

# THE EAGLE

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### Editor Eagle.

Mrs. Jessie Hoover, who has been sick for several months, died at this place Thursday morning and was taken to the Maxwell cemetery Friday for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Lat Young, of Newdale, was visiting Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Robinson, Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Autrey and children, of Harvard, was visiting her mother, Mrs. C. A. Caraway this week end.

Our township officers are moving around for the general election on November 4.

Messrs. Lee Boone and Alton Silvers and Miss Maude Boone, of Bountford, were the guests of Miss Bell Caraway Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bailey and children, of Toledo, N. C., and Mrs. B. E. Gardner of Burnsville, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Robertson Sunday.

Mr. Edna Caraway of this place, made a business trip to Bountford Sunday.

Mr. Dock Gibbs was over from Marion Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibbs.

Messrs. Tom Westall and Joe Gibbs, from Simpson Place, were visiting friends at this place Sunday.

### SHORTLY.

### Packer Smith in Prison Two Years After Sentence.

Two years and three months after he was sentenced to serve three years in State Prison for violation of the "Blue Sky" laws, Packer Smith, Asheville promoter, began his term in Central Prison here this week.

Smith was convicted in Buncombe County Superior Court in July, 1928, of selling stock in the Jax Pax Stores Corporation, a chain grocery organization, in violation of the State laws governing sale of such securities. Evidence in the case was worked up by the State Capital Issues Department of the Corporation Commission of which I. M. Bailey, now attorney for the commission, was director at the time. The conviction was the first of importance under the new securities laws and was hailed as demonstrating the teeth in the laws.

But Judge Hoyle Sink, who tried the case, made his judgment conditional, suspending the three-year sentence upon two conditions upon condition that the prisoner pay back to stock purchasers the sum of \$19,000 and serve only one year.

Smith went to work to raise the money, but found it not so easy as anticipated, and at the expiration of the date set by court for payment, applied for and obtained a reprieve from Governor McLean through Pardon Commissioner John Bridges. In turn he obtained three other reprieves, the second signed by Governor McLean himself and the third by his private secretary, W. W. Linnister. During Governor Gardner's administration two reprieves were obtained by Smith, one being handed through Executive Counsel N. A. Townsend and the last through O. M. Mull, who succeeded Mr. Townsend.

"This every man who ever held the office of Pardon Commissioner, or as it became later, Executive Counsel, handled in some manner the case, as Judge Sink, the first Pardon Commissioner, resigned that post to go on the bench as Special Judge. Smith, who went to Louisiana after leaving Asheville, finally succeeded in raising \$10,000 of the \$19,000, but all the purchases of stock were not satisfied with the state of affairs, protests came into the pardon office, against further extension. The last reprieve expired on October 15, and yesterday a statement was issued from the Governor's office through Executive Counsel A. H. Graham stating that another reprieve had been denied. Raleigh News & Observer.

### The Boys Are Buried.

An immense crowd of Yancey county people—estimated at 1500—last Monday morning attended the last rites for Burton Hensley and Woodrow Wilson, youths who were found lying in the waters of a cypress swamp near Memphis, Tenn., last week. The funeral services were held at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, and the bodies of the two youths, victims of a murder that is still surrounded in a mystery, were laid to rest in graves side by side.

Rev. J. L. Reynolds, of this city, and Rev. Mitchell conducted the funeral services.

The youths were found in a swamp in Arkansas, near the Mississippi River, with fractured skulls. Their bodies had been dragged into a cypress swamp and would have been consumed had not the discovery been made a short time later. Both were alive when found but neither regained consciousness.

The sorrow stricken parents and families have the sincere sympathy of their many friends.

The 144 country club members of Catawba county were awarded the sweepstakes prize for having the best bird owned by a club member at the North Carolina State Fair poultry show. The chicken was a single comb Brown Leghorn hen.

## TO THE VOTERS OF YANCEY COUNTY.

### Editor Eagle:

Replying to an article which appeared in your paper last week written by Mr. E. F. Watson, I beg permission for space in your paper to answer same, referring especially to the statement made by Mr. Watson that the tax levy in 1928 was \$2.10 per hundred dollars, and especially that part of his statement that the taxes had been reduced so miraculously under the Board to which he is County Attorney.

At the time when the Board of County Commissioners went in office in 1926 there was found to be an \$85,000.00 deficit which had to be overcome by that Board. The County Finance Act was passed which required this deficit to be liquidated instead of carried over, as the custom had been theretofore. This required an excessive tax rate, in addition to the annual running expenses.

I wish to quote at this time from an article which your paper carried in 1926 which read as follows:

"The Yancey Collegiate Institute has been sold to Yancey County for the sum of \$35,000.00, out of which Mr. E. F. Watson receives a \$10,000.00 memorial fund to perpetuate his remembrance in the Mars Hill College in Madison County."

This amount for \$35,000.00 of the \$85,000.00 deficit. This institution, as I understand, was built up by the people of Yancey County from contributions consisting in money, and from people who had no money, in potatoes, oranges, onions, sweet apples, lard, or whatever could be gathered from the labor of the citizens of Yancey County. This was not only done one time, but was done three times in succession in like manner, and today the county is bonded for this specific \$10,000.00 arising out of the proceeds of the institution which the people of Yancey County had built in the above manner.

I should like for the voters in Yancey County to know that in the last two years there has come into the county approximately \$37,000.00 from the sale of gasoline and there was also appropriated by the Legislature for the schools of Yancey County approximately \$25,000.00 in addition to what had been received heretofore for school equalization. I am also informed that there has been approximately 32 school teachers taken off of work in Yancey County which means that the educational expenses for the school children of the county has been reduced approximately \$15,000.00 in this one year. Therefore you will see that the present administration has had an advantage of \$77,000.00 over the former Board in financing the county, and has been free from the deficit except \$12,000.00, which would indicate a reasonable thinking man that there still should have been at least a reduction in taxes in the present administration.

Two years ago, you must remember, Mr. Watson sailed under the banner of Alfred E. Smith and John J. Winkler, who were well known throughout the county as the wettest men in the nation has ever known, and who tried to repeal the prohibition law itself, indicating his wishes as to the wet and dry issue. I want to make his remark to you, the voters of the county, to the fact that one day Mr. Watson was wet, the next he is dry, according to his personal prejudices and advantages.

I feel that Mr. Watson's article was a personal attack on me, and implying that I am not for the enforcement of the prohibition law, and I feel that it is my privilege to call the attention of the voters to my record as former sheriff, and I ask you to see how many actual convictions were had, and I ask you to compare the cost per conviction then with the cost per conviction under M. C. Honeycutt. It is a matter of record and I ask you to look for yourself. Mr. Honeycutt, for the man that burdens the taxpayer least for what he does.

S. H. BANKS.

Burnsville, N. C., Oct. 28, 1930. (Political Advertising.)

### Money In The Canneries

Charlotte Observer. It was Watauga county that took the lead in cheese manufacture and it is two other mountain counties that appear to have taken in another prosperity development in the shape of the canneries. The plant at Hendersonville specializes in tomatoes and beans in Franklin, which is being worked for the first time, runs mainly on beans. When the figures for the season's operation of the Henderson county cannery are made public, The Observer anticipates that the mind of farmers in other sections of the State will be directed forcibly to the benefits of the canneries, a proposition that has particular advantages in the trucking orchard districts in the sandhills. Henderson county farmers made "big money" this year and are anticipating to plant for even bigger money next season, for they failed to grow enough tomatoes and beans to keep the factory going at capacity. The cheese county and the canning counties have in mind the benefits and the farm agent who is most capable of spreading the industry. The Franklin Press last week published results of the local canneries, which distributed among the bean growers along as much as \$25,000. The financial account of one farmer shows that on one-half an acre, he made a clear profit of \$68.07, on beans. Another farmer who cultivated two acres, sold his crop of 350 bushels of beans for \$525. The total cost of production having been \$95.38. Selling agencies and market days are to be established for the whole of Macon county, to the end that the canning industry will be more extensively developed.

And what the canneries has been doing for the farmers of Henderson and Macon counties can be done for the farmers in every county in the State. Leadership in this work is a job for the county agent.

## 50,000-BUSHEL APPLE CROP AT ALTOPASS

Altopass, N. C.—It's picking and packing season at the Holston apple orchard at Altopass, "above the land of the sky," and 70 men are now employed picking and packing approximately 50,000 bushels of apples grown in the orchard this year, according to G. W. Oradoff, manager.

Last year, with one-fifth of a crop, 25,000 bushels were gathered. This year the estimate is two-fifths of a crop. Already approximately 12,000 bushels have been sold.

The orchard, covering about 600 acres, lies chiefly in McDowell county, with about 100 acres in Mitchell. It contains some 32,000 trees, now about 18 years old. Varieties include Stark's Delicious, Statten's Winesap, Virginia Beauty, King David, York Imperial, Jonathan, Blackwing, Grimes' Golden, and Red Winesap.

The orchard is owned by John Yancey and W. W. Gay, of Marion, who purchased it from the Holston corporation about 10 years ago for a price reported at the time to have been \$100,000.

Fifteen men are employed in the orchard the year around, and about 70 during the two-month picking and packing season. The trees are carefully watered and pruned.

The concern has two packing houses, one in the orchard with a capacity of 5,000 bushels and one at Altopass with a capacity of 15,000 bushels.

The apples are all packed in bushel and half-bushel baskets. None are sold in boxes.

This year the orchard is receiving \$2.50 for its standard fancy apples, and \$1 a bushel for seconds.

### A "HARD TIMES" STORY

Cleveland Star.

One of the best Republican prosperity stories yet related is told by Glen Shaver, former chairman of the Democratic national committee. Visiting New York last week Mr. Shaver told of an old farmer who came into a store in a small West Virginia town, made a purchase and threw a silver dollar upon the counter.

"Gee!" said the clerk, "it's been a long time since I saw one of those. You must have had it a mighty long time."

"Yes," replied the farmer, "I had that old silver dollar all through the Cleveland panic. I thought it had to go, but I held on to it. But, by golly, I've got to give it up this time."

### Trapping Fur Animals Barred In Yancey.

Raleigh, October 23.—Trapping for bearing animals in 15 western North Carolina counties, including Yancey, has been prohibited by order of the Department of Conservation and Development, for a period of two years, following petitions from those counties on which a public hearing was held in Asheville October 1. Charles H. England, the State Game Warden announced.

Overwhelming sentiment against trapping fur-bearing animals is part of a movement in the western area to greatly increase the protection of these mammals for the industry on a larger scale in this section.

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

North Carolina, (Yancey County.)

Under and by virtue of two Mortgage Deeds executed by H. C. Smith and wife Bert Smith to the Citizens Bank of Yancey, to secure certain indebtedness, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, the undersigned will, on

the 15th day of Nov., 1930,

at 1:30 P. M., at the court house door in Burnsville, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said indebtedness the following tract or parcels of land, in Burnsville township, adjoining lands of B. M. Bank and others:

FIRST TRACT: including all the mineral interest in the lands owned by W. B. Banks at his death, adjoining the above parties, and being those lands conveyed to said W. B. Banks by J. M. Robinson and former owners by said parties of the first part and being the share received by M. Louise Calvert in the Smith estate, and for a full and complete description of said lands reference is hereby made to said deeds which are of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Yancey County, containing 30 acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: A one-half divided interest in a 110 acre tract of land on Three Quarter Creek, adjoining the lands of the J. M. Harris lands, T. J. Yoan, Margaret Smith and others and for a full description of said lands reference is made to the will of M. P. Pauland in which said tract was willed to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, mother of H. C. Smith.

THIRD TRACT: In South Toe Township, adjoining the lands of J. C. Whitson and others. BEGINNING at a white oak on the point of a ridge, in or near Whitson's line and runs north 90 east down and with said river 80 poles to a spruce pine on bank of said river; thence east 118 poles to a stake; thence south 30 west 140 poles to a stake; thence west 88 poles to a stake in or near said Whitson's line; thence north with or near said line to the beginning, containing 100 acres, more or less, and being the same lands conveyed to the said H. C. Smith by deed dated January 10th, 1919, from L. P. Burton and wife, and recorded in Book of Deeds No. 33 at page 285, and said record reference is hereby made for a further and more complete description to said lands.

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### NOTICE. SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed by D. M. Glenn, Jr. and wife Anna Glenn, on the 23rd day of April, 1930, to W. C. Vance wherein the undersigned is named Trustee, and default having been made in the payment of said deed of trust and note securing the same and demand having been made by the said W. C. Vance upon me, I will, therefore, sell at public auction for cash, at the front door of the court house in Burnsville, Yancey County, N. C., on

Monday, October 13th, 1930,

at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described land:

Lying in Crabtree Township, Yancey County, adjoining the lands of Bud Sparks, D. R. Cox and others and described as follows: BEGINNING on the South end of the culvert over Parsip Branch and runs up and with the branch south 2 west 6 poles; south 26 west 6 poles; south 78 west 6 poles; south 49 west 2 poles; south 24 east 2 poles; south 25 west 4 poles; south 28 west 4 poles; south 6 poles; south 10 east 8 poles; south 20 east 4 poles; south 17 west 5 poles to the head of the branch; then south 66 west 66 1-2 poles to a dogwood in the old line and on top of the ridge; then with the old line north 70 east 80 poles to a stake in the old line; then with the old line north 3 east 30 poles to a dogwood, an old corner of the 20 acre tract; then with the 20 acre tract line east 93 poles to an ivy bush in another line; then with said line north 3 east 1-3 poles to a white oak and a maple, the beginning

corner of the 20 acre tract line; then west with the 20 acre tract line 48 poles to a poplar near the spring, an old corner; then north 3 east 30 poles and 16 links to a small ash in a drain; then north 80 west 10 poles to the south end of a drain pipe under the road; then with the south side of the road north 87 west 48 poles to the beginning, containing 46 1-2 acres.



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### The Fertilizer Bill.

North Carolina cotton growers this year must deduct \$11,000,000 from the price they receive for their cotton to pay for the fertilizers used in growing the fleecy staple. But this is only a portion of the big fertilizer bill North Carolina must pay, and virtually this money all goes to Ohio for nitrates, Germany for potash and to Tennessee and Florida for phosphates. The State buys 1,363,573 tons at a cost of thirty-six million dollars. North Carolina will receive for its cotton this year about forty million dollars, and it will require almost all the money to pay the State's fertilizer bill.

The Live-at-Home program should encourage every citizen to make part of the fertilizer at home—News-Observer.

To stimulate the matrimonial market, we will send the Eagle free, for one year, to each couple getting married in Yancey county before January 1st, 1931. The Eagle is a household necessity. How about getting married?