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WILKES DRY MAN IN TOILS OF LAW

Federal Officer Lovelace is Bound to Court for Alleged Attack on Henry Brooks.

North Wilkesboro, March 24.—For hitting Henry Brooks over the head with a pistol and cutting the cash that Dr. J. E. Duncan testified took twenty stitches to mend, and which caused five fractures of the skull as recorded by X-ray pictures, prohibition officer R. L. Lovelace has been bound to Superior court, under a bond of \$1,000.

An interested crowd was present at the preliminary trial which was held in the county court house in "old town." Many were there out of sheer curiosity, while others came as friends of the prosecutor and defendant to get the facts about the matter that had been the subject of much current comment and to see if the prosecutor could make out a case.

Brooks, who is a man about 55 years old, quiet and unassuming in disposition but who in other days had the reputation of "dealing in liquor," took the witness stand in his own behalf and against the officer, who, he alleged, had wrongfully assaulted him.

It is understood that the charge of criminal assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill preferred against the officer is only a skirmish of what is to come, likely a damage suit for a large amount, according to rumor.

Brooks admitted that he had served one term in the Atlanta penitentiary for being "too close to a blockade still" when officers raided it. He said he had been careful ever since not having any desire to back to the federal goal.

The assault, he said, took place on the road between Arbor church and his home. He admitted that he was running when officer Lovelace overtook him but denied any complicity in the operation of a moonshine outfit found by the officer a few minutes previously down at the bottom of an adjacent ravine.

He quoted officer Lovelace as saying: "Damn you, what are you running for?"—this as the officer caught up with him. He replied to the officer that he wanted to get away from that immediate vicinity. Then he said, Officer Lovelace accused him of warning the operators of the blockade shanty in time to let them get away. But he protested his innocence of this charge.

It was then he declared that the officer struck him over the head, the cash requiring twenty stitches to close up. He said he did not resist the officer in any way. He swore also, that since the blow on his head he had been unable to see very well out of one eye and that his hearing had been impaired.

If the usual procedure is taken as in the case of other prohibition agents elsewhere in the country who have been indicted on one count or another, the case may finally land up in Federal court. There, tried in the western North Carolina district District Attorney F. A. Linney will likely defend the prohibition agent against the charge.

DEEP GAP BREEZES

Mr. A. G. Miller has been having his yard front worked upon. Having some walls made of rock and plowing up to sow in lawn grass. This will indeed be a nice yard when bedecked with all kinds of ever-blooming flowers and roses.

Mr. L. C. Stanbury and A. G. Moretz, and Mr. E. W. Moretz and Jason Moretz have been having some lines run between their lands here last week Mr. I. A. Bungarner was the surveyor.

Several of our people are attending court in Boone this week. This end of the county is always well represented at every court.

Mr. Gaither Watson and his two sons are again back on the job hauling extract wood to Deep Gap from his mountain farm.

It is expected that the rural free delivery mail route will start out now very soon from Deep Gap. The inspector in charge was very much pleased with the proposed route we are told.

News is scarce in this section as everybody is farming and working at Deep Gap. When something breaks, we will send it in while its fresh.

18 MILLION LOSS IN STORM AREA

First Check Shows Illinois Damage at About \$12,000,000—Relief Organizations Work in Unison and Survivors' Spirits Rise.

Chicago, March 23.—Warm sunny weather today prevailed over the area in southern Illinois and Indiana devastated by tornadoes last Wednesday, and relief work progressed rapidly along with the burial of the dead and the housing of the homeless. Rebuilding tools glinted in the sunshine, while doctors and nurses worked hard to save the lives of the injured.

Rechecking of the casualty list with additional deaths from wounds raised the total dead in some places and reduced the figure in others, leaving the toll tonight at 810, without including a score supposed to have been burned to death in Murphysboro, where 150 blocks were blown down and the debris partly burned.

Red Cross workers also announced that the 2,339 listed as hurt probably did not include hundreds of persons who had been injured, but who had failed to report the fact owing to the excitement and necessity of aiding others more severely injured.

The total property loss has not been compiled but likely will be more than \$12,000,000 in Illinois alone. With some \$3,000,000 in Indiana and about a million each in Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky, the property loss is likely to exceed \$18,000,000. This figure is more serious than its mere size indicates, for the most of the loss was sustained by families of moderate circumstances and meant the wiping out of all tangible possessions.

Relief work not only proceeded with celerity in the affected zones but collection of funds to aid the sufferers went on at an amazing pace. Thousands of dollars rolled in to swell the funds raised by many newspapers, radio stations and fraternal orders and churches.

With the arrival of more nurses in the storm area today, it was learned that many persons were probably fatally hurt. Several died of wounds today. Danger of epidemics has been probably avoided, doctors said, by prompt use of antitoxins serum sent by airplane, chlorination of water supplies and other measures.

Many of the injured have been taken during the last 48 hours to larger cities, where they could receive better treatment. A few died on the way to hospitals, however, but it is reported that most of the others have fair chances of recovery.

COOLIDGE INVITES WORLD TO "PHILLY" EXPOSITION

Washington, March 24.—President Coolidge issued a proclamation today inviting the 48 states of the union and all foreign governments to participate in the international exposition to be held in Philadelphia June 1 to November 30, 1926.

The proclamation was under authority of the joint resolution of Congress. The exposition has been arranged as a celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the declaration of independence, and will show the progress of art, industry, science, trade and commerce as well as development of products of the air, soil forest and seas.

BOONE ROUTE 1 NEWS

Mr. T. J. Tugman and family have moved back to their farm on Riddles Fork.

Miss Sara Norris visited her sister-in-law on Grassy Creek on Saturday, attending services at Meat Camp on Sunday.

Miss Docia Wall spent several days on Meat Camp visiting relatives.

Mr. Clyde Norris has purchased a Ford roadster.

Mrs. W. W. Miller made a business trip to Rutherford last Saturday.

Mr. Joe Cowles from the A. T. S. visited home folks last Sunday.

Miss Pearl Norris of Boone Route 2 spent Friday night with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Norris.

Mr. Glenn Coffey was a visitor at Mr. W. A. Cowles last Sunday.

Everybody is busy plowing and gardening while the ground is in good shape.

INTERESTING THINGS CONTINUE TO TRANSPIRE IN RALEIGH, AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE BATTLES ARE ENDED

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, March 24.—The legislative rush in Raleigh was succeeded last week by events of a nature as important as the acts of the General Assembly and was featured particularly by the reorganization of the Supreme court, the official announcement from Governor McLean relating to the state deficit, the beginning of bus control by the state and the handling of several matters, chiefly from the governor's office, dealing with enforcement of laws enacted at the recent session of the Legislature.

The most important event of the week was the resignation of Chief Justice W. A. Hoke of the Supreme Court, and the appointment by the Governor of Associate Justice W. P. Stacy to succeed him. To fill the vacancy created by the Stacy elevation, Governor McLean named former State Senator Lycurgus E. Varner of Lumberton. The new Associate Justice was Mr. McLean's law partner prior to the time that he became Governor. During the recent session of the General Assembly Dr. Varner had headquarters at the Executive Mansion and has been one of the Governor's chief advisors on legislative matters. He is recognized as an able lawyer and it is believed will make a valuable addition to the high tribunal to which he has been elevated.

Chief Justice Hoke resigned because of ill health and after having devoted more than thirty years of distinguished service to the state, most of these having been spent on the bench. The new Chief Justice, Mr. Stacy, achieves with his elevation the distinction of being the youngest chief justice in America. He has besides attained to the highest judicial position within the gift of the people of North Carolina at the age of forty, after fifteen years of actual law practice. In 1909, Mr. W. P. Stacy was principal of a Raleigh public school. In 1925 it is Chief Justice W. P. Stacy presiding over the highest tribunal maintained in the state, after four years as an associate on the bench, during which time he fully demonstrated his capability as a judge and became recognized as probably one of the most capable members of the Supreme court. It is little wonder now that the call from the State University for his services a short while ago did not appeal to him. Time has shown the wisdom exercised in remaining on the bench.

Governor McLean startled the natives on Friday with a statement showing the deficit of the state, under his system of cash financing to be \$10,251,660.57 as of February 28, 1925, and its bonded indebtedness at \$113,868,000 on the same date. The figures show an increase in the deficit since last July, of approximately three and a half millions and an operating deficit for the month of February of more than \$300,000. It is recognized however that the deficit will be reduced from March 1st to June 30th, the close of the fiscal year, are taken into consideration, as this is the period for the collections of revenues to take place.

The Attorney General's office is being re-organized under the recent law passed giving that official three full-time assistants at \$3,600 a year. The present assistant, Frank Nash, has been re-appointed and will continue in the office of Attorney General Brummitt. Walter L. Cohoon will continue with the State Highway Commission as another of the assistants and still another is to be assigned to the Department of Revenue. Mr. Cohoon will receive \$3,600, instead of a little more than \$4,000 which had been paid him the last few years.

The Governor also took a step last week toward reducing the running expenses of the state when he issued his first order as director of the Budget, requesting that all state-owned autos be repaired in the shops of the State Highway Commission, and that all parts be purchased through the Commission's organized auto department, thus eliminating the middle-man profits on parts and repairs for State cars.

Most of the news of the week developed in the Governor's office, but not all of it. From the Corporation Commission came the announcement that it probably would not appoint a

MRS. JOHN H. MAST DEAD

Mrs. John H. Mast of Cove Creek, one of Watauga's choice ladies, died at her home yesterday evening at 5 o'clock. She was in town Monday in her usual good health, was all right Tuesday, and retired in the evening without complaint. At 4:00 a. m. she yesterday was seized with what we learn was heart trouble, and despite medical effort she gradually grew worse until the end came. The news of the death came as a great shock to the many friends of the esteemed lady to Boone. She was a real woman in every sense of the word. She always met you with a smile and a kind word, was always ready, willing and waiting to contribute to the aid or comfort of those needing help or consolation; was for many, many years a consistent and valued member of Silverstone Baptist church, and was ever in her place at both Sunday School and church services.

The burial will take place near her beautiful home at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The Democrat in behalf of all our people extends deepest sympathy to our esteemed friend, Mr. Mast, and foster daughter in their irreparable loss.

Director of bus transportation, is allowed in the newly passed law, giving the commission control of the bus lines of the state with regulatory powers. The chairman of the commission, W. T. Lee, said the present office force probably would be redistributed so that the matter could be handled without additional expense for executives. Bus control became effective Sunday March 22, and at the same time the commission issued regulation regarding licenses and operation under which the bus lines will operate.

The State prison furnished its part of the news with the meeting of the old and new boards of directors and the fire and criticism directed at George Ross Pou, its superintendent, because of the fact it was discovered the superintendent of the prison and some of the subordinates had been charging items for their homes at various Raleigh stores. Publication of the lists of bills containing items of rouge and other cosmetics aroused wide-spread comment, as well as various materials from cloth supply stores for grades of cloth which it is claimed do not get. Superintendent Pou weathered the storms temporarily however when the retiring prison board issued a statement exonerating him and recommending the reelection of the Superintendent and other officials.

The new board met also but in advice of the old board was not followed. Instead the new board postponed action on the election of a superintendent warden chief clerk and physician until the first week in April. There was no indication whether this postponement was to canvass the situation more thoroughly and select a successor to Mr. Pou but it was vaguely hinted about the capital that this might be the case. The close mouthed chief executive, Mr. McLean, who is expected to have a great deal to say about the matter of the prison officials, has had nothing to say on the subject and merely reiterated that he has given the matter no consideration and has made no recommendation to the prison board. The opinion prevails that while this is not a repudiation of Mr. Pou it cannot be considered an endorsement.

Gutzon Borglum, Stone Mountain deposited sculptor, submitted to Governor McLean a plan that he recreate models for the Confederate memorial and place them in charge of a committee headed by the Governor until such time as the United Daughters of the Confederacy for a national organization to take over the Memorial from the Stone Mountain Monumental Association and complete it. The plan is to get rid of the dissenting factors and to take away from the city of Atlanta the practical domination which it now exercises by control of the Executive Committee. Governor McLean lauded Mr. Borglum's motives, but withheld acceptance of the trust until he could give it deep consideration.

The chances are that the North Carolina Executive will decline to become involved in the controversy although deeply interested in seeing this mammoth undertaking prosecuted to a successful conclusion.

LARGE CROWDS FIRST DAY COURT

Wataugans came out en masse on Monday when the spring term of Watauga Superior Court convened with Judge Harding presiding. Those who had no official business took the opportunity of mixing with their friends, and there was scarcely enough parking room for the automobiles in town.

At 9:30 standing room in the court house was at a premium when the Judge began delivering his charge to the grand jury, after which good behavior reports and other minor cases occupied the remainder of the day.

The grand jury has found a bill for murder against Chilo Greene, of Stony Fork who on Christmas, it is alleged killed Mont Wellborn of the same section. A verdict will be returned and the case taken up later. It is now conceded that court will continue well into if not through next week.

Owing to the congested condition of the records it is impossible for us to give any proceedings in this issue. A complete account of the disposition of the various state cases will appear in our next issue.

TENNESSEE'S BILL IS SIGNED

State Schools Must Teach the Doctrine of Bible Asserts Teaching of Evolution is Fundamentally Wrong—Freedom Not Barred.

Nashville, Tenn., March 23.—Tennessee today rang down the curtain on the Darwin Huxley drama when Governor Austin Peay signed a bill passed by the General Assembly casting into discard the theory of evolution.

The Governor defended his decision by declaring that the bill conceived by Representative J. W. Butler of Lafayette, Tenn., represented a distinct protest against an irreligious tendency to exalt so-called science and deny the Bible in some schools and quarters—a tendency far damnable and fatally mischievous in its effects on our children, our institutions and our country.

"The bill contravenes neither the 'freedom of religion' nor the 'strict separation of church and state' the governor said 'these being fixed principles in this country.'

"It is manifestly impossible," the message continued, "to omit all attention to the Bible and to wholly ignore it." The governor reasoned that the Bible is His Holy Word, directing governing our relationship to the future state of reward and punishment.

"Nobody will deny," the message said, "that the Holy Bible teaches that man was created by God in his own image. This bill is founded in the idea and belief that the very integrity of the Bible in its statement of man's divine creation, is denied by any theory that man descended or had ascended from any lower order of animals. That such theory is at utter variance with the Bible story of man's creation, is incapable of successful contradiction."

The new act makes it unlawful for any teacher in the universities, normals, or other schools of the state which obtain state funds "to teach any theory that denies the story of divine creation of man as is taught in the Bible and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals."

"It will be seen," the message pointed out, "that this bill does not require any particular theory or interpretation of the Bible regarding man's creation to be taught in the public schools," when reference was made to the clause in the constitution which guarantees that all men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

The bill was passed in each house of the assembly by a heavy vote.

Supreme Court Justice Cropsey, trying a Sunday selling case has ruled that ham and eggs are not drugs. The defendant should have contended his eggs were fertilizer. Any city jury would have agreed to that.

Experts say the safest place in New York during an earthquake is the subway. Naturally when one oozes into a subway jam a little thing like an earthquake has no terrors.

ASSEMBLY ALTERS NAME OF A. T. S.

First Six Weeks of the Spring Term Ends Saturday—Other School news As Reported by Our Regular Correspondent.

The recent legislature adopted a new charter for the school here changing the name from the Appalachian Training School to the Appalachian State Normal School. This name of course, includes the Normal Department and the High School Department. It provides that the board of Trustees shall consist of nine members appointed by the governor of the state. They are required to meet once each year. The act empowers the trustees to secure an endowment fund for the school to lend to worthy needy students, and that proceeds from the electric power plant shall be applied to this fund. It also incorporates all the property belonging to the school, making it unlawful to fish or hunt or exercise any special privileges without written permission.

Dr. Rankin and family went to Watauga College, Rock Hill, South Carolina the first of the past week to attend the graduating recital of his daughter, Miss Rank, who is a very talented musician.

Representative I. G. Greer and Senator John E. Brown have returned from Raleigh and are engaged in their regular work.

The first six weeks of the spring term ends on Saturday, the 28th and the last six weeks begins on the 31. Quite a number of teachers who have been teaching during the winter will come in for the last six weeks to get credit for their certificates. The officer has been kept busy answering the question as whether they can get credit for the last six weeks and the answer is "YES."

Superior Court in Boone this morning with Judge Harding presiding. Quite a number of attorneys from other counties are present on business.

MISS ALEXANDER TO SEEK GOVERNOR'S JOB

Charlotte, March 24.—Miss Julia Alexander, member of the house of representatives from Mecklenburg county in 1925 general assembly, tonight definitely announced her determination to be candidate for governor in the Democratic primary in 1928.

"Since the first newspaper mention of my prospective candidacy for governor in the next campaign," she said, "I have received so much assurance of support from people of prominence in political affairs that I shall certainly enter the race."

Miss Alexander denied that the success of Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Ross of Wyoming, respectively, had influenced her in her decision. She had the matter under consideration before she ever heard of their candidacies.

METHODIST NOTES

Hats off to the county commissioners for improving the inside appearance of the court house. The county has a good building at a beautiful location, and why not keep it attractive?

Yes, Judge Harding's charge to the grand jury was good, but did you hear the charge he gave to all of us Tuesday evening? The Judge talked about the church, Sunday School, God, and brought to all minds a seriousness which hardly ever comes in a court room. We need more men on the bench like the one we have with us this week.

Sunday School last Sunday was a good one. Did you do your part?

Another splendid church building for Boone. Here's hoping for the Adventists great success in their courageous undertaking.

Sunday School Sunday at 9.45.

Notice the hour.

Children's service at 11 a. m. conducted by Prof. J. D. Rankin.

Preaching Sunday evening by the pastor with devotional services conducted by the Epworth League.

Wednesday prayer service and choir practice at 7:30 p. m.

Preaching at Blowing Rock at 11 a. m. by the pastor.

He—"From beneath your window I will serenade you at midnight."

She—"Migosh, don't come so early. I might not be home yet."