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## JOHN TINSLEY GIVEN ROAD SENTENCE; CLEARING DECK FOR IMPORTANT CASES

Many Minor Cases Already Disposed of—Several Submissions by Defendants

### BARN BURNING CASE MAY BE HEARD DURING WEEK

Special Venire for Louis Whitmire, Charged with Murder—Eden and Lynch to be Tried

Criminal term of Superior court began Monday morning, with Honorable Michael Schenck, of Hendersonville, presiding. J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, the genial solicitor of this district, representing the state in prosecution of more than one hundred cases on the docket.

Court machinery is running smoothly, and already numerous cases have been disposed of, many by submissions. All the minor cases are being threshed out, clearing the decks for the bigger cases that are awaiting trial.

There is a barn burning case, which it is thought will be reached this week. The shooting case in which Sylvannus McCall is charged with shooting Mr. Samuel Owen, may be reached Friday or Saturday.

Chief interest centers in the case of Louie Whitmire, charged with the murder of Jesses Masters, and that of R. A. Edens and C. F. Lynch, charged jointly with the murder of John Chapman. These cases may not be reached before next week. A special venire is called for in the Whitmire case, jurors to be summoned from the county excluding Cathey's Creek and East-tote townships.

So far only minor cases have had attention of the court. The case of Dave Henry, charged with driving while drunk and public drunkenness, was heard Tuesday. Henry was given a heavy fine.

John Tinsley, with many charges against him, drew 12 months on the roads in settlements of his several sins against the state.

## KEEN INTEREST IN TEACHERS' MEET

At the regular meeting of the Transylvania Local N. C. E. A. held Saturday morning at the High School building several discussions of interest and significance were led by members of the faculty and others. The program committee had previously arranged a splendid program on different phases of health questions.

Following the devotionals conducted by Rev. W. H. Hartsell, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, Dr. T. J. Summey spoke on the subject of "Conservation of Health," giving a resume of what had been done since the beginning of medicine up to the present time, telling something of the history of surgery in different important hospitals throughout the country, and the observance of public health laws in general. Dr. Summey, in the course of his remarks, advocated a full time health officer for this county in order to decrease contagious diseases.

Miss Florence Kern spoke in an interesting and instructive manner of the relation of the school to the health of the child, telling something of the health work in the schools and of the efforts at the present time for the undernourished and diseased children in the schools of the county.

The Brevard teachers rendered musical selections after which J. A. Glazener showed a number of health pictures, illustrating various conditions of health as compared with those of disease.

This program was followed by group meetings, including those of the Primary and Grammar grades and High School groups, at which were discussed subjects pertaining to the problems of the different departments of the school.

In the Primary group discussions were made by Dr. Summey on "Symptoms of Contagious Diseases;" by Miss Florence Kern on "Health Crusades in the Schools;" and by Miss Mary Strozger on "The Relation of Physical Education to Health Program in the School."

In the High School group Mrs. V. A. Crawford led a discussion on "The Essentials of High School English," followed by a round table discussion.

## BUREAU ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Of unusual importance and interest was the meeting of the Woman's Bureau held Monday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was in order, the election resulting as follows: President, Mrs. O. L. Erwin; vice-president, Mrs. Oliver Orr; treasurer, Mrs. Beulah Zachary; secretary, Miss Alma Trowbridge. The officers were all re-elected with the exception of the treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Breese, who resigned from the office on account of holding a similar office in another important organization.

The Bureau went on record that, as an organization, none of its members will buy or get any holly for Christmas decorations, this action being taken to discourage its use in order to preserve the growth of the tree for future years of beautification. A request was made that the public co-operate with the ladies in this movement to save the holly trees of this section from further abuse by refraining from the use of its branches for decorative purposes.

Mrs. Beulah Zachary, as chairman of the committee to arrange for the planting of dogwood trees on the high school premises, reported that 15 dogwood trees had been planted on the grounds and that the remainder of the 25 trees to be planted would be set out by Prof. J. A. Glazener and his class of boys, at Mr. Glazener's request, thus saving for the Bureau \$20, which amount will be used by Mr. Glazener in otherwise beautifying the school grounds.

A motion went into effect that the Bureau send a basket of eatables to the County Home as a Christmas remembrance. To make arrangements for this the following committee was appointed: Mrs. R. H. Zachary, Mrs. W. H. Duckworth and Mrs. R. B. Lyon.

## PATTON'S OFFICE IS NOT AFFECTED

Monday didn't mean much to the office of county treasurer, more than Mr. Ed. Patton having to take the oath of office again. Succeeding himself to the office, and having things running smoothly as usual, the formality of being sworn in was the only break in the daily routine. Miss Marion Yongue, assistant to Treasurer Patton, will continue with the office. This is the beginning of Mr. Patton's third term as county treasurer.

## OWEN NAMES HIS DEPUTY CLERKS

Reuben Owen was holding court within a few minutes after taking oath of office as clerk of the Superior court of Transylvania county, and handled the affairs like an old veteran at the game. The new clerk has named T. H. Hampton as office deputy and T. T. Loftis as court deputy. In these two men Mr. Owen has able assistance, for both have filled the clerk's office in the past.

Mr. Hampton was clerk of the court 28 years ago. Ltaer Mr. Loftis was clerk for 12 years.

## DEATH OF MRS LEDBETTER

Mrs. Ledbetter died November 24, at her home at Davidson River, after a short illness of five days and was buried at the old Davidson River cemetery, November 26, beside the body of her husband, who died three years ago.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a son, Dr. P. B. Ledbetter, U. S. N.; and one daughter, Mrs. Edna Kephart, and four grandchildren.

Dr. Ledbetter, who is now stationed at Mare Island, Cal., was unable to attend his mother's funeral.

## "FLAPPER GRANDMOTHER" SUCCESS OF THE SEASON

Owing to the unusual merits of the "Flapper Grandmother" comedy presented here Tuesday night, and we deem it advisable to defer account of same until next week's issue in order to give the production full justice.

## DAVE HENRY SHOT BY HIS WIFE AT LEICESTER

Dave Henry was shot by his wife early Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. Henry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wells, at Leicester. Henry is in a hospital in Asheville, and it could not be learned whether or not the Brevard man is seriously wounded. It is said he walked into the hospital, just about as he did here last July when his wife shot him four times with a .32 calibre pistol.

Henry was seen in Brevard late Tuesday evening. Earlier in the day he had been given a heavy fine in Superior Court on charges of driving while drunk and reckless driving.

Quite a lot of excitement prevailed here last July when Mrs. Henry shot her husband, and this second shooting comes as a surprise to Brevard, as it was thought the Henrys were living together in peace.

## FIRE INSURANCE RATE IN ONE TOWN 75 CENTS THE \$100—SAME COMPANY CHARGES \$1.57 THE \$100 IN BREVARD

Fire insurance rate in a small town in the state of New York is 75 cents the \$100. In the same company, the rate in Brevard is \$1.57 the \$100. Both policies based on the three-year period.

A citizen living in Brevard and owning property here and in the New York town, was attracted by the editorial in The News last week, when it was stated fire insurance rates are much too high here. He brought both policies, the one covering his property in the New York town and the other covering his Brevard property, to The News office and asked why the difference.

The New York town is a small place, with a fire fighting apparatus consisting of a hand-reel wagon, with only one paved street in the place. There the rate is 75 cents the hundred dollars.

In Brevard, with all the miles of paved streets, with an abundance of water, with fine fire fighting machinery and a splendid fire department, the rate, in the same company, is \$1.57 the hundred dollars.

Think it over, Gentlemen of Brevard, and see if you are willing to continue to contribute to such outrageous and discriminating costs of fire insurance.

## PICKELSIMER IS NAMED CHAIRMAN 500 IN BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

J. H. Pickelsimer was elected chairman of the board of county commissioners last Monday morning, immediately after the newly-elected board had taken the oath of office. Magistrate F. E. Shuford administered the oath to the members. Former Chairman Lyday made the motion that Mr. Pickelsimer be chairman, and this was seconded by Commissioner White.

Mr. Pickelsimer is president of the Pisgah Bank, secretary-treasurer of the Cascade Power company, and is one of the best known men in the county.

Former Chairman Lyday has spent about thirty-five years in public service of the county, most of this service being rendered in offices carrying lots of work, but little remuneration. The third member of the new commission, Mr. A. M. White of Rosman, has seen much service in his own town affairs, but this is his first opportunity of serving the county.

Many citizens have been heard to express the opinion that the county has an exceptionally strong board of commissioners, men of business ability and splendid judgment.

## TELEPHONE LINE SERVES LAKE SEGA

Seven residences have been completed in Lake Sega during the year 1926, and last Saturday marked another great step forward in this section when the telephone line to the pretty suburb was completed and the first phones installed in some of the new homes.

This record is most encouraging not only to Mr. R. E. Lawrence, owner of Lake Sega, but to the city as a whole. It is indicative of the steady and continual growth of this section.

## NICHOLSON HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. H. P. Nicholson, in Little River, last Saturday, burning the building to the ground. Most of the furniture was saved, however, which cut the loss to some extent.

## NOTICE

Reward for persons responsible for explosion on Election Night is hereby withdrawn. Full particulars will be published next week.

T. W. WHITMIRE, Mayor.

## DRUNKEN DRIVERS TO WORK ON ROADS INSTEAD OF JOY-RIDING OVER THEM

### THE PRAYER CORNER

#### "KEEPING CHRISTMAS"

"He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord"—Romans 14:6.

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is "Keeping Christmas."

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children, to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old, to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you, really want, without waiting for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things, even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life, which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago, is the image and brightness of Eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

But you can never keep it alone.

#### A PRAYER FOR KEEPING CHRISTMAS

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou didst so love us. Thy erring children, that Thou didst send Thy beloved Son to be the propitiation of our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Help us to keep the day of His Birth with glad and thankful hearts.

Make us willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of the people who are growing old.

Give us grace to stop asking how much our friends love us, and ask ourselves whether we love them enough; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with us really want, without waiting for them to tell us. Enable us to make a grave for our ugly thoughts if we have any, and make a garden for our kindly feelings with the gate open—So shall we keep Christmas, even for more than a day.

Make us willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death, and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago, is the image and brightness of Eternal Love. So shall we indeed keep Christmas, not only for a day but always. But Oh, Heavenly Father, write it indelibly upon our hearts, that we can never keep it alone. And this we ask in the Name of Thy Blessed Son, our Saviour, who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

—C. D. C.

Intimation Contained in Judge Schenck's Masterful Charge to Grand Jury

### APPEALS FOR TENDER CARE OF COUNTY'S AGED POOR

The Home and Womanhood Protected by the State—Duties Clearly Outlined

Quite informally, purely extemporaneously, and in the most simple manner and words, Judge Michael Schenck delivered his charge to the Grand Jury last Monday. The charge was pronounced by many to be one of the finest ever heard in the Transylvania court house. Defense of the home, protection of the purity of womanhood and the care of the aged and helpless were held out by the able jurist as the state's greatest duty to its citizens.

Duties of the Grand Jury, Judge Schenck stated, are three-fold. First, to present bills of indictment coming from the solicitor when probable cause justifies, and refuse indictments when there is not sufficient probable cause to justify the trial of the accused. Second, to make presentments to the solicitor when information comes to the body that any one has violated the law. Third, to examine and report on the property owned by Transylvania county, and investigate treatment being accorded the prisoners and inmates of other county institutions.

Each of these duties were then fully explained by the judge, who stated it was just as much the duty of the Grand Jury to protect the citizens as it was to uphold the laws of the state. In other words, Judge Schenck held, it is the Grand Jury's duty to see to it that a citizen is not embarrassed by being tried on a charge in the criminal court, unless sufficient evidence is in hand to warrant such trial, as it is to see to it that men are tried against whom there is found sufficient cause for their trial.

The usually smiling face of the judge held a look of severity while advising the Grand Jury as to their duty in regard to men who drive automobiles while under the influence of whiskey. The state and the county operate under the compulsory school attendance law; in the state's advancement there are consolidated schools to which the children of the county journey back and forth in buses; this is one of the greatest advantages of the good roads of the state, this school arrangement which gives to the rural child the same advantage enjoyed by the child of the city; but the children must go and come from school on the highways. The drunken automobile driver jeopardizes the lives of all such children, the judge said, and there is to be no mercy for such men in this court. In fact, the judge intimated to the Grand Jury, if they have information of men who have been so jeopardizing the lives of Transylvania's little children, and will return a true bill, and evidence is produced in court that shows they have been driving automobiles while intoxicated, the court will see to it that they will not bother the people of this county any more for at least one year.

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## KIWANIANS ENTERTAIN FOOTBALL CLUB; ELECT DR. SUMMEY PRESIDENT

Dr. Thomas J. Summey was elected president of the Kiwanis club at the meeting of that organization last Friday evening. It was the annual election of officers, and Dr. Summey succeeded W. E. Breese. The latter was given a rising vote of thanks by the club for the great part he played in the first year of Kiwanis life in this city.

Julian A. Glazener was elected vice president, and the following were named as directors for the coming year: T. H. Shipman, Frank D. Clement, R. E. Lawrence, Joseph S. Silverstein, J. M. Allison, H. A. Plummer and James F. Barrett.

Retiring President W. E. Breese was unanimously selected as district delegate, one of the highest honors in Kiwanis circles. The social side of the meeting was devoted to an entertainment of the Brevard High School football players, but as matters developed it is better to say the football players entertained the Kiwanians. In addition to being good football players the Brevard boys proved themselves to be excellent public speakers. Jack Trantham's response was especially strong, as he outlined the essentials in good football playing. He declared the man who played football for his own individual glory has no place in the great game. Team work is the one thing that spells success, he declared. Five things enter into the successful game of football, the young man declared, these being "work, fight, spirit, speed and brain." Of the five, Mr. Trantham declared, brains is the greatest—the ability to think your game out and to think out the plays the opposition will make, win more games than all physical strength can.

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