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## N. C. EDITORS MEET AT BLOWING ROCK

### Midwinter Session to be At Pinehurst; Savory Cup Won by "Vass Pilot"

The editors of North Carolina held their fifty-first annual meeting at Blowing Rock last week, and no meeting yet which the editor of this paper has been privileged to attend, has been held under more delightful conditions. Blowing Rock located on the top of the divide of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is on the State Highway between Lenoir and Boone, twenty miles from Lenoir and ten miles from Boone. Leaving Selma on the through train recently put on by the Southern, we reached Hickory about 6:30 Wednesday afternoon. The larger part of the newspaper crowd had reached Hickory by noon and had been extended special courtesies by the Hickory and Lenoir people en route to the "North Carolina's mountain roof garden" as characterized by the Lenoir News-Topic. Only eight descended from the afternoon train but the welcome accorded them by Hickory was no less cordial. Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce presented the editors with Hickory walking canes as souvenirs, and provided automobiles for the forty-three mile trip in the mountains. The grandeur of the scenery softened by the mellow light of evening is beyond description. And after the shades of evening had closed around us, the wonders of nature were still more beautiful as we watched the moon play hide and seek among the clouds until finally a dark mantle entirely obscured its light, and we enjoyed the beauty and fascinating charm of an electric storm in the distance.

Mayview Manor, convention headquarters, entirely fulfilled our expectations. Built entirely of native material stone quarried from the mountain sides, lumber cut from near by forests, chestnut bark siding, a typical product of the section, the place was indeed picturesque. The inside finest of the hotel carried out in the idea of the lovely exterior, chestnut being used for all the woodwork, and the furniture made of chestnut, carried out the same design.

Amidst such beautiful surroundings it was impossible not to have a successful press meeting. But the scenery was not all of it. A pipe program had been prepared from which those present gained inspiration for their work. The first day was featured by the president's address out of which grew the adoption of a code of ethics for North Carolina newspapers. The place for the midwinter meeting was also selected and Pinehurst was the unanimous choice. A part of the program was an address by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Washington and Lee University, who delivered a most beautiful eulogy on Robert E. Lee in presenting the proposed memorial to Lee in the establishment of a school of journalism at Washington and Lee.

Mr. J. F. Hurley, orator of the association, was also on the program and the evening closed with various songs and stunts.

The election of officers and the awarding of the Savory Loving Cup were outstanding features of the second day's program. Mr. J. B. Sherrill, who for two years has been president and who was secretary for around a quarter century before then, was again reelected but declined to serve any longer. Mr. Charles A. Webb of the Asheville Citizen was then elected president. Miss Beatrice Cobb, editor of the Morganton News-Herald was made secretary again no one else even being considered, and to her office was addressed the duties of treasurer. Other officers elected were: first vice-president, A. C. Honeycutt, of The Stanly News-Herald, second vice-president, H. G. Broxton, of the Kinston Free Press; third vice-president, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, of The Smithfield Herald; orator, J. L. Horne, Jr., of the Rocky Mount Telegram; poet, J. P. Rawley, of High Point.

The loving cup was awarded "The Vass Pilot." The Smithfield Herald and The Hertford County Hertford came in for honorable mention.

A banquet, the courtesy of Mayview Manor, closed the program of the day. The theme permeating the toasts was North Carolina and certainly every one who was present caught a vision of the wonderful

## STILL CAPTURED IN INGRAMS TOWNSHIP

### Successful Raid Made By Local Officers Sunday; Hunter Johnson Arrested

Deputy Sheriff J. D. Stephenson, accompanied by United States Revenue Officer J. J. Batten, of Smithfield, and Messrs. J. H. and Tom Massengill, of Ingrams township, made a fruitful raid in the Juniper Swamp near the old Webb mill in Ingrams township early Sunday morning and returned by the noon hour with a thirty-gallon copper still and Hunter Johnson, a white man, under arrest.

Johnson was met by the officers about 100 yards from the still which was running at full blast. When arrested and taken to the still Johnson denied any knowledge of the outfit. But a subsequent search of his premises disclosed signs of brewing. A barrel was found in an out house which was wet with beer it had recently contained, and at the still three barrels of beer were destroyed and four gallons of whiskey confiscated.

Johnson was taken under arrest to Smithfield but was released under bond given by Jasper Lassiter. Trial of the matter will be heard in Tuesday's Recorder's court.

## PROF. AND MRS. CAMPBELL GONE TO EUROPE

Prof. J. A. Campbell, principal of Buie's Creek Academy, accompanied by his wife, is en route to Europe where they will visit England, France, Scotland, Belgium, Germany, Sweden this summer. They have been given the trip by former pupils of Buie's Creek, churches and friends. They expect to return to New York about August 13.

Mr. Campbell has informed us that there were thirty-nine pupils at Buie's Creek from Johnston County last year, Johnston leading all the counties except Harnett. The school has had many improvements added recently, among which are a new forty-five room dormitory for boys, a new fireproof library building, and a deep well which furnishes excellent water. All these will be ready for the opening of the fall term, September 4th.

## S. S. Class To Have Picnic.

The members of the Volunteer Wesley Class of the Centenary Methodist church and their families will have a picnic at Holt Lake Thursday afternoon. The party will leave town about three o'clock and a camp supper will be served at six o'clock at the lake.

## Rector-Powell

A wedding, beautiful in its quiet simplicity, was solemnized Friday night at the home of Mr. A. A. Powell, near Smithfield, when his sister, Miss Hannah Powell, became the bride of Mr. William B. Rector of Rocky Mount.

An improvised altar was arranged in the beautiful grove beneath the rustling leaves of the stately oaks. The only decorations for the occasion was the diamond-studded sky above and the soft silvery rays of the beautiful June-night moon. At nine o'clock Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of Centenary Methodist church of Smithfield, took his place by the improvised altar. To the strains of Nature's sweetest music the bride and groom made their exit from the house and took their place before the minister. The ring ceremony was used, and was made unusually solemn and impressive by the stillness and beauty of Nature. Only a few close relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adin Powell. She is a graduate nurse and has made her home in Rocky Mount for several years. The groom holds a responsible position with the Coast Line Railroad as dispatcher at Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. Rector board Red Coast Line train No. 82 at Selma for an extended honeymoon trip in the mountains of Virginia. After July 1 they will be at home in Rocky Mount.

resources and possibilities of the Old North State. Mr. W. C. Dowd of Charlotte made a most gracious toastmaster.

On Saturday a number of the editors were guests of the hotel management on a trip to Linville.

## CITY OFFICERS GET MORE WHISKEY

### Ten Gallon Keg Located in Garage of J. E. Lewis; Lewis is Arrested

J. E. Lewis, a Greek who resides in Smithfield and has control of the Busy Bee Cafe at this place and an interest in a chain of cafes scattered throughout Eastern Carolina, came within the shadow of the "Big Stick" Saturday last, when at 9 a. m. his dwelling and out houses were raided by officers Chief C. R. Cable and Deputy Will Stevens for bootleg whiskey. The officers reported that his dwelling house had nothing of the appearance of a dispensary of beverages but a neatly dug little cellar, well secreted under the floor of his garage had another tale to tell. Prying up the floor, which formed a sort of a trap-door to the cellar, the officers spied a ten-gallon keg which they found to be full of a sorry grade of "sugar marce" to use a term in the vernacular of the blockaders.

Immediately following the find Lewis was arrested. He made a statement to the officers to the effect that he knew the stuff was there. He got it last fall from a negro whose name he did not know and who a little later left the State. He had it stored away to tide him along through Christmas festivals, etc. The officers are of the opinion that the stuff has recently been brewed and stilled, as it to their trained sense of smell appears to be sweet and fresh.

Lewis has been suspected and shadowed by prohibition officers for several months but by always assuming a very high standard of citizenship he has been able to thwart the officers in this effort to implicate him according to their suspicion. The newly launched crusade against the venders of whiskey in and around Smithfield has thrown new suspicion around him, and it was the following up of this cue that led to the fruitful raid of his premises and his arrest.

His release was secured by a \$2,000 bond which was signed by his wife and W. Ransom Sanders until Tuesday morning, June 26, when the matter will be tried in the Recorder's Court.

## ANOTHER ARREST ON WHISKEY CHARGE

Since the arrest of one Henry Boyd several weeks ago on the charge of selling whiskey near the brick yard the vigilance of the officers has borne fruit and other arrests have been made. Yesterday a warrant was sworn out for Clifton Beasley, who is a partner in a business just across the river, on the charge of selling whiskey. He was placed under a \$1,000 bond for his appearance in Recorder's court today. His father, C. W. Beasley stood his bond.

## SIX BROTHERS IN SOUTHERN SERVICE

### Massey Brothers Make Remarkable Record in the Service of Railroad

A story of interest both from the standpoint of uniqueness and from the fact that we know the characters, way commission has adopted a change Southern News Bulletin. The achievements of a Johnston County family, six sons of the late D. Franklin Massey, furnish the theme for the story. We herewith reproduce the account as published in the Bulletin.

A Southern Railway family of six brothers, with a combined service record of one hundred and ninety years, is shown in the group picture presented herewith. They are the six Massey boys, John, Pat, Dick, Murray, Herbert and Will, sons of the late D. Franklin Massey a North Carolina farmer. Their individual service records range from forty years for the oldest to eighteen years for the youngest, and all except the youngest have been in the service for twenty-five years or longer.

The father of the six Massey boys died when they were quite young and the responsibility of rearing the family rested largely upon John, the oldest son. He had entered the service of the Richmond & Danville at the age of 16 years and at the time of his father's death had learned telegraphy. As each of his five brothers reached the proper age, John taught him telegraphy and secured for him a position with the company. As a result of his efficient training, none of them has ever had to hunt for jobs. They have all developed into self-respecting men, and are faithful loyal and valued employees. In addition to training his own brothers for useful careers with the Southern, John Massey has the distinction of having trained twelve or more other men who now hold responsible positions with the Southern. The service records of the six Massey brothers are given in detail as follows:

1. John Massey, agent at Clayton, N. C., was born at Princeton, Johnston County, N. C., January 11, 1867. He learned telegraphy at Princeton and entered the service of the R & D as operator and billing clerk at Goldsboro, N. C., in November, 1883. The late Captain W. H. Green was superintendent at that time. He was transferred to the agency at Clayton in June, 1887, to the agency at Selma, N. C., in March, 1890, and in 1896 was made relief agent. In November, 1904, he was promoted to agent at Clayton, where he has been employed since. Total length of service, 40 years.

2. Patrick Henry Massey, agent at Wilson Mills, N. C., was born in 1869. He entered the service in 1884 as operator at Princeton, N. C., and subsequently was transferred as operator.

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## GOVERNOR CALLS DISTRICT ELECTION

### Allsbrook Resigns To Enter Race And Donald Gilliam Is Appointed

Raleigh, June 23.—After he had called an election in the Second Congressional District for November 6 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Claude Kitchin, Governor Morrison accepted the resignation of R. G. Allsbrook, of Tarboro, solicitor of the second judicial district to become effective July 21 and appointed Donnell Gilliam, of Tarboro, to succeed him. Solicitor Allsbrook resigned to devote his time to his candidacy for Congress.

The call for the special election was made by Governor Morrison in compliance with the resolution of the Democratic executive committee in session Wednesday of this week when the committee decided in favor of a primary as against a convention as a means of determining the will of the Democratic voters of the district and set the first Saturday in October as the time for the primary.

The resignation of Solicitor Allsbrook, according to advices from Tarboro, was offered the Governor following a meeting of the Solicitor's friends in his office in Tarboro yesterday morning. At that time Solicitor Allsbrook issued a statement in which he announced formally his candidacy for the Democratic Congressional nomination and explained that his resignation was tendered in order that he might freely devote his energies to his candidacy.

While no word has been received from Judge John H. Kerr, also a candidate for the Democratic Congressional nomination, it is regarded as likely that he, too, will resign. The only other candidate developed in the district thus far is N. J. Rouse of Kinston.

## TWENTY-SEVEN DEATHS FROM HEAT IN OHIO

Columbus, Ohio, June 22.—Five more deaths due directly or indirectly to the hot weather were reported in Ohio yesterday, bringing the total of those who have died from heat causes in the State since Monday to 27.

The only hope for relief held out by United States Observer Alexander here was for the Lake Regions; it may be cooler there today, he said.

Maximum temperatures for the season were reported from all sections of the State today. At Tiffin, it was 97. Upper Sandusky reported 95 1-2. The Columbus maximum was 93.

## Prayer Meeting At Baptist Church

The usual mid-week prayer meeting will be held tomorrow evening at the Baptist church at 8:15 o'clock. Mr. J. W. Stephenson will conduct the services.

Everybody is cordially invited.

## FREIGHT WRECKED AT RIVER BRIDGE

### Twenty-three Cars Derailed; Traffic Blocked for More Than 15 Hours

One of the worst train wrecks seen in this section in a number of years occurred at Neuse river bridge, two miles south of here yesterday morning about 5:30 o'clock when twenty-three cars of a north bound freight were derailed. The train carrying forty-eight cars was loaded with lumber and kaolin, the biggest part of the freight being lumber. The track was torn up for a thousand feet, and fully twelve hours were required to clear the wreckage so that traffic could be resumed. It was nine o'clock before the wreck train was on the scene and it took hard work to put even one track in shape for travel by nine o'clock last night. Officers stated that it would require a week to reload the lumber and remove all signs of the wreck.

Trainmen were too busy yesterday opening up the way to make any investigations as to the cause of the wreck but official information stated that it was not due to any defect in the track.

Trains No. 83, No. 80 and No. 89 detoured via Goldsboro yesterday. Short trains were operated from Rocky Mount and Fayetteville to points near the scene of the wreck, and passengers and baggage transferred by means of automobile.

## AVIATOR KILLED WHEN PLANE FALLS IN BAY

Pensacola, Fla., June 22.—Lieutenant Charles B. Burke, Jr. of Knoxville Tenn., a naval aviator, died tonight as the result of injuries received several hours previously when a seaplane he was piloting went into a tail spin over Pensacola Bay and crashed from an altitude of 1,000 feet into shallow water. He never regained consciousness.

Alexander Powell of Pensacola and Marion Agkowski of South Perick, Mass., enlisted men who were flying with Lieutenant Burke suffered injuries and are in the naval hospital. Powell sustained five broken ribs.

Lieutenant Burke, an instructor, was flying a new H-S plane for the first time.

## ORPHAN'S HOME WILL BE BUILT IN STATE

Burlington, Vt., June 21.—The Junior Order, United American Mechanics in biennial convention here adopted a resolution authorizing the establishment of an orphan's home in North Carolina similar to that already existing in Tiffin, Ohio. North Carolina has offered a site for the home and a grant of \$250,000 towards the cost of construction. Selection of the site was left to the national board of officers of the order.

Joseph D. Tunison, of New York, was elected national councillor. Tom Waters of Philadelphia, vice-councillor, and J. W. Wilmuth, of Washington, D. C., secretary.

## Forty-Gallon Still Captured

Thursday morning, June 21st, about eleven o'clock, Messrs. J. D. Stephenson and C. I. Pierce captured a forty-gallon copper still and complete outfit on the land of Mr. J. K. Beasley in the southern part of the country. One and a half gallons of whiskey and a barrel of beer were found and poured out. The officers found several barrels, buckets, funnels, one rifle and a few other things at the still which was in operation.

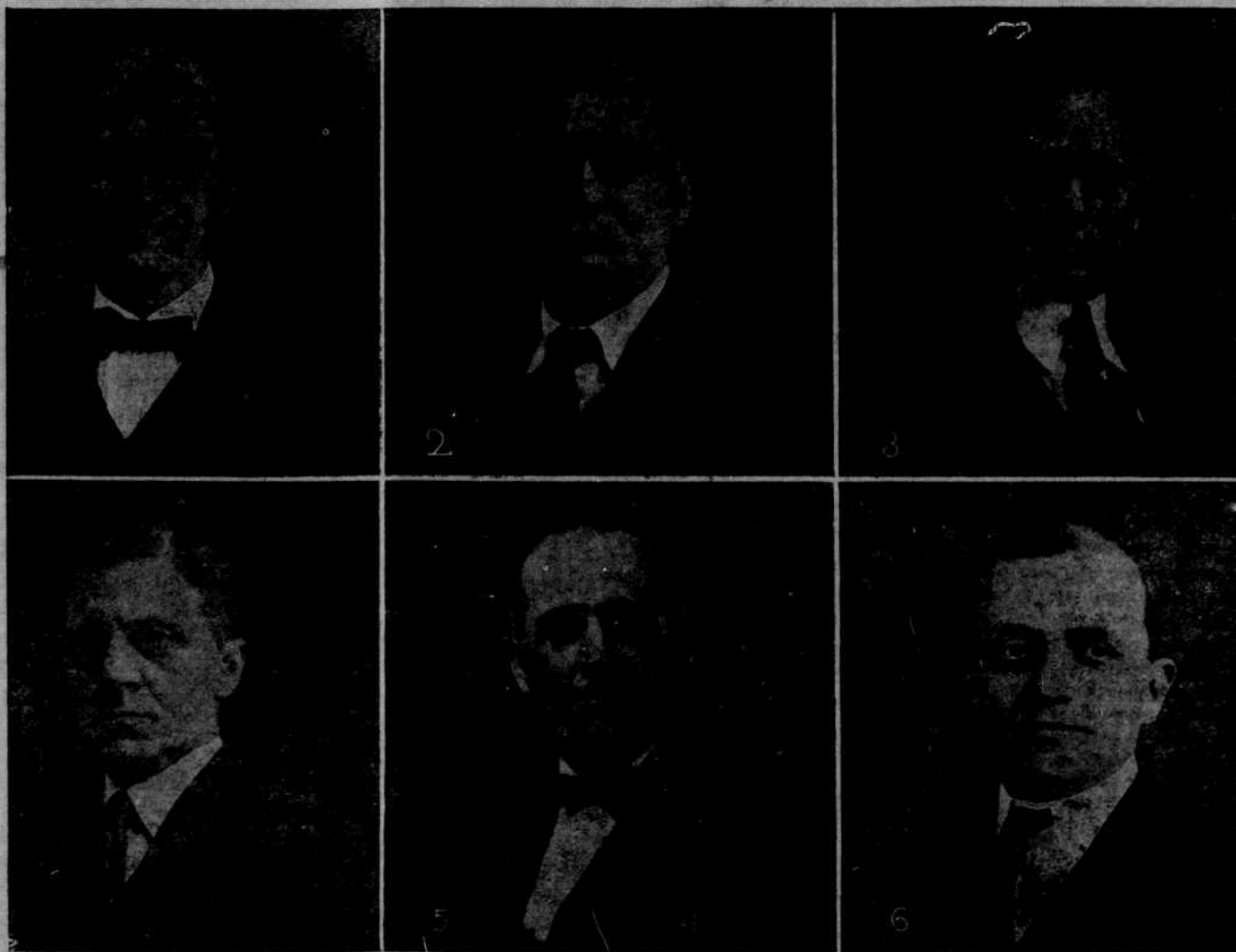
When Messrs. Stephenson and Pierce were about thirty yards from the still, they saw four men at work, but they ran and made their escape. It was said that the grounds around the still looked as if the still had been in use for several months. No arrests have yet been made.

## No Prayer Meeting At Presbyterian Church

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. R. Woods, who is out of town this week, the usual mid-week prayer service will not be held at the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dupree Sunday, a son, James Morgan.

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