

OLD CORN LIQUOR GETS INTO COURT

Mother of Nine Children In Grave And Father Faces Prison Term

Old Corn Liquor is on trial in the Supreme Court of North Carolina with bells on. The choicest handiwork of devilry was exhibited in the appeal of Melvin Messer, who after living 54 years in the mountains of Haywood county faces prison term of 18 years for the murder of his wife.

For 35 years of uneventful life, the mountaineer and his wife lived in their Cove Creek mountain home. To them were born nine children, five of whom have married. Life didn't offer them much in the way of worldly advantage, but they of the mountains for company and that was much. Then entered Old Corn Liquor.

It was on Sunday—the 17th of January last—that Melvin Messer and his wife of 35 years went to visit one of their married sons, who lived about one half mile away in another mountain cove. Mrs. Messer hadn't been feeling well that morning, and her husband said she took a drink of Old Corn Liquor.

There was more drinking when they got to the home of their son. It was about dark when Messer and his wife started back to their home. It was raining hard and dark. What happened on that journey home is indistinct in the memory of Melvin Messer, but the next morning Lillie Messer, the wife of 35 years and the mother of his nine children, was found dead at the home. Her body was bruised in many places. It wasn't one bruise that caused her death, but many, the multiplicity of them, the doctors said.

Melvin Messer said that she fell from a rock and killed herself. He told a harrowing story of how he tried to get her home and of his inability in his drunken condition to carry her on his shoulder. There was evidence tending to show that Messer beat his wife to death, and it was this view the jury took. He was convicted of manslaughter, and Judge John M. Oglesby sentenced him to 18 years in State Prison.

HAULING RUM ON BICYCLE NEGRO FLEES HIS BOND

York, S. C., May 19.—A young white man of Yorkville arrested by Policeman Moyd on a charge of drunkenness did not have to answer to driving a bicycle while under the influence of liquor, although such a unique charge might well have been lodged against him by the policeman. When the cop came upon the intoxicated one he was trying to ride a bike from which he had fallen several times due to the heavy cargo of liquor he is alleged to have been carrying. When his case was called before Mayor Steele Monday morning, the man failed to show up and his bond of \$15 was declared forfeited to the town.

Members of an Arkansas congregation now receive regular cash dividends from oil discovered on the church's property. In his will Cardinal Mercier asked the pardon of any persons he may have wronged and expressed forgiveness to any who may have wronged him.

DOES YOUR HEAD SWIM? DO YOU FEEL SHAKY?

Then Follow Mr. Black's Advice

"What's worse than feeling as if you were going to topple over every minute and having black spots dancing before your eyes. Such a condition is due to the stomach and liver. When food doesn't digest properly it causes the whole digestive tract to be upset and when the liver is inactive it causes biliousness. A person in this condition is usually very nervous and very restless. Where I would be today I do not know if it had not been for HERB JUICE. HERB JUICE made me a well man and I love to tell others of its merits," said Mr. W. P. Black, a shoemaker of South Gastonia, North Carolina. There are scores of people in South Gastonia coming in to see the HERB JUICE demonstrator and saying such complimentary things of HERB JUICE and many offer statements of publication.

"Besides suffering from dizzy spells and having indigestion and liver trouble, my kidneys also bothered me," continued Mr. Black. "I read where HERB JUICE was splendid for just such ailments and so I immediately bought a bottle. If every sufferer who reads this statement will buy a bottle today, it will not be but a few days until he or she is well, and be saying to others what I am saying today. I have been relieved of my stomach trouble—no more dizzy spells—no more biliousness. HERB JUICE has cleaned out my whole system and I am in good working order now. I have a splendid appetite, sleep well and feel strong and well in every way. There is nothing like HERB JUICE—nothing equals it and nothing ever will excel it." For sale by all druggists.

Contract Is Let For Great Dam

Carolina Power Co. Will Develop 100,000 H. P. At Proposed Plant

Albemarle, May 20.—Authentic information received here today is that the Hardaway Contracting company, of Columbus, Ga., has been awarded the contract for constructing the mammoth dam on the Pee-Dee river, 10 miles south of Albemarle and that the contract was signed in New York today by officials of the Hardaway Company and the Carolina Power and Light Company of Raleigh, the owner of the new development.

It is said that this dam is to be 76 feet tall and that approximately 100,000 horse power of electric power will be generated. The lake formed by the dam is estimated to cover about 6,500 acres of land. The new Swift Island bridge on State Highway No. 74 will be submerged and a new one erected a short distance above. The lake will extend up the river to the lower dam of the Badin development.

With the completion of the new dam there will be actually about 200,000 horse power of electricity being produced on the eastern border of Stanley county. Work is to begin on the new dam in the next ten days. Hardaway Contracting Company constructed the 220-foot dam at the Narrows for the Badin people in 1915-1916. It is said that the total outlay for land, dam, power house and other equipment of the new hydro electric plant will approximate \$8,000,000. It has not been learned here the amount of the Hardaway Contracting Company's bid.

James Dougherty, a butcher of Elgin, Ill., chopped off his left hand with a cleaver when he slipped while cutting meat.

Still, if bricklayers and carpenters did their work as fast as you wish, it wouldn't last as long as you wish.

When Fred Taylor of Leeds, Eng., annoyed Miss Annie Scherkin by his attentions, she bit him on the hand and he had her arrested.

Mrs. Ella Searles of Chicago, suing for divorce, told the judge, "My husband wanted me to thank him every five minutes for marry me."

A British lifeboat crew has been awarded \$500 for rescuing 11 men from a sinking vessel 45 years ago.

A strange 7-foot fish caught off the English coast had a "blow-hole" like a whale, teeth like a shark and a tail like a dolphin.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary of June 5. I thank the people for past favors. If reelected I will serve the people to the best of my ability, as I have tried to do heretofore.

G. W. PEELER

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

I hereby announce myself a candidate to succeed myself in Congress from the Ninth-Congressional District.

I take this occasion to thank the Democrats of Cleveland county for their loyal support in the past and hope to receive their support in the primary June 5.

A. L. BULWINKLE

DR. A. A. LACKEY —DENTIST— Fallston, N. C.

JUST A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY

Will buy some good money-making lots tomorrow at our auction sale of 208 Lots on Suttle Street. 1-3 cash and a whole year to pay the balance. Just think of it. Come to this sale. Look it over—Look into the future—buy if you see—Leave it off if you can't see—BUT—It's there just as sure as you are born. Best buy in or around Shelby—1-3 Cash. 1-3 November 22, 1926. 1-3 May 22, 1927. Buy tomorrow—Just as many lots as you can and they will sell for a profit before you pay for them.

—2:30 P. M.— SATURDAY, MAY 22. SHELBY REAL ESTATE CO. SELLING AGENTS.

NOTICE TO ALL TAX PAYERS.

All persons, firms, guardians, partnerships and corporations will please meet the local tax list at the following places and dates mentioned and make their tax return and also make a crop report.

Sec. 44. of the machinery act makes it mandatory on the part of every taxpayer to make their return during the month of May, under pain and penalty of the law.

W. R. NEWTON, Cleveland County Tax Supervisor.

No. 1 Township. May 4th at J. A. McCraw's store. May 7th at Prospect school house. May 7 at Holly Springs school house. J. A. McCRAW, Lister.

No. 2 Township. Flint Hill school house May 4th afternoon. Trinity school house May 5 afternoon. Jolley's store May 6th all day. Boiling Springs, May 11th. Sharon school house May 12th. C. J. Hamrick store May 14th. W. C. HAMRICK, Lister.

No. 3 Township. In accordance with the public laws of the State of North Carolina, all tax payers of No. 3 township are hereby notified to appear before me during the month of May 1926 and make a full true and complete return of all taxable property owned by you on the first day of May 1926, such as notes, mortgages, money in the bank, household goods, provisions, live stock, dogs, improvements on real estate and taxable property of every kind and description. I will be at the following places on the following dates:

Val Thomas store, Tuesday May 4th, 1926. Earl, Monday May 10th and Tuesday May 11th, 1926. Patterson Springs, Wednesday, May 12th, 1926. My residence, on Saturday evenings after 1 p. m., other evenings after 5:30 p. m. W. A. GLADDEN, Tax Lister.

No. 4 Township. I hereby notify all persons, guardians, administrators, firms and corporations to make due returns for taxes on all property in their possession or care during the month of May 1926, as directed by law.

Any or all persons, firms or corporations failing to file returns are guilty of misdemeanor and are subject to fine or imprisonment. I respectfully ask that all tax payers meet the local tax list at places and on the dates mentioned below be prepared to make a crop report also.

Grover, May 4th, 5th and 8th. Bethlehem school house, May 6th, morning. Champions store, May 6th afternoon. Cora Mill store, May 7th. Phoenix mill store, May 10th, morning. Dilling mill office, May 10th, afternoon. Kings Mtn. Mfg. Co.'s store, May 11th, morning. Park Yarn mill office, May 11th, afternoon. Margrace mill office, May 12th, morning. Town office Kings Mountain, May 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28 and 29. J. A. ELLIS, Lister.

No. 5 Township. Oak Grove, Tuesday May 4th. Wolfes store, Wednesday, May 5th. Waco, Thursday, May 6th. Waco, Friday May 7th. Stubbs, Ledbetters store, Saturday May, 8th 11 to 12 o'clock. Stony Point, Saturday May 8th, afternoon. My home, Saturday May 15th. S. L. DELLINGER, Tax Lister.

No. 6 Township. The tax payers of No. 6 township, Cleveland county, will meet the local tax list at the following places on the dates mentioned, for the purpose of listing their real and personal property and polls for the year 1926.

Stubbs May 4th, 9 to 12 a. m. Lilly mill store May 4th, 3 to 6 p. m. South Shelby pharmacy, May 5th, 9 to 12 a. m. Shelby mill May 5th, 3 to 6 p. m. East side, at Lattimore's store May 6th, 8 to 12 a. m. McArthur's store, May 6th, 3 to 6 p. m. Ora mill office, May 7th, 9 to 12 a. m. Dover mill, Buice and Price's store, May 7th, 2 to 6 p. m. At the court-house the remainder of the month. T. P. JENKS, Tax Lister.

No. 7 Township. I will list real estate, personal property and polls at the following places as follows: C. C. Walker store, Tuesday morning May 4. Pleasant Ridge school house Tuesday afternoon May 4. Cabiness school house Saturday morning May 8th. Double Springs school house Saturday afternoon, May 8. Lattimore, Wednesday May 12. Mooresboro, Saturday, May 15. R. W. McBRAYER, Tax Lister.

No. 8 Township. Tax payers will please meet me at the following places to list their personal and real property and poll for taxes in No. 8 township for the year 1926:

Palm Tree school house, Tuesday May 4, afternoon. Delight, Thursday May 6th, afternoon. New House, Saturday May 8th, afternoon. Mauney's store Saturday May 15th, afternoon. Folkville, Saturdays May 22nd and 29th, afternoons. W. J. BRIDGES, Tax Lister.

No. 9 Township.

I will be at the following places on dates below for the purpose of listing all taxable property in No. 9 township both real and personal for the year 1926:

Wrights store, Tuesday morning May 4. Double Shoals Wednesday morning May 5th. Porters store, Tuesday morning May 11. Elliott school house, Tuesday afternoon, May 11th. Lawndale, Thursday May 13th. Fallston, Tuesday and Wednesday May 18 and 19. Please be prepared to make a crop report. W. A. GANTT, Lister.

No. 10 Township.

I will be at the following places named below for the purpose of listing real and personal property, and polls for taxes for the year 1926.

May 5 morning, Philbecks school house. Afternoon, May 5th, Pleasant Hill school house. May 6 morning, Mack Ledford's May 6, Mode school house until 3 o'clock from 3 to 6 o'clock at D. C. Carpenters store. May 7 morning Boyles store, Toluca. May 7 afternoon St. Peters school house. May 8 morning at the new consolidated school building at Normans Grove. W. N. GANTT, Lister.

No. 11 Township.

I will be at the following places to list taxes on the following dates: At Mr. Julius Pruett's, May 4th. 1 p. m. until 6 p. m. Casar May 11th and 25th. Moriah school house May 18th, 7 o'clock to 6 p. m. A. A. HORTON, Tax Lister.

Reducing A Town's Population The State The town of Cateret, N. J., has a population of 1,000, not 500, negroes, as at first reported, and according to latest information, its present population is 0. Every one of the negroes, women and men, little and big, has been driven out of the town, and some of them were beaten as they were chased. Many of the negroes had lived long in Carteret, and a few of them had been born in the town.

The incident probably is without precedent. Disgraceful race riots and "race wars" have occurred in numerous towns, sometimes in Southern towns, but one does not remember another case in which the whole negro population was ruthlessly and violently expelled.

In the larger Northern cities the evidence available is that negroes receive a fair measure of protection and are given many rights and privileges. If political rights are considered, it must be admitted that the negro is better conditioned in a great Northern city than in a Southern community, but negroes seem to enjoy few rights in Northern towns, villages and rural districts.

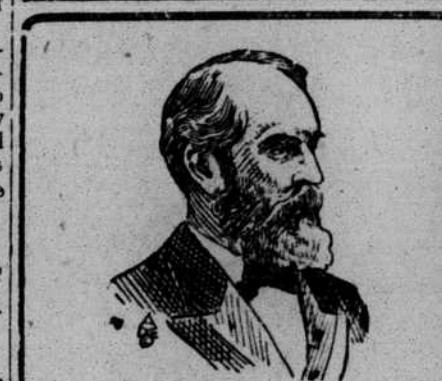
Few of the hundreds of thousands of negroes who have migrated from the South to the North in the last ten years will be found outside of the limits of great cities and industrial centers, and in the cities they are for the most part segregated. There are no segregation ordinances or statutes, but higher "laws" are operative and effective.

Even yet men are overcome by the temptation of rum, but they must scout around a lot to find a temptation.

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Gardner At Convention (Biblical Recorder)

At the Democratic Convention which was held in Raleigh April 29th Mr. Max Gardner, of Shelby was the outstanding figure. He made a very captivating speech and had the Convention in his hand. It seems to be a foregone conclusion that he will be the next governor of North Carolina. Occasionally the statement is made that some one who will be more progressive will be named, but the people believe that Max Gardner is entitled to the nomination and we do not think there is a man in the State who could defeat him if he were to make the attempt.

Mr. Gardner is progressive but not wildly so. He does not believe in opening the throttle and going at full speed when there is danger of wrecking the train by so doing. As there is no other candidate named at present to contest with Mr. Gardner in the primary this statement cannot be considered partisan. The writer is sincere.

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