

**MORE ABOUT Judge Nettles**

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officers, and I want this Court to know that, and the people here I want them to know, that in view of the finding of the jury is the reason that the State will accept the plea tendered in this case today. I don't know any other course to pursue, and if the jury wants to stamp their approval on such conduct, and I say again it puts the stamp of approval of this licentious intercourse with children. They have it on their conscience to live with.

"I don't say that I have done my duty, but I have done the best I know how, and these good officers have done the same thing.

There are, therefore, two reasons why the State accepts this plea, one that it only involves the settlement of the little girl, and the other by the defendant through the officers. This would be the same sort of evidence introduced in this case, except that the defendant completely denies the accusation against him, both to the officers and when he was arraigned. I want to say to Mr. Cenn Brown, as counsel appointed by the Court, I appreciate the services he has rendered. He has done a splendid job in this matter. He is a fine young man and a fine attorney, and he deserves the commendation I am giving him.

"The remarks I have made I would like if it meets the permission of the Court, to be spread upon the minutes of this Court's record.

"The State will accept the plea tendered by the defendant in this case against W. C. Piercy."

Judge Nettles made the following statement, following the remarks of Solicitor Bryson:

"I think the sheriff and his officers, and you, Mr. Solicitor, have done a very fine job. The law does not permit me to make a statement about it. I generally say what I feel called upon to say. I think there has been a terrible mistake made by the jury in this (James E. Barrett) case, and that is as far as I want to go. If you can't believe what the prosecuting witnesses said and the defendant admitting it, there is not much use in trying this other case (W. C. Piercy).

Mr. Clerk, I understand there are two other children under 12 years of age, one nine and the other eleven. All those children ought to be taken away from this (Piercy) home and put somewhere, or anyone of them. I don't know the mother, but I understand she has protested to the Solicitor some time ago about this situation. It is a horrible matter when a father does not protect his children, and if the evidence is to be believed in these cases it is a horrible situation. The jury did not believe what the defendant said or what the little girl said or what anybody said it don't look like, but the only thing I can do is to work with what tools I have to work with, and the sentences I pronounced in both cases is the maximum sentence provided by law under the plea and under the decision of the jury, and Mr. Solicitor, I don't think you could get along in this case (Piercy) any more than you could in the other, for in the other case the defendant confessed to what he did, and in this case the defendant denies it, and I think you have properly accepted this plea.

"The very existence of a nation depends upon the sanity of the



WNC SCHOOL superintendents discussed new state laws as they related to schools as they met here Wednesday. Seated from left, Bill Byrd, superintendent, Tryon schools, secretary-treasurer; Claude Love, assistant attorney general; Tom Woodard, Swain county superintendent, president; and Earl Funderbolt, Asheville superintendent, vice president. Standing: Rowe Henry, superintendent, Canton school system, and Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of Haywood. (Mountaineer Photo).

**MORE ABOUT Two Canton Men**

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after license revoked, and reckless driving, fined \$250, and not to operate motor vehicle for three years.

Robert Daniel Bedford, operating motor vehicle after license expired, charged with costs.

William Sutton, non-support of minor child, ordered to pay \$10 weekly.

Ted Sutton, charged with possession of liquor, fined \$25 and costs.

Arthur Junior Bailey, driving drunk, carrying concealed weapon, speeding, fined \$100 and costs, pistol confiscated, license revoked.

James E. Barrett, 58-year-old Canton taxi dispatcher, was sentenced to 24 months on the roads Tuesday afternoon, when a Haywood jury found him guilty of assault on a female. Barrett was charged with statutory rape of his 11½-year-old niece last summer.

The jury returned the verdict after deliberating an hour and

home, and the security of its women, and when that is permitted to be dragged through the mud, that in itself tends to break down all law and the respect for the law, and even civilization and government itself.

Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell told The Mountaineer after the two expressions from Judge Nettles and Solicitor Bryson, "I appreciate the reference to me and my office, and the duty we performed, that both gentlemen made about me."

Judge Nettles instructed J. B. Siler, clerk of the court, to see that a home was provided for the Piercy children. There are six—a girl 16; twins, a boy and a girl, 12, a girl 11, a girl 7, and the baby 1.

Sheriff Fred Campbell said the little girl who testified in court on Monday would be 12 on December 13, according to the records in the office of the Register of Deeds.

fifteen minutes. Judge Zeb V. Nettles pronounced sentence immediately.

The all-male jury was named Monday, from the regular jurors and some of the special venire of 100 men. The state sent six witnesses to the stand in a little over an hour. The witnesses included Dr. Hugh Matthews, Canton; Mrs. Joe Cole, Welfare worker; the little girl; Sheriff Fred Y. Campbell; Deputy Gene Howell and S.B.I. Agent P. R. Kitchen.

The officers testified as to the statements made by them by the defendant.

The State rested their case Monday afternoon.

When court convened Tuesday morning, lawyers for the defendant announced they rested, and began arguments before the jury. Frank Ferguson talked for 36 minutes, followed by Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, who spoke for 46 minutes. John M. Queen concluded the arguments for the defense, in a 58-minute talk.

Judge Nettles gave the jury a 37-minute charge, pointing out they could return one of five verdicts: guilty of rape; guilty of rape, with a recommendation for mercy; guilty of assault on a female with intent to commit

rape; assault on a female, or not guilty.

The 24-month sentence was the full penalty under the law for the verdict rendered.

Barrett sat calmly throughout the trial Monday and Tuesday. He was neatly dressed in a dark blue suit, white shirt and tie. His wife was by his side throughout the two-day trial. He looked down at the floor a great part of the time, and seldom spoke to those around him.

The courtroom was about filled throughout the trial.

After the jury went out, the court called up Ted Sutton, a well known Maggie Valley figure, who was charged with having a gallon of liquor. Sutton threw himself on the mercy of the court, and answered questions freely, as he discussed the case with Judge Nettles. Some points of the case took a humorous turn, and caused the spectators to laugh heartily.

The hearing ended with the long-haired man paying a \$25 fine and cost.

A gigantic playshed and gymnasium of a new junior high school in Tyler, Texas is built entirely of glass.

**MORE ABOUT Mrs. Raione**

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Plot of Orlando, Fla.; also a number of nieces and nephews.

A short funeral service will be held in Frost Proof, Fla., prior to returning the body here. Arrangements here are under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home and were incomplete this afternoon.

**Xi Omicron Chapter Will Meet Monday**

The Xi Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet Monday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Rufus Pannell. Mrs. Raymond Caldwell will be associate hostess.

Miss Edna Summerrow is in charge of the program.

The meeting has been set a week earlier than the regular date because of Christmas plans.

**Personals**

Adm. and Mrs. W. N. Thomas have returned to their home at Lake Junaluska after a visit in Jackson, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan of Raleigh spent last weekend with Mrs. Morgan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. McCracken.

The Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Thielman and their son, Sam, have returned from a trip to Texas. They visited Mrs. Thielman's mother, Mrs. J. A. Barnett, in White Deer and Mr. Thielman's mother, Mrs. C. H. Thielman in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edwards of Waynesville announce the birth of a son at Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville on November 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Marr Illingsworth of Raleigh were guests of Mrs. T. S. Enstey in Clyde last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albright and son, Jimmie, returned this week from a ten-day vacation in various sections of Florida.

**Mrs. Carr Wins In A National Contest**

Mrs. Tracy Carr, 1025 East St., Waynesville, has won a high fidelity record set in a national contest sponsored by the Quaker Oats Company, Chicago.

One of the top winners in the competition, she had submitted an entry that was later drawn from among nearly 750,000 contestants, all of whom qualified for the prize list by answering correctly five questions dealing with facts about food.

**Say I Saw It In The Mountaineer**

**WINS SEWING MACHINE**



MRS. RUBY ROBINSON, Route 2, Canton, is shown above with the electric sewing machine which she won during Belk's Harvest Sale. Ernest Kirkman, assistant manager of Belk's made the presentation.

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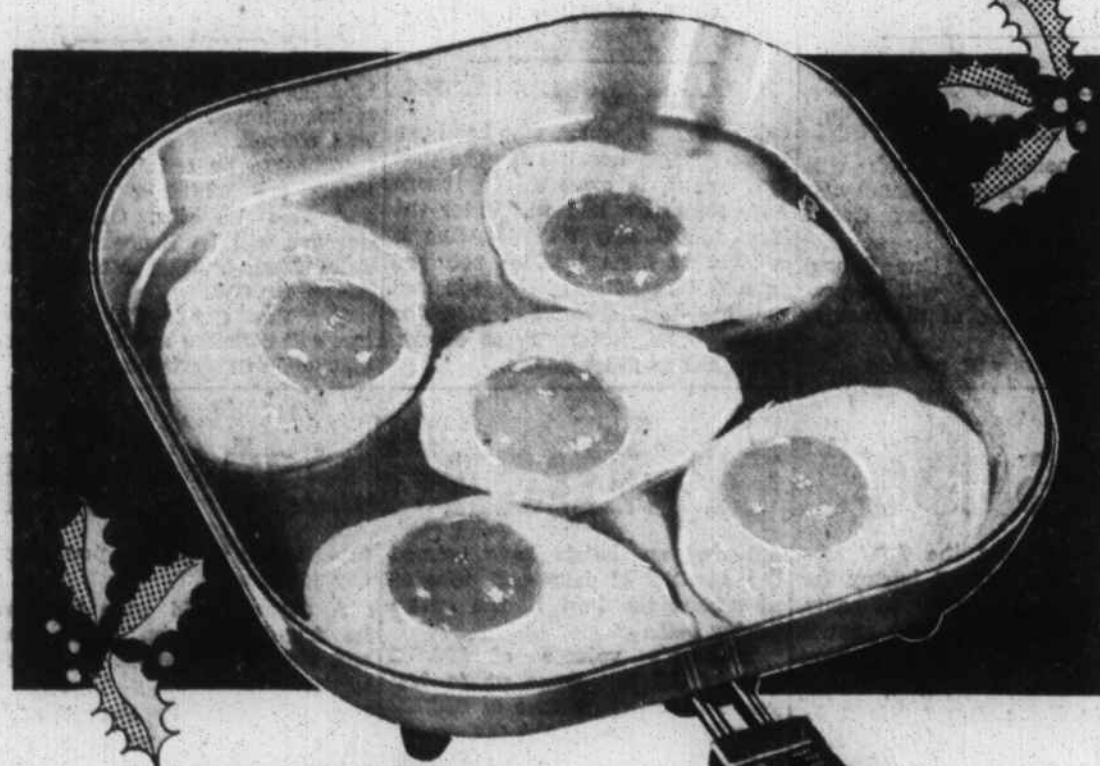
**AP Newsfeatures**

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS HINTING early, if you want your favorite Santa to come up with the right answers.

This year a lot of fashion-conscious gals are putting lace accessories near the top of their personal Christmas lists—not only lace-trimmed lingerie, a stock gift item, but also such feminine whimsies as delicate lace scarfs and mantillas, lace cummerbunds and boleros to dress up holiday dresses, even lace sweaters (with lace applied over the cashmere).

There's a lace belt with a huge bustle bow in back, which would add drama to any basic sheath, and a new note this season is a pastel cardigan sweater of orlon overlaid front and back with orlon lace—a practical gift since it can be dunked in the wash bowl and come up smiling.

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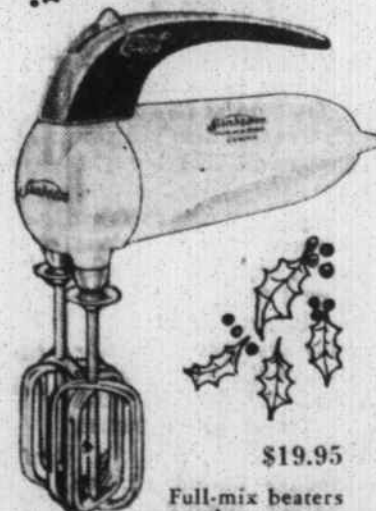
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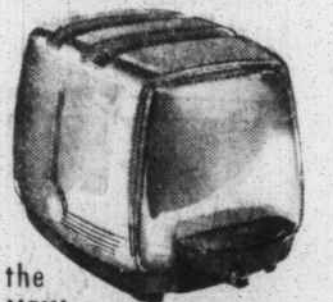
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