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WADE STEWART IS BADLY INJURED BY OFFICER'S GUN

Silverstone Man's Leg Amputated Above Knee as Result of Gunshot Wounds Inflicted When He Resisted Arrest. Officers Apprehend Him When Neighbor Makes Serious Charge. Warrants for Liquor.

Wade Stewart, resident of the Silverstone community, was brought to Boone Wednesday morning immediately after Deputy Sheriff A. A. Perry had fired a charge from a shotgun into his right knee, when it is alleged that he resisted arrest. Doctors Perry, Hargram and Hodges, after examination had revealed that the bones were crushed beyond repair, amputated the member above the knee joint.

The shooting occurred early in the morning when Officer Perry attempted to arrest Stewart, after a neighbor had complained that he had attacked and attempted rape of his wife. Stewart, it is said, refused to be arrested, threw back coat and dared the officer to shoot, and refused to be touched, after which the shot was fired.

According to the sheriff's office, Stewart is a rather bad man, has a record for violating the laws, and it is further stated that warrants were out for him after the sheriff had found fifteen gallons of whiskey in his home several weeks ago.

Stewart, who is said to have been unarmed, claimed that he resisted arrest when the officer failed to produce a warrant.

WALTER BUMGARDNER SHOT

Walter Bumgardner, Boone youth, was shot Monday morning after officers had attempted to stop his car believed to contain whiskey on the Blowing Rock road just east of the city. Deputy W. B. Day was in charge of the raiding party, and the officers were on foot in the road when, it is said, the suspected car attempted to hit them. In the mix-up a shot was fired, and a pistol bullet passed through the fleshy portion of young Bumgardner's leg, but his injury is not serious. Afterwards the sheriff found a drink or two of whiskey in a bottle near the road and broken containers believed to have been thrown from the car. No arrests have been made, it is said.

Howell Corrects Report As to Primary Ruling

V. C. Howell, chairman of the county board of elections, states that a report has been circulated to the effect that the State Election Board issued instructions to supplant Republican members with Democrats favoring Senator Morrison in the July 2 primary, and takes this occasion to enter a denial. There is absolutely no truth in the report, says Mr. Howell, and he requests that the order from Raleigh be reproduced here to substantiate his denial. The instructions were signed by J. Crawford Biggs, chairman of the State Board of Elections, and follow:

"Your attention is directed to Section 155 of the Election Law pamphlet which reads as follows: 'Provided, further, that in any primary election held under the provisions of this Act, when only one political party participates in such Primary, then, all of the election officials selected for holding such Primary shall be chosen only from the political party so participating.' There will be no statewide Republican participation in the Second Primary; therefore, you will follow the provision of the law and use two Democratic judges at each voting precinct instead of one Republican judge as was used in the First Primary."

Lovill and Zimmerman Name of New Law Firm

Charles Zimmerman, of Asheville, has gone into the practice of law with W. R. Lovill of this city, the style of the new partnership being Lovill and Zimmerman.

Mr. Zimmerman is a graduate of Wake Forest College, was admitted to the bar in 1930 and since that time has been employed as athletic director at Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, practicing law to an extent in the meantime. The new member of the local bar is well and favorably known here, and his connection with the pioneer attorney, coupled with his training and ability, bode for him a brilliant career.

Mrs. Zimmerman will remain in Asheville during the summer and will come to Boone where she and her husband will establish their home this fall.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO MEET

The Young Democratic voters of Meat Camp Township will assemble at Miller Schoolhouse on Saturday night, July 16, according to an announcement made Monday by Tom Jackson, chairman. Organization work is expected to be completed, and a speaker of prominence will be heard. The ladies are especially invited.

Confederate Commander



General Homer Atkinson, Richmond, Va., is the new Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans. He was a member of the Home Guards at Petersburg who stood off the Union forces, June 9, 1864. He is also Commander of the Department of Virginia.

FIDDLERS MEET DRAWS APPLAUSE FROM BIG CROWD

Unusual Interest Shown in Old Time Fiddlers Convention Staged on Friday and Saturday. American Legion Sponsors Annual Event. Prizes Are Awarded in Different Classes and Crowd Is Enthusiastic.

The annual fiddlers convention, which is sponsored by the American Legion and which was held on Friday and Saturday evenings as the first of a series of fourth of July entertainments, drew an overflow audience at each performance, and the strident renditions of the well known mountain ballads, the vocal selections and the dances brought forth round after round of applause. Walter Drugg was master of ceremonies and competent judges awarded the prizes. The proceeds, which are to be used by the local Legion Post, were quite satisfactory, it is said by officials.

The list of prize winners is given below, in so far as it could be secured, and while there may be slight errors in the notes of the judges' secretary, the facts are substantially correct. The names following the classifications represent the winners of first second and third prizes in the order of their appearance:

- Lady Dancers: Misses Bernice Greer, Annie Graham and Gladys Church.
 - Buck Dancers: Richard Norris, Roe Greene, Wood Bledsoe, Harrison Church.
 - Fiddlers: Charlie Isaacs, Roy Dewell, Marion Reese, Amos Ward, Dewey Osborne. (Miss Cook excellent.)
 - Bands: Thomas Ashley, The Cook Sisters, Rich Mountain Band.
 - Banjo: Dayton Greene, Ray Dowell, Roe Greene.
 - Guitar: Carl Taylor, Ethel Grogan, Ruth West.
 - Harmonica: Willard Laws and Amos Ward.
 - Hawaiian Guitar: Ray Brendall.
 - Ugliest Fiddler: Marion Reese.
- In the opinion of the judges and the spectators the performances were the finest in years, and under each classification there were many who were honorably mentioned for their superb renditions.

Mrs. S. M. Dugger Dies After Lengthy Illness

Mrs. S. M. Dugger of the Beaver Dam section died at her home Sunday morning after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Beaver Dam Church Monday at 2:30 p. m., with Rev. E. J. Farthing in charge.

Surviving are the husband and seven children as follows: Mrs. Earnest Farthing, Wilma, Rose, Ruby, Oren, Mary and Samuel Dugger. Several brothers and sisters, among whom is Mrs. W. S. Christian of Boone, also survive.

Mrs. Dugger was well known in western Watauga and her passing is the cause for great sorrow.

Charlotte Men Visit In Watauga Tuesday

Colonel Wade H. Harris, editor of The Charlotte Observer, and Clarence O. Kuester, secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, visited in Boone Tuesday. Colonel Harris, whose newspaper sponsored the campaign of Senator Morrison, predicted the overwhelming election of Bob Reynolds to the Senate. Mr. Kuester believes Watauga County is just now coming into her own, describes the Boone Trail east of Boone as the finest road in the State, and urges the citizens here to hold their lands till the economic upturn has begun, where possible.

FOURTH OF JULY DRAWS HORDES TO BOONE PICNIC

All Business Houses of City Except Drug Stores and Cafes Closed as Throngs Invade City on Independence Day. Moose and American Legion Picnic Outstanding Attraction. Baseball and Boxing Enjoyed.

Monday the fourth was celebrated by Boonites and thousands of visitors from the surrounding country in a safe and sane way, the principal attraction being the Moose and American Legion Picnic, which was held in Legion Park, and the baseball games and boxing bouts which followed, culminating that evening in a subscription dance at the Critcher Hotel.

Hon. Trickett Giles, who was scheduled to have delivered the address in Legion Park before the outdoor banquet was served, failed to put in his appearance, much to the disappointment of officials of the Moose order and the crowd generally. However, William E. Lovill, who was scheduled to have introduced the distinguished visitor, fitted well into the gap, and delivered an inspiring address. He reviewed the purposes and accomplishments of the Loyal Order of Moose, touched on the local work, and wound up with a stirring patriotic deliverance. The address was enjoyed thoroughly and the speaker drew enthusiastic applause.

The basket dinner which was spread was bountiful and hundreds satisfied their appetites.

In the afternoon a steady rain postponed the baseball game which was played between teams selected from the west end of the county and the east. The western team finally won. Boxing bouts followed and the subscription dance at the Critcher Hotel that evening drew a record number of celebrants.

The American Legion had charge of a number of concessions during the day. All the business houses of the town were closed with the exception of the drug stores and cafes and the employees joined in celebrating the patriotic holiday.

LENOIR YOUTH KILLED IN CRASH

Coy Shoemaker Dies When Automobile Climbs Embankment While Going Around Curve on Blowing Rock Highway.

Lenoir.—Caldwell County's only fatality during the Fourth of July resulted at midnight on Monday when Coy Shoemaker, 21-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. T. P. Shoemaker of Lenoir, was instantly killed in an automobile wreck. His companion, Arvid Secrest of Lenoir, escaped with minor injuries.

The accident occurred on the Blowing Rock highway as Shoemaker, driving the automobile, failed to negotiate a curve and climbed a slight embankment. The car overturned and Shoemaker was crushed when the light top of the roadster gave way. It is reported that Shoemaker struck a rock in the highway and lost control of the car. The young men were returning from Boone where they attended a dance.

Funeral services were conducted from Lower Creek Baptist Church Wednesday morning, with Rev. W. R. Barnes in charge. Surviving are the parents and five brothers and sisters.

Oregon Congressman Visits Relatives Here

Congressman Robert R. Butler of Oregon, who spent the past week-end with relatives in Mountain City, was a visitor to his sister, Mrs. Jim Rivers, in Boone Sunday afternoon. While here he enjoyed a motor trip to Blowing Rock, and expressed himself as being delighted with the wonderful roads and matchless scenery.

Mr. Butler was reared in Johnson County, Tennessee, but has been a resident of the Northwest for more than thirty years. He represents the Second Congressional District of Oregon.

B. Y. P. U. Meeting at Blowing Rock Sunday

The annual session of the B. Y. P. U. is to be held at Blowing Rock next Sunday, according to announcement made by Rev. P. A. Hicks, pastor of the Boone Baptist Church. Professor Hill of the Boone High School, Professor L. G. Greer of the Appalachian College, Miss Lois Pierce and Bryan Horde of Marshville are among those who will appear on the program and it is asked that there be a large attendance.

Rowan farmers will mow about 30,000 acres of hay crops this spring to say nothing of the lespedeza acreage and the summer legume acreage.

Democratic Standard Bearers



Robert R. Reynolds, left, who won a smashing victory last Saturday over his opponent, Senator Cameron Morrison, for the Democratic Senatorial nomination. His lead is more than 100,000. John C. B. Ehringhaus, right, who defeated Richard T. Fountain by about 13,000 in the race for gubernatorial honors.



John C. B. Ehringhaus, successful gubernatorial candidate, maintained almost a two to one lead over his opponent, having received 1130 to 613 for Richard T. Fountain.

Morrison and Ehringhaus Lead in Watauga's Voting

"Snow Child" Goes North



Mrs. Edward Stahold (Mrs. Peary), daughter of Admiral Peary, the famous "snow baby" born in the Arctic circle is now returning to within 14 degrees of the pole to unveil a stone which she placed there to her noted father.

RAT CAMPAIGN A GREAT SUCCESS

Interesting Figures are Produced as to the Anti-Rodent Drive Recently Conducted. Noticeable Improvement Here.

Following the recent warfare on wharf rats, sponsored by the Civitan Club and State College, co-operating, there has been a notable improvement in conditions in this community, it is reported, and as many as eighteen grown rats have been found dead at one place. At different points as many as four or five have been found, and in the college territory, it is said more than 150 carcasses have been disposed of. The poison which was used was very effective, and Mr. Oman, who was in charge of the drive, explained that the major portion of the rodents would succumb in their underground quarters.

The total cost to the Civitan Club was \$46.25, exclusive of time used by club members, and included 16 pounds of poison at \$1.50, or \$24; 100 lbs. of hamburger, \$12; canned salmon, oat meal, corn meal, paper bags and butter paper, \$10.25. This does not include the amount spent at the college.

The campaign was extremely successful and a great saving to the people of the town has resulted. The civic club, while being congratulated for its enterprise in this connection, is thankful to the citizenship for its fine co-operation.

Hyder Jestes Dies While Swimming Near Forcoe

Hyder Jestes, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jestes, was drowned on Monday afternoon, June 26, in a small swimming pool near Foscoe, according to a belated report reaching Boone this week. Henry Fox, a companion, was present when the tragedy occurred, but inability to swim rendered him unable to aid young Jestes. It is believed that the cool water brought on cramp. Fox ran for aid but the swimmer was going down the third time when it arrived.

The body was quickly located by divers and brought to shore where artificial respiration was attempted without results. The tragedy was a great shock to the entire community, as the young man was universally liked for his kind heart and friendly disposition.

Interment took place at the Jestes Cemetery on Tuesday, the 28th at 2 o'clock. Surviving are the parents, two sisters and one brother.

REYNOLDS LEADS CAM MORRISON BY 100,000 VOTES

Ehringhaus Apparently Nominated for Governor by 10,000 Majority. Captain Fletcher Wins Race. Unreported Boxes Are Not Expected to Affect Any of Races. Prohibition Paramount Issue.

Raleigh.—Reports from all but eleven of the State's 1,829 precincts in Saturday's primary give J. C. B. Ehringhaus 180,937 votes for the gubernatorial nomination against 167,792 for Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain.

For the Senatorial nomination, 1,761 precincts give Robert R. Reynolds 218,026 against 114,736 for Senator Cameron Morrison.

Charlotte, N. C.—Robert R. Reynolds, J. C. B. Ehringhaus and A. L. Fletcher were victorious as North Carolina Democrats made political history in their primary Saturday.

Reynolds, the Asheville attorney who dared to campaign for the senate nomination on a platform calling for repeal of prohibition, defeated Senator Cameron Morrison by the largest majority by which any candidate has ever been nominated in a primary in this state.

The incomplete returns indicated his majority would be well over 100,000 when all the votes are counted.

Ehringhaus Wins by Nose

Ehringhaus appeared on the face of incomplete returns to have been nominated for Governor by around 10,000 votes, a slim majority in view of the nearly 350,000 ballots cast in his contest with Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain.

Fletcher, now deputy insurance commissioner, defeated Clarence Mitchell, Raleigh printer, easily for the nomination as commissioner of labor.

The unreported boxes of State's 1,829 precincts were not believed to contain enough votes to affect any of the races materially. Many were of isolated rural communities where few ballots are cast.

Morrison conceded his defeat Saturday when he found himself trailing Reynolds in many counties which the Senator had counted his strength. When he accepted defeat he wired his congratulations to Reynolds and pledged his support to the party in the general election.

Neither Fountain nor Mitchell had conceded the nomination of his opponent, each preferring to wait for further returns.

The magnitude of the vote for Reynolds surprised even his most ardent well wishers. On the eve of the primary his headquarters claimed a majority of 75,000.

Gained Many New Votes

When Reynolds and Morrison vied for the votes along with Judge Tam Bowie, Frank Grist and Arthur Simmons in the first primary, the Asheville lawyer led by only 15,000 votes. The results of the second primary disclosed that tremendous tide set in in his direction after the first test.

In contrast to the Senatorial race was the gubernatorial contest where Ehringhaus, the high man, apparently lost strength between the two primaries.

The Elizabeth City attorney led Fountain by 47,000 votes in the first primary in which A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, was eliminated.

The wet-dry issue brought to the fore in the Morrison-Reynolds contest will be dominant again in the general election. Jake Newell, of Charlotte, the Republican nominee for the Senate, has announced he will stand firmly for prohibition.

Loyal to Prohibition

In the primary contest Morrison in reply to Reynolds' stand for repeal said he would prefer political annihilation to selling his conscience "to the liquor interests."

The winner of the November election will take his seat in the Senate immediately. Morrison has served as Senator for 18 months by appointment of Governor O. Max Gardner, who named him to the office upon the death of Senator Lee S. Overman. The statute which permits the Governor to appoint a Senator provides that the appointee shall serve only until the next general election and Morrison and Reynolds contested not only for the nomination for the regular term, but also for the short run from the election until March 4, 1933.

Oxford Singing Class In Boone on Tuesday

The singing class, composed of sixteen orphans from the Masonic Home at Oxford, came to Boone Tuesday and gave a concert in the college auditorium at night. A sizeable crowd was present and enjoyed the performance of the children. About \$20 was realized for the work of the institution. Mr. Alderman is in charge of the tour, and members of the Masonic fraternity were hosts to the children while they were in the city.

A CORRECTION

In calling attention to the new Federal law taxing bank checks it has been pointed out that the two cents levy on checks made or drawn after June 21 would be exacted. This is in error, state local bank officials, who point out that the tax is on checks "presented" after June 21.

J. T. Albritton of Calypso harvested an average of 100 bushels of No. 1 Irish potatoes per acre over the greater part of his farm this season.