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WARD TO BE TRIED ON SECOND DEGREE

Counsel for Axe Slayer Pleads Guilty of Second Degree Murder. Criminal Docket is Practically Cleared Away.

In view of the fact that there were no eye witnesses to the slaying of Ralph Eggers by Dewey Ward, when the two became engaged in what is supposed to have been a drunken rowing in the fatal chopping of a two-edged axe, counsel for the state and the defense have agreed to a trial for murder in the second degree. This decision came this (Wednesday) morning and it is expected that the hearing of the case will be started this afternoon. Governor W. C. Newland of Lenoir is representing the defendant while W. R. Lovill of Boone is assisting the state in the prosecution.

Practically all of the cases on the state docket have been disposed of with the exception of the murder case as the Democrat goes to press. Many violators of the liquor laws have been arraigned, however it is impossible for the Democrat to carry full proceedings this week. The complete results of the term will be carried in the next issue.

Noteworthy among the sentences so far passed is the one imposed upon Milton (Peanut) Coffey, who was charged on several counts, for the possession of liquor, carrying a concealed weapon and storebreaking. Judge Oglesby sentenced the young offender to a term of from seven to ten years in the state prison.

The court has made unusual headway with the rather heavy docket. About one hundred cases were to be tried on the criminal docket. The most of these came as a result of prohibition violations and have been speedily disposed of.

Judge Oglesby believes in doing his full part toward the curbing of the illicit rum trade and charged the grand jury that the court is after the big fellows in the business. His Honor indicated that the arraignment of the one-gallon, one pint sort of bootlegger does not get at the core of the situation. The manufacturers and wholesale dealers, or rather the "ring leaders" are the ones the courts must get at if prohibition is to properly prohibit, in the opinion of Judge Oglesby. He also believes in meting out swift and certain punishment to drunken drivers who are constantly menacing the safety of all those who use the highway system of the state.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

On last Sunday the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dula gathered at the Dula home in their absence and spread a beautiful birthday dinner for Mrs. Dula. Mrs. Dula's birthday and that of her sister Mrs. C. F. Blalock of Bend, Oregon, come on the same day, and Mr. Dula's and Mr. L. N. Coffey's birthdays being so near the same date that they were included in the feast.

Rev. S. E. Gragg of Shulls Mills made a talk before dinner. At 12:30 o'clock when Mr. and Mrs. Dula returned home from an automobile ride, found about 75 people gathered and a delicious spread. It was a surprise indeed.

Those present were Rev. S. E. Gragg, Shulls Mills, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Collins and family of Shulls Mills, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Church and family, Shulls Mills, Mrs. E. L. Church and Mrs. Smith, Shulls Mills; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Teague and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Gragg and family of Blowing Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Horton, Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Koontz and little daughter, Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Trenis Coffey and son and Miss Mary Dula of Kings Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Boore Oxford and family, M. S. Seacrest and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Beach, Lenoir; Mrs. Viola Young and family of Blowing Rock; Miss Maude Powell, Blowing Rock; Mrs. C. F. Blalock, Bend, Ore.; Mrs. Emma Gragg, Mattie and Ruby Richards and Lloyd Craig, Shulls Mills; Jesse Bailey and Emmett Griffin of Marion.

Following the dinner, a watermelon feast was enjoyed. Then a splendid talk was made by Mr. D. N. Coffey. The crowd entered the house, and with Prof. W. W. Collins at the organ, some good songs were rendered, bringing to a close one of the most enjoyable days ever spent by those present.—Reported.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pearsall, aged 57, is dead and her husband, J. B. Pearsall, aged 71, is in a Goldsboro hospital, the allegations being that, crazed with jealousy, Pearsall first shot his wife three times, with a pistol in their store at Mt. Olive Monday morning and about half an hour later, after barricading himself in the store, walked into his sleeping room in the store and fired one bullet into his own head.

Many Summer People Leave Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, Sept. 4.—"People just tumbled off the mountain Saturday, Sunday and Monday," is the way one observer described the departure of many of Blowing Rock's summer guests. Though the hotels are continuing open and many of the summer homes are still occupied, there is a decided dropping off in the resort population and many all-the-year-rounders are settling down with a breath perhaps of both melancholy and relaxation to the quieter days of autumn and winter.

Due to the opening of schools in most of the cities shortly following Labor Day that date always marks an exodus of summer dwellers, though many of them return for week-ends during September and October.

The auction sale which has continued for a week at the Karellah shop, where brass, linens, lamps, tapestry and various kinds of pottery, gathered from various parts of the Orient, are sold, has ended, and Mr. and Mrs. Karellah will return soon to their business in Charlotte.

Mr. Karellah kindly auctioned off a piece of brass for the benefit of the Blowing Rock school and announces a proceed of ten dollars of which he will make a gift to the school. He also has secured for the Community Chest a large collection of clothing.

Misses Margaret Abernethy and Martha Bolick of Hickory were the guests of honor at a most enjoyable party given in the old Daingerfield studio, now used as a lodge, by the Blowing Rock young people with whom they have been associated during the summer in the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church here.

Blazing logs in the big stone fireplace and candles lighted the large room, making an attractive mellow light for games and fun which held sway during the evening, to be followed by sandwiches of various kinds, served with pickles, then delicious punch, cake and candy.

Guests included Misses Abernethy and Bolick, Elizabeth and Helen Sudderth, Lois Klutz, Corine Knight, Lucile Reid, Ethel Holsinger, Mabel Coffey, Virginia and Annie Coffey, Edna Miller, Mary Pobbins, Ellen Greene, Cora Greene, and Fred Spann, Frank Klutz, Glenn Coffey, Stuart Bolick and Richard Abernethy.

Miss Abernethy and Miss Bolick left on Sunday, with the heavy wishes of Blowing Rock young people for their return next summer.

Cove Creek High School in Auspicious Opening

The Cove Creek High School opened its fall session last Monday with the largest enrollment in the history of the school. There is an enrollment in the high school of 195 and in the grades there are 155. A number of the patrons of the school were present on Monday morning for the opening exercises, also Messrs J. B. Horton and Will C. Walker of the county board of education. Brief talks were made by several visitors.

The series of meetings conducted at the Cove Creek Baptist Church by the pastor, Dr. Will O. Gordon, closed Sunday night. Several additions were made to the church and much good accomplished.

Miss Blanche Horton returned to Kinston Friday to take up her work as teacher of public school music in the Kinston schools. She was accompanied by her brother John R. Horton.

Mr. Thomas J. Fuller of Wake Forest is spending a few days visiting his niece Mrs. Sam F. Horton.

The surfacing of highway 60 to the state line is nearing completion. The work of oiling the road is expected to begin within the next few days.

A much needed parking space has been provided on the school grounds, where all buses and cars will be required to be parked during school hours. This will greatly lessen the danger to children from passing autos by removing the congested condition in front of the school buildings.

Last Sunday the relatives and friends of Mr. A. J. Payne surprised him with a picnic dinner in honor of his 58th birthday. About a hundred friends gathered at his house and a bountiful feast of good things was spread. Sharing the honors with Mr. Payne were his twin daughters, Misses Earle and Pearle and Misses Bonnie McBride and Doris Mast who were leaving on Monday to begin training as nurses in the Baptist hospital at Memphis.

Mrs. Jas. B. Mast returned home Saturday from a months visit with her parents in Wilmington. She was accompanied by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Herring and sister.

Miss Ruth Curtis was taken to the Banner Elk Hospital Saturday suffering with appendicitis.

MARTIN TALKS TO GRADUATES

Twin-City Editor Says School System is State's Greatest Business; Class of Thirty Receive Certificates of Graduation

Speaking before the graduating class, students and a large number of citizens in the auditorium of the Appalachian State Teachers' College last Thursday evening Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, declared the state's biggest business is the school business. "Business men of vision know that there was no economic renaissance until there was first an educational renaissance. Their relation is cause and effect."

The Twin-City editor quoted Chas. B. Aycock as declaring thirty years ago, "If you will build roads, build schoolhouses and the people will build roads to them. If you would see a great outburst of industry in North Carolina, educate your children." Never in the history of the world, declared Mr. Martin, has prophecy proved truer.

"The four months' school term inaugurated by Governor Aycock has paid big dividends. The eight months' term will yield twice as large dividends. The eight months' school term must come because it is an economic necessity. Ignorance and illiteracy are too expensive. Business men know this. That is why most of them are backing the longer term."

No state in the union has made such rapid progress in education as North Carolina in the last two decades, said Mr. Martin, and proved this assertion by giving these facts: In 1908 there were 7,000 pupils in the high schools of the state. In 1928 there were more than 90,000. This, he said, means a revolution in the state's educational and social order.

Speaking to the prospective teachers, Mr. Martin urged them to strive to build character in their pupils, help them to find their souls. A good education is an education for right living.

Too much emphasis is given athletics, the speaker declared. Scholarship should be given first reward, not athletics. Colleges should pay the expenses of pupils who lead in scholarship instead to those who lead in athletics.

Mr. Martin in beginning his address paid high tribute to Dr. E. B. Dougherty, president of the college, to the late D. D. Dougherty, and to Captain E. F. Lovill, chairman of the board of trustees from the founding of the institution until his death, declaring, "When historians come to write an adequate record of this commonwealth, a long chapter will be given to the Dougherty brothers—the two mountain boys who dreamed a dream and brought it into fulfillment. The effect of their work on the destiny of the state cannot be estimated."

Hon. O. B. Moss, representative in the general assembly from Nash county, was introduced by Dr. Dougherty, and spoke very briefly. Mr. Moss is co-author of the famous Hancock education bill passed by the last legislature.

Music throughout the evening was provided by the large college chorus.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for the week ending August 31, co-operative station, Appalachian State Teachers' College, Prof. J. T. C. Wright, observer.

Average maximum temperature, 76 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 59.

Average temperature, 67.

Average daily range in temperature, 27.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 34 on the 28th.

Average temperature at 8 a. m., 67.

Highest temperature reached, 80, on 27th.

Lowest temperature reached, 42, on the 30th.

Number inches rainfall, 0.07.

Greatest rainfall in 24 hours, 0.06 inches on the 25th.

Clear days, 5; partly cloudy, 2.

Direction of prevailing winds, northwest.

Thunderstorms on 25th and 28th.

Charlotte, Aug. 30.—S. S. Rogers, 38, Mecklenburg county rural policeman, and H. L. Luquire, a cotton mill worker, were killed early today in a gun battle at Paw Creek, 19 miles from here. Luquire, according to Jenks Biggers, Rogers' partner, opened fire on Rogers and Biggers when they halted him as he turned his automobile in the business section of Paw Creek. Rogers was struck in the abdomen and died in a short time. Firing from the ground, after he had been struck, Rogers shot Luquire through the heart.

FARMERS CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO USE PUREBRED SIRES

By F. R. Farnham, Dairy Specialist, North Carolina State College

The history of practically all successful and intensive livestock sections, especially dairy farming, show that these communities have developed their livestock industry by using good purebred sires mating with the native cattle.

This is true of the great dairy states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan where farmers have followed this plan.

Watauga farmers can do nothing better than to import at once into every township several purebred sires and if they will breed constantly to these sires within six or eight years the cattle will be all high grade, carrying from seven-eighths to thirty-one-thirty-seconds blood of these animals.

As an example I remember back in 1916 and 1918, there was imported into Watauga county over 100 head of Holstein heifers and cows to produce milk for the local cheese factories, and at that time farmers were adverse to bringing in but very few Holstein bulls, with the ultimate outcome that today where there should have been thousands of high-grade Holstein cows only about three herds are found in the county.

If we could have brought five purebred sires and no females and these sires used constantly there

would now be a thriving dairy industry in the county.

Recently search and investigations have discovered that inbreeding of dairy cattle is not, on the average, injurious but in the majority of instances very desirable, and in view of this fact many of our progressive communities are constructing strong bull pens with ample exercising grounds and are placing therein a purebred sire with which they plan on using for eight, ten or more years, thus solving the breeding problem for these particular sections.

We are all familiar with the fact that good dairy cows are high in price and very difficult to secure, therefore if Watauga farmers are ever to make substantial progress in their program of livestock farming they of necessity are compelled to make this progress by growing these cattle rather than purchasing them.

In conclusion, I am writing these lines at Franklin, county seat of Macon, where eight years ago with the county agent I selected 40 head of purebred Guernsey bulls and placed over this county with the result that starting with nothing, and developing the dairy industry, the creamery here last month made over 22,000 pounds of butter fat and now has over 900 farms selling cream.

Attorney Dick Donnelly Slayer of Andy Johnson Dies at Mountain City Still Eludes Officers

The Democrat is indeed pained to hear of the death of Attorney Dick Donnelly of Mountain City, Tenn., which occurred at a Bristol Hospital Tuesday, following injuries received in an accident of last Friday. Mr. Donnelly was standing by the side of the street in the edge of town where some highway construction work was being done. A heavily loaded truck came along, and a wheel struck a piece of timber that rebounded and struck him in the breast, rendering him unconscious, in which condition he remained until death relieved him of his suffering. He was rushed to a Bristol hospital, but his case was hopeless and he died within a few hours.

Mr. Donnelly was getting well advanced in years and had been in very poor health for some time. He was a son of the late Mr. Kendrick Donnelly and was born and reared in Mountain City. He had long been a member of the Tennessee bar, stood high in his profession and succeeded well financially.

The little city in the hills has lost one of its most prominent citizens, in fact it will never be the same to the visitor there, for it was "Dick" it seemed, who always welcomed you first on your arrival with a broad smile and a hearty handshake. A useful and beloved citizen has been called to his reward.

REXALL ONE-CENT SALE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK

Dr. G. K. Moose of the Boone Drug Co., makes announcement in a large ad on page five of this issue of the second Rexall One Cent Sale of the year. Under the unique plan adopted by the United Drug Co., purchase of any one item is made at the regular price and a like article given for the payment of an additional one cent. In view of the fact that the goods offered are standard items handled every day in the year at regular prices, the sale affords an unusual opportunity to restock the medicine chest at about half price as well as to purchase various other household necessities. The sales heretofore conducted have met with widespread approval and thrifty housewives look forward to the announcements. It is suggested that shoppers clip the ad from the Democrat, check the items wanted and bring the list with them in order to facilitate buying.

LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION IN MEETING NEXT SATURDAY

The Watauga County Livestock Association is called to meet in the court house in Boone next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 to transact such business as may come up for discussion. The primary purpose of the session however, will be to ascertain the number of purebred sires that can be placed in each community in the county and to take steps to secure them.

Charlotte, Sept. 1.—Miss Mary Lou Keller, 19, of Charlotte, and a Mrs. Harvell, 45, of Cramerton, were killed, and three other persons injured as a result of three automobile accidents near Charlotte early this morning. The injuries which cost the Keller girl her life resulted in the arrest of eight persons. Circumstances surrounding the girl's death are "strange," police said.

COLLEGE OPENS 1ST FOUR-YEAR TERM

Additions to the Faculty in the Field of Sports, Education and Science and Enlarged Library; 350 Students Register

The Appalachian State Teachers' College which opened Tuesday its first term as a four-year college, announces additions to the faculty in the fields of athletics, education and science, and an enlargement of the library and the addition there of a skilled librarian as assistant to the full time librarian, Mrs. Emma H. Moore, and her corps of student assistants.

C. B. (Johannie) Johnston, former Wake Forest athletic star, who has been for the past four years head coach at Clarkson College, New York, is the new head coach. Three other directors will give some time to athletics, and the college will feature a course leading to the B. S. degree, especially designed for the preparation of teachers who wish to become professional directors of athletics. The course will qualify the graduate also for the Class A high school certificate in science.

Miss Esther Hancock, holder of the masters' degree from George Washington University, is a new instructor in biology and botany. Prof. T. C. Wright has returned from a leave of absence granted him for work at Peabody toward his doctor's degree in physics. Prof. Van C. Hinson also has spent the past summer specializing in physics.

To the field of education has been added Prof. Herman Eggers, holder of the masters' degree from Peabody, who has done notable work in the famous Parker district of South Carolina, under the direction of Dr. Alexander of Columbia University, and Miss Evelyn Weaver, M. A., Peabody, who will teach primary methods.

Miss Lily Dale, who will continue as the head of the home economics department, spent the summer studying in Europe.

Equipment adequate to the standardizing of the work of biology, physics, chemistry and physical education has been installed during the past summer. Dr. Dougherty, president of the college, announces, and the work on the athletic fields and campus which was begun in the summer is still under way. The next ambition of the institution is to beautify the grounds by the addition of shrubbery, leveling, turfing and native stone work.

Approximately 350 students were enrolled for the beginning of the term, and the number is expected to increase somewhat during the week.

The first student to register under the new college curriculum was Miss Hilda Peelo, of Roxobel, Bertie county. The first man to register was Mr. John T. Howell of Brookside, Watauga county. He registered for his fourth year of college work, and he also was the first to register for the third year college work last year.

HIGHWAY PATROLMEN MUST ENFORCE LAWS

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—Lieutenants of the nine highway patrol districts of the state, meeting here today with Capt. Chas. D. Farmer, were instructed to strictly enforce highway regulations against lights and reckless driving but to always treat the motorists encountered with courtesy and politeness.

Captain Farmer directed his lieutenants to have all patrolmen immediately begin issuing warrants for violators of the light regulations when they were found to have light connections of their machines fixed so as to have one bright and one dim light and to also issue warrants without a 10-hour period of grace being allowed for repairs in cases where cars are found to be without light bulbs or reflectors.

FARMERS HARDWARE WILL DEMONSTRATE THE MAJESTIC

The Farmers Hardware and Supply Co., has set aside next week for the annual Great Majestic Range demonstration period, and have announced the most perfect Majestic ever offered to the ladies of this section. These ranges have long been considered a standard of comparison, and the local store in addition to giving the best value yet offered, has arranged to give free a big fine set of nickel plated copperware. An advertisement on page four gives more definite information as to the inducements held out.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bingham, Mesdames Herbert Nobles, Hattie Johnson, Luther Bingham, Selma Foster, Misses Mary Wagner, Carrie Lee and Edna Grant, Edna, Virginia and Josephine Bingham, Ann Sherwood, Francis Shaeffer and Mr. Jas. Mast.