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## GRAND JURY ASKS FOR NEW PRISON

Jurors Visit County Offices and Find Them Well Kept. Inmates of Co. Home Well Cared for—Find Jail Inadequate to Needs.

To the Honorable Judge, W. F. Harding.

We, the grand jury for the spring term of court 1925 respectfully submit the following report:

We have acted on all bills sent before us, made presentations and examined the court house and find the records and offices well kept and that all necessary supplies have been applied, except the toilets are in bad condition.

We examined the county home and farm and find the home to be in good condition except some leaks on the porch roof for the want of painting. Some paint is needed but we understand that arrangements have been made for some by the County Commissioners.

The inmates, numbering 29, fifteen males and fourteen females, six of which are children, between the ages of 1 and 7, say they are well cared for. The farm is in fairly good condition and the keeper has done some nice farm work in the way of cleaning up and plowing.

We have visited the jail and find it inadequate to meet the present needs of the county, being entirely too small, badly arranged, being no provision to keep the whites and colored separate, they having to use the same toilet. The water works are out of commission, having to flood the jail by hand and the sanitary conditions it does not appear could be worse, being dark, sunlight excluded, with very little ventilation, appearing to us more like an ancient dungeon than like a modern prison. The female department we find a little more sanitary, but being heated only by an oil stove and lighted only by an oil lamp, and being shut off from ventilation and having no water system. We find the only way for a bath in either department to be better than an ordinary wash basin.

We recommend that the jail and its appurtenances be sold at the discretion of the county commissioners and the proceeds be applied on the building of a new and modern jail, the new site to be back of the court house, on the county's property, and we further recommend that the old jail be given immediate attention.

**DEEP GAP BREEZES**  
Quite a number of our people will attend the murder trial charged against Chilo Green for the killing of Mont Weiburn which took place last Christmas day in the Stony Fork section of our county.

The Watson sisters have quite a lot of baby chicks. They are now beginning their start here in the dairy business. We wish the ladies much success.

The county agent of Watauga Co. gave a very interesting lecture and moving picture exhibition at Rocky Point school house on March the 21. We appreciate his coming very much.

The Deep Gap Supply Co. which is a branch of the Deep Gap Lumber & Tie Co., is doing a good business in supplying the farmers here with a complete line of farmers products.

A new enterprise has opened up here with G. W. Church as manager. Their line is feed flour and light groceries. We wish them success in their undertaking.

Mr. Amos Watson will build a residence soon near Deep Gap on some land he recently bought.

Mr. R. W. Watson has moved to his place at Deep Gap. We are glad to have him in our midst.

Mr. E. A. Watson, inspector of axes for the N. & W. Ry. of Brownwood, was a visitor in this vicinity Sunday. We are always glad to see him here.

The cold snap touched this section with high winds and some snow. At this writing it is much warmer and more pleasant.

Mr. John Carlton has moved to Deep Gap to Mr. A. G. Miller's place. John is a good worker and will be a valuable asset to Mr. Miller as a general farm hand.

Mr. Otto Miller of Hopkins has a freak mud turtle of enormous size. Scores of people come to see this monster.

We understand a big deal is under way by the Elk Creek Lumber Company by two strong lumber companies with a prospect of this enormous

## JUDGE VISITS NORMAL SCHOOL

Chorus Club Renders Interesting Program—Jurist's Address to Students Impressive—Mrs. Mast's Death—Other Items.

The Chorus Club of the Normal School under the instruction of Miss Effie Rouse, Director of Music gave an interesting program Monday evening. The concert was given in the auditorium of the school. It consisted of several numbers by the entire club some solos, duets, quartets, and by different sections of the club, both male and female. It was indeed an enjoyable program which showed the skill of teacher and pupil, and was greatly enjoyed by those present.

At 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning Judge Harding, by special invitation delivered an address to the school, and it is indeed a very mild way of expressing it, to say that it was most successful and helpful address. The main feature of the address was law and respect for law. The Judge stated that much of the wrong doing in our country was caused by people not respecting the law. He quoted from Solomon's writing in Ecclesiastes, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." And he stated that all countries had advanced only through organized law and that many, even of the best people, seem to think it is all right to ignore the law if they are not apprehended. He impressed the students with the fact that they are in school to learn to think and rightly infer the truth that one is truly educated only when he learns to think.

President E. B. Dougherty, who has been sick with influenza for the past several weeks, is out again at the school. The school deeply sympathizes with Mrs. Nora Mast in the death of her foster mother on the 25th. Mrs. Mast is a member of the senior class of the Appalachian State Normal School and the character of this fine young lady reveals much of what her foster mother was. Mrs. Mast was still living when Miss Nora reached home, and gave Miss Nora the graduating present which she had secured for her. Mrs. Mast's husband and both of them always seemed deeply attached to this young lady. Possibly no one could be more greatly missed in that section of the county in caring for the sick, the poor and the needy than will this most excellent lady.

**ZIONVILLE HAPPENINGS**  
The attendance at Sunday School was rather low on Sunday because of the sickness in the community. Misses Ruth and Edna Thomas are recovering from attacks of mumps. Fleet Greer has been out of school for the past week with colic. Thomas Duncan spent the week end in the village. Blanche Greer has gone to Boone to attend school.

**BOONE, R. F. D. 1**  
Mr. Dick Greene and family of Sparta, Mo. are visiting father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Norris. Aunt Ellen Coffey of Mr. Venon is spending the week with her daughter Mrs. Roxie Brown. Mr. L. B. Norris and family spent the week end with home folks. Mr. Joe Norris. Mr. Carl Davis was a visitor at Mr. Baker's Saturday night. Misses Berta Brown and Beulah Greene were visitors at K. W. Brown Sunday afternoon. All the sick people are better in this community. Mr. Lester Bodenhammer made a business trip to Todd Monday. Mrs. H. B. Norris' father and mother paid her a nice visit last week. Misses Pearl Cowles and Addie Coffey of the A. T. S. school were visitors here Sunday.

**ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Preaching service at eleven by Rev. S. E. Gragg. Also an evening service conducted by W. L. Trivett. A cordial welcome to attend Sunday school, church or prayer service is extended to every one. The Sunday School work is going well also the Wednesday evening prayer meetings with good attendance.

tract of timber changing hands. If these deals are pulled off this section may see a railroad extended on thru with a connection near Lenoir some future time perhaps.

## RESUME OF ACTIVITIES IN RALEIGH—BILLS PASSED OF LOCAL INTEREST

(By M. L. Shipman.)  
Raleigh, March 31.—Attorney General Dennis G. Brummit, completed re-organization of his office during the past week, Governor McLean issued three more orders showing that he is in earnest about economy in government, and various other incidents occurred during the week in and about the capital building demonstrating an unusual amount of haste for the season of the year which is ordinarily quiet in official circles.

The appointment by the Attorney General of three assistant Attorneys-General, Frank Nash of Raleigh, C. R. Ross of Lillington and W. L. Vaughn, was the outstanding event of the week. Mr. Brummit, it was generally reported and off a prediction made by appointing Mr. Vaughn, who is an old friend and class mate of the Attorney-General, Frank Nash and Charlie Ross were opponents of Mr. Brummit for the nomination in the democratic party last June. Nash who was assistant attorney general during the last four years, was retained in the story, because of familiarity with the administrative side of the law. Ross who has been attorney for the Revenue Department and one of the Highway Commission. The person who fills the latter post will displace Walter I. Cohoon of Elizabeth City, who has been attorney to the Commission for four years.

The Governor came through with three more orders as director of the budget. These will require all departments to cut out embossed and expensive stationery and use a uniform kind of a cheaper grade of all charitable and educational institutions and some educational pieces, such as the Blind School, will have to file immediately a list of their patients and students and their respective ability to pay for what they are getting from the state. It is the plan that those who can afford to pay for treatment or service, shall be required to do so. The third message of the Budget Director was to require that lists of all employees and their salaries be filed with the Governor so that the salary and wage commission may get busy and prune out the dead timber in the departments and fix a standard salary scale in line with work done.

After being written up as the "Colonel House" of the administration, Martin Gillen departed from the Executive Mansion, where since the inauguration of the governor, he had played a role of adviser to the Executive. The Mid-Westerner was seldom seen but was often referred to as one of the powers behind the throne. The other power behind the throne was R. L. Vasser, and he has gone to his reward as a Supreme Court Justice.

The bus regulation was commenced during the week by the Corporation Commission, seventy-five lines being registered by the body and R. O. Self chief clerk of the commission being assigned to the task as head of the regulatory department created by the bus control law.

Ten projects were let by the state Highway Commission in various sections of the state, the total cost being approximately two and a quarter millions. Work on these will be started shortly.

The National Guard of North Carolina will feel the effects of having an economy Governor and an economy President at the same time. Mr. Coolidge ruled that they could not for the present, draw pay for the drilling. Adjutant General Metts ruled that until July first they would not be paid for drilling because the Legislature, spurred on by the canny Scotchman in the executive chair did not provide any funds for their pay. After July first the guardsmen will get 25 cents a drill but until that time they will have to get along with out any pay and must drill for the patriotism of the matter.

The state revenue collections to the middle of last week, said Commissioner Doughton, were \$317,000 short of last year. He explained that the cotton mills had fallen short in their income tax returns due to a bad year in the industry of 1924.

Attorney General Brummit handed down two rulings during the week

## PAY RESPECTS TO MEMORY OF LOVILL

Bar of Boone Drafts Resolutions in Memory of Capt. E. F. Lovill, Judge and Member of Bar Pay Tribute to Deceased Lawyer.

Notice having been given in the court room on the preceding day, at 2 p. m. on March 31st, all routine business was suspended, and the local bar and visiting attorneys availed themselves of the opportunity of paying their respects to the memory of the late Captain E. F. Lovill.

On motion Judge W. F. Harding was elected president and John E. Brown was elected Secretary. A committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of F. A. Linney, John H. Bingham, F. S. Coffey, Johnson J. Hayes, T. R. Bingham, John E. Brown, Prof. B. B. Dougherty, Judge W. F. Harding, made a very touching and dealing with one of the more outstanding characteristics of his life, commended

On motion it was ordered that the courts commission be requested to allow the picture of Captain Lovill to be put in a case court house. The following resolutions drafted by the bar and read when court convened this morning:

Whereas, on the 21st day of January 1924, Captain Edward Lovill, an outstanding and beloved citizen of the State of North Carolina, died, and whereas, his noble and private life was characterized by such a record of justice, such a record of public service, such a record of public mission for the welfare of his state, and county, and his people, that in the opinion of his friends and neighbors the best tribute to him is that of North Carolina, and

Whereas he led his people to honor in war and among the noblest of men and righteous men when peace had come again, and

Whereas it is fitting that the bar and people of Watauga county be bound to well and served and led with such distinction should pay its tribute of love and esteem to what he was and what he did. Now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the bar of Watauga county express its sense of the great loss which the county and state have suffered by his passing, and records at the same time its sense of gratitude to the favor of all good that Watauga county and North Carolina was so blessed by his life.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be given to the Watauga Democrat and a copy placed on the minutes of the Superior court of Watauga County.

**DAIRYING ASSET TO WATAUGA CO.**  
Substantial Progress is Being Made by Watauga Farmers Along the Line of More and Better Dairying and More Cheese Factories.

(H. L. Wilson, Cheese Specialist.)  
Two years ago a new cheese factory was built at Villa, N. C., to take the place of the Brushy Fork factory which was not centrally located. Last year an addition was built on to this factory in order that they could make Swiss cheese. This spring a new factory was built at Sugar Grove to take the place of the Cove Creek factory which was the oldest factory in the south. The equipment has been moved and they are now making cheese in the new factory. These factories are a credit to Watauga county. The manager of the Beaver Dam factory says they will make more cheese this year. We need more cheese factories and more milk producers to supply the demand for North Carolina cheese.

Mr. E. M. Clement, one of our leading dairymen purchased a milking machine a few weeks ago. He is well pleased with it. Says I wouldn't take \$2500 for it if I couldn't get another. My cows have all increased in milk production since I started using it and I can milk in just one half the time. Mr. Clement purchased a few head of Ayrshires last fall which is his choice of the dairy breeds. He says that one of his three year old heifers is leading his herd in milk production and will give from 9000 to 10000 pounds of milk her first year. He will milk about thirty cows this summer and will start work in his modern dairy barn in the near future.

Mr. F. C. Ward has recently completed his dairy barn which is the most modern equipped barn in the

## SHILO GREEN GETS FOUR YEARS IN PEN

Killer of M. W. Willora Pleads Guilty of Second Degree Murder—Jarvis Greene Sentenced to Two Years—Other Court Proceedings.

The criminal docket of the spring term of Watauga Superior court was concluded. The day afternoon, when various sentences were imposed by Judge W. F. Harding.

The outstanding cases were those of Shilo Green and Jarvis Greene and Marian Coffey. The former having plead guilty of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to a term of four years in the state prison for the shooting and killing of Mont Weiburn in Stony Fork town on last Christmas day, the latter Green and Coffey for an affray with John Storch of Blue Ridge township some three years ago, from which death resulted. Coffey was acquitted, while Green was sentenced to two years in the state prison.

The criminal docket was taken up yesterday morning. Dispositions of the remaining cases on the Spring docket follows:

Earl Evers, larceny, 12 months in state prison.  
Charles McBarrow, violation dry law, suspended on payment of cost of \$100.  
Andy Shobery and Hattie Isaacs, larceny, and a Berkeley Good \$200 and cost and report quarterly to the clerk and pay \$200 behavior judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Alfonso Crook, drunk and disorderly, judgment suspended on payment of cost.  
J. H. Earl, larceny, two and Della Earl and Win. Correll, affray, a \$100. Not guilty as to Mrs. Earl. Judgment suspended on payment of cost to other defendants.

Mit. Branch, Ross, Fear on, H. H. Day, disturbing public worship, judgment suspended on payment of cost.  
J. H. and Herbert Jones, destroying fence, judgment suspended on payment of cost.  
John Hodges, larceny, not guilty.  
Coleman Payne, driving auto into ditch, fined \$50 and cost.  
R. F. McElary, violating prohibition law, fined with the costs.  
Hooper Hendrix, a. d. w. Fined \$75 and cost.

Loony Mast, larceny, judgment suspended on payment of cost, jail bill included.  
T. A. Stanbury, worthless check not guilty.  
Berz Godsey, violation of prohibition law, \$20 and cost.  
Carl Payne, operating auto without license, Fined \$5 and cost.  
Letcher Feague, operating auto without license, \$5 and cost.  
T. B. Moore, assault, Fined \$10 and cost.

Ed. Williams, practicing law without license, judgment suspended on payment of cost.  
Clyde Combs, making whiskey, 4 months in jail and cost.  
Oscar Clements and T. N. Clarke, violation of prohibition laws, Fined \$50 each and cost.  
Jack McElary, larceny, bound out to W. G. Hartog.  
Oley Osborne, larceny, 12 months in penitentiary.

**BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.  
We had 267 present at Sunday School last Sunday.  
Come out to Sunday School next Sunday. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend our services.

**Blowing Rock**  
Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Preaching Saturday night and Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend

county and as good as any in the state. He has one silo and will build another one this summer. His loft will hold a years supply of legume hay. Mr. Ward supplies Boone with milk and sells his surplus to the cheese factory. I believe if his customers in Boone would call and give him an inspection, they would feel perfectly safe in drinking milk produced on his farm.

Dairymen of Watauga county are beginning to see that in order to make the most profit they must properly house and feed their cows. And in order to produce milk with the least amount of labor, and to make the work more inviting instead of disagreeable it is necessary to have the proper equipment. This is not necessarily expensive.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We want to express our thanks and gratitude for the kindness and presence of the people during the death and burial of our dear wife and aunt.  
J. H. Mast and niece Nora A. Mast