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Wagner Case To Be Tried December 13

Case Will Be Called on Second Day of Special Term Wilkes Superior Court

The trial of Hub Wagner, charged with the murder of Dexter S. Berr on Christmas day, 1926, will be called at a special term of Wilkes superior court called by Governor McLean to convene at Wilkesboro on December 12. The Wagner case will be called Tuesday, December 13.

NEWS OF VALLE CRUCIS

SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Valle Crucis, Nov. 9.—The yearly Halloween party of the school was given on the night of October 29 in the dining room. Owing to the prevalence of whooping cough in the neighborhood, it was thought best to limit it to the pupils of the school; nevertheless, a very enjoyable evening was passed in games and other amusements. Prizes for the most original and for the prettiest costumes were awarded.

The Young Peoples' Service League held a social program on the night of November 6th. It consisted of special hymns and short addresses, with the object of increasing zeal for the interests of Sewanee University—the University of the South.

The pupils of the school recently enjoyed a "hot dog" roast and hike. The program of the Mary Heron Literary Society for Saturday, November 5, was a synopsis of United States history in poems, music and song and was as follows:

Discovery, "Columbus," by Joaquin Miller, recited by Miss Olive Smith.

Settlement, "The Landing of the Pilgrims," Mrs. Hemans, recited by Lucy Hunter.

The Revolution, "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," Longfellow, recited by Miss Mary Farmer, assisted by Emma Stout and Mary Ann Cook.

War of 1812, a brief account of the composition of our national song by Francis Scott Key, and a victrola record of "The Star Spangled Banner," sung by a male quartette.

War with Mexico, "The Angels of Buena Vista," by Whittier, recited by Moselle Osteen, Virginia Brooks and Rosa Holloway.

Civil War, songs, "Dixie," "Yankee Doodle," "Maryland, My Maryland," "John Brown's Body" and "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground," sung by Rollie Ledbetter, Marjorie Deal, May and Blanche Gilbert, Lucy Hunter, Rosa Holloway and Virginia Brooks.

War with Spain, "The Race of the Oregon," recited by Mary Catherine Holland.

World War, "In Flanders Fields," by Col. MacRae, recited by Miss Mary Farmer.

The rector, the Rev. James P. Burke, recently attended the Synod of Sewanee at Columbus, Ga.

Miss Hedwig Maul has renewed her offer of prizes for punctuality and attendance, and added a special prize for the pupil who shall in the judgment of the faculty, show the greatest all-round improvement during the coming year.

SIMMONS NOT FOR SMITH, BUT IS NOT LEADING OPPOSITION

Washington, Nov. 7.—Senator Simmons, Democrat of North Carolina, today reiterated his opposition to the nomination of Governor Smith of New York, for president, but denied he had undertaken to organize a campaign against Smith.

The senator's statement was contained in a letter to Henry Suydam, Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle, in reply to the latter's wish that Senator Simmons comment on an article by Frank Kent appearing in the Baltimore Sun.

"Mr. Kent in effect charged me with a willingness to sacrifice the interests of the Democratic party in the nation for the purpose of party solidarity in my own state," the letter states, "but I was not interviewed and it would appear that this was based upon speculation or opinion."

"I am opposed to Governor Smith upon the ground of unavailability, and I shall do whatever may seem proper in support of this view. I have not undertaken to lead the opposition against him, however."

A branch of the Richmond, Va., Federal Reserve Bank will be opened at Charlotte on December 1, according to announcement made in Washington last week. The branch will serve North Carolina and a part of South Carolina and will include about 70 federal reserve member banks. The branch will employ about 70 people.

HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS

North Carolina Orphan Association Makes Annual Appeal for Thanksgiving Contributions For Support of Orphanages of State

"And whose shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me?"

This from the lips of the Man of Galilee has been handed down through twenty centuries, and its significance will be recognized until the portals of heaven that time shall be no longer. It is a clarion call to the aid and protection of innocent childhood, and the North Carolina Orphan Association pleads the cause of children bereft of parental care and the tender sympathy of a mother's love.

The association again calls upon every man and woman in the state to contribute on or near Thanksgiving Day at least one day's income to the orphanage of his or her choice. For a dozen years a similar appeal has annually been made and the generous gifts to the twenty-five orphanages listed hereafter have revealed the tender and practical sympathy which our people feel toward the thousands of fatherless children who are being trained in them for citizenship and the Kingdom. May the gifts of the approaching Thanksgiving show a greatly increased interest in this worthy cause.

Few situations in life are more distressing than that of children without homes. No loss seems so great as that of parental love. Bereavement inflicts its stroke with acutest anguish when it cuts the tender ties that bound the loving life of father and mother to our devoted hearts. Other sorrows, other losses, we may bear with fortitude. Other bereavements, even, seem not to fill our spirit with such bitter humiliation; for they come to us in after life, when we have somewhat learned to bear the lessons of grief, and when manhood or womanhood has brought us increased power of endurance.

Childhood with all its ignorance of worldly sorrow, and with all its frailty of spirit, is overwhelmed by tribulation of being orphaned. The orphan, therefore, is entitled to peculiar sympathy and protection. The child bereaved of its natural guardianship and left, in its innocence and tears, to the tenderness of a cold world, becomes the very symbol of defenseless affection; and as such, it should receive the protection of every man's arm and the affection of every woman's heart. We have seen, perhaps, the actual exemplification of all the suffering home pictures. We remember the dark and tearful day of burial. We seem again to see the child with strange fear and grief, twining its little arms about its parent's neck, and covering with kisses the cold cheeks. We think of the passionate outburst of sorrow when the loved form was borne away.

Then more sad even than all this, we call to mind the long years of sorrow, suffering and loneliness that followed. Maybe some of our own parents were thus taken and are now among the sainted host of Heaven. Surely, then, we do not need to be convinced by the cold force of argument, nor won by the warmth of glowing rhetoric, in order to induce us to feel for the woes, and to relieve the privations of the orphans in our midst.

To this association, it is the solemn consideration that God Himself has made especial promises of protection to the orphan, friends who will "stick closer than a brother." Friends who come softly when their eyes are wet and their hearts are heavy and become the vehicle of mercy. Truth and Justice, flashing from its centre no rates of stocks or pageantry of kings, making the circuit of the world with help for the destitute and honor for the lowly. If you can estimate the value of the life of a child bereft of the blessings and comforts of a home, you can begin to realize what it means to enlist in the movement to sew our orphanage treasuries at Thanksgiving. If you fail to experience pleasure and satisfaction out of rendering the service suggested in this appeal you have failed to catch the inspiration from the words of the Master, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

In order that more adequate equipment and support for our orphan homes may be provided we make our appeal to—

The prince of business to give out of his abundance the actual or estimated income of a day;

The landlord and money lender to give one day's rent of his houses and lands, or one day's interest on his money;

The professional man to give one day's earnings, specifying the day or taking the average day;

The salaried worker to give his or her salary for a day;

Valle Crucis Bank Suspends Operations

Affairs of the Institution To Be Handled By Watauga County Bank

Announcement is made through Mr. G. P. Hagaman, cashier of the Valle Crucis Bank, that the bank has suspended its operations and steps to close the bank have been taken by the state commission. The Watauga County Bank has issued letters to depositors of the defunct institution advising them that the business has been transferred to the Boone bank.

All notes, certificates and accounts will be looked after and checks drawn on the Valle Crucis Bank will be paid by the Watauga County Bank. Statements of checking accounts have been made to depositors and Mr. Hagaman insists that if there be discrepancies, they be made known at once.

Watauga's oldest banking institution extends a welcome to the Valle Crucis Bank's customers and assures them they will have the careful attention accorded them that has enabled the Watauga Bank to become one of the strongest financial institutions in this section of the state.

RED CROSS WILL AID NEW ENGLAND STORM SUFFERERS

Chairman R. C. Rivers, of the Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, is in receipt of the following letter from Judge John Barton Payne, chairman of the central committee of National Red Cross organization:

"The American National Red Cross is prepared, from its existing funds, to meet the needs growing out of the serious floods in New England states, as they are revealed by information available at this time. It is to meet situations such as this, without the necessity of a special campaign for funds that the goal of 5,000,000 Red Cross members has been fixed for the annual roll call, November 11-24.

"National headquarters of the Red Cross or any of its chapters is prepared, however, to receive such contributions as are tendered by those who may desire to have direct participation in this relief work, and add them to the funds made available from the Red Cross disaster reserve. This is not in any sense an appeal for contributions as the Red Cross is relying upon the response in the present roll call to meet its needs, other than for very large emergencies."

The day laborer with only pick up jobs to devote some special day to this cause;

The good housewife with her ingenuity and devotion to set apart the work of a day;

The boys and girls with no regular income to get a job after school hours, or on some Saturday and give the proceeds to the orphans.

In short, EVERYBODY, old and young, rich and poor, learned and illiterate, to join in this holy movement and thus to "visit the fatherless in their affliction."

We call upon the press of the state to give the widest possible publicity to this movement which is philanthropic in purpose and state-wide in extent; we call upon all church leaders of all denominations to urge in their respective congregations the giving of a day's income to their respective orphanages on or near Thanksgiving Day.

M. L. SHIPMAN,
STACEY W. WADE,
W. A. GRAHAM,
J. R. YOUNG,
JOHN D. BERRY,
MRS. KATE BURR JOHNSON,
MRS. JOSEPHUS DANIELS,
Publicity Committee,
Raleigh, N. C., 1927

List of Orphanages in State

Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville; Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh; Presbyterian Orphanage, Barium Springs; Methodist Orphanage, Winston-Salem; Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte; Methodist Protestant Home, High Point; Christian Orphanage, Elon College; Oxford Orphan Asylum, Oxford; Odd Fellows Home, Goldsboro; Eleida Orphanage, Asheville; Pythian Home, Clayton; Children's Home Society, Greensboro; Nazareth Orphan Home, Crescent; Falcon Orphanage, Falcon; Free-Will Baptist Home, Middlesex; Nazareth Orphanage, Nazareth; Mountain Orphanage, Black Mountain; Grand Father Orphanage, Banner Elk; Alexander Home, Charlotte; Junior League Baby Home, Charlotte; Maxwell Orphanage, Franklin; Wright Refuge, Durham; Saint Ann's Home; Memorial Industrial School (colored) Winston-Salem; Oxford Orphanage (colored), Oxford; Junior Relief Home, Winston-Salem.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cook, on Saturday morning, November 5, a son, Hubert Edsel, Jr.

REV. C. H. MOSER COMES TO BOONE

Former Member of Normal Faculty Succeeds Mr. Woosley as M. E. Pastor Here; Mr. Woosley Goes to Leaksville Church

Rev. C. H. Moser will be pastor of the Boone and Blowing Rock Methodist churches during the next year, succeeding Rev. M. B. Woosley, who has served the local field so acceptably during the past four years, going to Leaksville. Mr. Moser is well known here, having been a member of the faculty of the Appalachian State Normal school for some time, previous to becoming a member of the Western North Carolina conference two years ago.

Rev. R. A. Taylor was returned to Henson's Chapel to serve his fourth year in that field. The appointments were read at the closing session of the conference in Asheville Monday afternoon, the entire list for the North Wilkesboro district being as follows:

Seymour Taylor, presiding elder; Avery—D. S. Abernethy, supply; Boone—C. H. Moser; Creston—W. A. Thomas, supply; Elk Park—M. A. Lewis; Helton; G. C. Graham; Jefferson—T. J. Huggins; Laurel Springs—J. W. Wall, supply; Moravian Falls—R. E. Ward; North Wilkesboro—J. F. Armstrong; Ronda-Roaring River—A. L. Lucas; Sparta; T. H. Houck; Todd—A. G. Lackey, supply; Watauga—R. A. Taylor; Waverlyville, J. L. Ingram, supply; Wilkesboro—J. L. Reynolds; missionary to Japan—W. A. Wilson; professor Appalachian State Normal, J. M. Downum.

WET PRESIDENT AND TOBACCO SCORED BY M. E. CONFERENCE

Asheville, Nov. 7.—Unanimous adoption of a resolution emphatically protesting the nomination of any "wet" candidate for the presidency in 1928 and adoption of another measure strongly condemning the "ovis of the tobacco habit, and especially the cigarette habit," were actions of the final session of the Methodist conference here this afternoon, voting in interest and importance with reading of the preachers' appointments for the ensuing year.

Presentation of the resolution protesting the nomination of a "wet" presidential candidate was greeted with hand clapping and with a lusty chorus of "amen." The resolution bore the signatures of Revs. W. E. Poovey, C. A. Wood, W. A. Ware, H. C. Sprinkle, Charles H. Ireland, of Greensboro, lay leader; and L. B. Rogers, of Asheville, Sunday school superintendent.

The measure condemning the use of tobacco was introduced by Rev. E. Meyers and Rev. M. G. Erwin. It provides that the entire forces of the Western conference "do all we can to teach our people, especially the youth of the church, the evils of the tobacco habit, and especially the cigarette habit."

Bishop Moulton deplored the fact that many women have become tobacco users. "We made a great mistake during the World War, brethren," he said, "in sending our young girls over the country to give out cigarettes to the soldiers." Many young women began smoking as a result of this, the bishop said. "You might be surprised to know," he continued, "that many of your daughters are smoking cigarettes. Or, perhaps you know it. No good ever came from the use of tobacco in any form."

DEMAND ENACTMENT OF McNARY-HAUGEN BILL

St. Louis, Nov. 8.—In a sweeping indictment of the toes of farm relief, 300 agricultural leaders from 29 middle west and southern states adopted a resolution in conference here yesterday demanding "re-enactment of legislation effectively incorporating the principles of the McNary-Haugen bill."

An appeal was issued "to the great agricultural sections of the nation" to throw their voting support to candidates favorable to such relief in the approaching presidential election, regardless of previous party alliance. No specific mention of any particular candidate was made, however.

Members of both Democratic and Republican parties antagonistic to the McNary-Haugen bill were scored for their alleged failure to carry out platform promises, while President Coolidge characterized as "barren of constructive proposals" was scored for "nullifying by veto the act of congress for agriculture."

Persons signaled out for attack included, in addition to the president, Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury; U. S. Senators Borah, Idaho; Reed, Missouri; Fess, Ohio, and Bruce, Maryland, and Julius Barnes, head of the United States chamber of commerce.

Local Shrine Club To Aid Crippled Children

Only Requirement Is That Child Be Under 14 Years of Age, and of Sound Mind

The Shrine Club recently organized in Boone is desirous of locating any crippled children in Watauga county that might be treated through this club at the Shrine hospital for crippled children. If any readers of The Democrat know of any children, they are asked to communicate with Mr. W. Roy Gragg, president of the Boone Shrine Club.

The only requirements for admission to the Shrine's Hospital for crippled children are that the parents be financially unable to pay for the surgical and hospital treatment; that the child be not more than fourteen years of age and have normal mentality.

NEW CHEMICAL FIRE TRUCK FOR BOONE ARRIVED SAT.

The chemical fire truck, recently purchased by the board of aldermen for the town of Boone, arrived Saturday and is now stored at the Chevrolet garage awaiting the arrival of an expert from the factory to test it out thoroughly and give demonstrations before it is put in operation. The truck carries two 40-pound chemical tanks, 1,500 feet of hose and other equipment necessary to modern fire-fighting.

Mayor W. R. Gragg stated Tuesday that no definite arrangements had yet been made for the location of the apparatus, several propositions being under consideration, one of which is a proposition submitted by the Boone Novelty Shop, which has submitted to the town authorities the proposition of building a fire house and employing a day and night driver, provided the town would extend a water main from Main street to the plant.

Mr. Gragg also stated that when a paid fire chief is employed and takes charge of the new apparatus, Boone will be placed in second class instead of third class rating for fire insurance, which would reduce insurance rates in the town up to as high as 33 per cent.

The board of aldermen thought it wise to purchase the chemical truck, which cost \$2,900, instead of the higher priced equipment, which carries, in addition to the chemical equipment, a water pump of about 100 pounds pressure. The average pressure in the town now is about 120 pounds, and therefore, the pumping equipment is not needed, at least not at this time. However, if it is decided that the larger equipment is needed, the chemical truck can be traded in on the other equipment any time within a year with a depreciation of only \$100.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SEEKS 5,000,000 MEMBERS FOR 1928

"Five million members for 1928," has been adopted by the American Red Cross as its slogan for the 11th annual roll call, to be held, from Armistice Day, November 11, to Thanksgiving. If this goal is reached it will mean an increase of nearly 2,000,000 over last year's enrollment.

Extensive demands for service in disasters and other emergencies and a desire on the part of the Red Cross to widen its activities in the fields of public health, life saving, first aid and similar enterprises, make necessary increased support from the people, national headquarters states in announcing the 1928 goal.

Just how gigantic the task of administering disasters has become is evidenced in the annual report of the Red Cross for the closing fiscal year. Relief was given in a total of 91 major and minor disasters in the United States and in 21 foreign disasters. Included in the list of domestic disasters were the Florida hurricane and the Mississippi Valley flood, which affected a total of more than 640,000 people.

During the roll call, more than 250,000 men and women, wearing the Red Cross workers' badge, will go among the people inviting them to join for 1928. All will be volunteer workers. Dues collected will finance local Red Cross work, such as public health nursing and service to World War veterans and supply funds also for the international and national Red Cross program.

Watauga county will play its part in enlisting members. Officers of the local chapter are now perfecting plans for the annual enrollment.

Congressman R. L. Doughton has advised Concord automobile men that he favors repeal of the federal tax on automobiles. In a letter to Concord garage owners, Mr. Doughton has expressed the opinion that the tax should be removed now because the automobile is no longer a luxury and he does not think necessities should be taxed.

ARMISTICE NOT OBSERVED HERE

Several Local Business Houses Will Close for the Day, Otherwise the Event Will Be Uneventful; Legion Will Meet in the Evening

Governor A. W. McLean has called upon the citizens of North Carolina to observe Armistice day tomorrow, but other than the closing of local business houses, the day will be unobserved in Boone. The two banks and the following stores will be closed for the day: Carolina Store, R. S. Swift & Company, Boone Hardware Company, Eastners Hardware Company, L. & E. Store, City Market, Boone Clothing Co., Davidson's, Issues' Department Store, Spinnettes, Inc., and Ashley Shoe Store.

In the evening there will be a meeting of Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, at Legion Hall, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that might come before the legion. It is also announced that the Ladies' Auxiliary will also meet with the Legion. Refreshments and music are on tap for the meeting, which will begin at 7 o'clock.

In issuing the Armistice day proclamation, Governor McLean urged that the citizens of the state make it more than a day of rejoicing in celebration of the victory that was achieved in 1918, but let "it be a time for us to reassemble our moral forces and place a higher value on spiritual standards and strive to achieve higher things. There are peace time battles to fight," he advised. "Let each of us go to the task with renewed vigor and on the forthcoming Armistice Day renew our pledge to service."

GOVERNOR SMITH WINS FIGHT IN NEW YORK

From the national standpoint, interest in Tuesday's elections, held in a dozen eastern states, centered in the fate of a proposed constitutional amendment in New York, opposed by Governor Alfred E. Smith, the election of a governor in Kentucky and the result of a referendum in Ohio and mayoralty battles in Philadelphia and Detroit.

In New York, incomplete returns indicated the rejection of the proposal, fought by Smith and favored by Republicans, to increase the term for governor to four years, beginning at the next election for president.

A majority of more than 370,000 votes had been rolled up against the amendment in returns from more than one-third of the state tabulated at 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

Governor Smith also won all eight of the constitutional amendments for which he fought.

Beckham Loses in Kentucky

A long distance telephone message to The Democrat at noon Wednesday said that F. D. Sampson, Republican, had won the governorship in Kentucky over J. C. W. Beckham, Democrat. During the campaign Beckham twice governor and twice defeated States senator, advocated the repeal of the Pari-Mutuel race track betting law, which permitted open race track gambling. Sampson favored the law.

Vare Faction Leads in Philadelphia

In Philadelphia, Harry A. Mackey, the Republican candidate for mayor with the support of the Vare organization, filed up a commanding lead over J. H. Moore, former member of congress running as an independent. In Philadelphia, James M. Back was elected to congress. He is a Republican and fills one of the three vacancies in the house of representatives for which elections were held Tuesday.

In the thirty-fifth New York district, C. E. Hancock, Republican, was elected to serve the unexpired term of the house of the late Representative Magee, also a Republican.

Detroit Votes Wet

Running on a platform of liberal prohibition enforcement, Mayor J. W. Smith, in Detroit, had a slight lead on early returns over John C. Lodge, who was supported by the dry element.

In Mississippi

There was no opposition to the Democratic ticket in Mississippi and the voters went through the formality of electing the entire Democratic ticket, headed by Theo. G. Bilbo, former governor.

Negotiations were completed last Thursday at Statesville and contracts signed for the removal of the Gagner Mills of Adams, Massachusetts, to Statesville. The new plant will weave silk and rayon and mixtures of the two, in addition to tapestries, bed spreads, draperies and other similar novelties.

Yes, Whoist

Transmitter: Who is this?
Receiver: Well, if you don't know yourself, silly, how do you expect me to tell?