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NAB SMATHERS IN THE BALSAMS

R. M. Coffey Heads Macon County Posse That Captures Outlaw—Has Epic Struggle in Cabin.

Hanging out in the Balsams for about a week a man who does not want his name mentioned succeeded Monday in locating Ed Smathers, charged with killing Deputy Sheriff Claude Green of Jackson county. Smathers was located at the home of Parrish Swanger who lives about a mile and a half from Balsam station and within the same distance of where Green was killed. Deputy Sheriffs R. M. Coffey, Fred Cabe and Derrell Ashe, all of Macon county, arrived at Swanger's home about dusk Monday night and watched the home until 1:30 Tuesday morning. The officers stated that Smathers and those in the house with him appeared to be holding a drinking bout, consequently before entering the building they waited for Smathers to get pretty well under the influence of liquor. At 1:30 the officers, seeing a man entering the house with a suitcase, followed closely at his heels and immediately attacked Smathers who is reported to have been sitting before the fire. After a fierce struggle in which it was necessary to strike Smathers with a blackjack Smathers was subdued and placed in handcuffs. Smathers is reported to have made no confession relative to the shooting of Green. However, he did beg the officers to blow out his brains with a pistol.

Smathers wounds were dressed and placed with the officers to drive the car over a cliff in order that his life might be ended. After his wounds were dressed Smathers was later carried to the jail at Asheville.

In addition to Swanger and his family a man by the name of Odell Barnes is reported to have been present at the time of the arrest. Neither Swanger nor Barnes made any attempt to assist Smathers in the struggle. During the effort to arrest Smathers a lad, said to be about 16 years of age, knocked the lamp off the table throwing the room in semi-darkness. After the arrest it was necessary for the officers to drag Smathers about 100 yards to the car, since he refused to walk.

Nantahala Locals

Mrs. Nannie Grant of Graham county, is here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Grace Grant.

Odus Lee of Graham county, was a Nantahala visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Fred Day went to Clay county Saturday on business.

Glen West of Graham county, passed through Nantahala Sunday enroute to Bryson City.

Prof. C. R. Roper of Oak Dale, and Raleigh Roper of Briartown, were Nantahala visitors Sunday.

J. B. Lee of Graham county, passed through Nantahala Saturday enroute to Bryson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley W. Grant and children were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lee of Graham county Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Grant went to Andrews Friday for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Kilpatrick and daughter, Inez, of Gastonia, who have been visiting relatives here for several days returned home Sunday.

Mrs. N. T. Wood made a trip to Graham county Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Grant of Flats are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Haney here this week.

Frances, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley W. Grant who has been sick for several days, seems to be improving slowly.

Moore Loses Case

Before Magistrate John E. Rickman last Saturday the case of H. N. Moore vs the cannery was heard. Mr. Moore was suing for salary claimed to be due on a contract for a year as operator of the cannery. It will be remembered that Mr. Case took the place of Mr. Moore before the year expired. The case was decided against Mr. Moore who has appealed to the superior court.

Drive For Membership

Cullasaja Council Junior Order has again started their annual game of increasing their membership.

Councilor J. W. Street says that the members who do not attend the meetings now are playing a losing game as the Council confers degrees every meeting night.

Small Mountain Creamery Furnishes Excellent Market

(By F. H. Jeter)

An excellent example of how a creamery may serve the farmers of a section by providing a market for their surplus cream is afforded by the Nantahala Creamery at Franklin in Macon county, states F. R. Farnham, dairy extension specialist of State college, assigned to work in the western part of North Carolina.

Three Years Old

Largely through the efforts of Mr. Farnham, this creamery was established about three years ago as a branch of a larger organization at Asheville. It struggled along in an average way until about one year ago when it was purchased by A. B. Slagle, a resident of Franklin, and some other citizens of the county. When Mr. Slagle took over the plant as manager, 13,000 pounds of butter were manufactured the first month. After a year of operation under the new management the creamery produced 24,000 pounds of butter during the month of August and has been producing around 22,000 pounds a month for the past two or three.

Cream for the manufacture of this butter is now supplied by the farmers of Clay, Cherokee, Jackson and Macon counties with some additional coming from over the Georgia line. Mr. Farnham states that the cream is assembled at 21 different stations in the several counties, under a new plan called the modified assembly station method worked out first in the south at this creamery. The farmers bring in their cream to a central point in the community and

its daily rounds to collect.

Cream Comes Fresh

As a result, the cream comes to the plant fresh and cold and the creamery is now making butter which has led the state in quality during the past year. Over 90 per cent of the output is sold in Asheville, said to be the most discriminating butter market in the trade. Four big dealers take nearly the entire output and report that their customers will hardly accept any other butter. The reason for this high quality, states Mr. Farnham, is that the modified assembly plan puts the cream into the plant on the same day as delivered by the farmers. Then, too, in summer there are no wild onions on top of the Blue Ridge mountains to affect the quality and taste of the butter. Third, he states, on account of the altitude and abundance of cold spring water, most of the cream is sweet when delivered and thus makes a high quality of good butter.

Top of Blue Ridge

Mr. Farnham states that this is the first and only creamery on top of the Blue Ridge in North Carolina and that it is growing to such an extent that new equipment and larger quarters will soon become necessary. The creamery has the fine support of all the county agents at work in the southwestern corner of North Carolina, especially Lyles Harris, county agent of Macon county, who is assisting the local farmers with their production problems. At a farmers' picnic in Franklin on August 30, sponsored by the creamery officials, over 250 patrons gathered to discuss dairy farming and to hear addresses on the subject by experts from the State college faculty.—Charlotte Observer.

Hunting License Here

Hunting licenses are now on sale in the county. The state department of conservation and development has established certain places in the county where hunting licenses may be purchased. These stations are located at Franklin, Highlands and Rainbow Springs—the county agent's office at Franklin, Dr. E. R. Gilbert at Highlands and Ritter's commissary at Rainbow Springs.

Gabrels and Family Leave

R. C. Gabrels who has been representing the Taylor-Colquitt company here for the past nine years left with his family Tuesday for Greenwood, S. C., where he will represent his company. Mr. Gabrels states that he has never served his company in a place where his dealings with the public were more pleasant than at Franklin. He took occasion to praise the citizenship of both Franklin and Macon county.

Revival Meeting

A revival meeting is now in progress at Clark's Chapel with preaching each day at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Everybody is invited. Rev. Mr. Strickland is the pastor.

MEAD REACHES AGREEMENT WITH ANDREWS

Contract to Buy Andrews Power Plant was Expected to be Signed Wednesday—Mead Has Other Power Properties in View.

R. M. Mead, president of The Juppole Public Service Corporation of Cleveland, Ohio, J. H. Smith, general manager of this corporation for the South, and Attorney Alfred Barnard of Asheville, Secretary and counsel to the same corporation, met at Andrews, N. C. September 7th with the power commission and board of aldermen of Andrews and reached an agreement for the purchase of the municipally owned power plant of that city. At this meeting the power commission and the board of aldermen passed a joint resolution accepting the offer of Mr. Mead for the purchase of the plant. Such is the news brought to Franklin Friday afternoon by Mr. Mead who was on his way to Clayton, Ga., on an important matter of business. Friday Mr. Mead met with the town board of Bryson City to discuss the purchase of the power plant owned by that city.

Mr. Barnard was expected to return to Andrews Wednesday to agree on some important details and to draw up a contract between the corporation he represents and the town of Andrews which contract it

voters of Andrews for approval or disapproval. While the price agreed upon between Mr. Mead and the town of Andrews was not made public it is understood to be somewhat more than the original cost of the plant.

It will be well remembered that a short time ago Mr. Mead's company purchased the municipal power plant of Franklin. An election to approve or disapprove the action of the town board of Franklin has been called for September 25.

It is understood that Mr. Mead has still other power properties in view located in Western North Carolina and in Northern Georgia and that he is planning extensive development in this mountainous section.

Garden Club

A Garden club was organized last week at the home of Mrs. Fred Johnston. The twelve charter members are Mesdames McGuire, Harris, Jesse Sloan, Ann Sloan, Fred Johnston, Mangum, John Rice, Devareaux Rice, Jess Conley, Hudson, Gilmer Jones and Miss Mary Willis.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Major Harris; vice-president, Mrs. McGuire; treasurer, Mrs. Jess Conley; secretary, Mrs. Mangum. Committees were appointed on constitution and by-laws and membership.

The object of this Garden club is the encouragement of amateur gardening and improvement of lawns in the city, the exchange of seeds and plants among members, and mutual helpfulness in the discussion of gardening methods.

Garden clubs have become so popular over the state and elsewhere that we feel that we must get busy too and do much work along these lines. A flower show is already being planned for next summer.

The Garden club will motor Thursday to Waynesville to attend the Waynesville Flower show.

Bounties

To the Assistant State Game Warden and County Warden:

"By order of the Conservation Board, the following bounties have been ordered paid during the months of October and November, 1928:

Cooper's Hawk 25c; Sharp-shinned hawk 25c; Crow 15c; kingfisher 25c; Wildcat \$2.00.

"Claimants for the above bounties will present the whole form of the bird or wildcat, or the heads thereof, to the county game warden of his county, who will certify to the Raleigh office that the claim is correct. The claimant in all cases will receive payment directly from the Raleigh office, through the county game warden. Assistant state game wardens and county wardens are requested to give as much publicity to the period of time for which the bounty is payable as possible.

"C. H. ENGLAND, State Game Warden.
Approved: WADE H. PHILLIPS, Director."

Rumor Exploded

For sometime now there has been a rumor going the rounds in Franklin that R. M. Mead who has contracted to buy the municipal power plant of Franklin is the same man who recently erected a paper mill at Sylva and that he is buying Franklin's plant as a source of power for the paper mill. R. M. Mead authorizes The Press to state that he has no connection with the paper mill at Sylva and that he has no other interests excepting that of hydro-electric power. Mr. Mead also states that in the event he succeeds in buying other plants in Western North Carolina all the plants will probably be hooked together so that all towns concerned will be assured of continuous power. Industrial plants, says Mr. Mead, do not like to locate at a place where only one source of power is available. In this case, if anything happened to the power plant, the industry might be out of business for a considerable period of time.

Oak Dale Honor Roll For Second Month

1st Grade: Eva Cope, Lucinda Bryant, Harvey Roper.
2nd Grade: Guss Baldwin, Willie Bryant.
3rd Grade: Nina Clappitt, Gertrude Roper.
4th Grade: Harve Bateman.
5th Grade: Robert Wild, Troy Swafford, Verlie Cochran, Kate Roland, Ida Bryant.
6th Grade: Kermit Bateman.
7th Grade: May Belle Bryant, Clyde Bateman.

Oak Dale News

appointment at Oak Dale church Sunday afternoon. His sermon was very interesting and enjoyed by a large congregation.

Miss Alice Cunningham who is teaching at Oak Dale school, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Charles T. Ray has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gilmer Setser, who lives on Cartoogechaye.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wild and children, Everett and Oluf Tool, of Granite, Okla., are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bryant and family were visiting Mr. Bryant's brother, Mr. Grady Bryant, Sunday.

Misses Dorothy and Florence Ray who are in school at Franklin, spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud Wild visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drinion Sunday.

Miss Vergie Clappitt has been visiting Miss May Cochran who is at Mt. Holly.

Mrs. Erwin Tallent and May Belle Bryant visited friends on Cartoogechaye Sunday.

We are glad to say that out of three girls of our school who took the examination at Franklin two passed.

Higdonville Locals

Misses Grace Berry and Ruby Corbin who passed the eighth grade entrance examination at Franklin, are going away to school. Miss Corbin has already enrolled in the Franklin school and Miss Berry will enter Cullowhee High in a few days.

Sickness in our community has let up some. We understand that Rebecca Crisp, daughter of Eddy Crisp, is improving after an operation. Billie Corbin who has been very sick with scarlet fever, is improving.

Miss Joyce Jacobs who was out of school several days last week, on account of sickness, is able to be on duty now.

Mr. Ray N. Moses left Monday to attend Elon college.

Miss Kate Moore left Sunday to begin her senior year at John B. Stetson University in Florida.

The play "A Poor Married Man" which was postponed on account of sickness among the characters, was finally presented Saturday night with a patched up cast of characters. It was highly enjoyed by those present.

Lester Tickled Pink

No, Pink is not the name of a girl, but Lester Henderson is tickled just the same. He and Harold Sloan recently went down to Atlanta and other places in quest of goods for the S & L store. They found everything under the sun, according to Lester, and bought most everything they saw. Consequently Lester's responsibilities have been active ever since he came home. The goods purchased are beginning to arrive and Lester is placing them on display. He claims that he has the largest variety of toys and holiday goods ever to come to Franklin. In this issue Lester has half a page ad telling the public about the new goods.

PRIMARY ENDS IN BIG ROW

Absentee Ballots Under Lock—Executive Committee to Decide Whether They Will Be Counted.

The Democratic Primary ended here Saturday at sundown with charges and counter charges of crookedness. The tension at the voting place in Franklin for Franklin township became so acute as the polls closed that the judges decided to place the absentee ballots under lock and key to await a decision as to whether these ballots are to be counted. W. A. Norton, chairman of the Democratic executive committee has called a meeting of the committee for Monday, September 17, to take action on this matter. News from Otto, the voting place for Smith's bridge township, indicates that the tension there was no less than in Franklin. Not only the sheriff but nine deputies are reported to have been present at Otto.

While the final results will not be known until the meeting on the 17th instant the count as it stands at present indicates that Sheriff Ingram was renominated. J. A. Porter was successful in his race for representative against Dr. W. A. Rogers, Dock Barnard, J. O. Harrison and J. A. Parrish were apparently nominated for commissioners, while Horace Hurst was renominated for register of deeds. If the absentee ballots are counted these results may be changed. It is said that the judges at Franklin were intimidated and were con-

ballots. In fact, report says that these judges were practically told by the henchmen of one candidate what they must do and what they must not do. One candidate claims that 1600 Republicans in the county voted in the Democratic primary. More than one township polled more votes than are registered as Democratic in the townships concerned. Many Democratic leaders in the county admit that the party has slight show of carrying the election in November. They state that the row not yet at an end will result in the defeated faction's voting the Republican ticket.

BIG TEN CREAM PRODUCERS AUGUST

Earnest Dills	\$92.34
C. L. Ingram	76.80
Leonard Horn	62.31
D. W. Love	62.23
E. W. Howell	59.08
E. N. Keener	55.11
C. W. Henderson	53.11
J. C. Ferguson	52.94
W. M. Parrish	49.43
T. N. Norton	45.64

Average 60.905
Or over \$2.00 per day! Sure it's worth while.

Football News

All candidates for the football team at Franklin high were summoned last Friday for a meeting and practice on the grade. Answering the call were about twenty-five boys, who came with a determination to make the team. The team this year will be much lighter than the one of last season, but all indications point towards a fast and scrappy team. It is gratifying to see so many boys out and there will be some six or seven who will report Monday for practice.

There will be thirteen members from last seasons squad to be seen in action every afternoon. Their names appear as follows: Crawford, Henry P. McCullum, Stewart, Thomas, Wilkie, Young. These are the letter men who are regulars from last year. The others are Jones, Barnard, J. McCullum, Dalrymple, Hauser, Kenaday, Sutton.

A goodly number of boys whose names do not appear above will be on hand to take part. Just because it is a boys first year does not necessarily mean that he will be a substitute or cut off the team. The team will be dependent upon those boys who come out regular and the interest and work that they set forth for their respective positions. We want two good teams this year in order that we may be able to have a scrimmage among the boys.

The first game will be on the home field the 22nd of this month with either Hayesville or Bryson City. Both of these teams have been practicing and is expected to put up a stiff fight. We hope that there will be a big crowd to help our boys win. The complete schedule will be announced in a few days.