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To Elect County Superintendent In June

Stone Must Die In Chair

Supreme Court Affirms Lower Court Verdict

Finds No Error In Trial Of
Wilkes Man For Slay-
ing Son-In-Law

DECISION YESTERDAY

Stone Was Tried Last Aug-
ust; Judge G. V. Cowper
Was On Bench

Raleigh, May 17.—Bryant Stone, Wilkes county slayer, lost his appeal in the Supreme court this afternoon and the governor is his only help in a death sentence for the murder of his son-in-law, Wayne Norman.

The opinion written by Chief Justice Stacy has hardly 200 words. The defendant was tried for shooting Wayne Norman Sunday, June 12, 1932, while the young fellow sat on his piazza. The shooting was done from a crack through the smokehouse. The assailant, poking a 20 gauge shotgun in the direction of the defendant, turned loose a load of double B or buck-shot which killed the husband of the defendant's daughter. The state relied quite a deal on the dying declaration of Norman who said Stone had shot him. The gun which Stone is alleged to have used was uncovered in a trunk in Stone's home and the shells that had not been used were similar to the ammunition employed in the ambushing. Witnesses testified that Stone had threatened to shoot his son-in-law with buck shot, but that the attack was not to have been fatal.

Objected To Marriage
The basis of Stone's bitterness was his objection to his girl's marrying Norman, the state contended. Mrs. Norman was only 16 years old when she and Norman ran away. Their courtship had to be clandestine, the paterfamilias was making threats against his prospective son-in-law. The jury had to rely largely on circumstantial evidence in addition to the dying statement of the deceased who lived a day after the shooting.

The defense objected to the testimony of Dr. F. C. Hubbard, who said Norman told the doctor that the injured man did not know who shot him. Chief Justice Stacy finds in that statement a help rather than a hurt to the defendant. The whole thing was for the jury which believed the state's evidence and saw malice, premeditation and deliberation, all the evidence of murder in the first degree. The testimony of Dr. Hubbard represented the deceased at least one time in doubt as to his assailant.

Cowper Tried Case
Judge Vernon Cowper tried the case without reversible error, Justice Stacy concludes, and was entirely correct in refusing to sustain the demurrer to the evidence.

Auditors Now At Clerk's Office

Winston-Salem Firm Is En-
gaged In Making Audit
of Records

R. L. Wilcox and J. G. Chipman, members of the auditing firm of Frank G. Butts and company, of Winston-Salem, began an audit of the records in the office of Clerk of Superior Court Wm. A. Stroud Tuesday.

Contract for the audit was awarded the Winston-Salem firm at the May meeting of the board of county commissioners. They are expected to complete the audit within a few days.

G. C. Club To Meet

Will Be Entertained Friday
Night By Mrs. Miller

The Wilkes County Club of the Greensboro College Alumnae Association will meet at the home of Mrs. Warner Miller, Friday evening at 8 o'clock, unless the members are notified otherwise. "We are especially anxious for every one who possibly can attend to be present," an official stated yesterday.

Fifty Wilkes Boys to Leave Tomorrow For Forest Camp

He Must Die



The State Supreme Court yesterday affirmed the lower court which imposed a death sentence upon Bryant Stone for the slaying of his son-in-law, Wayne Norman.

Welfare Officer Will Be Elected On First Monday

Board of Education and Com-
missioners Will Hold
Joint Meeting

ELECT FOR BIENNIUM

Members of the board of education and the board of county commissioners of Wilkes county will hold a joint meeting on Monday, June 5, and elect a county superintendent of welfare for the next biennium.

That date, it is understood, has been set for the election and this matter is added to much other important business which the two boards have on the calendar for that day.

The office of welfare superintendent has been filled for the past two years by Mrs. Gilbert Foster, nee Miss Valeria Belle Nichols.

The county board of education is composed of C. O. McNeill, R. R. Church and D. F. Shepherd, while N. B. Smith, M. F. Absher and C. C. Hayes compose the board of commissioners.

Miss Mattye Eller Claimed By Death

Funeral Will Be Conducted
This Afternoon At First
Baptist Church

Miss Mattye Eller, a highly esteemed lady of this city, died yesterday at 6 p. m. following an illness of about ten months' duration. Since July of last year, she had been unable to go about and was in the care of her physicians.

The funeral service will be conducted this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock from the First Baptist church by Rev. C. W. Robinson, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. H. Armbrust, pastor of the local Methodist church. Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the deceased, is in Washington, D. C. attending the Southern Baptist convention and will be unable to attend. Burial will follow in Greenwood cemetery.

Flowerbearers will be members of the school faculty and members of the Fidelis Class of the First Baptist church.

Miss Eller was born at Marion, Va., the daughter of the late J. F. Eller and Mary Ann Laxton Eller, natives of Wilkes county. Before coming to North Wilkesboro, she taught in the schools of Virginia. She was a member of the North Wilkesboro school faculty for eight years.

A member of the First Baptist
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Will Go To Winston-Salem
and Then To Fort Bragg
For Training

TO BE AWAY 6 MONTHS

List of Those Selected Is An-
nounced; Two Colored
Boys To Go

Fifty Wilkes county boys, comprising the county's quota for the civilian conservation corps, will report in Wilkesboro tomorrow (Friday) morning ready to leave for Winston-Salem.

The call for the Wilkes contingent was received the first of the week and notices for the boys to report were sent out from the county welfare office.

Those who pass the examination at Winston-Salem will be taken to Fort Bragg for two weeks of intensive physical training. In what camp they will be assigned to work is not known. Two colored boys, George Cockerham, of Traphill, and Junius Vannoy, of Wilkesboro, are among the 50. Six alternates have been selected to take the places of any who fail to meet the requirements.

Following is a list of the white boys who have been selected to go:

Chelsey Adams, North Wilkesboro, Route 1; Woodrow Absher, this city; Willie Absher, Mertie; Roy E. Anderson, Wilkesboro; Philmore Bowlin, Sherman; Gurnie Beshears, Bengie; Thurmond Billings, Ronda; Homer Carter, State Road; Boyd Caudill, Traphill; Coy Childers, North Wilkesboro; Edward Cooper, Dough-ton; George Cockerham, Traphill; Maurice Davis, Pores Knob; Hayes Dyer, Purllear; Ezra Griffin, Shaw; Paul Hall, New Life; Mack Huffman, Purllear; Buford Higgins, Radical; Julius Hall, Wilkesboro; Finley Joiner, Oak-woods; Orville Johnson, Roaring River; Hazel Kennington, Mora-vian Falls; Ralph Miller, North Wilkesboro; Virgil Moore, Gil-reath; Holler Miller, Hayes; Roy Myers, Ronda; Omie Pender-grass, Lloyd Phillips, Boomer; Rob Petty, Walsh; James Pierce,
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Miss McKittrick To Teach Training Course For Girl Scout Leaders Here

Miss Grace McKittrick, a member of the training staff of the national Girl Scout headquarters, will arrive here today (Thursday) to conduct a training course at the "Little House."

The course is for mothers and fathers of Girl Scouts and any others interested in the Scout work. The subjects to be studied during the course are of special interest to parents and those who are interested in becoming Scout leaders.

The course is not limited to people living in the Wilkesboros,

Term Of Federal Court Will Come To An End Today

Many Cases Disposed Of In
Rapid Succession During
First Of Week

MANY PLEAS OF GUILTY

Majority Of Cases For Vi-
olation Of National Pro-
hibition Laws

The term of federal court for the counties of Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga which convened Monday in Wilkesboro will probably come to an end today (Thursday). The docket, it is believed, can be cleared by noon and adjournment sometime today is almost certain.

Many cases had been disposed of up to time of adjournment yesterday. Pleas of guilty were entered in practically all cases and sentences were meted out with dispatch by Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who is presiding.

A majority of the cases were for violation of the prohibition laws and the defendants in all cases listed below were charged with manufacturing, possessing or transporting intoxicants unless it is specified otherwise. Following is a list of the cases disposed of:

Boss Absher, Dock Absher and Coy Pruitt, one year and a day in Chillocothe as to Boss Absher; year and day in Chillocothe as to Dock Absher; defendant Pruitt put on probation for 12 months. Stewart Nichols, 18 months in Chillocothe.

Marvin Widenhouse, fine of \$730.00 and put on probation for 2 years.

John Frank Richardson and Lemond Adams, 18 months probation as to Adams; temporary probation as to Richardson.

John Wagoner, Levi Absher and Dock Absher, 18 months probation as to Wagoner and Levi Absher; year and day in Chillocothe as to Dock Absher.

Wm. Stikeleather, 2 years in Chillocothe.

Kerby Dula, 5 months in jail.

Jesse Anderson, 6 months in jail.

Charlie Williams and Mrs. Charlie Williams, 4 months in jail.
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but may be taken by anyone in-
terested in Scout work in the
county.

The hours for the various ses-
sions are as follows:
Thursday (today), 8:00 p. m.
Friday, 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Saturday, 10 a. m.

Miss McKittrick is doing some
splendid work throughout the
country and it is hoped that her
lectures will be largely attended.
Scout leaders are hoping that a
number of young people will take
the course and prepare them-
selves for Girl Scout leadership.

PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL LAND BANK EXPLAINS FEATURES EMERGENCY FARM MORTGAGE ACT

The following statement from Frank H. Daniel, president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, which The Journal-Patriot obtained from Attorney Frank D. Hackett, secretary-treasurer of the Moravian National Farm Loan Association, will be of interest to the farmers of this section:

"The Emergency Farm Mortgage Act of 1933 which recently passed Congress and was approved by the President May 12th, is of great importance not only to the borrowers from the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, which operates in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, but to the thousands of other farmers who are now in debt. To the Federal Land Bank borrowers it means that for a period of 5 years beginning July 11th, the interest rate on their long-term, amortized, first mortgage loans from the

Federal Land Bank will be re-
duced to 4 1-2 per cent. The rate
of interest paid by the borrowers
from this bank now varies from
5 to 6 per cent, the average be-
ing not far from 5 1-2 per cent.
This means an average reduction
of one per cent a year in the rate
of interest which the borrowers
will have to pay this bank dur-
ing that period. To the borrow-
ers from the 12 Federal Land
Banks, totaling nearly 400,000,
it will mean a saving in interest
of approximately \$11,000,000 an-
nually or a total of \$55,000,000
in the next 5 years.

"Fully as important as the re-
duction in the rate of interest to
old borrowers is the announce-
ment that under the new act the
Federal Land Bank will be able
to make loans, through national
farm loan associations, during
the next two years, at a rate not
to exceed 4 1-2 per cent. This
low rate of interest will continue

In Harwichport Kidnapping Drama



Here are the principals in the \$60,000 kidnapping of 10-year-old Peggy MacMath of Harwichport, Mass. (left) which stirred the nation, and was brought to sudden end when Kenneth Buck, 28 (upper right), and Cyril Buck, 41 (lower right), garage-men at that place, were arrested in less than 10 hours after the ransom money had been paid and Peggy returned to her parents. Under questioning, Kenneth Buck confessed, but tried to absolve his brother, who acted as go-between. Cyril Buck has been charged with extortion through ransom. An early trial is predicted.

Important Legislation Was Passed By General Assembly

CAPTAIN FOOTE GETS NEW POST

Native of Wilkes Assigned to
Duty as Chief of Staff,
Naval District

Washington, May 14.—The distinction which comes to Captain Percy W. Foote, USN, commanding the USS Arkansas, to duty as chief of staff, fourth naval district, Philadelphia, is of manifest interest to North Carolinians from whose state the naval officer comes. Capt. Foote was born at Roaring River, N. C., August 13, 1879, and was appointed to the Naval Academy from North Carolina in 1897. He is one of the heroes of the World War, and like many other North Carolinians in the navy, during the great conflict, brought honor to his state and the service. He was awarded the distinguished service medal with the citation:

"For exceptionally meritori-
ous service in a duty of great
responsibility as commanding
officer of the USS President
Lincoln (naval transport), up-
on the occasion of the sinking
of that vessel by an enemy
submarine on May 31, 1918.
The conduct and bearing of
Commander Foote under try-
ing conditions and his hand-
ling of the situation were in
accord with the best traditions
of the naval service."
Capt. Foote served as aide
to Secretary of the Navy Dan-
iels from 1918 until 1921,
when he was ordered to com-
mand the USS Salem.

Election Called To Vote On Retention of the 18th Amendment

APPROPRIATIONS CUT

Raleigh, May 15.—It's all over but the shouting. North Carolina's 1933 general assembly, "the most turbulent and busiest" in history, has adjourned sine die—and what history it has written.

A sales tax, beer, a new constitution, a convention to consider repeal of the 18th amendment, an eight months school, horse racing and pari-mutuel betting in three counties, drastically changed banking legislation, ratification of the "lame-duck" amendment to the federal constitution—all these came from the 1933 session and earned for it the "busiest legislature" title.

Adjournment sine die came only after 132 days—within nine days of the record-breaking 141-day session in the 1931 session. After the 1931 session, legislators felt it would be a long time before another legislature even approached that record. Only two years intervened but 1933's session came near to smashing that mark. In 1868-69 the session ran 135 days. 1933 places third.

From the very first day, the legislators were bombarded from all sides. School teachers, state departments, and state employees pleaded for higher appropriations than those recommended by the budget commission. Merchants contended a sales tax would wreck them. Corporations de-
clared higher franchise taxes would place them in bankruptcy. Drys fought hard against changes in the liquor laws and wets fought just as hard for changes. Delegation after delegation visited Raleigh, conferred with legislators seeking certain legislation. A mass meeting was held here in interest of securing higher appropriations for schools. In short, legislators were faced with the greatest pressure ever brought to bear on law makers of the state.

It was only after a bitter fight that the sales tax was enacted into law. That battle started with the appropriations bill, long before the revenue measure was introduced.

Anti-sales taxers fought hard against appropriations recom-
mended by the joint appropria-
tions committee. If those supply
figures went through, a sales tax
would be necessary to balance
the budget.

For two days the anti-sales
taxers held the upper hand. Then
the tide finally inserted into the
bill. A sales tax was necessary to
balance the budget.

Only the type of such a tax—
general or selected commodity—
remained to be chosen. The
house at first rejected such type.
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C. O. McNeill Is Named Chairman Of School Board

Board Advertisises Forthcom-
ing Election of County
Superintendent

MANY APPLICATIONS

Will Not Name District Com-
mittees For Some
Time Yet

A successor to Prof. C. C. Wright, county superintendent of schools, who recently announced his retirement at the end of his present term, will be elected at the meeting of the new board of education on Monday, June 5.

An announcement relative to the election of the superintendent was made following a special meeting of the new board Monday afternoon.

The new board of education is composed of C. O. McNeill, D. F. Shepherd and R. R. Church. The members were sworn in by Mrs. W. A. Stroud, assistant clerk of superior court, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the board immediately went into special session.

C. O. McNeill, who was chairman of the old board, was unanimously chosen as chairman for the coming term.

In compliance with the law, notices to the effect that the election of a county superintendent of schools will be elected on the first Monday in June were posted and the board adjourned.

More than 30 applications have been filed with the board for the superintendent's position. Other applications are expected between now and the meeting date and it is likely that the board will be required to make a selection from 50 or more candidates.

The new board was appointed by the General Assembly during the closing days of the session, the members receiving their credentials Monday. They decided to take office immediately so that the election could be advertised the required time before the June meeting.

The chairman of the board stated Tuesday that it will be some time before district school committees are named. The board has been advised not to make any appointments until they are advised that the re-districting required under the provisions of the new school machinery bill is completed by the state department.

All schools in Wilkes county will operate for eight months next year. A school may supplement the term one month if the school population is 1,000 or more.

Results of T. B. Clinic Announced

103 Suspects Were Examined
During Two Weeks; Dr.
Eason Here

Results of the T. B. clinic which was conducted at the courthouse the first two weeks of the month were announced Wednesday by the county health department.

The report of Dr. H. F. Eason, of State Sanitarium, the clinician, shows that 103 suspects were examined. Of that number 90 were white people and 13 were colored people.

Dr. Eason was assisted in the clinic by Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, and Mrs. Bertha Bell, county health nurse.

Results of the diagnosis were: Positive—new cases, 4; re-examinations, 9; total, 13; probable, 2; doubtful, 13 white, 2 colored; negative, 59 white, 10 colored, total, 69. Number of ex-patients examined, 3.

Treatment was advised as follows: sanitarium treatment, 9; X-ray and further examination, 16; advised to keep temperature record and have sputum examined, 10; advised to take home treatment, 6; advised to have tonsils removed, 4; number referred to family physician for special treatment, 16.

Mr. Frank Parker, of Statesville, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. James O'Daniel, of this city.