

Rum Runners In South Carolina Tells Story Of Flowing Booze

Says State Capital Is Liquor Center. Some Buyers From This Region.

Yorkville Enquirer.

Columbia.—"Boozy Berkley county" which Governor Richards is said to have some time ago spoken of as a "festering sore," is not the wettest spot in South Carolina; if information that has come to this reporter is correct. And there is every reason to believe that it is correct, because it comes from one who is on the inside of the liquor racket in South Carolina. According to the correspondent's informant, and admitted rum runner, a joint jostler of many years of experience, the wettest part of the state is Columbia and Richland county. Even the drinking folks in Charlotte, N. C., no longer get their supply from the famous South Mountains of North Carolina, but it comes from Richland county—the Pontiac section of Richland, where right today no less than half a dozen big "steamer stills" run by expert distillers, are manufacturing hundreds of gallons of hooch a day. This rum runner, a chap about 29 years of age—an intelligent fellow, the son of a good citizen who makes a salary of \$5,000 a year, gave the correspondent of The Yorkville Enquirer the "low down" on quite a bit of the liquor business in Columbia and Richland county in the course of a conversation the other day. He told the story voluntarily and there is no reason in the world why he should not tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. This reporter of course will not reveal his name, because he bids fair to be good for much other information about the liquor traffic, and then again because the writer never has and never will violate a confidence.

"This liquor made here in Richland county," said the informant who will be called "Jack" because that name will do as good as any other, "is good liquor, if there is any good. By that I mean the great

bulk of it is made by expert distillers and manufactured out of pure corn mash on copper stills. It is not made in such a terrible hurry. There is no need to hurry. Why I could show you here within the corporate limits of Columbia house in which more than 2,000 gallons is stored. At least it was a few days ago and I haven't heard of Sheriff Alex Heise's men or the federals or the rurals seizing any 2,000 gallons of liquor in Richland lately, have you?"

"It belongs to T. K.," Jack continued. "He has a big steamer outfit over in that Pontiac section and if he has ever been cut up, I never heard of it. Liquor cars come to his still from Greenwood, Greenville, Spartanburg, York, Gastonia, Charlotte and even from Orangeburg and Charleston, Aiken and Augusta. Why just a short while ago I hauled 200 gallons in a Chrysler special built, up to Rockingham, N. C. The 2,000 gallons stored in the house here in town I just told you about is stored there because it is surplus. In other words, the supply is greater than the demand, but that Christmas is almost here.

Several Of Them. "As I think I said before T. K. is not the only man who has a steamer outfit in the Pontiac section. I know others. The plants run day and night. Operators have tents to sleep in; plenty of blankets to keep them warm; plenty of good food to eat and, in fact everything is jake. The distillers seem to have almost as good a thing of it as the owners of the steamers. Last time I heard T. K. was paying his head distiller 17 cents for every gallon he turns out. I have known him to pay that fellow over \$500 for a week's distilling. Helpers are paid around \$25 a week and board which ain't so bad for common laborers, you will doubtless agree. The liquor after it is made is put in half gallon fruit jars, neatly packed twelve to a case. The prevailing price of \$2 a gallon in lots of six gallons and more. Nearly every boot legger that comes here for a load takes from twenty-five to one hundred gallons.

"I don't know but I have an idea that more liquor is drunk in Columbia than any other town in this state. One of my jobs for a good while back with T. K. has been hauling liquor to pint bootleggers at different points here in town. They take from one to two cases at a

Held In Rothstein Investigation



George (Hump) McManus—"the man whose story would clear up Rothstein mystery in three minutes"—voluntarily gave himself up to police for questioning. Here he is (arrow) being arraigned as a suspect in the gambler's dilling. Left, Mrs. Ruth Keyes, pretty Chicago blonde who drank with men in room 309 of Park Central Hotel shortly before tragedy occurred. Inset, "Nigger Nate" Raymond, one of four men held in \$100,000 bail each as material witnesses.

time—rarely ever more than two cases at once. You see that is twelve gallons. They pay \$2 a gallon. Usually two of us are engaged in making deliveries, one of us to drive the car and the other to hop out and place the hooch on the leggers' porch or wherever he wants it and to collect the money. No easy job to tote a couple of cases of liquor at one time. Look at these muscles. And they were firm, hard, velvety muscles on Jack's arms.

"There's good money in the hooch business for the pint fellows. They get \$1 a pint for the stuff and they

sell short pints—that is a twelve ounce bottle for a pint instead of a sixteen. Consequently the gallon of liquor for which they pay me and T. K. \$2 runs thirteen pints on their hips or store it in joints of which there are scores here, a good many of them on Main street. The fellow who runs a joint rarely ever keeps any liquor in the place. He always manages to secure a stand where there is a vacant house next door. His liquor is stored in the other vacant house. He has a soft drink and lunch stand making up the joint. The booze is hoisted from the other house as the customers come. When the law raids the joint there is rarely anything ever found unless it should be some customer who has bought a pint or a quart is caught by the law with the goods on him. By the way, I don't know whether you ever noticed it or not; but it is a fact that most of the liquor raids in the city are made on either Friday or Saturday. If you don't believe it study the daily papers of Sunday for a few weeks.

Beer At 25 Cents. "An extensive business is done here in the city in the manufacture and sale of home-brew or beer," Jack went on to tell the newspaper man. "This home brew is a blamed sight stronger than any Budweiser or Schlitz ever was in the old days. It sells for twenty-five cents a bottle. I know a chap who manufactures the stuff here just off Main street on a big scale, a complete capping outfit, thousands of bottles and case after case of home brew stored. The cellar is well lighted. There is plenty of room to work in putting up the stuff, which costs him about a dime a bottle. A neatly concealed trap door leads to the cellar. He never has been caught. If there is a Columbia cop. shrewd enough to catch him I don't know

him and I know 'em all. Big Business In B titles. "I am thinking of a peculiar angle to this booze business here in the capital," Jack went on. "I know a guy here who never took a drink in his life nor sold a drop of booze. He deals in bottles and every day he makes the round of the joints taking orders for bottles, mostly pints and half pints. He will sell you a gross or a truck load, it is all the same to him. He knows all the joint holders and all the hip pocket fellows. He also sells fruit jars, mostly half gallons, to the distillers around Pontiac. "How all these fellows get by I ain't saying, if I know," said Jack. "I never was a fellow to pry into the other fellow's business. But they do. You recall that some time ago a big steamer outfit was cut up in the Congaree swamps. Well, I know to my own certain knowledge that the operator of that steamer manufactured and sold 2,750 gallons of hooch before the place was cut up by federal officers—not state! And that operator didn't care a cuss about their cutting up his place. He had already made his. "Oh I could tell you plenty more

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND By virtue of a judgment made in special proceedings No. 1593 and by the order of the superior court in same action entitled, In Re: Amanda Warlick, widow, et al. vs. Lula Ellis, et al., the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the court house door in Shelby, N. C. at 12 M.

December 24, 1928. the following described lands, said lands being all the lands belonging to the estate of J. F. Warlick, deceased, except the dower, and lying in No. 10 township, Cleveland county, North Carolina.

Tract No. 1: Beginning at a pine knot, corner of dower at edge of public road in John T. Warlick's line, and runs N. 5 E. 14 poles to a pine; thence N. 26 1/2 E. 125.9 poles to a stone, dower corner; thence with dower line S. 82 1/2 E. 88.2 poles to a stone in John Pruet's line; thence with Pruet's line S. 2 W. 106 poles to a stone, corner of Cleveland Mill and Power company lands; thence S. 9 W. 32 poles to a red oak; thence N. 76 W. 10 1/2 poles to a hickory; thence N. 69 1/2 W. 30 poles to a cedar, corner of dower tract; thence N. 36 E. 18 1/2 poles to a poplar; thence N. 5 1/2 W. 17.9 poles to a stone; thence N. 67 1-5 W. 15.9 poles to an iron stake 20 feet from the barn; thence N. 31 W. 72.31 poles to the place of beginning, containing 72 acres more or less.

Tract No. 2: Beginning at a pine stump southwest corner of the 13 acre dower tract, and runs S. 22 1/2 W. 38 poles to an iron stake; thence S. 37 1/2 E. 247 poles to a rock oak in Decatur Warlick's line; thence N. 70 E. 47 poles to a black gum; thence S. 48 E. 47 1/2 poles to a stake and pointers; thence S. 68 E. 12 poles to a post oak; thence S. 45 1/2 E. 2.24 poles to a dogwood; thence N. 67.4 E. 24 1/2 poles to a stone; thence N. 43 1/2 E. 44 poles to a hickory; thence N. 62 1/2 W. 30 poles to a cedar; thence N. 64 2-3 W. 86.3 poles to the beginning, containing 32.8 acres, more or less.

The aforesaid described lands will be resurveyed and sold in accordance with said survey. The terms of sale are one-half cash on day of sale, the balance within 12 months. This November 23, 1928. AMANDA WARLICK, Commissioner. Newton & Newton, Attys.

about booze as she is boomed in Columbia and Richland," concluded Jack. But what's the use? Talk about prohibition and note the scare heads in the papers when some little fish gets caught! The big fellows never get caught around here. And it is they who make the mazzini!

Birth Announcement. Born Nov. 30 1928 to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ponder a fine son, Bobbie Lee.

EXECUTOR'S SALE Pursuant to an order of the superior court, Cleveland county, North Carolina, made in special proceedings entitled S. A. Ellis and E. O. Randall, executors vs. W. G. Ellis, et al. the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction at the court house in Shelby, N. C. on the 8th day of December, 1928 at 12 o'clock noon, or within legal hours, the following described real estate, the same being the lands belonging to the estate of John W. Ellis, deceased:

First Tract: Containing 19 acres, 3 rods, and 8 poles lying on the waters of Main Broad river in No. 3 township and adjoining the lands of Bud Hardin, et al. the late John W. Ellis, and others. Beginning on a stake and pointers in the edge of the Ellis Ferry road and running thence a new line south 66 poles to a small pine in the old line; thence along it west 62 poles to a rock corner, Mrs. Ellis corner in west edge of said road; thence up the several courses of the road northwest to the beginning, less one acre sold on west side of F. G. Ellis.

Second Tract: Containing 36 1/2 acres lying on the waters of Main Broad river in No. 3 township, and adjoining the lands of E. H. Putnam, Bud Hardin, the late John W. Ellis and others. Beginning at a black gum in Wiley's line, and runs thence with said line south 88 poles passing Wiley's corner and the Ramsey line to a stone in said line; thence a new line north 30 west 55 poles to a stone; thence north 3 1/2 east 12 poles to a white oak; thence north 31 west 15 poles to a stone; thence north 66 1/2 west 32 poles to a stone; thence north 72 1/2 west 39 1/2 poles to a white oak; thence north 5 east 30 poles to a stone and pine; thence east 111 poles to the beginning.

Third Tract: Containing 36 acres lying on the waters of Main Broad river in No. 3 township, and adjoining the lands of Bud Hardin, Charles Reinhard, DeWitt Quinn, and others, being that tract devised by Mary Borders to John W. Ellis, said will being recorded in book 3 of Wills at page 4 in the clerk's office, Cleveland county.

Fourth Tract: A one-seventh undivided interest in a tract containing 26 1/2 acres, being the bed of Main Broad river situated in Nos. 1 and 2 townships and adjoining the lands of Rachel Blanton, R. M. Jolley, S. Hopper, C. J. Hamrick & Sons, and others. Said tract being described by metes and bounds in a deed from S. A. Ellis and wife to J. W. Ellis, recorded in book AAA at page 206 in the register's office, Cleveland county.

Terms of said sale are cash upon delivery of deed and confirmation of sale. Date of sale: Saturday, December 8, 1928. This the 10th day of November, 1928.

S. A. ELLIS and B. O. RANDALL, Executors of the will of John W. Ellis, deceased. P. Cleveland Gardner and Peyton McSwain, Attys.

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- No. 1 Township, Tuesday, December 11th, Brackett's Store, 8:30 to 10:30 A. M.
No. 1 Township, Tuesday, December 11th, Jones Store, 11:00 A. M. to 1 P. M.
No. 2 Township, Tuesday, December 11th, Jolleys Store, 1 to 2:30 P. M.
No. 2 Township, Tuesday, December 11th, Boiling Springs, 2:30 to 4:30 P. M.
No. 7 Township, Wednesday, December 12th, Mooresboro, 9 to 11 A. M.
No. 7 Township, Wednesday, December 12th, Lattimore, 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.
No. 8 Township, Wednesday, December 12th, Polkville 1:30 to 4:30 P. M.
No. 8 Township, Thursday, December 13th, De-light, 9 to 11 A. M.
No. 11 Township, Thursday, December 13th, Casar, 11 A. M. to 4 P. M.
No. 10 Township, Friday, December 14th, Carpenter's Store, 9 to 11 A. M.
No. 10 Township, Friday, December 14th, John T Warlick's Store 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.
No. 9 Township, Friday, December 14th, Dixon & Lutz's Store, 2:30 to 4:30 P. M.
No. 9 Township, Monday, December 17th, Lawndale, 9 A. M. to 12 Noon.
No. 9 Township, Monday, December 17th, Fall-ston, 1 to 4 P. M.
No. 5 Township, Tuesday, December 18th, Waco, 1 to 4 P. M.
No. 3 Township, Wednesday, December 19th, Earl, 9 A. M. to 12 Noon.
No. 4 Township, Wednesday, December 19th, Grover, 1 to 4 P. M.
No. 4 Township, Thursday, December 20th, Town Office, Kings Mountain, all day.
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