumption of milk and dairy products.

Commissioner of Agriculture Walter Scott in announcing the appointment said that the dairy-marketing program of the Department will be launched with the support of the State Dairy Industry Committee, which is composed of representatives from the North Carolina Dairy Products Association, the dairy specialists at State College, the State Board of Health, and the three major dairy breed associations.

WALTER E. MOORE



Speaker of the House. Superior Court Judge. Advocate of Cullowhee College. Removed to Sylva from Webster, with Court House, in 1913.

SCROOP W. ENLOE



Industrial and business leader. With Harris enterprises for nearly half a century. President Jackson County Bank.

Small Farmer to Gain From 1940 AAA Program

A greater opportunity for small farmers to participate will be one of the most important features of the 1940 AAA program, according to E. C. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

Likewise, soil conservation will have increased emphasis, in view of the phenomenal progress during the past few years. As in other years, the responsibility of administration will continue in the hands of farmer committees.

An important recommendation made at a recent Washington conference which Floyd attended, and one which should help small farmers take part in the program, was that there be established a minimum soil-building allowance of \$20 per farm.

Another important recommendation would allow farmers to earn up to \$30 per farm for tree planting, in addition to the regular soil building allowance for the farm.

Floyd also said State and local AAA committeemen will have more responsibility for the field administration of crop insurance and loans. This is in line with the established AAA policy of decentralizing administration of the program wherever possible.

J. C. Allman Dies At Addie Home

FIVE JACKSON CLUB MEMBERS AT STATE

Five club members represented Jackson county at the 4-H short course held at State college in Raleigh last week.

Helen Higdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Higdon, of Webster, served as counselor for one of the dormitories while in Raleigh. Miss Higdon also took part in the radio program, in which time she discussed her trip to the National Club congress at Chicago. Miss Higdon was sent to the National Club congress as the food preservation champion of North Carolina.

Miss Irene Bryson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. June Bryson, of Sylva, and Clyde Queen, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Queen, of Sylva, the county health champions, took part in the state health program.

Pansy Dillard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Dillard, of Beta, who is preparing a room improvement unit for the state fair, also attended.

George J. Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lyman Stewart, of Glenville, who won second place in the state in horticulture last year, was awarded the trip to the short course by the Chilean Nitrate company for the most outstanding record made by a club boy in Jackson county.

These club members were chosen to make the trip by G. R. Lackey, county farm agent, Mrs. Mamie Swans, home demonstration agent, and H. R. Clapp, assistant farm agent, for their outstanding work.

STATE TO SELL CATTLE BUYERS

Raleigh, July 31.—Seeking to increase the export of North Carolina feeder cattle and to build a home market, the State Department of Agriculture in cooperation with county agents will circularize prospective out-of-state buyers of steers and heifers immediately, Paul L. Fletcher, livestock marketing specialist of the Department, announced today.

The initial list of cattle to be offered for sale represents 12,000 animals owned by 800 producers in Haywood, Buncombe, Madison, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties. Names and addresses of the owners, together with the type and quantity of animals offered, will be listed.

Fletcher estimated that the prospective-buyer list will include "at least three-fourths of the feeder steers suitable for export that will be offered for sale to state and out-of-state farmers this fall."

One, two and three-year old feeder steers will represent the largest number of animals listed, although some heifers will be offered.

"It is the hope of the Department and agents that the prospective-buyers list will make it possible for Eastern North Carolina farmers to purchase their cattle directly from their fellow Tar Heels in Western North Carolina, instead of having to go to Texas and other states," Fletcher added.

An additional aid in promoting the purchase of North Carolina cattle will be the issuance of periodic price reports through the state-federal market news service of the Department's markets division.

"This year," Floyd stated, "the national conference was held a month earlier than last. This will give farmers in 1940 a better chance than ever to know well in advance of the planting seasons what the program has to offer them."

Recommendations adopted at the recent national conference of AAA officials will be used for drafting specific provisions of the 1940 program. In general, it will continue along the same lines as the 1939 program. Changes recommended are those which will simplify administration and make the program more effective from the standpoint of soil conservation.

QUALLA

J. C. Allman, former county commissioner, and one of Jackson county's best known citizens, died, at his home, at Addie, at 11 o'clock, Tuesday night, following a long illness.

Mr. Allman, who was 63 years of age, was a well to do farmer, and a leader in the life of the county, for many years. He was a member of Buff Creek Baptist church, and of Unak Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

Funeral services will be conducted at Buff Creek today, Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Allman is survived by his widow, two sons, Harry and Joe Allman, of Sylva, six daughters, Mrs. L. B. Levenson, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Charles Bryson, Waynesville, Mrs. Fred Blanton, Darrington, Wash., Mrs. Ode Green, Mrs. Ernest Jones, and Miss Clara Allman, all of Sylva, and by other relatives and a host of friends.

called on Mrs. Hubert Blanton. Mrs. Terry Johnson, of Cherokee, visited Mrs. A. C. Hoyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Beck motored to Asheville last week.

Miss Wilma Hughes visited Mrs. Mr. G. T. Cooper, of Home, Ga., is spending a few days with relatives. His former home was in Qualla.

Mrs. H. C. Freeman, Mr. Claud Freeman and Miss Mae Freeman, of Neko, visited relatives last week.

Mrs. Will Thomas, of Asheville, is visiting at Mr. H. G. Bird's.

Mrs. General Rhodes, of Enka, returned home after a visit with Mrs. W. R. Freeman.

Miss Etta Kinsland who has taught in Duseith, N. D., for the past two years, is spending her vacation with

the week-end in Big Cove.

Mrs. G. A. Kinsland, Mrs. Frank Kinsland and Miss Etta Kinsland Burton Bumgarner.

Mrs. Jess Blanton and Mr. Hubert Blanton and family were guests at Mr. G. A. Kinsland's.

Mr. Chas. Ward and family visited at Mr. Newt Snyder's Sunday.

An all-day dedication service was conducted on the 4th Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Ben Cook, and members of the Shoal Creek Baptist church reported by Mr. Carl Hoyle was organized about 110 years ago.

Beside the pastor other ministers, mostly former pastors, who took part in the program were Rev. W. E. Conner, Rev. J. L. Hyatt, Rev. Chas. Owen, Rev. W. W. Anthony, Rev. Oscar Beck, Rev. Arnold Beck, beside talks by prominent laymen. Mr. Ezell, of Whittier, and Mr. Crawford, of Balsam, led the old folk's choir also singing by the Smoky Mountain Quartet with Mrs. R. C. Browning, of Bryson City, as pianist, and the Blanton quartet, of Willets. Several visitors were present. Dinner on the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shuler and little son, of Lynchburg, Va., Mrs. Claud Riddle and children, of Gray Court, S. C., and Mrs. Rufus Johnson and children, of Ela, are visiting at Mr. D. M. Shuler's.

Mrs. Alton Colcord, of Florida, and Mrs. Van Horne, of Pennsylvania, visited Mrs. C. P. Shelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Trull, of Bethel, and Mr. Wayne Ferguson, spent the week-end at Mr. H. G. Ferguson's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crawford, of Willets, called on Miss Annie Terrell Sunday.

Mrs. D. L. Oxner spent last week with relatives at Swannanoa.

Mrs. D. A. Martin who has been in Aston Park Hospital, Asheville, several days for treatment returned home Saturday. She seems to be slightly improved.

Misses Etta Kinsland and Annie Lizzie Terrell called on Miss Gertrude Ferguson Tuesday. Miss Ferguson left Wednesday to teach at Almond. Miss Kinsland left Thursday to resume school work at Duseith, N. D.

Mr. D. M. Shuler and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shuler went to Gray Court, S. C., Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes visited her son, Mr. J. M. Hughes and family. She is improving after a long illness.