

FATE OF JOE REVIS IN HANDS OF JURY

Mrs. Laura Robinson Given Her Freedom Upon Motion of Her Counsel

CASE COMPLETED LATE WEDNESDAY EVENING

Revis Admits Shooting but Claims Self-Defense in Justification of the Slaying

Joe Revis' fate is in the hands of a jury of twelve good men and true, having been placed on trial Monday morning for the murder of his son-in-law, Ulys Robinson. Revis' daughter, Mrs. Laura Robinson, widow of the slain man, was made co-defendant with her father as a result of the action of the Grand Jury in returning true bills against both father and daughter. At the conclusion of the day's hearing Monday, counsel for defense moved that Mrs. Robinson be freed of any responsibility in connection with the murder of her husband. Judge McElroy granted the motion and she was set free.

Revis, on the stand as his own star witness, was given a grueling cross-examination by Solicitor J. Will Pless, and presented a pathetic picture as he was called upon to reenact the shooting affair when he slew his son-in-law, he says, to save his own life and that of his daughter. Revis swore he shot Robinson because Robinson had threatened to kill him "and all the d---d Revis family."

It was brought out in the evidence that Robinson and his wife had been married in 1914. The tragedy at 8 o'clock that evening. The prosecution made much of that portion of the evidence which showed that Revis told Robinson, if he "wanted to fight, to come on out into the yard."

H. E. Martin, county attorney, is assisting Solicitor Pless for the state while Ralph R. Fisher is appearing for the private prosecution. D. L. English and Hamlin & Kimzey represent the defense.

Attorneys completed arguments late Wednesday afternoon and Judge McElroy delivered his charge to the jury, which took the case. Following is a list of the names of citizens serving as the jury:

L. Frank McCall, V. B. McGaha, Fred Harris, J. O. Morris, J. C. Hendrix, Fred Miller, Ves Chapman, S. V. Brown, Jake Parris, George Merrill, J. M. Cox and Arlie Reese.

"BIG LIGE" OWEN IS FOUND GUILTY

Hard Fought Battle in What is Known as the "Barn-Burning" Case

One of the hardest fought cases tried on Transylvania county in many years was that of the State vs. "Big Lige" Owen, in which Owen was charged with burning a barn belonging to Herman Kitchin. The fire occurred in the summer of 1925. All parties connected with the case are residents of the Gloucester section. More than half a hundred witnesses were used together in the hearing.

The case started on Wednesday morning of last week, and late Saturday afternoon the jury returned a verdict of guilty with recommendations for the mercy of the court in passing sentence.

Evidence given in the trial bristled with charges and countercharges of whiskey making, using influence to get neighbors off with fines or light sentences in cases charging violation of the liquor laws, and was filled with intimations of quarrels and fuses dating back through past years.

Attorneys on both sides waged relentless battle. Wm. E. Breese and Ralph R. Fisher appeared for Mr. Kitchin, assisting Solicitor Pless in prosecuting the case. Coleman Galaway and Hamlin & Kimzey appeared for the defendant Elijah Owen.

Judge McElroy had not pronounced sentence upon Mr. Owen at adjournment of court Wednesday evening. Many friends have anxiously awaited final outcome of the case.

UNIFORM RANK MAY SPEND WEEK HERE

W. H. Grogan, Jr., district deputy of the Woodmen of the World, is hopeful of bringing still larger number of people to Transylvania county for vacation periods this summer. State Manager E. B. Lewis will arrive in Brevard next Monday for the purpose of inspecting camp site for the convention of Uniform Rank, W. O. W., to be held in August. Four hundred men will attend the meeting, which will last for two weeks. In addition to these delegates there will be some two hundred visitors who will accompany the delegates. Mr. Grogan secured the meeting of the Woodmen Circle, the women's organization affiliated with the W. O. W., which is to be held at Camp Sapphire during August. It is a result of this activity that now promptly will greater numbers in the coming of the Uniform Rank to this section for the annual summer meeting.

PUBLIC DRUNKS TO PRIVATE PRISONS

Grand Jury Makes Strong Report, Urging Abolition of the Chain Gang

PRaises Work of County Jailer and Officers

Called For Improvements at County Home Building and Court House Building

That people hereafter appearing in public places in drunken condition will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, was indicated in the report of the Grand Jury serving this term of court. Mayors and justices of the peace of the county are urged in the report to live up to the law in meting out punishment to such offenders. The special act provides a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than 30 days imprisonment for public drunkenness.

Abolition of the chain gang was another recommendation of the Grand Jury that caused much interest as the report was being read. Suggestions for improvements about the county court house and the County Home were ordered by the judge to be transmitted to the county commissioners, and if they fail to take action on these suggestions, the court ordered the solicitor to issue warrants for the commissioners at the next term of criminal court.

Following is report of the Grand Jury in full:

To His Honor, P. A. McElroy, Judge Presiding:

We, the Grand Jury, having finished our labors, submit the following report:

We wish to thank Your Honor for your charge, and the solicitor, clerk, and other court officials for their assistance to us.

We have attended to all business presented to us by the solicitor. We have examined the chain gang and find prisoners well fed and cared for, stock in good condition. We make recommendation of no change, except that the gang be abolished when road now under construction is completed.

We found the farm well taken

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KIWANIANS HEAR MRS. M. C. SPRINKLE

State Welfare Department Speaker Given Praise by the Club for Address

"When the home becomes bankrupt, and is no longer able or willing to care for the children therein, it becomes the solemn and sacred duty of the community to step in and take charge of such children, to the end that they may have their opportunity to become real men and women."

This, in effect, is a one-sentence summary of an able address to the Kiwanis club last Thursday by Mrs. Mary Camp Sprinkle, of the State Welfare Department. The club was enabled to bring Mrs. Sprinkle here through the aid of Miss Martha Boswell, and President Shipman expressed the general opinion of the club members when he declared it to be one of the most interesting, inspiring and instructive addresses ever heard by the local club.

Among all the great assets of the state, there are none other to equal in importance that of the boyhood and girlhood of the state. Mrs. Sprinkle said, in opening her remarks about the work being done by the Welfare Department. The state of North Carolina has wisely decided to give its best in removing causes of delinquency among children, rather than spending so much money and time apprehending and punishing the child after it has grown into crime and a criminal career.

The state goes on the theory that every child of normal mentality who turns criminal, does so because of some reason or condition that could be removed or remedied. It is the state's duty, therefore, to remedy such conditions. This result can best be obtained, the speaker said, through community work, as each community is familiar with its own problems.

Mrs. Sprinkle told of the great good that has already been accomplished through this department, and paid tribute to the Kiwanis club and similar organizations for the assistance rendered the Welfare department throughout the state.

Communications were read from the Sanford Kiwanis club, telling of that club's efforts to do whatever it could for Julian Glazener and T. C. Henderson, two Brevard Kiwanians who have spent many days in the Sanford hospital as a result of an automobile accident.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR BIG DEMOCRATIC RALLY

Democrats of Transylvania county are planning for their first mass meeting of the present campaign, which is set for next Wednesday. It is announced that some splendid speakers will be present and address the democrats of the county. County candidates will not be selected at the meeting next week, although it is intimated that some discussion will be devoted to certain men who are being urged to enter the race for various county offices.

WILL URGE SMITH TO SPEND DAY HERE

Chamber of Commerce Named Committee to Invite Distinguished Man to Brevard

Gov. Alfred E. Smith, one of the leading candidates for president of the United States, will be urged to spend at least one day in Transylvania county while in the state on vacation. The Brevard Chamber of Commerce in regular meeting Tuesday evening appointed Wm. E. Breese and James F. Barrett as a committee to take whatever steps necessary to induce the New York governor to come here for a day. It is believed here that Governor Smith's trip to the South would be most incomplete should he fail to see the matchless beauties of Transylvania county. It is hoped to bring the distinguished visitor through the beautiful Sylvan Valley that has been an inspiration to poets ever since the Indian was driven away and the valley settled by the pioneers. Transylvania wants the governor to see the waterfalls that have made this county such an attractive place for hundreds of thousands of visitors.

In the event the Governor can come, he will be delighted with the scenes presented at any or all of the great waterfalls of this county:

Maldenhair Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, Laurel Creek Falls, White Owl Falls, Drift Falls, High Falls, Toxaway Falls, Connestee Falls, Looking Glass Falls, Triple Falls, Rhododendron Falls, Glencannon Falls, Raven Cliff Falls, Dunn's Rock Falls (700 feet drop), Peter Falls, Minnehaha Falls, White Water Falls, and many others.

Governor Smith can find no more beautiful or bewitching place in all the Southland than this little old county of Transylvania. Completely surrounded by great mountains, with even the top-most peaks heavily timbered and the tree tops appearing as if they were sweeping the sky, this county will present an appeal to Governor Smith of such force and magnitude that he could never forget the bigness and the beauty of it all.

GREAT DAY FOR P.-T. MONDAY, APRIL 23

(H. B. V.)

An unusually interesting program is being planned for the next meeting of the High School Parent-Teacher association to be held Monday, April 23. One feature of the program will be a demonstration by the Domestic Science department. Remember the state prizes our girls took last year with their beautiful sewing. Every mother in the county will be interested in seeing what they have done this year, and it is hoped that every one will attend the hundred per cent strong!

There are doubtless no less than 150 mothers represented by children in the High School, and as many more women in the county interested in what the school is doing. It would be an inspiration to the pupils, to the teachers and to the parents, and friends themselves if this last meeting of the season should be made an enthusiastic rally. By the attendance of every one interested both from Brevard and from every rural section. If the fathers and interested men could come, there might be an audience of 600.

Remember the time is Monday afternoon, April 23, at 3:30, and the place, the High School auditorium. We say the auditorium, because we are expecting the audience of 600!

STAY OUT OF THE WAY OF THE FIRE TRUCK

Chief Bromfield, of the fire department, has issued a statement to the effect that all violators of traffic ordinances relating to blocking streets or interfering with the department when answering a fire alarm, are to be arrested and prosecuted in the future. Members of the department have complained for some time about people crowding in ahead of the fire wagon and the chief's car, hindering the department in its efforts to reach the scene of the blaze. There are plain laws, it is pointed out, which give the fire department right of way and these laws are to be strictly enforced in the future.

CLEMENT RETURNS FROM FRENCH BROAD HOSPITAL

The many friends of Mr. F. D. Clement will be glad to know that he has sufficiently recovered from his operation in French Broad hospital, Asheville, to be able to return to his home here. Mr. Clement has been confined in the Asheville hospital for the past four weeks, and is expected to return home today, greatly improved in health, it is said.

ARRESTS PREACHER FOR STEALING AUTOMOBILE

Chief of Police Moss, of Rosman, arrested Rev. Floyd Powell of Pickens recently, at the request of South Carolina officers who wanted the minister on a charge of stealing an automobile from the big lumber camps, near Pickens. Chief Moss said it was his first experience in arresting a minister on the charge of stealing a car.

MERCHANTS FORM BIG ASSOCIATION

Will Give Credit Ratings to Customers of Various Stores — Neel in Charge

Business men of Brevard met Monday evening and completed formation of a Merchants Association for this town. Miss Garrity secretary of the Asheville Merchants association, had been asked to appear before the local merchants and explain details of the organization. All business men hearing Miss Garrity were highly pleased with her presentation of the subject.

Thirty-four firms have signed a statement carried in a page advertisement of this issue of The Brevard News, in which the purpose of the association is clearly set forth. Ratings of the citizens of this town are to be made at an early date, according to the statement. Ratings will be made from conditions of accounts existing at that time, and the statement further urges all citizens whose accounts are past due with local business men to pay up such past due accounts, so their names may be placed on what is called the "honored list" of the association.

All towns of any size have merchants associations, it is said, and very few business men want to try to do business without the co-operation of other business men. Plans for organization have been in the making for several weeks. R. Y. Neel has been selected by the association as secretary, and he will maintain a central office, keep the records of the association, obtain data and information about any one that any of the members desire to know about. Mr. Neel is said by the merchants to be especially fitted for the work.

Regular meetings of the organization will be held, and it is expected that the association will prove of great value to the business men of this town.

WAYNESVILLE GOT TAPESTRY OUTFIT

People Were Here, Looking for Site — Hendersonville Made an Effort, Too

Waynesville was the successful town in making bid for the location of a big tapestry plant, now located in Mt. Holly, New Jersey. Officials of the company spent several days here, looking over proposed sites and negotiating with local business leaders. Hendersonville and Black Mountain were also inspected as possible places for the new location. Officials of the company seemed highly pleased with sites about Brevard, which are numerous and especially suited for such plants.

Hendersonville sent representatives to Philadelphia who made thorough examination into the company's records, and pronounced the concern O. K. Black Mountain met every requirement of the company officials. It is not known here what caused the company to select Waynesville, but other towns that were in "the running" have expressed admiration for Waynesville in its countless efforts to land the plant.

Brevard made no very determined fight for the plant. Courtesies were shown the company officials by citizens of the town, but little encouragement was given these citizens in any effort to meet the requirements for the plant.

WOMEN TO MEET NEXT MONDAY AT TEA ROOM

April meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club will be held next Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Rainbow Tea Room on Main street. An interesting program has been arranged for this meeting and a full attendance is expected.

Representatives from the local club are in receipt of an invitation from the Hendersonville club to be present at the latter's second birthday anniversary on next Monday night. Various representatives from the district will be guests of honor at this meeting, and the president and secretary are planning to represent the Brevard organization.

REPUBLICANS ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

R. L. Nicholson, A. E. Hampton and Luther Couch are in Raleigh attending state convention of the republican party. A large number of others, including several lawyers, had been appointed by the county convention as delegates to the state meeting, but could not go, it is said, because of court being in session here this week.

FISHING SEASON OPENS SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH

According to the law the fishing season opens on April 15, and according to another law, anglers will not be allowed to fish on the opening day. April 15th comes on Sunday, and there is an age-old law which prohibits fishing on the Sabbath day.

It is said the game and fish wardens will be on the alert this season, to see to it that none are allowed to fish except those having secured license. It is expected that large numbers of fishermen will be on the job early in the morning of April 16th.

INCREASE CAPITAL OF BREVARD BANK

Duckworth, Miller and Crawford Promoted to Post of Assistant Cashiers

Brevard Banking company, one of the oldest financial institutions in Western North Carolina, has increased its capital stock to \$125,000, with a surplus of \$67,500. Former capital stock was \$100,000. Recently the institution celebrated its 29th anniversary, and this increase shows the steady growth of the Brevard Banking company in its extensive service to the people of Transylvania county.

Another announcement made by the bank that is of interest to the entire community is the promotion of three members of the banking force. Ralph Duckworth, N. A. Miller and J. I. Crawford have been promoted to positions of assistant cashiers of the bank. Mr. Duckworth has been with the institution ever since his return from the World War. Mr. Miller was formerly clerk of the court, and is one of the best known citizens of the county. While Mr. Crawford has been here but a short time, he has already proven his ability as a banker and his worth to the community as a citizen. These promotions will be pleasing to the many friends of the three men.

Thomas H. Shipman is president of the bank, having worked his way to this position from the very bottom rung in the ladder. Twenty-four years ago Mr. Shipman became connected with the bank as book-keeper and general utility man. Advancement came until he was elected president. A few years ago Mr. Shipman was elected president of the North Carolina Bankers association, which was considered a great honor for Brevard.

Miss Annie Shipman is cashier of the bank. She has been with the institution for many years.

The fact that the bank has increased its capital and surplus is indicative of the constant growth of this community.

JULIAN GLAZENER NOW AT HIS HOME

Brought From Sanford Hospital — Said To Be Rapidly Improving

Many friends in the town and county of Mr. Julian A. Glazener were glad to welcome him back to Brevard on Thursday of last week, following the recent automobile accident in which he suffered a fractured knee cap, ankle and hip and severe face cuts, and has been confined in the Sanford hospital for the past several weeks. Mr. Glazener was brought home in an ambulance and contracted pleurisy since returning to Brevard, but is reported to be improving very satisfactorily. It is thought, however, that he will not be able to resume his work before the first of June. Mrs. Glazener and three little sons, who had been called to Sanford on account of Mr. Glazener's accident, returned home with Mr. Glazener last week. Accompanying Mr. Glazener home were also his brother, J. W. Glazener, and R. L. Hogsed, Grady and John Kilpatrick.

Supt. T. C. Henderson, another victim of the accident, will not be able to leave the Sanford hospital for another two weeks, it is said. Donald Lee Moore, the third occupant of the wrecked car, returned home on last Thursday also, and is reported to be getting along nicely.

BOB GARRETT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Slightly Injured Occupants in Other Car Recovering From Their Injuries

Robert U. Garrett is suffering from a bruised hip and injured left side as result of an automobile accident which occurred at the intersection of 6th avenue and Fleming street in Hendersonville Saturday afternoon, as he was driving a Chevrolet roadster into Hendersonville and collided with a Buick sedan, occupied by four women and one little girl. All of the occupants of the sedan received more or less serious injuries, two of the women and the little girl being removed to Patton Memorial hospital, but at last reports all were improving nicely. Both cars were damaged considerably.

It is said that Mr. Garrett, in trying to avoid collision with another car crossing 6th avenue in the opposite direction, did not see the Buick car in time to avoid the wreck. While no blame has been placed on the driver of either of the cars, Mr. Garrett, it is said, assisted the injured members of the other wrecked car to the hospital and to their homes, and then gave himself up to the police and was placed under bond of \$2,500. Trial of the case has been set at Henderson county court for April 16.

It is understood that both the Chevrolet car, which was the property of Sherrill Sharp, and the Buick sedan were insured. Mr. Sharp having secured insurance on his car only the week previous through the Walker Insurance company.

EVANS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

McIntosh Still in Jail — Accident Happened on Highway 28, Near Toxaway

CAR WAS LOADED WITH MANY GALLONS OF LIQUOR

Yancey County Men — Had Purchased Car on Day Before the Accident

B. E. McIntosh, held by a coroner's jury in connection with the death of S. R. Evans, which occurred last Saturday, was brought before Judge McElroy late Tuesday evening for preliminary hearing. McIntosh was released from charges in connection with the death of Evans, but held in bond of fifteen hundred dollars for probable cause in a liquor case.

The accident occurred early Friday morning on the Toxaway highway, near Toxaway Baptist church, when the car in which Evans and McIntosh were riding turned over an embankment. Sheriff Sitton went to the scene of the accident, and found Evans in the car, dead. Near the car was found sixteen gallons of whiskey, and the sheriff stated that broken glass about the scene of the accident indicated that at least twenty gallons of whiskey had been spilled in the crash.

The body of Evans was brought to the Kilpatrick undertaking parlors in Brevard, where a coroner's jury investigated the death. Verdict of the jury, working with Coroner G. C. Kilpatrick, found that Evans came to his death as a result of strangulation and suffocation in the overturned car. The top of the car had been smashed in on the victim's head. The jury believed McIntosh failed to make sufficient effort to save the life of Evans, hence the order that he be held in connection with the case. The prisoner has been in Transylvania jail since his arrest soon after the accident.

Both men are former residents of Yancey county, but have been operating around Asheville for some time, it is said. They left Asheville last Thursday evening, passing through Brevard that night. Early next morning they were returning to Asheville with the load of whiskey. McIntosh says he does not know what caused Evans, who was driving the car, to go off the highway. Both men are married.

The body of Evans was taken to his former home for burial, many members of the families of the two men came to Brevard as soon as news of the tragedy reached Asheville.

The car was a Chevrolet roadster, and had been purchased the day before the accident from the Western Carolina Auto company of Asheville.

Ralph R. Fisher was retained as counsel for McIntosh.

Following is a list of the citizens who were summoned as members of the coroner's jury:

Till McCall, Roland Robinson, John Brown, I. S. Sanders, W. G. Kilpatrick and Posey Owen.

JOYFUL EASTERTIDE IS OBSERVED HERE

Large Congregations Worship at Churches of the Town — Special Music

Easter morning dawned bright and beautiful, with the sun shining in all its glory, and the day was fittingly observed by impressive services in each of the four churches of Brevard at the morning hour of worship.

In keeping with the spirit of the day and the beautiful weather prevailing, large audiences were reported in attendance at each of the churches, all of which were effectively decorated appropriate to the Easter season, the various spring flowers adding a touch of impressiveness to the sacredness of the day. The pastors of the different churches delivered sermons appropriate to the sacred occasion being commemorated, and special music featured the various services.

As a good beginning of the day, members of the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church held an Easter sunrise meeting on the lawn of the church, at which a good attendance was reported, and at the regular morning church hour, communion services were held. At the Methodist church were held concluding services of the series of revival meetings, which had been in progress the past two weeks, conducted by the pastor. And the Baptist and Episcopal churches held special musical Easter services, with sermons in keeping with the day.

KIWANIS CLUB CHANGES REGULAR MEETING HOUR

Kiwanians are urged to take notice in the change of meeting hours. Heretofore the meetings have been called for 7 o'clock, but beginning with the meeting this Thursday, the hour will be 7:30 o'clock.

Ed. P. McCoy, postmaster at Pisgah Forest, magistrate, and candidate for mayor as soon as Pisgah Forest incorporates, together with Rush and Roland Whitmore, local members of the firm of General Motors and Transylvania dealers for Chevrolet automobiles, will have charge of the program this Thursday evening. Just what this program has in mind is not known, but it is safe to predict that it will be plentiful.