

News in a Nutshell

By W. BRODIE JONES

NEW YORK, May 4.—Jack Scott, Jack Jr., and Mrs. Scott were at the Hotel Ansonia this week with the Boston Braves, who fought a four game series with the Giants at the Polo Grounds. It was a pleasure to see these Warren county folks. Lee Meadows, formerly of Oxford, now with the Philadelphia Nationals was at the same hotel, his club playing the Dodgers a series. The other day in Philadelphia, Scott told me, Lee knocked a home run on him with the bases filled. Both men are first-string pitchers and are in the class of old-timers.

Postmaster General Will H. Hayes speaking before the American Press Association at the Waldorf last Thursday said that New York handled twice as much mail as the Dominion of Canada. More than a million packages are handled here each hour. Mr. Hays paid tribute to the American Postal Service during the war, saying that this was the only country in which mail delivery was uninterrupted and in which the service did not collapse. His speech forecasted a realignment in Government agencies to end duplication and to properly coordinate related departments. He claimed that his department, the biggest business in the world, should be absolutely removed from politics and that merit should alone govern.

John McCormick, just back from Europe, is to give his only American recital at the Hippodrome Thursday night. The proceeds go to the Irish Relief Fund.

Freda Hempel gave a concert in the Far West last week which was heard thousands of miles away. Wireless stations in Honolulu, Point Loma, Magdalena Bay and points equal distances north, listened in. The wireless department of the San Francisco Call arranged the concert.

Lanky Kelly, firstbaseman of the Giants, is Babe Ruth's popular rival. Seven circuit wallops, one more than the King of Swat compiled, is the National player's record.

The Birth of a Nation is revived for a week at the Capitol Theatre. An orchestra of more than 100 lends the fervor which makes the Griffith masterpiece virtually breathe.

Percy Grainger, America's leading pianist, appeared at the Capitol last week. The person with whom I attended the show last saw Grainger when he sprang into fame in Germany. The story runs: The young American was studying music there before the war. One night at the principal opera of Berlin, the director failed to appear. He was alcoholically incapacitated. The management announced that the patrons could receive their money at the box office. Before a move could be made, Grainger, unknown except to the artist circle, said he could lead the orchestra. He did. The Berlin papers extolled the episode as American vim and initiative, paid high tribute to his artistic capabilities, and gave the incident the publicity which made Grainger's reputation. His appearance here called forth the greatest ovation the theatre had accorded any artist this year.

Columbia returns officially May 11 the visit of West Point cadets last month. The University gives a holiday. A steamer is chartered and a boat trip provided for students. Indications are that the outing is to be popular—there are few more beautiful scenic trips than that along the historic Hudson.

NEGROES NOT SHOT IN BACK, OFFICERS STATE

The statement in an Apex dispatch that the three negroes killed in a road near Paschall were shot in the back is denied by members of the raiding party, who are positive in saying that the dead men were shot in the left side. They feel that the statement does them an injustice in that it conveys the impression that the negroes were shot while running away.—News and Observer.

Mrs. Tom Rose, of Savannah, Ga., was in town Tuesday.

3 BIG STILLS ARE CUT UP

Federal Officers Swoop Down On Still Near Paschall, Kill Three Moonshiners in Pitched Battle Still Destroyed.

This community was astounded Friday morning to learn that a large Distilling Plant had been located just over the North Carolina line in Mecklenburg County, Va., and that United States officers had descended upon it in the early dawn, shot and killed three guards and driven off the remainder, wounding several in the running fight and destroying 28,000 gallons of beer and 125 gallons whiskey, and cutting up three copper stills and breaking up and burning seventeen Fermenters, boxes, etc.

This was the most complete distilling outfit ever captured by the Revenue Department. It was not only a large outfit, but was complete in every detail—even down to Gasoline Torches for operating at night, and brick furnaces under the stills. The capacity of the Plant was estimated to be over a hundred gallons of first class whiskey each day.

It was known to the Revenue Department that the notorious Baldwin Brothers were operating a Plant on a large scale, but each time it was located and the Department was ready to swoop down upon it, the bird had flown a day or two previously.

In this instance the Revenue officers had finally located the Plant and summoned their old and trusty officers and Friday morning at dawn had worked their way quietly to the scene, unsuspected by the pickets of the Distillers.

From information and the surrounding circumstances it seems that the pickets had been called in at early dawn to carry the night's "run" to waiting automobiles or storage barrels, and while absent from picket duty the officers got in between the whiskey "toters" and the Plant. They were discovered by the "toters" and fired upon and the firing became general between the retreating distillers at the Plant, the officers and the "toters." When the smoke of battle had cleared away, it was found that three of the "toters" had been killed, and, from subsequent information, several of the distillers.

The Department had sent down only experienced officers, armed with the best and latest weapons, knowing the desperate character of the gang operating the Plant. They knew that the Baldwin brothers had gathered a gang of desperadoes around them and were defying the Law and taking their lives in their own hands. They knew that they were heavily armed and would shoot to kill. Therefore when the firing commenced the officers shot to kill.

It was stated that the dead men were shot in the back; but this is denied by those who examined the bodies. They were shot in the side, coming out of the back.

When the Distillers ran off, one, who was recognized as Joe Baldwin, turned and took deliberate aim and emptied his gun at the officers, but without effect. The return fire evidently "got" Baldwin, for it is reported that he was badly wounded in the arm, having had the bone shattered and the flesh blown away. It is also rumored that several other members of the gang had to have their wounds dressed.

The location of the Plant is in Mecklenburg county, Virginia on the road leading from Warrenton to Cannon's Ferry, about a half mile to the right of the road in a valley. Much preparation had been made, an acre or more cleared off, bricked hauled in, furnaces erected, roads fixed and every preparation made for rapid and thorough work.

Hundreds of people gathered Friday and were amazed at the extent of the Plant; at the audacity of the Distillers; of the defiance to law and order. These crowds continued through Saturday and on Sunday officers O. B. Cook of Norlina and Special Agent H. M. Lewis of Henderson were on the scene and found three barrels of whiskey. They were unearthed and emptied.

Rumor has it that a Government Air Plane was seen to hover over this Plant a few days ago and fly off. It is probable that this method is to be used by the Government to spy out



these illicit outfits. Nine officers were in the raid and seventeen men were engaged in distilling.

The dead men were buried nearby, and Sunday were disinterred and taken to Apex after preparation for burial by Raleigh Undertakers and buried in the presence of a large crowd of negroes Wednesday.

The Government did wisely in sending experienced Revenue officers to destroy this Plant, otherwise much loss of life would have taken place, as both the officers and distillers were heavily armed, and prepared to take life.

No one in Warren is connected in any way with this illicit Plant, insofar as the identified dead, and wounded are concerned. The information is that the entire gang were from Apex community.

• WITH OUR ADVERTISERS

Warrenton Department Store Co.—Special in solid color gingham, Knox hats &c. See their ad.

Citizens Bank and Trust Co.—Half crop cotton in 1921 means full bank account in 1922.

Boyd-Gillam Motor Co.—Authentic figures from the Ford factory. Look for their ad.

C. F. Moseley—The Cash and Carry Store wants to see you. Look him up. Hunter Drug Co., for fine candies and fresh drugs.

C. D. Ray & Son—Building material and Hardware that stands the test.

P. Friedenburg has something to tell you. Look up his ad.

Hi-mo line Congestion Salve. See ad in this issue.

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Boyd-Gillam Motor Co.—Hood Tires quality wins.

International Harvester Co.—More price reduction. Read their ad.

Dr. Miles Nervine—"Why don't you try it."

Bank of Warren—Backward or forward, which way are you going?

Malvern H. Palmer wants you to dig up all your last year shirts. See his ad.

W. A. Miles Hardware Co.—Hardware and Screening.

State College of Agriculture and Engineering. Summer course June 14 to July 27.

Allen & Fleming Company. Read their ad in this issue. They have some specials that are specially good values.

White's Flour and Meal Mill—Cream of Warren flour. "The best—sells for less."

Hunter Drug Co., N. R. Tablets. They are alright.

Carter's Little Liver Pills—ask your druggist.

MISS BECK'S KINDERGARTEN

Miss Dora Beck who is teaching Kindergarten Class of the Mill Village delighted the parents of the children and several invited guests by the many evidences of careful training and improvement as well as skill in handiwork.

The evening was pleasantly spent and the entire occasion reflected great credit on teacher and pupils.

This is only one of many enjoyable evenings given by Miss Beck to her patrons and friends of the Mill Village, and gives evidence of much interest on her part and of hearty cooperation by the Mill Management and the parents.

The Municipal Election Passes Quietly

The town election under the direction of Mr. T. B. Gardner, Registrar, Mr. Joseph S. Jones and Mr. Joseph J. Macon, Judges of Election, passed off quietly.

The town of Warrenton will look to the following gentlemen for the next two years to give us the best and most prosperous years of our existence—years in which, let us all hope, that Warrenton will see its new Hotel completed and well patronized; the new school building completed and standing at the head of the State High School of the State; the pavement extended, the town placed upon the through route of the State Highway from Richmond to Raleigh; the roads leading to our sister towns on the east be connected with Warrenton and the road to Rocky Mount be completed. That our cotton and tobacco markets may expand their influence and establish the fact that Warrenton is the best market in which to trade, and Warrenton an ideal town in which to live and transact business. May our Churches wield a larger and sweeter influence in this community and may health, prosperity and peace and good will prevail.

May these and many more blessings be ours under the administration of the Town's affairs by

Messrs. Frank Gibbs, Mayor; W. G. Rogers, Frank Serls, C. R. Rodwell, H. A. Mosley, John G. Ellis, V. F. Ward and J. E. Rooker, and may Law and Order with good feeling prevail under the efficient care of Chief E. L. Green and his competent deputies.

Miss Drewsy Wilker Wins in Contest

A State Piano playing contest will be held at N. C. College in Greensboro, on May 14th. The North Carolina Music Teacher's Association offers a silver loving cup to winner in this contest. Each county in the State has the privilege of sending one contestant.

Saturday afternoon Miss Lillie Belle held a class contest. The contestants were Lucy Tucker who played Dreams, by Frysinger; Lucy Boyd who played Menuet by Paderewski, and Drewsy Wilker who played Mendelssohn's Hunting Song. Excellent work done by all three. The judges, Mesdames Dameron, Strickland and Gholson, declared Drewsy Wilker the successful contestant.

At the County Contest held at the High School auditorium Monday afternoon May 2nd, the judges were Mrs. Gholson, of Norlina, Mrs. Coleman of Macon, and Mrs. John Burwell, of Warrenton. Contestants were Miss Annie Joe Lancaster who played Caprice Celeste by Trayer; Miss Josie Rodwell, of Macon, who played Godard's 2nd Majorca and Drewsy Wilker who played Mendelssohn's Hunting Song. The Judges chose Miss Drewsy Wilker to represent Warren county in the State contest.

The playing of all three contestants deserve special mention and shows that the aim of the contest, namely to arouse greater interest in music and to create higher standards, is being attained. Mr. W. N. Boyd has offered a medal to the Warren county contestant if she wins the cup in the State contest.

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Marriage of Very Popular Couple

Macon, April 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Dillard's home in Simpson, N. C., was the scene of a quiet wedding this morning, when Miss Pauline Newell, of Macon, became the bride of Mr. Jasper Edwards, of Simpson.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. D. Newell Clerk of Superior Court of Warren county, and is also a graduate of East Carolina Teachers Training School, Greenville, N. C. On account of sickness in her family she could not be married at home.

Mr. Edwards is a young, progressive farmer of sterling character. He has lived in Pitt county all his life and is favorably known and liked by everybody.

The bride was attractively gowned in a dark grey coat suit with hat and veil to match. The groom wore a dark blue suit.

The parlor was decorated with ivy and potted plants. The bride and groom stood under an arch made of ivy while the minister stood in front of a bank of ferns.

The bride and groom entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengren's Wedding March played by Miss Myrtle Moore, who is also a graduate of East Carolina Teachers Training school. During the ceremony melody of Love was softly played.

After the ceremony the bride and groom left for Norfolk, Richmond, Philadelphia, and other northern cities.

Before coming back to Simpson they will spend a few days with the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Newell, of Warren county.

They will be at home after May 10, 1921, at Chicod, N. C.

Names of the Dead "Moon Shiners"

The News and Observer's Apex Correspondent throws light on the names of the unidentified dead killed in the battle between the United States Revenue officers and the whiskey distillers on last Friday early morning near the Virginia line in Mecklenburg county. It develops that they were Apex negroes and bear the following names: LaFayette Forney, son of a preacher; D. W. Rodgers, a fugitive from justice, and Mark Harris.

These men were buried near Paschall soon after the Coroner's Jury of Mecklenburg county, Virginia, came to its verdict; but Sunday relatives from Apex had the bodies removed to Raleigh and prepared for burial.

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COUNTY COM. IN SESSION

Commissioners Meet Monday, Conduct Routine Business and Send Important Letter to The State Highway Commission

The Board met Monday, all members present.

In addition to routine matters the following is of interest:

Ordered that Typhoid Vaccination be made for the County during the months of August and September.

Ordered that the Finance Committee meet on the 16th of May for final settlement with the Sheriff.

Resolved that the Commissioners seriously object to the plan for State Roads as laid down on the official Map posted at Court House door, and ask a hearing.

The Board adjourned to meet May 9th, 1921 to open bids for the Fork Road bonds.

The following is the text of the letter addressed to the State Highway Commission by the Board, and mailed by Special Delivery May 3rd:

North Carolina, Warren County. In the Commissioners Court Monday May 2nd, 1921

In Re Official Map of Highways To the Honorable The State Highway Commission, Raleigh.

Gentlemen:—

I hereby certify that the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Warren county at its regular meeting held on the 2nd day of May, 1921, all members being present and voting therefor:—

"Resolved that we do not endorse and that we are earnestly opposed to the proposed routing and general scheme of the State Highways as laid down on the 'official Map' posted by the State Highway Commission at the Court House door of this County.

"Resolved 2nd— That we respectfully ask a hearing by the State Highway Commission and by Hon. John Sprunt Hill, member from this Road District, in order that the views of the people of Warren County may be made known to said State Highway Commission.

"Resolved 3rd.— That our sole purpose be and is to give to the people of Warren county the greatest degree of service, and at the same time be a factor in linking up both State and National Highways with the principal towns and County Seats of this State."

C. C. HUNTER, Chm. County Board of Commissioners Warren County, North Carolina. J. A. DOWTIN, Clerk.

I, J. A. DOWTIN, Clerk County Board of Commissioners of Warren County hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions were duly and regularly adopted by said Board at its regular meeting, May 2nd, 1921.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County Board of Commissioners of Warren County. This May 3rd, 1921.

J. A. DOWTIN, Clerk.

ARCOLA ITEMS

Farmers are most through planting cotton in this section now.

Miss Ethel King, of Macon High School is at home now with parents after a successful year of school in that place.

Messrs. Richard Conn, George King and Eugene Odom attended the commencement at Macon the 28 and 29 of last month.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John O'Reilly on May 1st a daughter, Margaret Mae.

Mr. Alvin Shearin and Miss Ethel Capps, both of Hollister, were happily married last Sunday.

Miss Lula Hunter, a teacher of Vaughan, is at home now with parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hunter.

Mrs. Beaufort Scull is spending several days with her sister Mrs. T. A. Cooper, of Raleigh, N. C.

Miss Emma Duke, of near Manson, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Duke.

Miss Elizabeth Davis, of this place had the misfortune of losing a fine mule last week, "Peggy."

With many good wishes to the Warren Record and its many readers.

MAE BLOSSOM.

