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MANY ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION OF RECORDER'S COURT

Heavy Docket Came Up for Trial at First Setting of New Tribunal. Fines and Suspended Sentences Comprise Most of the Verdicts. Walter Bumgarner Given Road Sentence on Whiskey Charge.

Judge G. M. Sudreth had a busy day Tuesday when his recorder's court met for the first time, and he and Solicitor Charles T. Zimmerman made rapid headway toward clearing up the criminal docket for this week's term. An unusually large crowd was present to see the new court go into action, and following are the verdicts rendered:

- Roby South, possession, \$10 and cost; six month's suspended sentence. John Snyder, possession and carrying weapons, \$10 in each case and the cost; 2 month suspended sentence. A. L. Dotson, possession, dismissed. Burton Church, possession, not guilty. Everett Story, possession, 6 months suspended sentence; assessed with the costs. Walter Bumgarner, possession, 60 days on road. Roger Ashley, possession, 4 months suspended on payment of costs. Ira Cornell and Arnold Ford, larceny, \$10 each and costs. William Furr and Lee Thompson, larceny. Action withheld pending information from West Virginia, where they are said to be wanted.

FUTURE OF SCHOOL SYSTEM DEPENDS ON THE GRADUATES

Educational Problems Facing North Carolina Discussed at Boone Meeting. Dean Rankin and Dr. B. B. Dougherty Speak Briefly. Economic Conditions Bring People Face to Face With Problem.

"Get-Acquainted" meetings between the Juniors and Seniors and the faculty at Appalachian State College. President Dougherty and Dean J. D. Rankin spoke briefly Thursday night in Lovell Auditorium on present educational conditions.

"The future of the teachers' colleges in the State depends upon the product they turn out," said Dr. Dougherty. "Present economic conditions have brought us face to face with a great problem. We must either solve that problem or justify the existence of this special type of institution—the teachers' college—or then it must go."

The president of Columbia University lists three requisites for a college degree. Character, culture and scholarship. To that I should like to add a fourth, ranking above scholarship in importance—skill. To me, those four qualify the student of a teachers' college for a degree. To three of them the ordinary college is favorable. It is only in a teachers' college, by means of the demonstration school system, that skill, this fourth requisite, is acquired."

Dean Rankin spoke more in detail of the present economic crisis. "The generation before me," said Dr. Rankin, "were faced with the gigantic task of reconstruction. They suffered greatly and sacrificed much in order to make conditions better for us. Today that structure for which they slaved has again tottered. You of today, as the leaders of a new generation, are again faced with the back-breaking and heart-rending task of rebuilding that which has fallen. It is a difficult task. The post-war generation must face, first of all, the immediate problem of adjustment. And it is you, as teachers of the State, who must bear a great share of that responsibility for adjustment."

Two Make Good their Escape from Bastille

Two prisoners in the Watauga jail, Clyde Combs and one Parlier, held on charges of immoral conduct and larceny respectively, made good their escape from the bastille Friday night, by sawing a bar from a window. Outside aid is thought to have been furnished, and apparently, the steel was softened by heating with a blow torch and a hack saw used to finish the job. The sheriff's office says that no clues are available as to the whereabouts of the fugitives and it is believed their escape has been perfected.

Budget Director



Representative L. W. Douglas of Arizona is the new director of the Budget in the Roosevelt administration. Announcement of his appointment was received with favor in Washington.

SHERIFF'S OF TWO COUNTIES PROBE DEATH OF HIGGINS

Funeral Services for Lenoir Man Held Saturday. Died from Skull Fracture When He Was Alleged to Have Fallen Down Stairway in Boone. Local People Believed to Be Clear of Complicity.

James H. Higgins, Lenoir man, died in a hospital in that city Friday where he had been a patient for six weeks, following cerebral injuries received when he is said to have fallen down a stairway at an apartment house in Boone, where a former wife and son reside. Funeral services were conducted Saturday.

Sheriffs Tolbert of Caldwell and Howell of Watauga spent most of the time Monday and Tuesday conducting an investigation into the affair, but have received no evidence sufficient to warrant an arrest. The party which accompanied Higgins to Boone on the night in question consisted of five persons, three couples in all, and information is that they were recruited. The most recent evidence given came from a woman, Higgins testified that she accompanied Higgins to the apartment where he wished to see his son, and there being no answer to his knock at the door, she approached the head of the stairs, where she alleges Higgins lost his balance and fell headlong down the flight. Testimony of doctors, however, is contrary. They expressed the belief that his injuries had not resulted from such a fall, as there was an absence of body bruises which would likely have resulted. The skull fracture, they believed, came from a blow with a black jack, sand bag or some blunt instrument.

The investigation continues in Caldwell, says Sheriff Howell, who adds that some members of the party will likely be held for grand jury action. At the same time, it was officially said, nothing has developed which would implicate any Boone citizen.

REV. AND MRS. BRENDALL ENTERTAIN BOARD STEWARDS

The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Brendall Jr. entertained members of the board of stewards of the Boone Methodist Church at a four-course turkey dinner Thursday night in the dining room of the Caro-Jean Inn. Those attending were: Dr. J. D. Rankin, E. C. Hann, Fred McDade, Tracy Council, Luther Clay, Austin South, R. L. Bingham, James Council, Brantley Duncan, Paul Coffey, Dr. J. M. Gaither and the Rev. and Mrs. Brendall.

LEES-McRAE DEBATERS DEFEAT WINGATE AND RUTHERFORD

Banner Elk—Lees-McRae College debaters defeated the Wingate and Rutherford College teams in their meeting here Thursday night, the decision being by a unanimous vote of the judges in each instance.

The question of debats was: Resolved, that the United States should agree to cancel all inter-allied war debts, the Banner Elk teams arguing the negative. Mevin Sumpter and John Forbes argued for Lees-McRae against Rutherford, and Fate Beal and Alex Arledge against Wingate. At the same time two Lees-McRae affirmative teams traveled to Rutherford and Wingate to meet the opposing affirmative teams.

Catawba County sweet potato growers are selling their crop at 50 to 40 cents a bushel at the curing house doors. This is a low price, but in line with other farm prices, says the growers.

GOVERNMENT NOW READY TO MAKE LOANS TO FARMERS

Funds for Purchase of Seed and Fertilizer Available, Says D. M. Hale, Field Inspector. Loans Range from \$25 to \$300. Register of Deeds and Clerk Reduce Fees. Applications to Be Filed in Office of S. C. Eggers.

Applications for securing loans from the Secretary of Agriculture for the purchase of seed and fertilizer are now ready, according to announcement made this morning by Mr. D. M. Hale, field inspector of the Crop Production Loan office.

There is very little change in the regulations governing loans from last year excepting that the maximum loan is \$300 and the minimum is \$25.00.

The borrower this year will be required to pay the recording fees, but through the co-operation of Miss Helen Underdown, Register of Deeds, and A. E. South, Clerk of the Court, this has been reduced so that the total expense to the borrower in this county will be only \$1.00. Mr. Hale took occasion to express his appreciation to these officers for their kindly assistance in this matter.

Applications will be filled out in the office of Mr. S. C. Eggers and borrowers will be taken care of just as promptly as possible. They should know what crops they raised last year, the yield, the crops they expect to plant this year, the names of the adjoining land owners, and be able to give this information promptly so as not to delay the writing of their application.

DOUGHTON TO GET IMPORTANT PLACE

Selection of Rainey as Speaker Assures Eighth District Congressman Chairmanship of the Ways and Means.

The election Thursday night of Henry T. Rainey as Speaker of the National House of Representatives, to succeed Vice-President Garner, is of special interest to the people of the Ninth North Carolina District, for the reason that it means the elevation of Congressman Robert E. Doughton to the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee. This committee is the most important of all tax and tariff legislation, and the North Carolina member, well known locally, will be a big factor in the Roosevelt administration from the beginning.

The chairmanship of the Ways and Means was held by the late Claude Kitchen for a number of years. The Ways and Means Committee will meet Thursday, and the election of Mr. Doughton will doubtless follow promptly.

EVERY MAN FINDS MARKET GARDEN PAYS GOOD INCOME

Some North Carolina gardeners are finding that it pays to plant a good acreage to vegetables for sale in nearby markets.

J. B. Taylor of Newland, Avery County, cashed in on this idea last year when he sold the produce from a two-acre garden to tourists and hotel keepers in the amount of \$400.

In addition he canned some 400 quarts of surplus vegetables for winter use and kept his own family supplied with fresh vegetables during the growing season. He says he gave away about \$15 worth of vegetables to neighbors and others.

"We know that the home garden from one-half to one acre in size will supply a farm family with all the vegetables needed during the year if the plot is given the proper attention," says H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State College. "There are special conditions, however, where one might enlarge his garden area and become a market gardener. Mr. Taylor did this last year and he knows exactly the results of his operations because he kept an itemized account of all expenses and sales. He sold \$400 worth of vegetables to nearby tourist hotels and boarding houses; gave away about \$15 worth and canned 400 quarts for winter use. His cost for seed and fertilizer amounted to \$20.80 which leaves rather a good labor income."

Mr. Taylor sold these things from his garden: English peas, bead lettuce, onions, beets, carrots, spinach, turnips, cauliflower, cabbage, lima beans, sweet corn, snap beans and squash.

In addition, he had a small acreage of Irish potatoes, red raspberries and ever-bearing strawberries from which he sold the surplus. No itemized account of these sales was kept, Niswonger says.

Chicago May Dies



ANTON J. CERMAK

Miami, Fla.—A bullet intended for President Roosevelt brought death to Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago in a hospital here Monday. He had been suffering for 19 days from the wound and its complications. Giuseppe Zangara, the assassin, will go on trial for his life Thursday.

BANNER ELK MEETS FINANCIAL CRISIS WITH 'TRADE DAYS'

System of Barter Inaugurated by Lees-McRae College. To Accept Farm Produce in Exchange for Tuition, Board and Other Commodities. President Tufts Believes System Will Be of Great Aid.

Banner Elk—A weekly "trade day," beginning next Saturday, March 11th, will be the answer of Lees-McRae College to the present financial crisis, Edgar H. Tufts, president of the college, announced Wednesday. "All debtors of the school or of other departments of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association of which the college is one division, are cordially invited to meet at the college exchange next Saturday and swap goods and commodities with each other or with us," said Mr. Tufts. "We hope and expect that in this way, regardless of what the banks may do, nearly all our friends will owe us money on square accounts with us."

Grandfather Orphans Home and Grace Hospital are the other departments of the association which enable it to use a great deal of food-stuffs and other commodities, said Mr. Tufts. With Carl Silver, manager of the association farms, he gave as a list of commodities acceptable on "trade day," corn, wheat, oats, buckwheat, potatoes, pigs and other livestock, hay and straw, eggs and chickens, turkey hens, hams, beans, canned goods, maple sugar or syrup, and household goods which might be of service to the college, either during the school term or the summer, when the students operate the buildings as a summer resort hotel. Visitors on "trade day" are invited to bring any and all commodities to "barter. Those having nothing they wish to trade are invited to work out their debts, especially by team labor."

Lees-McRae College has for some time been largely on a barter basis and is fairly well prepared for a situation like the present, Mr. Tufts believes.

Plans Under Way for Beautifying Highways

It has been planned by highway officials to observe Arbor Day, March 17th, by co-operative planting of trees and evergreens along the roadways leading out from Boone, according to announcement from Resident Engineer James Council.

Mr. Council is anxious to have the co-operation of civic clubs and citizens in this movement, and wishes those interested to get in touch with him. He states that on that day highway forces will aid in the planting if desired.

21-OUNCE PIECE OF GOLD IS FOUND AT MINE IN CABARRUS

Concord.—A 21-ounce piece of gold, valued at about \$350 was found at the famous Reed mine last week by a Mr. Honeycutt who resides on the farm where the mine is located. Many folks developed the "gold fever" when the 21-ounce piece was found and with shovel and pick went in search of the hidden treasure.

The first gold discovered in North Carolina was at the Reed mine in 1799 when Conrad Reed, a boy of 12 and son of John Reed, proprietor of the property, found a "shining" substance in Meadow Creek, on the mine property.

BANK HOLIDAY IS MODIFIED; LOCAL FOLKS CONFIDENT

All Bankin Institutions of State and Nation Closed Till Thursday to Meet Emergencies Resulting from Withdrawals. Local Business Moves on and People Express Confidence and Courage.

Pursuant to the proclamation of President Roosevelt, supported by the action of individual commonwealths, all banks of the State and Nation were ordered closed Monday, effective until Thursday. The emergency movement came as the new administration took over the reins of government and heavy withdrawals of gold and currency over the country which had been going on for several weeks necessitated drastic action.

Meantime President Roosevelt, working through Sunday, prepared a banking program to deal with the situation which will be presented to a special session of Congress Thursday, and which is assured immediate passage. The guarantee of small deposits, and the payment of regular percentages of old accounts is believed to be in prospect, and confidence in the solution of the problem speedily, comes from high up sources in the national financial system.

Modification In North Carolina Wednesday the holiday order was modified to resume certain functions as may be necessary to meet community needs for food, other necessities of life, for the payment of salaries and wages to maintain employment and for other essential purposes. This, however, applies to those banks which had not been operating under restrictions when the holiday became effective.

Local People Confident In Boone the business people were untroubled by the temporary closing of the banks, the feeling was expressed on every hand that it was done for the best interests of all, and business all along the street is proceeding, sales on Monday in many retail places having been described as good.

Enrollment at A. S. T. C. Is the Highest in History

The highest enrollment in the history of Appalachian State Teachers College was reached here last week with 1,082 students registered for the year at the beginning of the spring quarter. The phenomenal growth in the student body of an institution that has been a standard four-year college only since 1920 is being watched with keen interest by educators all over the nation. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president, member of the State Equalization Board, and sometimes termed the "financial wizard of the State," is educating his students on less than a third the State appropriations per capita for other State institutions in many cases. Last year, out of 58 graduates, 41 were placed in teaching positions over the State and elsewhere.

DEATHS FROM PELLAGRA IN NORTH CAR. NUMBER 465

Raleigh.—North Carolina deaths from pellagra, after reaching a peak of 1015 in 1930, from 953 in 1929, decreased to 696 in 1931 and dropped to 465 in 1932, the latter figures being provisional, the State Board of Health, in the March Health Bulletin, reports.

Wayne county led the State in numbers of deaths from pellagra last year, with 59, or almost twice the 33 in Mecklenburg. Burke had 26, Guilford 20, Forsyth 19, Wake 23, Durham 17, Buncombe and Gaston 15 each, and Henderson 11.

Watauga County's record of death from pellagra for the past four years is as follows: 1929, 0; 1930, 0; 1931, 1, and 1932, 2.

THE WEATHER

Weather bureau for week ending March 4, 1933, as compiled by the Co-operative Station at State Teachers College:

- Average maximum temperature, 44 degrees. Average minimum temperature, 23 degrees. Average temperature, 34 degrees. Average daily range in temperature, 20 degrees. Greatest daily range in temperature, 41 degrees, date, Feb. 28th. Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 33 degrees. Highest temperature reached, 64 degrees; date, Feb. 27th. Lowest temperature reached, 17 degrees; date, Feb. 28th. Number of days with 0.01 inch or more precipitation, none. Number of clear days, 5. Number of cloudy days, 2. Dates of high winds, February 26, March 1st, 2nd.