

Canton Man Gets Prison Sentence On Arson Charge

A State Prison sentence of 30 months to five years was imposed on Earl Smathers of Canton in Buncombe County Superior Court Tuesday in connection with a house-burning in the Candler section last Feb. 26.

Judge P. C. Froneberger also imposed a suspended sentence of seven to 10 years in the case.

The house, an unoccupied five-room dwelling owned by Mrs. Maudecia T. Darling, Smathers' mother-in-law, was destroyed by the fire.

Smathers was charged with arson, attempted arson and malicious burning of personal property. His offer of a plea of guilty to maliciously attempting to set fire to a dwelling and malicious burning of personal property was accepted by the state.

The active sentence was imposed on the first plea and the suspended sentence on the second plea. A mental examination was ordered for Smathers on admission to prison.

Bethel Baptist Groups Hear John David Arch

John David Arch of the Cherokee Indian Reservation was the speaker at a joint meeting of the WMU, Brotherhood, YWA, GA, RA, and Sunbeams of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Monday night.

Mrs. Horace Peek, president of the WMU, presided and Mrs. Thomas Ervin conducted the devotions. Mrs. Jack Allison read a poem.



DISTRICT WINNERS in the FFA Soil Testing Contest were these Waynesville boys. They will enter the State Contest April 7. Shown here left to right: Tom Franklin, Eugene Christopher, and Douglas Christopher, with Jack Farmer,

standing. The fifth member of the team, Eugene Frady, was absent when the picture was made. John Nesbitt is their instructor.

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(Mountaineer Photo).

There are about 170,000 black bears in the United States. About 82 in 100 of male Americans over 14 years old have jobs.

Boy Stabbed In Scuffle; Two Fined

Robert Reece, 17, of Waynesville and Monroe Franklin, 30, of Cove Creek have been fined in connection with the cutting of Douglas Burress, 16, of Allens Creek, in a parking lot on Main St. Saturday night.

Burress, who was cut twice on the stomach, was given treatment at Haywood County Hospital and released.

Given a hearing before Mayor J. H. Way of Waynesville on an assault charge, Reece was sentenced to 96 days on the road, suspended on the payment of \$25 and costs and Burress' doctor and hospital bills.

Charged with affray, Franklin was fined \$10 and assessed costs of \$24.

The arrest of Reece and Franklin was made Saturday night by Patrolmen Ray Whitner, Francis Reece, Guy Messer, and Coleman Swanger, and the incident was investigated Sunday morning by Sgt. Arthur Paul Evans and Patrolman William Turner.

Sgt. Evans said that the three boys were in a theatre Saturday night when an argument developed. Burress was cut when the trio went outside to settle the dispute.

Two Scholarships Offered Student Bus Drivers

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to drivers of school buses who are declared the best in the state, according to Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of education.

The awards are being made available by the Safety Division of the State Highway Patrol, and the drivers eligible to participate in the contest will be named by the highway patrol, and their safety division personnel.

Participants will be given various tests as part of the program to decide upon the winners.

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Canton Teachers' Plan Meets Added Opposition

Opposition is mounting against a proposal that teacher members of the North Carolina Education Assn. (NCEA) refuse to work this fall unless they are given a pay raise.

Meanwhile, the Canton unit of NCEA, which originated the proposal last week, said it did not intend to "work independently" on the plan and added it would do as the other units in the state wish.

The plan, intended for proposal at the annual NCEA meeting opening at Asheville today suggests that teachers refuse to work this September if they do not receive a requested 25 per cent pay raise.

The Burlington unit, which met yesterday, voted 137-3 against the Canton plan, and a poll of Alamance County unit delegates to the NCEA convention showed them also in opposition.

The Canton unit issued this statement from the Canton Junior High School:

"The Canton unit did not intend to work independently on this matter . . . We have sent out these

letters to find the consensus. If the Legislature meets we are asking them to provide a raise in salaries from \$3,000 to \$4,200 . . .

"When the contracts are signed by us this spring, we suggest that the statement be included that our contracts are binding on us only if we receive a raise . . . This is not a strike or walkout, since there would be no contract in effect."

The next regular General Assembly meeting is in 1957, but there has been speculation a special session might be called to work on the segregation problem.

Meanwhile, a poll of the Alamance County unit's 25 delegates to the NCEA convention showed the majority opposed to the Canton plan. Public relations chairman Frank Roberts said the delegates think the objective of a salary increase is "praiseworthy," but added that "striking is not the correct method."

The Burlington group, proposing as an objective a salary scale of "\$3,000 to \$4,500," suggested that

Hearing Set On Leaf Monopoly For April 16th

Beginning April 16 and continuing for five days, the Federal Trade Commission will conduct a hearing in Asheville on charges involving 20 members of the Asheville Tobacco Board of Trade.

On Jan. 17, the FTC accused the Board of Trade members of monopolizing the area's tobacco auction warehouse industry.

The meeting will be held in one of the courtrooms of the Federal Building. Clerk of District Court

each teacher in the state "contribute one dollar toward hiring the proper counselling to represent teachers in the (1957) General Assembly session."

The Burlington unit's opinion was that a special legislative session should deal only with the segregation issue.

Haywood Nurses Club To Hear Dr. Sorkey

The Haywood County Nurses' Club will meet Monday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the dining room of the hospital.

Dr. Herman Sorkey of Asheville will be the guest speaker.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Phyllis Whitman and Mrs. Tina Whitman.

Tom Rhodes just received a letter from Everett F. Haycraft, director of the FTC, asking for use of a courtroom for five days.

The commission alleges the Board of Trade members violated the FTC Act through control of the board by foreclosing or attempting to foreclose competition in the market, either through expansion of existing warehouse facilities or the building of new ones to handle the sale of tobacco at auction.

The FTC complaint also alleges the group obstructed freedom of trade on the market for farmers and independent dealers.

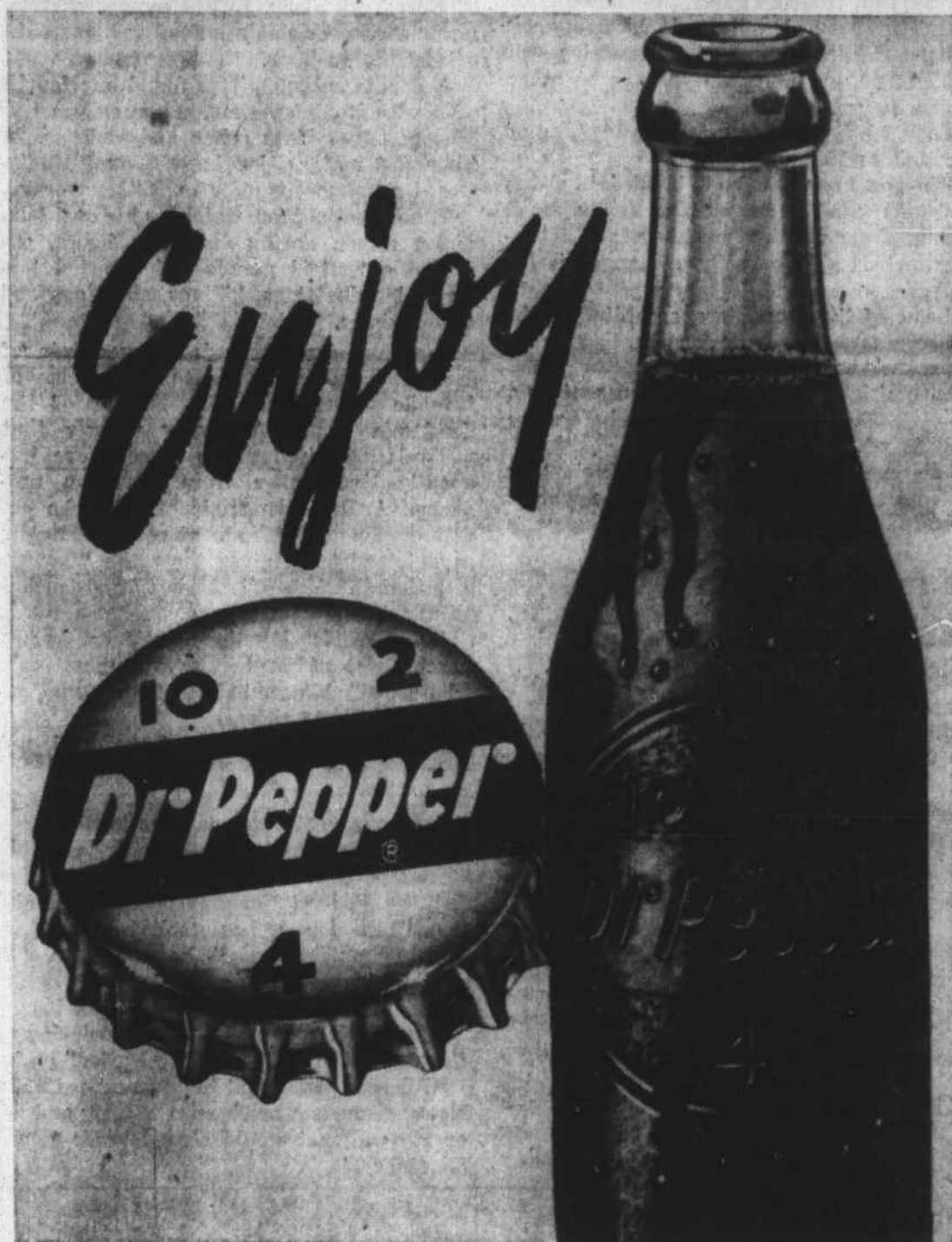
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