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COMPLETE BLOCKADE OUTFIT FOUND UNDER JIM ELAM'S HOUSE THREE MEN WERE TAKEN

Officers Rhodes, Falls and Stewart broke into the lion's den Wednesday of last week and it is hoped broke up the boot leggers' hotbed in the Elbeth community which has for years been a menace to that community and the terror of the law abiding and God fearing citizens. It was under Jim Elam's house about three miles west of town that the lair was located. From external appearances there was nothing to lead an officer to suspect a blockade still except that there was a surplus of dirt banked around the walls of the house and a peculiar aroma in the atmosphere which Rhodes pronounced suspicious. The olfactories of the other officers were not quite so alert in detecting the precious smell as was Rhodes—probably not quite so used to it. Complaint has been coming from citizens of that community about the presence of whiskey and officers had raided these same premises on two previous occasions but without result. And not strangely so when we tell how it was.

There were no indications on the outside of a dugout underneath except the surplus dirt. On the inside of the house no sign of a trap door or other means of descent. The search had almost ended in disappointment when Bob Rhyne's boy, who just happened to be along, discovered in a shed room a plank standing against a chimney which was scorched at one end. Rhodes removed the plank and a stove pipe was uncovered coming up through the floor. Then the search for the descent. This had almost been given up when Rhodes noticed two nails used in fastening the two steps which go down from the main house to the shed room were not driven up tight. He prodded an instrument and drew the nails and removed the steps. Under the steps was a small trap door. This was raised and the officers descended into the isolated haunt and there found a most unique blockade still which showed signs of having been run the previous night and stood cocked and primed for the close of day again. The outfit was unique. The still proper was contrived of the metal tub of an ice cream freezer of about ten gallons capacity on top of which a section of copper pipe of the same size was lashed making the whole of about twenty gallons capacity. The cap was an old wood tub with a tube inserted.

This was not all. The house occupied by P. B. Moore and family and Jim Elam, the owner. The officers succeeded in capturing P. B. Moore, age about sixty, and his son, J. A. Moore. But when they went out in the field where Jim Elam was plowing when they went up they

found the plow and team but Jim had escaped to the taller timber. The Moores were taken to Shelby and given a hearing before Commissioner Newton Thursday who placed them each under \$500 bond for their appearance at federal court. W. A. Morris went their bond and they were released.

Jim Elam appeared at Shelby Monday and surrendered himself to U. S. Deputy Marshal E. N. Williams and he gave bond in the sum of \$500 W. A. Morris signing.

HUGGINS TO SPEAK

Prof. J. D. Huggins, principal of Boiling Springs High School, will occupy the preaching hour at Patterson Grove church at 11 o'clock the first Sunday in July. He will speak in the interest of Christian education in Boiling Springs and in the interest of Boiling Springs school in particular. It is hoped that there will be a liberal representation of the community present. Mr. Huggins is a very attractive speaker and always says something worth hearing.

LINWOOD BONDS

Linwood College, four miles east of town, plans further extensions and is in process of floating a \$50,000 bond issue to finance the enterprise. The bonds will be underwritten by Gastonia business men who are giving President A. T. Lindsay substantial backing in every way. \$25,000 will be used in retiring a bond issue already in force and the other in further development of the property. Linwood is a worthy institution and deserves the strongest support of the people of this entire section. It deserves a much more liberal patronage than it gets from our people.

STORES TO CLOSE AT SEVEN

The merchants of the town have signed an agreement at the instance of the Civic League by which they will close their stores each day at 7 p. m. except Saturday when they will close at ten p. m. during the summer months. This action was taken by the league because they felt that the merchants and clerks were entitled to a little daylight outside their places of business. The new schedule goes into effect next Monday. Let shoppers take notice and do their trading earlier in the day.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Rev. W. R. Beach announced Sunday that a series of meetings will begin at the Baptist church the first Sunday night in July. Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Gastonia, is to do the preaching.

A COMMUNITY CHALLENGE: WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH IT?

The whiskey business in this community has become alarming. Its eradication is a challenge to the Christian people and to citizens who oppose its presence. It is stated, whether correctly or not, that the diabolical business gets its chief support from folks who have their names on church rolls and oppose before the easily fooled world as of the elect who are in the steps of the Master. Since the discovery last week of the old den under Jim Elam's house men have approached Officer Rhodes and stated that they knew the thing was there. What sort of a place have we come to? Will decent men who make claim to respectable citizenship continue to wince at such conditions? The challenge is before every man, woman and child in this community who wants to see it rid of this curse to rise up and use their influence towards a clean up. If you know the location of a whiskey still and do not report it to the proper officer you are participating in the crime. If you know a man engaged in the nefarious business and do not exert yourself to expose him you are wincing at the business. It is charged that many men who heretofore apparently opposed the liquor business are making and selling it now since fabulous prices are in vogue. Then there is the class called "higher-ups" who stand behind the curtain and finance the whole business are never caught. The last one of the rascals ought to be apprehended and brought to justice. Here is the challenge: will the law-abiding and God-fearing people of this community arise and stamp out this increasing evil or will they continue to sit with folded hands and heavy hearts and pray God to strike the enemy with lightning? There are two things we can do to assist local officers: first, create public sentiment; second, give officers all the information you can get that will lead to the apprehension of the maker or vendor of the stuff. Its in poor grace to come around after an outfit has been taken and inform the officer that you knew all the time that it was there. Its enough to create wonder if you knew it was there and didn't tell it before. Its a shirt sleeve job with gloves off. The challenge is before us. The question today is, what will you do? In that great moratorium when the blood of the youth of this community cries out from the ground to us, the question will be, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

\$100,000 BOND ISSUE AUGUST 2ND. FOR SOLDIER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

KANSAS FASHION

At an adjourned meeting of the county commissioners held Monday of last week it was ordered that an election be held in the county on August the 2nd to determine whether the voters want a bond issue of \$100,000 to build a memorial hospital in honor of Cleveland's 700 soldiers who served in the world war. Quite a delegation of citizens appeared before the commissioners in the interest of the movement and the cause was presented by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey. The county medical society favored the proposition. A majority of the qualified voters is necessary to the success of the election and the registration books will be open June 27th to July 15th. An additional tax levy of not more than ten cents is proposed.

BUD NEAL CAUGHT

Bud Neal, who has been wanted in the county for transporting whiskey, was arrested here by Chief Rhodes Friday and taken to Charlotte where he gave bond for appearance at federal court.

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Short Local Items Of Personal Interest

Miss Nettie Livingston spent Saturday in Gastonia with relatives.

Mr. C. E. Neisler made a business trip to New York last week.

Miss Eva Lineberger spent part of last week in Gastonia.

Miss Harriett Erwin and Mr. Joe Hein of Morganton are visiting at Mr. T. L. Saunders.

Officers J. E. Rhodes and Pat Falls went to the mountain Thursday night and found a blockade outfit not in operation but hid away in a hole. They brought it in. It was a crude ill contrived arrangement.

The Sunbeams of the Methodist church gave an entertainment Sunday night. The program was well selected and well prepared and rendered in most pleasing manner. Mrs. E. L. Kirk has charge of the society.

Mrs. M. A. Page, with her daughter, Miss Maggie Page, who have been the guests for the past four weeks of her son, G. G. Page, left Monday for Hamlet where they will spend a while with another son, Rev. J. M. Page. From Hamlet they will go to Tar Heel to visit a daughter, Mrs. L. Grimes. From there they will return to their home at Steadman.

Miss Helen Smith returned last week from a visit to her sister, Mrs. L. P. Culpepper, Rock Hill.

Mr. Boyce Falls reports that he had, for dinner Monday, roasting ears gathered from this year's crop.

Miss Grace Blalock of Baskerville, Va., is visiting relatives here and in the Bethlehem section of the county.

Mr. James M. McGill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McGill, has returned from overseas. His brother, Geo. D., is expected home soon.

Miss Bessie Simonton went to Dawkins, S. C., Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. Arnette. She was accompanied by her nephew, Hobt. Dileng.

The Shelby District Conference of the M. E. South Church meets at Fallston July 28-30. Rev. J. F. Kirk is presiding elder.

Mr. Eugene Neisler went to New York last week to get his discharge from naval service but had to come back to Norfolk for the final proceedings.

Mr. H. T. Fulton attended a meeting last week at Wrightsville Beach of the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association. Sure, Tom went a swimming.