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SUPERIOR COURT TO BEGIN SESSION HERE MARCH 29

Both Criminal and Civil Cases Will Be Tried During Two Weeks Term With Judge Oglesby On Bench

The March term of Cherokee Superior Court will meet on Monday March 29th with Judge J. M. Oglesby presiding, court officials announced this week. Both criminal and civil cases will be tried. The criminal docket is rather light, and is expected to consume the first two or three days. The civil docket is exceedingly crowded, and will not likely be finished at this term.

Following is a list of the jurors selected for services during the court:

First Week
Harley Golden, W. P. Odum, Tom Gilbert, B. H. Stiles, W. H. Abernathy, E. L. Simonds, Oscar Anderson, O. C. Davis, Geo. Hembree, John Picklesimer, Allen Davis, T. A. Davis, J. P. Stiles, Jim Woods, Carl Stiles, J. P. Decker, P. L. Hedden, Bob Romers, Peachtree, H. A. Crisp, Charlie Stiles, J. M. McNabb, Paul Martin, J. H. Crisp, J. R. Ray, G. B. Lovinwood, Fate King, M. T. Raper, J. J. Sylvester, C. A. Hunsucker, Ira Clark, W. S. Clayton, Gordon Lovinwood, W. R. Bristol, Wig Stiles, Culberson Ben Dockery, S. G. Baines.

Second Week
William G. Webb, J. M. Simonds, J. A. Richardson, R. R. Beal, Edward Lovinwood, A. W. Padgett, E. H. Bertrug, C. A. Rose, J. H. Reed, J. T. Hayes, George Preswood, L. E. Mauney, J. W. Lovinwood, A. White, W. A. Panther, L. M. Ballew, Fred Martin, G. E. Dickey, Tom King, W. S. Saeed, J. M. Taylor, L. M. Shields, Will Coffee and F. A. Mosteller.

School Closed At Unaka Last Friday

Unaka, March 15.—One of the most successful school terms ever held here closed last Friday, after an eight month session. Prof. Ralph Taylor, of Letitia, was principal, and Miss Ruth Hatchett, of Bellevue, in charge of the primary department. Both Mr. Taylor and Miss Hatchett stated that they were well pleased with the results of the year's work, and that all the pupils put themselves into their work in such an energetic manner, that results could not help but be forthcoming. Whether they will return next year is not known, but it is hoped that they will.

Another Old Confederate Veteran Passes Away

Mr. P. B. Tatham, commonly known as "Uncle Bent," died suddenly at the home of his daughter Mrs. E. B. King, at Topton, N. C., on the afternoon of March the 3rd, 1926. He ate dinner at 12 o'clock, and died at 1:45 without a struggle. He was talking cheerfully in his usual way two minutes before his death.

Uncle Bent was born in Macon County, N. C. February 6, 1835. His parents moved to Old Valleytown, Cherokee County, when he was only six weeks old. Here he grew up to be a strong, active, energetic young man. When he was twenty-six years old, he married Miss Arrie Wright, a daughter of the late James Wright of Rhodo, N. C.

At the call for volunteers in the Confederate Army, he responded to the call, and joined Capt. Stephen Whitaker's Co. "E" Walker Battalion, Thomas Legion, and served through the entire Army. He was one of the last to lay down his arms. He was known as a fearless brave and patriotic soldier, and was greatly admired by his superiors in office and comrades as being a soldier that could be depended upon in any emergency.

Immediately following the close of the Civil War, he returned to his home where he found his faithful wife awaiting his return. With her aid and assistance, they began life over again, his chief occupation being that of a farmer. He reared a large family, those surviving him being Jasper M. Tatham and John A. Tatham of Andrews; J. H. Tatham and Mrs. Rona Hampton, of Robbinsville; Mrs. Rilla Piercy, of Elmton, Cal.; Mrs. J. T. Lovin, of Bryson City;

Harbinger of Spring



Lyceum Number Is Well Received Tuesday Night

The last number of the 1925-26 lyceum course was well received at the school auditorium Tuesday night. It was a comedy play entitled "The Other Fellow's Shoes," and was presented by the Slout Players, a company composed of five people and headed by L. Verne Slout.

"The Other Fellow's Shoes" was a comedy of young America and business. It was the best number of the course and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience.

Mrs. G. W. West, of Rhodo, and Mrs. E. B. King, of Topton. He also leaves one brother, Mr. Pird Tatham, of Atlanta, Ga., and one sister, Laura Tatham, of Andrews. His wife preceded him to the grave by about ten years.

The writer formed the acquaintance of Uncle Bent something more than forty years ago. This acquaintance grew into a mutual friendship which became stronger and stronger as the years passed. His cheerful disposition, congeniality and remarkable activity was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Uncle Bent was fond of out door life. He often remarked that fresh air and sunshine was nature's remedy for human ills, and was the best medicine that one could administer. He was particularly fond of fox hunting, and often remarked that the yelp of the hound in pursuit of a fox was sweet music to his ears. He frequently engaged in this his chosen sport, and only a few months prior to his death, he joined with a party of much younger men than himself in a heated fox chase which lasted the greater portion of the night, returning in the early morning to his place of abode without a murmur of complaint, but rejoicing over the amusement and pleasure of his experience, while those much younger than himself were complaining of being greatly fatigued.

For the past several years, Uncle Bent has been accustomed to having a birthday dinner in celebration of his birth. The writer had the pleasure of attending his last celebration at the home of Mr. Powers, (whose birthday came on the same day) on the sixth day of February, 1926, it being his 91st birthday. On this occasion he expressed the opinion of this possibly being his last anniversary, as he knew according to the laws of nature that he had but a short time allotted to him in this world.

BIDS FOR BUILDING NEW COURT HOUSE ARE CALLED FOR

Work to Begin Within Thirty Days From Letting of Contract and Completed by Dec. 1st

Advertisement by the County Commissioners for receiving bids for the construction of a court house is carried in this issue. The advertisement calls for a two story structure, to be built of brick, marble, stone, hollow tile, the floors, ceilings and roof slabs, etc., to be of reinforced concrete, dome and lantern to be of steel construction. Work is to begin within thirty days after the contract is awarded and is to be completed by December 1, 1926.

The successful bidder will be required to give bond in the amount of his bid as evidence of good faith that the contract will be carried out. The board of commissioners is composed of T. W. Axley, chairman; W. T. Holland, and W. J. Martin. Plans and specifications can be procured from either the architect, or the chairman of the County Commissioners on deposit of \$25.00. Bids will be received until noon April 15th, and should be submitted to T. W. Axley, chairman, Murphy, N. C.

LAST DEBRIS OF OLD COURT HOUSE CLEARED AWAY

The last debris of the court house walls, with the exception of the marble foundations, was cleared away this week. The work of tearing down the walls and hauling away the brick and mortar has been in progress for the past two months, and was completed twenty days less time than the contract called for. Barnett Brothers were awarded the contract bidding \$3,485, which was the lowest of the nineteen bids received. The marble foundations were left standing in accordance with the contract.

the roll call when he was serving his country in the line of battle, and now that he had fought a good fight had kept the faith, had run his course he was ready and willing to answer the final roll call where he expected to meet his wife and mother.

The funeral was conducted at the Methodist Church in Andrews by Rev. M. T. Snathers, of Hendersonville, N. C. A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends were present to pay their last respect to this noble soldier, citizen and friend.

The interment was made at the Valleytown cemetery, formerly known as Tatham grave yard, in sight of the spot where he was reared and lived for many years. Troop "D" N. C. N. G., of Andrews, took part in the burial exercises, which was the request of Uncle Bent a few days before his death. Andrews, N. C. March 16th, 1926. A FRIEND.

Aunt of Judge Axley Died Sunday In Knoxville

Mrs. Ida Axley, 76 year old, aunt of Judge W. M. Axley, of Murphy, died Sunday afternoon in Knoxville at the home of her son, R. H. Axley, after an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. Axley was a sister of the late Margaret P. Axley of Murphy, and the last member of her immediate family. She was well known in this section and has many relatives and friends in Murphy.

Funeral services and interment were at Knoxville. She is survived by three sons: A. W. Axley, of New York; Wid Axley, of Chattanooga; and R. H. Axley, of Knoxville, with whom she resided.

SWEETGUM

The people in Graham County have for the past week experienced some deep snows. These big snows and cold weather are blocking the farmer very much.

Miss Bonnie Matheson, a daughter of Rev. W. B. Matheson has accepted a position with John A. Rogers as clerk—Miss Matheson is well educated and qualified for the position.

It is said that Mr. John Colvard and Mr. R. L. West have recently sold their farms on Tulula to the same parties who have purchased the great lands of R. B. Slaughter and Dave Swan. These farms are connecting on shortage links to the great boundary.

It is said these parties purchasing this land will set out a row of maple trees on each side of the Graham County Railroad clear through the property and then concrete a nice street on each side of the railroad.

Mr. R. C. Moore and Mr. Q. C. Hall visited friends at Sweetgum Sunday. They seemed to enjoy their visit mightily well.

Superior Court convened at Robbinsville Monday only to close before evening due to the snow weather. Only two cases were heard a Crisp boy and a Rose boy. They were convicted for stealing meat and given sentences of six months each.

A. L. Pastell at this time is suffering very bad from flu. He is confined to bed. (Last Week's Letter) Mr. Bent Tatham, who recently died at his daughter's home in Topton has hundreds of friends in Graham County as well as Cherokee County and also where who were made to mourn when they heard of the sad news of his death. The people at Sweetgum are glad to know that the Postoffice Department has now posted in the store of A. L. Pastell a legal notice that there will be a postoffice established

All Users of Water Placed on Meter

The placing on meters of all users of water from the city mains was completed this week, announced J. L. Hall, superintendent of water works. This work has been in progress for the past two months, during which time some 125 meters were installed, at an approximate cost of \$1,200.

This brings the number of water meters in the city up to 250, and all users are placed on an equal basis. Already the amount of water flowing through the mains has been lessened to a marked degree, it was stated, due to the fact that many faucets and hydrants through which water was allowed to drain have been closed. City officials believe this will be an inducement to users not to waste so much water and have a tendency to prevent the water supply from running low.

An Appeal for Our Song Birds

Mr. Editor: Please allow one who loves our little feathered friends, particularly those sweet singers among them, which bring us so much cheer through the Spring and Summer, besides protecting our gardens against their ever increasing pests, space in your paper, for this appeal to young and old to stop killing them.

Your correspondent understands that the killing of robins, larks, mockingbirds, blue birds, doves and other varieties, closed as "song birds" is positively forbidden by the law of North Carolina, and that the killing of ducks, geese and other migratory fowl after January 31st and before November 1st, is forbidden by the Federal law, wood ducks, which frequent our rivers in spring and summer not being permitted to be killed at anytime and while we have heard of offenders elsewhere being sincerely punished we cannot recall that we ever heard of a violator of these laws being prosecuted here, though we all know that such violations have been and continue to be all too frequent.

again we understand that the law declares that any parent who permits a child under sixteen years of age to use a gun is himself subject to indictment and punishment, and although this is known to be the law of the land and a most wholesome one, we have yet to hear of any prosecution under this law, though it too is frequently violated.

Now we believe, as between these parents and the children, that the former are most to be blamed, and we appeal to our boys to stop killing these beautiful sweet singers. Please remember boys that these birds give great pleasure to most people and that where you kill these birds, it may and often does result in the death from starvation, of their entire brood of little ones. Remember too that you have not accomplished an dgreat thing when you have succeeded in killing them, but have violated the law, in doing a criminal act, besides having done a cruel thing, of which any boy who thinks should be ashamed. Remember these feathered songsters are our good friends; that they protect our gardens and farm crops, and that with their sweet songs they bring joy to a great many people. Instead of trying to destroy them, let us encourage them to make their homes with us, and we believe you will find more pure pleasure in loving and protecting our birds, than can possibly come from murdering them. Try watching them as they go about their daily tasks of feeding their little ones and teaching them to fly, and listen to their sweet songs, and my word for it, you will not kill them again.

AFRIEND OF THE BIRDS.

at Sweetgum, N. C. The people at Sweetgum insisted that Mr. Pastell ask the Postoffice department for the establishment of a postoffice at Sweetgum. The partons all signed the petition asking that the department to establish the office and appointing Mr. Postell postmaster. The people at Sweetgum can be assured within a week or so that they will have a postoffice at Sweetgum for their convenience.

PRESENTS PLAN FOR SELECTING TENNESSEE ROAD

Dockery Would let Voter of County Decide Between Two Routes—Stikeleather Willing

A plan by which the people of the county would select the route to Tennessee which the State is to take over is presented by J. T. Dockery in a letter this week to The Scout.

The plan would let the voters of the county cast a ballot for the road of his or her choice, and suggests that the two road commissioners act in conjunction with the editor of the Scout as judges, thereby finding the will of the people in the matter without any cost to the county.

Mr. Dockery states that Mr. Stikeleather, whose letter to Mr. Dockery is also carried in these columns, is willing for the people to decide the question.

About two years ago at a meeting in the court house, Mr. Stikeleather stated that he favored a route to the Tennessee State line connecting with No. 10 in or near Murphy. At that time, the meeting went on record in favor of leaving the selection up to the state. Engineers were instructed to look over the routes and report to the highway commission. Friends and advocates of the two routes not recommended thought that the report of the engineers was unfair and as a consequently many protests were registered with the commission relative to the report. The commission then held up action on the matter until the Tennessee authorities could be heard from. On February 12th, an interview between Don Withespoon, president of the local chamber of commerce, and F. W. Webster, state highway commissioner of Tennessee, relative to Tennessee's decision in the matter, was published in these columns. Mr. Webster stated that Tennessee did not consider the connection with the Shoal Creek route practicable, but Tennessee would eventually connect with both the Hot House and Beaverdam routes. He also stated he did not believe Tennessee should be called upon to select state route in North Carolina, and that they would not designate either of the two remaining routes in Tennessee, as they recognized that both sections had claims of equal rank.

Mr. Stikeleather has repeatedly declared that he would rather the people of Cherokee County determine which route the state should take over and Mr. Dockery's suggestion comes as a result of communication with him relative to the matter. Mr. Dockery's letter follows: UNAKA, N. C. March 12, 1926.

Editor Cherokee Scout and Citizens of Cherokee County, Dear Sir: I have worked out a plan to get our State Highway located to the Tennessee State line, and it is fair to both routes and Mr. Stikeleather has approved of it.

The plan is this, vote through the Cherokee Scout office, let every citizen in Cherokee County that is a qualified voter write or print the name of the route they prefer on a ticket sign his name of the route they prefer on a ticket sign his name and P. O. address to it and send it to the Editor of the Cherokee Scout, Murphy, N. C. and let him keep them unbroken under lock and key till the day for the count out, on that day let the Highway Road Commissioners of Hothouse and Beaverdam Townships be present and assist the Editor in the count out, and declare the results in the columns of the Cherokee Scout.

Who is not willing to abide by the majority decision of our citizens, Mr. Stikeleather said publicly he would rather the people would say which route was their choice, and now we can give him an expression without putting our County to any expense.

Both these routes are needed but we can't get but one at a time together and help Mr. Stikeleather locate the most practical route from Murphy to the Tennessee state line by declaring our preference of route. Mr. Stikeleather is offering as fair as any honest official can offer, we can just keep rowing over the route till dooms day and maybe never get (Continued on page 6)