

Holland Murder Trial To Begin In Court Today

Defendant Is Charged With Murder Of Clyde Anderson In June, 1933

DOCKET BEING CLEARED

Business Of Court Is Dispatched With Speed As Adjournment Nears

Trial of Royal Holland, charged with the murder of Clyde Anderson in June of last year, will get under way in Superior court today.

The state will ask for conviction of murder in the second degree, it is stated.

The business of the court is being dispatched with great speed and as adjournment nears, it appears that more than 75 per cent of the cases on the docket will have been removed when the term ends.

Judge Wilson Warlick is presiding and Solicitor John R. Jones is representing the state in the prosecution.

Joe Walsh, who plead guilty to an assault upon Mayor W. E. Harris, of Wilkesboro, was given a suspended sentence of 12 months at the request of Mayor Harris.

Following is a list of cases disposed of:

Bernard Myers, operating car while under influence of whiskey, 3 months on road and driver's license revoked for 12 months.

Minnie Clench and Royal Church, affray, not guilty.

H. L. Ferguson and Mead Hamby, f. and a. mistrial.

Code Shatley, intimidating an officer, not guilty.

Ennett Holloway, Jesse Holloway and Theodore Sebastian, assault, not guilty.

Hickman Minton and Schuyler

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Bridge Lights Are Turned On

Handsome New Bridge Is Lighted; Eight Lighting Standards Erected

The handsome new bridge across the Yadkin River between the Wilkesboros was illuminated for the first time last night when eight powerful bulbs shined down from attractive standards.

Standards for the lights were put up by Ralph Duncan, local electrician, who was awarded the contract for the work by the state highway commission. The job of erecting the standards was completed this week and final connections were made yesterday afternoon.

Glee Club Will Give Operetta

To Be Presented Tomorrow Evening In School Auditorium At 7:45

"Betty Lou," the most talked of operetta of the season, will be presented by the Glee Club of North Wilkesboro high school tomorrow evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Betty Lou, who is twenty and very determined, tempt to wed her to a wealthy man regardless of her own wishes in the matter.

The cast of characters follows: Betty Lou, Gladys Bryant; Mrs. Anthony Pendleton, Rebecca Brame; Tony Pendleton, Gwyn Kilby; Lola Pendleton, Marcella Pendly; Boss, Ethel Johnston; Bab, Micky Bryant; Jack, James Lowe; Joe, Robert Ford; Robert Sherwood, William Grissom; Worthington Brooks, Vern Ervin; Annie, Annie Catherine Moore; Mr. Lane, Frank McNeil.

There is also a chorus of 20 singers and 10 dancers. Among the dances there will be a Balboa Dance and a skating dance.

HE IS CANDIDATE



Solicitor Jones Confirms Report He Is Candidate

Seventeenth District Prosecutor Will Seek Re-election To Present Post

HAS EXCELLENT RECORD

Solicitor John R. Jones, of this city, will seek re-election to his present post, it was learned this morning.

A report to that effect had been circulated for several weeks, but the solicitor had not made any statement up to this time.

Solicitor Jones, when interviewed at his office today, let it be known that he will again enter the Republican primary as a candidate for the nomination. Pressed for a statement, he said:

"I think most residents of the district are familiar with the work of this office during my service as solicitor and I shall leave my candidacy in their hands."

Since he became solicitor in 1926, following the retirement of Judge Johnson J. Hayes, Solicitor Jones has successfully prosecuted some of the most noted criminal cases in the state. Friends of the solicitor have frequently pointed to his record as a strong reason why he should be returned to office.

Among the outstanding cases which Solicitor Jones has successfully prosecuted were the Bryant Stone case in Wilkes, the Hauser case in Davie, the four Taylorsville bank bandit-robbers case, the Glenn Walsh case in Wilkes, the Glenn case in Mitchell and the Freeman and Summerville Martin cases in Yadkin.

Solicitor Jones is regarded as one of the ablest prosecutors in North Carolina, his friends declare.

J. B. McCoy Named As Code Official

His Territory Is Composed Of Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes And Caldwell Counties

The appointment of J. B. McCoy, manager of Hotel Wilkes, as a member of the local code authority was announced Tuesday by Earl H. Spence, of Greensboro, chairman of the North Carolina hotel authority.

Mr. McCoy's district is composed of Wilkes, Ashe, Watauga and Caldwell counties.

Dr. Highsmith To Address Teachers

To Speak At County Teachers Meeting In Wilkesboro On Saturday

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, of Raleigh, director of school instruction, state department of education, will address the teachers of Wilkes county at a county-wide meeting to be held in Wilkesboro Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. His address will be the high spot of the program.

The teachers meeting was scheduled to be held last Saturday but was postponed a week on account of illness in the family of County Superintendent C. B. Eller.

All teachers in white schools are requested to attend.

Ralph Holbrook Is Second Victim Of Pistol Battle

Traphill Man Dies In Hospital At Elkin After Battle With Death

HE HAD KILLED COUSIN

Funeral Held Yesterday At Church Where Other Victim Was Buried

The last chapter to a feud which lasted over a period of years was written late Monday when Ralph Holbrook succumbed at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin to pistol wounds inflicted by his cousin, Marvin Holbrook, who was almost instantly killed in a pistol battle between the two near Doughton Friday night.

The two Holbrooks met at the home of an aged relative by marriage, Mrs. Amanda (Granny) Holcomb, 90 years old, to settle the matter which had been a source of repeated fights between them. Each shot the other to death in the fight that ensued. Marvin expired on the spot. Ralph fought a losing game with death in the hospital at Elkin, his condition too serious to respond to repeated blood transfusions.

The body was removed to the home, and yesterday was conveyed to Round Hill Baptist church, near Traphill for the final solemn rites in the same house of worship where a similar service was held earlier in the week for Marvin Holbrook, first victim of the tragedy. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Ralph Holbrook was 27 years of age and his cousin, Marvin Holbrook, was 26 years of age. Both were residents of the Traphill community.

Survivors of Ralph Holbrook are his young widow, Mrs. Sallie Vestal Holbrook, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holbrook, of Traphill; two small sons, and several brothers and sisters.

Dry Forces Will Meet March 18th

Township Chairmen And Leaders To Gather At Court House At 2:30

Township chairmen and leaders of the dry forces of Wilkes county will meet at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Sunday, March 18, at 2:30 p. m. for an important session.

The purpose of the meeting, dry leaders announced, is to elect a trustee, whose duty it will be to promote the work of the dry forces in Wilkes, and "to present the wishes of the organization by resolution to constituted authority and to the county board of elections."

"This meeting," County Chairman Avery Church said, "is our effort to put into action our sentiments which the dries voted in the past election."

E. G. Finley Will Have Charge Kiwanis Program

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E. G. Finley will have charge of the program of the Kiwanis Club which meets tomorrow at 12:05 o'clock.

Blame Crash On Motor

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 14.—A coroner's jury held today that engine failure caused the crash of an army plane that killed Lieuts. Frank L. Koward and A. R. Kerwin, air mail flyers, here last Friday. No reason for the failure was found.

Ed Brown Found Guilty In Case

Verdict Of Involuntary Manslaughter For Death Of Settle Child

Ed Brown, colored waiter at a local hotel, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Mary Lou Settle, by the jury in court yesterday. Sentence will be pronounced Friday morning.

The Settle child was struck and killed by Brown's automobile on December 5, 1932 as the little girl started to cross the highway near the home of her parents, Register of Deeds and Mrs. T. H. Settle, in Wilkesboro.

A judgment as of non-suit was entered in the case as to Hector Smith and Nell Watkins who were riding with Brown.

TO CONDUCT SCHOOL



Miss Loretta Gray, of New York City, noted dietitian and home economist, will be in charge of the cooking school which will be conducted at the Call Hotel building here tomorrow.

Carrier Delivery In City Curtailed

Tuesday Afternoon Delivery To Be Cut Off On Certain Dates, Reins States

J. C. Reins, North Wilkesboro postmaster, announced yesterday that city carrier delivery service will be curtailed slightly for the remainder of the present fiscal year in order to comply with instructions of Postmaster General Farley.

Mr. Reins gave out the following statement:

"In order to comply with Postmaster General Farley's instructions issued March 2, 1934, all officials and employees in the field service, except railway postal clerks, will be furloughed without pay for 4 days during the remainder of the fiscal year. Railway postal clerks will be furloughed for 3 1-2 days during the remainder of the fiscal year. However there will be no rural carriers furloughed under this order.

"In compliance with the above, the city delivery service will be curtailed. There will be no afternoon delivery on the following Tuesdays: March 20 and 27, April 10 and 17, May 8 and 15, and June 12 and 19.

"This order is made in order to keep the Postal Service within the budget for this fiscal year, therefore making it necessary that this furlough time be taken without expense to the department. All unused annual leave was also withdrawn for the remainder of the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1934."

Charlie Sparks Given 3 Years

Gets Longest Sentence Yet Meted Out For Assault On Fon Combs

Charlie Sparks, who shot A. F. (Fon) Combs in the leg and then stood guard with his gun to prevent anyone from administering first aid to the wounded man, was given three years on the road Monday when his case came up in Superior court.

Combs' leg was so badly mangled by the load of shot that it was necessary to amputate the injured member. The shooting took place in the Windy Gap community just before Christmas.

Sparks plead guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and asked the mercy of the court.

Legion Observes 15th Anniversary

Local Post To Give Program Commemorating Founding Meeting This Evening

A program in commemoration of the founding of the American Legion 15 years ago will be given by Wilkes County Post No. 126 at a special meeting this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Legion Auxiliary Club House.

The Legion was founded in Paris on March 15, 1919, and has grown to be the leading veterans organization.

J. M. Quinn, commander of the local post, is anxious for a large attendance at the meeting this evening.

Call For Republican County Convention Issued; Casey to Resign As Party Chairman

Present Chairman May Be Candidate For Solicitorship

He Admits He Is Seriously Considering Matter Of Entering Race

MIND IS NOT MADE UP Has Served Continuously As Chairman For Past Eight Years; Fine Record

Attorney Andrew H. Casey, chairman of the Wilkes county Republican executive committee, will not be a candidate for re-election at the county convention April 2, it was learned this morning.

Mr. Casey told a Journal-Patriot representative that he intended to retire at the expiration of his present term.

This announcement gave added importance to the county convention which will be called upon to name a new chairman of the party.

Mr. Casey's statement that he will retire as county chairman is regarded in some circles as an indication that he will seek the Republican nomination for solicitor in this judicial district. The rumor that he will enter the race has been going the rounds for several weeks, but the local attorney has declined to deny or confirm the report.

Questioned along this line this morning, Mr. Casey admitted that he had taken the matter under advisement. It is known that he has received considerable encouragement from his friends throughout the district.

Mr. Casey was elected as chairman of the Republican party in Wilkes in the summer of 1926 and has served continuously in that capacity. His tenure of office has witnessed some of the biggest political upheavals in the history of the county. The biggest majority ever recorded for Republicanism in Wilkes came under his leadership in 1928 when the county gave a majority of around 5,200 for Hoover and an average majority of around 3,500 for the county ticket.

During his eight years as chairman, Mr. Casey has had to work at times under considerable difficulty due to factional fights, but has never aligned himself with any group, always giving his best for Republicanism regardless of the dominant faction, his friends declare.

When interviewed at his office this morning, Mr. Casey expressed his appreciation of the cooperation that members of all factions of the Republican party had accorded him and declared that whether he ever seeks political office for himself, he will always be found fighting in the ranks for the success of his party.

\$175 Secured By Scouts For Needy

Contributions Turned Over To City Welfare Committee For Work In City

Donations of furniture, food, clothing, etc. with an estimated value of \$175, was secured by Boy Scout troops of the Wilkesboros during their canvass on behalf of the needy, it was learned this week from H. V. Wagoner, deputy Scout commissioner.

The "good turn," suggested by President Roosevelt, received an enthusiastic response in this city and many donations which will aid in relief work in the city were secured. The collection made by the Scouts was turned over to the city welfare department for use in its work.

Special Admission Offer At Orpheum

Tickets For Two To Be Sold For Price Of One Tomorrow For Big Show

Patrons of the New Orpheum Theatre will be given a special treat tomorrow when two adult tickets will be sold for the price of one. Twenty-five cents will admit two, in other words, to see

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CHAIRMAN TO QUIT



A. H. Casey, chairman of the Wilkes county Republican executive committee, announced this morning that he will not be a candidate for re-election. Rumor has it that Mr. Casey will seek the Republican nomination for solicitor.

Motorists Asked To Look Out For School Children

County School Head Calls Attention To Law About Passing Up Buses

PROSECUTE VIOLATORS

A request that motorists look out for school children on the highways was contained in a statement issued yesterday afternoon by Prof. C. B. Eller, superintendent of the county school system.

Mr. Eller said those who violate the law by passing school busses while loading or unloading will be prosecuted if a warning is insufficient. The law requires that motorists come to a stop when a bus halts to load or unload passengers.

The statement issued by Mr. Eller follows: "My attention has been called to the fact that many motorists disregard the law which requires that they come to a stop when school busses are loading or unloading school children. That law is in the interest of the safety of the children and should be enforced."

"I have instructed bus drivers to report violations to me so that the offenders may be prosecuted."

"I earnestly request that motorists be as careful as possible while school children are traveling to and from school. No serious accident has occurred so far this year and it is to be hoped that everybody will co-operate in an effort to maintain this excellent record."

Coca Cola Firm Adds Equipment

Charles Strahm Here To Install It; Increase In Business Is Reason

The most modern crowning and filling machinery has been installed at the North Wilkesboro Coca Cola Bottling company, Charles Strahm, installation engineer for the Crown-Cork & Seal company, Baltimore, installed the machinery and is still here getting the machinery in perfect working order.

The new equipment was made necessary by the large increase in business enjoyed by the local firm. "Our business so far this month has been better than during a similar period in June or July of last year," W. A. McNall, president of the company, stated yesterday.

Production will be increased to meet increased sales without any difficulty by reason of the new equipment. The process of sterilizing the bottles, filling and capping is automatic, assuring absolute cleanliness.

Convention Will Be Held Monday Morning, April 2

Precinct Meetings Will Be Held At Voting Places Saturday Afternoon

NAME NEW CHAIRMAN

Delegates To State Convention To Be Elected At Convention Monday

A call for precinct meetings and the county convention was issued this week by A. H. Casey and J. M. Brown, chairman and secretary respectively of the Wilkes county Republican executive committee.

The township primaries will be held at the voting places on Saturday, March 31, at 2 p. m. and the convention will be held in the courthouse Monday, April 2, at 11 a. m.

One of the important items of business to come before the convention will be the election of a party chairman for the next two years.

The call issued by Messrs. Casey and Brown follows:

"Whereas, J. S. Duncan, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Republican party in North Carolina, has called a state convention to be held in Charlotte on Wednesday, April 4, 1934; and, pursuant to the instructions contained therein, we hereby call primaries in the various precincts in Wilkes county and county convention to be held as follows:

"The primaries in each of the various townships in Wilkes county will be held on Saturday, March 31, 1934, at two o'clock p. m. with the exception of North Wilkesboro, which, as usual, will be held at 12:30 p. m.

"These meetings will be held at the regular voting places in the precincts of the various townships, except in North Wilkesboro township which will be held at the City Hall at 12:30 p. m. for the purpose of perfecting the township organizations and electing delegates to the county convention, which will be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Monday, April 2, 1934, at eleven o'clock a. m. for the purpose of perfecting the county organization and electing delegates to the Senatorial, Congressional and State Conventions; and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The chairman of the various precinct organizations are requested to call their meetings in conformity with the above.

"A. H. CASEY, Chairman, J. M. BROWN, Secretary, Wilkes County Republican Executive Committee."

Home Chair Firm Damaged By Fire

Fire Starts By Spontaneous Combustion In Supply Room; Loss \$1,000

Damage to the extent of \$1,000 was suffered by the Home Chair company yesterday morning when fire, resulting from spontaneous combustion, caught in the supply room.

The fire was discovered at 3:10 o'clock and was checked by the sprinkler system until the fire truck arrived. The volunteer fire department handled the situation in a very efficient manner, an official of the company, stated yesterday.

Excelsior pads used in packing chairs for shipment were burned. Walls of the building were scorched, but the fire was confined to the stock in the supply room.

Fire Department Goes On Chase Today

The fire department was called out this morning when the truck roared over into the Wood-lawn section of the city only to find that nothing more than a brush pile was afloat. Just who disturbed the firemen's sleep, if they were still asleep at that time, was not known.