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FAKE MESSAGE FOOLS OFFICERS

Sheriff and Deputies Go on Wild Goose Chase While Liquor Goes Through Town is Report.

One or more loads of Georgia liquor got through Franklin and reached their destinations Monday, as a result of a clever ruse on the part of rum runners.

That is the opinion of Sheriff C. L. Ingram, of this county.

It was Monday afternoon, with the town packed with Independence Day celebrators, when the sheriff's office received a telephone call. A serious automobile wreck had occurred on the highway between Franklin and the Georgia line, about six miles from Franklin. One man was killed. Such was the information that came over the phone from a person who failed to give his name.

A wreck on July 4 was a not unlooked for occurrence, and the sheriff loaded his deputies into a car, and sped toward the scene of the wreck. Six miles, seven, eight, nine, finally 10 miles were traversed, and no evidence of a wreck. On to the state line the party went, still seeking a wrecked car, and its dead and injured occupants.

Inquiry, later, at the home of J. W. Addington, whence the mysterious call came, revealed the fact that a stranger got out of a big car, asked permission to use the telephone, and called the sheriff's office.

The rum-runners, hidden in a side road somewhere south of Franklin, telephoned the false report in order to get the officers out of town, and out of their way. Once the officers' party passed their hiding place and rounded the next curve, the runners sped to and through Franklin, unmolested, and on east toward Asheville, with their load of high-priced liquor.

That is Sheriff Ingram's opinion. But the sheriff's office, while frankly admitting a defeat, at sunset reviewed the day's work, and pronounced it good.

For two men and 50 gallons had been taken at day break on the bridge across the Little Tennessee River, on the edge of Franklin—captured after one man had attempted to wade the river, only to return to the bank, and the officers, arms, when he reached his depth; a still had been captured, and 500 gallons of beer poured out; and the officers, on their ill-advised trip to the Georgia line, had met Georgia officers at the state boundary and conducted a raid at that point—a "depot" point, in the opinion of Ingram. Only a small quantity of the stuff was captured, however. It was buried in the ground, on "no officer's land," the point where North Carolina and Georgia meet.

Fighting the liquor runners who pass from Georgia through Franklin and east toward Asheville is a matter of matching wits, Ingram says, and, he added philosophically, "you can't expect to win all the time."

Speculation As to Future Of Local Rod & Gun Club

Considerable curiosity is being manifest here as to the future of the Onteora Rod and Gun club, a concern chartered in Delaware, with an office in New York, and with its hunting and fishing club about five miles west of Franklin.

Voluntary bankruptcy proceedings were instituted, and the concern was adjudged a bankrupt at Wilmington, Del., just in time to avoid having its personal property here sold by local creditors. There is a belief on the part of some persons that the bankruptcy proceedings were instituted simply as a method of forestalling sale of the club's property, and that liquidation will not occur.

There is the feeling that the club has spent too large a sum of money—for improvements on property leased from the Onteora Estates, Inc., for advertising through the national magazines, and for other expenses—to liquidate, if that can possibly be avoided. For most of this expenditure can come back into the hands of the incorporators, it is pointed out, only through the final success of the club. By liquidation, they stand to lose everything—and their creditors to gain little.

Since his last visit here some months ago, Mr. Dale has begun publication of a magazine, Trail, Net, Stream, and Green, which is said to have a wide circulation among sportsmen.

ATLANTA MAN BADLY CUT

With three cuts, about eight inches each in length, along his back and side, W. W. McMillan, 36, of Atlanta, was brought to a local hospital Monday morning from Mountain City, Ga., where he received the wounds. They were said to have been inflicted by a razor, in the hands of an assailant whose name was not learned here.

McMillan was attending a dance at Mountain City, which began shortly after midnight. About 3 A. M. he left the dance hall, and a short distance away was cut up. The origin of the trouble was not learned.

While he was seriously cut, McMillan will recover, it was predicted at the hospital.

The injured man is connected with the McMillan Produce company, of Atlanta, he said.

Nineteen persons were arrested in Rabun county Monday by Sheriff Luther Rickman in connection with the trouble, it was learned here late Monday.

RACHAEL DAVIS PRAISES MACON

Miss Rachel Davis, of Highlands, ably represented Macon county at the chapel exercises of the Cullowhee State Normal school, where she is attending summer school, on Wednesday morning. Students of the summer school spoke concerning their various counties and states. The school has drawn its attendance from forty-nine counties and seven states. The enrollment of the summer school, which is 356, is the largest in the history of the Normal, and indicates the progress made since the recent program of enlargement was begun.

Miss Davis spoke as follows: "Macon county is one of the Western North Carolina Counties, and is about 72 miles west of Asheville. It has mountains more than 5000 feet above sea level. Except on the high tops which we call "bald," there is a dense growth of timber. Near Highlands there is the wonderful primeval forest of 1,000 acres. In this forest is found more species of timber than any other forest in the world; there are oak, hemlock, birch, cherry, chestnut, maple, poplar, North Carolina pine, locust, hickory, rhododendron, mountain laurel, ash, boxwood, dogwood, lynn and mountain magnolia. Here the largest wild cherry tree in the world grows. It is estimated that there are 3,000 feet of board lumber in this one tree. There is an abundance of water power. It has been said there is "enough to turn the spindles of the world."

Highlands and Franklin are two great summer resorts. Highlands is the highest incorporated town east of the Mississippi River.

Schools Open July 25th

The county schools in Macon county will begin a new year's work on July 25, or in less than three weeks, it is announced by County Superintendent M. D. Billings. And that date is just a week later than the schools ordinarily open.

The later opening date was made necessary, according to Mr. Billings, by the fact that summer schools, at which many Macon county teachers are in attendance, opened a week later than usual.

A county-wide teachers' meeting is called by Mr. Billings for Saturday morning, July 23, just prior to the re-opening of the schools on Monday morning.

Shook Predicts Cotton Mill

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shook, of Gastonia, formerly of Macon county, are here spending their vacation. They are visiting Mr. Shook's father, R. M. Shook, and Mrs. Shook's father, C. G. Mincey. Mr. Shook, who has been in Gastonia for six years, holds a responsible position with one of the textile mills there, being overseer of the finishing department of the Loray Mills of the Manville-Jenks company.

Mr. Shook is anxious to see a cotton mill locate at Franklin and states that the company where he is engaged is soon to bring two more branches of their Pawtucket mills to the south. Other companies of New England, according to Mr. Shook, are fast moving to the south where labor conditions and climate are more favorable than in New England. Mr. Shook predicts a cotton mill for Franklin within two years.

MACON COUNTY MOVES FORWARD

Pioneer in Education County Improves Standards—All Teachers Now Hold Standard Certificates.

Macon county, in which the first North Carolina summer school for teachers was held, and the first county in North Carolina to have a compulsory school attendance law, is still making progress along educational line.

During the coming school year, every teacher in the schools of the county will hold a standard certificate, it has been learned from M. D. Billings, county superintendent of public instruction. This means that no teacher in the county's public schools will receive a salary lower than \$65 per month.

In fact, in many cases where schools last year paid their teachers \$45, they will pay \$90 this year, Mr. Billings said.

This is not the result of a sudden influx of money into Macon county; but of the demand of school authorities and the people for qualified teachers.

The rapid improvement in the school standards in the county, incidentally, probably, will make the matter of financing the schools, a problem, temporarily. The reason for this, explained by Mr. Billings, is that the county's apportionment from the equalizing fund for one school year is based on the school expenditures for the school year two years previous. Thus, this county's share of the equalizing fund for 1927-28 is based upon the county's school expenditures of 1925-26. Since that time, there has been considerable normal increase in the cost of the schools, in addition to the increased cost incident to a raised standard.

For the coming school year, this county will receive \$40,143.53, as compared with \$33,101.19 last year. The former figure is based upon an equalized valuation of \$7,721,250.

Officers Active

Four men, 54 gallons of whiskey, 500 gallons of beer, two automobiles, and one copper still were taken by the sheriff's department at or near here July 3 and 4.

Sunday morning, officers gave chase to a car containing five men. They threw 11 gallons of whiskey out of the car in East Franklin, one of the men jumped from the car and took to the woods, and the car wheeled, and turned south. Three of the five men finally got away. Those arrested when the capture was made gave the names of Clayton and Rogers, of Jackson county. They made bond of \$200 each.

About daylight Monday morning, officers took J. H. Parris and B. Owen, of West Asheville, their Chevrolet automobile, and 50 gallons of whiskey. The capture was made on the bridge, over the Little Tennessee River, on the outskirts of Franklin, after Parris had unsuccessfully attempted to elude the officers by wading the river. Parris and Owen were put in jail here.

Monday afternoon, officers of Macon and Rabun counties met at the North Carolina-Georgia line for a raid. Only three gallons of liquor was found. It was buried in a hole, just on the state line.

The other raid was on Walnut Creek, about 11 miles from Franklin. A complete copper still was found, and about 500 gallons of liquor was poured out. The distiller made good his gettaway.

J. S. Gray's Show

Mr. J. S. Gray of Smith's Bridge township has evidently decided to go into the show business and as a starter has captured a six-foot king snake which he was proudly exhibiting in Franklin last Saturday. When it was suggested that he take the snake out of its box and wrap it around his neck, Mr. Gray flatly balked. In fact he showed a decided antipathy to becoming a snake charmer. When the snake was captured Mr. Gray did his charming with a pitchfork. During the snake's stay in town Homer Mashburn quickly drummed up a passenger for his taxi and journeyed into the country, it is said.

BIG GATHERING OF JUNIORS

One thousand members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics are expected to gather here July 28 for a program and old-fashioned picnic dinner.

The local lodge, Cullasaja Council No. 158, will act as host. The members, wives, and friends of the 12 other lodges in the district are invited to attend. The district is composed of six counties—Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Swain, Jackson, and Macon.

National officers of the order are expected in Franklin to make addresses. This feature of the day's program will be held at the Macon county courthouse.

The day's real feature, however, according to Councilor J. H. Stribling, of the local council, will be the picnic dinner and informal good time.

The local council is seeking the make the affair so successful, and to stir sufficient interest, that it will be possible to make it an annual event, to be held at Franklin the last Thursday in each July.

In the evening, the council will hold its regular meeting, and that, too, it is expected, will be attended by a large number of visiting members of the order.

League To Entertain State President

Every woman in Macon county is cordially invited to be at Red Cross Hall in Highlands a mid-day on Monday July 11, to join in welcoming Miss Gertrude Weil, president of the North Carolina League of Women Voters and to share in a picnic lunch which will be served at 12:30 o'clock. ALBERTINA STAUB, President Macon County League of Women Voters.

Garbage Cans Placed

As part of its avowed program of making Franklin a clean town, the Board of Aldermen which went into office a few weeks ago has placed automatic garbage cans along Main street. This expenditure, town officials believe, will simplify considerably the task of keeping the street clean.

The matter of a clean Main street, a subject of much discussion, appears to be largely solved, the board having started a program of frequent washing and regular sweeping. It has also had the street marked off for center parking, with a one-hour parking limit in the most congested section.

The problem of clean back-alleys and vacant lots has been handled by the authorities in this manner: Notice has been served that owners who fail to keep such property clean will have to pay the cost of having it cleaned up by the town. So far, however, the town authorities have made no move in this direction.

That will be the next step, it has been stated.

West's Mill Items

Cowee and Needmore tied-up in base ball at Needmore Saturday eve, July 2.

Both teams employed every effort to win the victory.

Needmore has a good team. Two of the best Cowee players were absent. The score was 5 and 5. Two additional endings were added but it remained tied.

It is thought Cowee would have beaten had all their players been present.

CORRECTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S PAPER: Cowee won in base ball over Sylva, Saturday eve, June 25. The score was 20 to 7.

Household Hints and Some Anecdotes

It is a settled fact that most cooks need a fireman.

Brown sugar is found to be useful in making sea-foam candy.

A young man asked a young lady to marry him. The lady replied—"Oh! Don't surprise me! The young man said—"Better a surprise than suspense."

It has been said that 90 per cent of the men of America are looking for girls with long hair.

A young lady engaged in making fudge for her sweetheart forgot the chocolate and butter.

That old-fashioned girl who used to bring in her apron full of apples from the orchard might have been the grandmother of the modern flapper, who shingles her hair and wears men's breeches.

Thieves entered a home a week ago and carried away a broom, washpan, and milk bucket. The mistress had not yet missed these implements.

CAMP TAUKEETAH OPENED JULY 1ST

Large Number of Girls in Attendance—Camp Greatly Improved—New Cabin To be Built—New Girls Initiated Tuesday Night.

Camp Taukeetah, one of the two local girls camps, opened for the season July 1 with the largest attendance in its history. Including the councilors there are 38 in attendance, with girls registered from Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Virginia. A new cabin was added to the camp last year and to properly accommodate the increased attendance another cabin will soon be built. The lodge has been greatly improved as has the dining room. Miss Olive Patton, the owner, has also made improvements at the lake.

According to one councilor the camp activities have begun with a rush, 25 new girls being initiated into the mysteries of camp life Tuesday night. A camp orchestra has also been organized and is making excellent music, while the unusually warm days have kept the swimming instructor and her assistant busy at the hours set aside for aquatic sports. The girls at the camp are seriously considering the advisability of publishing a weekly camp newspaper, it is said.

Among the councilors are Miss Lois Briggs, Waynesville, Dancing; Miss Elizabeth Causey, Greensboro, Music; Miss Katharine Hardaman, Greensboro, Swimming; Miss Loretta Sparrow, Hawkinsville, Ga., Dramatics; Miss Mary Jane Wharton, Greensboro, Nature Study; Miss Alice Carmichael, Greensboro, Celestial Study; and Miss Maude Merriman, Greensboro, Health. Miss Elizabeth Paylor, of Virginia, is also a councilor. There are likewise several junior councilors, among whom are Misses Lilian Houk, Douglas Long and Hazel Stamps.

50 Gallons of Whiskey And Too Much Water

J. H. Parris, of West Asheville, was "in deep water," literally and figuratively, Monday morning about day-break. On the bank of the Little Tennessee River, at the bridge, were the officers, ready to arrest him for transporting; before him was deeper water.

Apparently he couldn't swim. At any rate, when he had gone to where the water came around his chin, in an effort to escape, he turned around and waded back to the bank—and to the officers.

He was taken in connection with the capture of 50 gallons of liquor—in five 10-gallon kegs; a Chevrolet roadster; and another occupant of the car, B. Owen, who also gave his address as West Asheville. The capture was made on the bridge early Monday morning by Sheriff C. L. Ingram, Deputies Frank Norton and Fred Cabe, and Chief of Police Robert Henry. The car was coming from the direction of Georgia, headed east, the officers said.

When the car was stopped, Parris jumped off the bridge and made for the water, only to return after he reached a point where the water was chin-deep.

The officers found an ugly looking gun—a German luger—in the car.

Cunningham-Smart

The marriage of Miss Bertha Hortense Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham of Franklin, to Mr. Wilson P. Smart, also of Franklin, at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon July 2, was a surprise to their friends. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few close friends and relatives of the contracting parties by Rev. Roten, pastor of the M. E. Church at the parsonage near Franklin.

The bride was dressed in a becoming traveling suit of blue.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a week's honeymoon at Chimney Rock, Mt. Mitchell, Lake Junaluska, and other points of interest, after which they will be at home in Franklin.

The bride was a member of the faculty of the Morganton City schools, Morganton, N. C., the past winter. Her efficiency as a teacher is recognized throughout the state.