

SLAYER OF HERSE HODGES IS DENIED PRIVILEGE OF BAIL

Succer Henderson Given Preliminary Hearing Before Justice Hahn; Counsel to Argue Self-Defense; State Contends Premeditation Existed

Spencer Henderson, confessed slayer of a brother-in-law, Hessel Hodges, and a resident of the Sandy Flats section, was denied privilege of bail in a hearing conducted by Justice of the Peace Edwin N. Hahn Tuesday afternoon.

A large crowd gathered for the preliminary and perhaps a score of witnesses summoned by the state were placed on the stand to relate their knowledge of the shooting and the events leading up to it. Henderson, who admitted the shooting before the coroner's jury, did not take the stand, but Chief of Police Fred Hatley of Blowing Rock, to whom the accused surrendered, and others told of the conversation of the confessed slayer, who was said to have repeatedly asserted that "he killed him, and didn't hate it."

Henderson's story of the affair as related by witnesses, indicated that he and Hodges were traveling in a truck, on a squirrel hunting trip. They, it seems, were on a dirt road leading from the Yonahlossee when they were stopped by another vehicle which was blocking the road. The owners of the second machine, it was thought, were in the woods. Hodges was said to have become enraged, seized a shotgun and went in quest of them. He shortly returned with the information that he had the wrong shells for the shotgun. Henderson claims he remonstrated with him about his anger, that they proceeded a distance, an argument ensued, the truck was stopped, Hodges got to the ground, seized a rock from the roadway and was "pecking" at the defendant through the open window of the truck cab. Henderson then, it was alleged, stated that he moved to the far side of the cab and fired the fatal shot from the 28-gauge shotgun, which the state contended had been unloaded up to that time.

Coroner Richard E. Kelley testified, as did others, that the pools of blood from the heart wound, were some few feet from the point at which defendant averred Hodges was standing, and that the body was several feet on beyond the pools of blood, which were some two feet in diameter. Coroner Kelley, from his experiences as a mortician, did not believe the injured man could have moved any distance with a charge of shot through his heart, and stated that he had previously handled bodies where death had ensued from similar wounds, and that in each instance the men had dropped in their tracks.

The state made considerable capital out of the allegations that the body had been moved from the point at which life had undoubtedly left it, and the court took the position that there was an element of premeditation involved. Bond was refused by Justice Hahn and the defendant will be tried for murder at the spring term of court in April.

AIR MAIL WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

Effort Being Made to Better Acquaint People With Air Mail Service

In observance of air mail week, October 11-16, Postmaster W. G. Hartzog is urging business men to use air mail during the period as much as possible, to give the service a real test, to see if each one so using the service will not be benefited by faster mail in the transaction of their respective businesses.

Governor Hoey, in calling attention to the fact that North Carolina is the birthplace of aviation, has urged an observance of air mail week, and it is stated that at each town with suitable landing facilities, mail planes will make stops during the week and gather outgoing mail. Boone, and other towns without airport facilities, will have the mail transferred to the nearest town that is equipped in this respect. Thus everyone of the state's 1,200 post offices will have an opportunity of taking part in the observance.

Postmaster Hartzog does not believe the people here are really acquainted with the air mail service as it now exists and calls attention to the fact that a letter may be mailed in Boone at 6 a. m. to San Francisco and reach its destination on the Pacific at 6 the following morning.

THE COUNTY SINGING

The county singing which was held at the courthouse Sunday was attended by a considerable number from various sections of the county, and a number of classes participated. The attendance, however, was the smallest for a number of years, due to the rain.

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MRS. C. R. GREENE DIES THURSDAY; FUNERAL FRIDAY

Boone Woman Was One of Town's Most Beloved Characters; An Active Church Worker; Rites at Boone Baptist Church; Burial at Meat Camp

Mrs. Gertrude Plyler Greene, one of the town's most beloved ladies, and wife of Clyde R. Greene, prominent business man of Boone, died at the home Thursday at the age of 36 years. Mrs. Greene had been ill for a long time with an incurable ailment, and for several weeks it was not believed she could recover.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Baptist church Friday afternoon by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. C. Canipe, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. J. A. Yount, Dr. J. D. Rankin and Rev. Wayne Williams. Interment was in the Meat Camp cemetery.

The active pallbearers were: Russell D. Hodges, Wade E. Brown, S. B. Greene, Chas. C. Rogers, D. L. Wilcox and W. O. Robertson.

Honorary pallbearers: John W. Hodges, J. L. Qualls, J. A. Williams, H. R. Eggers, J. T. C. Wright, Dr. Farthing, W. C. Greer, W. D. Farthing, A. D. Wilson, W. R. Winkler, A. E. Hamby, W. H. Gragg, T. E. Blighman, Dr. G. K. Moore, B. K. Osborne, A. L. Cook, G. P. Hagaman, T. M. Greer, S. C. Eggers, A. R. Smith and G. H. Winkler.

The unusually large and varied floral offering was in charge of the members of the Fidelity class of the Boone Baptist Sunday school: Mrs. A. R. Smith, Mrs. T. M. Dunkley, Mrs. Vera Tunnell, Mrs. John Howell, Mrs. A. G. Qualls, Mrs. Wade Brown, Mrs. Ed. Farthing, Mrs. Chas. C. Rogers, Mrs. Frank McCracken, Mrs. Hill Hagaman, Mrs. Floyd Hagaman, Mrs. Cliff McConnell, Mrs. David Foster, Mrs. W. R. Winkler, Mrs. John Conway, Mrs. Neal Blair, Mrs. L. T. Tatum, Mrs. S. M. Ayers, Miss Carolyn Weaver, Mrs. Raymond Hendrix, Mrs. B. G. Teams, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. E. E. Garbee, Mrs. Wm. Grubbs, Mrs. Leonard Storie, Mrs. S. B. Greene, Mrs. D. L. Brown, Mrs. I. S. Miller, Mrs. A. Y. Howell, Mrs. Milton Greene and Mrs. H. S. Storie. Also: Mrs. W. C. Greer, Mrs. Eric Adams, Mrs. Ruth Mattox, Mrs. Ola Greene, Mrs. Sherman Holler, Mrs. Faye Hodges, Mrs. Clyde Winebarger, Mrs. D. J. Whitener, Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Mrs. A. E. Hamby and Mrs. Earl Cook.

A large number of friends of the deceased and of the bereaved family from distant points attended the funeral, among whom were the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Propst, Mary Propst and Phil Propst, Concord, N. C.; Mrs. Adelaide Propst —, Hickory, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barringer, Miss Katie Barringer, Jay Barringer, Mrs. Chas. Barringer, Collie, Barringer, Mrs. Elsie Wagner, Gold Hill, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Barringer, Mrs. Lottie Cranford and Mrs. D. B. Culp, Richfield, N. C.; Samuel Sullivan, Kingsport, Tenn.; Paul Tiller and H. M. Tiller, Greenville, Tenn.; I. G. Greer, C. C. McKoin and Mr. Alexander, Thomasville, N. C.; T. R. Ballard, High Point, N. C.; G. M. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Donnelly, Trade, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bentley and J. F. Moore, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Born in Cabarrus County
Mrs. Greene was the former Miss Gertrude Plyler, the daughter of Robert and Thursa Barringer Plyler, and was born at Gold Hill, Cabarrus county, May 28, 1901, and joined the Wesley's Chapel Methodist church in 1916 at the age of 15 years. She joined the Boone Baptist church in 1935, and was one of the leaders in the religious life of her community. She was married to Clyde R. Greene February 10, 1923, and has resided in this county since that time. During her residence here, Mrs. Greene endeared herself to the people of the community and surrounding country through her pleasing personality and lovable traits of Christian womanhood.

The husband and five children survive: Perry, Cecil, Mary Sue and Betty Rae.

BIG APPLES

Due to the kindness of its friends, The Democrat is having big apples in abundance this fall. Mr. J. E. Lowrance, of Trade, sends in a good sized boxful of beautiful specimens which weigh more than a pound each, while Mrs. Frank Critcher gives us two Wolf Rivers of about a pound and a half each. She says one apple she had weighed one and three-quarter pounds.

Esteemed Lady Dies



Mrs. Clyde R. Greene, beloved Boone lady, who succumbed last Thursday after a long illness.

HOME COMING DAY PLANS COMPLETE

Hundreds of Graduates to Gather on Appalachian Campus in Biggest Homecoming Event

Plans are rapidly nearing completion for Homecoming Day at Appalachian College next Saturday, when some several hundreds of students of former years will converge on the campus, mingle with friends and enjoy the program which has been prepared for their entertainment.

Those in charge of the plans for the Homecoming are of the opinion that more members of the alumni than ever before will participate.

The Program
The Homecoming program will start at the regular 10 o'clock chapel service with a song and invocation, and announcements concerning members of the alumni will be made by Dean Rankin following which Secretary Stacey will make his annual report.

Hon. W. B. Austin, prominent Jefferson attorney and graduate of the A. T. S., will deliver the alumni address, and the program for the remainder of the day will be as follows:

11:30-12:00—Business meeting.
12:00-12:30—Class meetings.
12:30-1:30—Luncheon.
1:30-2:30—Open.
2:30-5:00—Football game with Carson-Newman.
5:00-6:30—Dinner.
6:30-8:00—Open.
8:15-10:00—Play, "Tons of Money."
The football game with Carson-Newman and the Playcrafters' presentation of a three-act play, entitled "Tons of Money," will be the highlights of the Homecoming Day celebration. Other campus organizations have various plans on foot by which they will greet every Appalachian alumni with a hearty welcome.

Dr. Whitener's Mother Dies in Hickory

Mrs. Alice Kincaid Whitener, 71, widow of Daniel W. Whitener of Hickory Route 1, and mother of Dr. D. J. Whitener, head of the history department of Appalachian College, died at her home Monday night after an illness of 10 weeks. She was well known throughout Catawba county and in Burke county, where she was born.

Funeral services were held at Bethel Reformed church near Brookford, of which Mrs. Whitener was a charter member, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Whitener is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Abernethy of Hickory Route 1, and Mrs. John M. Canisler of Wilson; four sons, Gordon Whitener of Hickory, Russell W. Whitener of Newton, Rev. Sterling W. Whitener, Reformed church missionary to Yocho City, Hsuan, China, and Dr. D. J. Whitener, Boone; one sister, Mrs. Ella E. Hoon, Newton; three brothers, Malcolm, William and Frank Kincaid of Morganton, and 13 grandchildren.

DR. HARDIN IS ILL

Dr. Ronda H. Hardin, of the Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, remains seriously ill, but information Wednesday noon was to the effect that the esteemed physician was holding his own, and was resting fairly comfortably. Dr. Hardin became suddenly ill at church services Sunday morning, and was removed immediately to the hospital, where an emergency operation was performed. The many friends of Dr. Hardin in Boone, his home town, are much concerned over his illness.

LEGAL OPINION SAYS COURT MAY YET BE CREATED

Attorney General's Office Reverses Self on Question of Right to Establish Recorder's Court for the Town; Board May Act This Week

The city recorder's court may yet become a reality, according to a revised opinion of the attorney general's office, which points to a legislative amendment of 1931, permitting the establishment of such tribunals in the sixteenth district.

The court proposal which was late

THE MESSAGE

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 1
A. G. Qualls, City Attorney, Boone, N. C.

Chapter nineteen public laws, nineteen thirty-one amends section two chapter eighty-five, Public laws, extra session nineteen twenty-four and permits the establishment of recorder's courts in the sixteenth district.

T. W. BURTON,
Assistant Attorney General.

Last month endorsed by the voters of the town, was thought to have been nullified last week when Attorney General Seawell opined that the city had no authority to establish such an institution. City Attorney A. G. Qualls, however, who has been a consistent supporter of the proposal, together with other local attorneys, did not believe that Mr. Seawell's office had conducted a sufficiently thorough examination of the statutes, and he called the matter to the attention of the attorney general again. The telegram dated October 1, reverses the message received by Mayor Gragg, by stating that the city court is permitted under the amended statute.

The board of aldermen will likely act on the court, issue at the meeting Friday night of this week, and it looks as if at the present time, the mandate of the voters will be carried out, a judge and solicitor appointed, and the court placed in operation soon.

Mr. Qualls in the Open Forum of The Democrat today gives the favorable side to the court question, the opposite view as taken by Mayor Gragg in the same column last week, and readers will be interested in perusing his remarks.

WILKES RESIDENT FATALLY INJURED

Eugene Sloop Dies as Car Turns Over on Boone Trail Near Watauga Line

Eugene Sloop 22-year-old North Wilkesboro resident, was instantly killed at 1:30 Sunday morning, when the car he was driving skidded and overturned on the Boone Trail near the Watauga-Wilkes line, as he and four companions were traveling toward North Wilkesboro.

Chief of Police Ollis was called upon to investigate the wreck at about 3 a. m., and states that the other occupants of the car, who were brought to the Hagaman Clinic for examination and treatment, received only slight injuries. Sloop's body was also brought to Boone, it having not been determined at the scene of the accident that death had resulted.

Wet pavement, fog on the mountain, and perhaps excessive speed were believed to have contributed to the wreck. The car did not leave the highway.

Ministers, Deacons To Meet at Oak Grove

The Baptist ministers and deacons' conference will be held at the Oak Grove Baptist church October 11, at 2:30, according to announcement made by Rev. W. D. Ashley, the chairman of the program committee, who earnestly insists that all the ministers come prepared to take part in the discussion and that the deacons also attend.

The devotional will be in charge of Rev. T. T. Danner, and there will be a discussion of the following subjects:

1. What is the Pastor's Duty to his Board of Deacons?
2. What is the Duty of the Board of Deacons to their Pastor?
3. What is the Duty of the Pastor and Deacons to their Church?
4. What is the Duty of Pastors, Deacons and Churches to the Lost World?

10 Property Owners Offer Site for Federal Building

Outstanding



Len Wilson, Boone boy, whose outstanding performance in the Hickory encounter of Appalachian and Lenoir-Rhyne contributed much to the victory of the Brewer aggregation.

BEARS BEATEN BY LOCAL GRID SQUAD

Lenoir-Rhyne Fails in Score Against Brewer's Mountaineers Who Lead in Loop

In the only game played in the North State Conference last week, Appalachian jumped into the lead in the loop with a 12-0 victory over the Mountain Bears of Lenoir-Rhyne College. Played under the lights, the game was one of the hardest-fought ever played by the two colleges.

Outstanding throughout the game was Len Wilson, big Boone boy, whose bone-crushing line plunges and expert passing, kept the Bears backed up to their goal line throughout most of the game. The Lenoir-Rhyne made their only serious scoring threat early in the game by virtue of a long pass which placed the ball deep in Appalachian territory.

Captain Royce Angell, of the invading Brewer team, was also in the limelight with his dizzy dashes around end and his stellar pass-receiving.

Four touchdowns were made by the Mountaineers during the game, two being nullified by penalties. Earl Henson, local boy who saw his first action as a member of the first team in the game, broke loose for a 30-yard run for touchdown in the third quarter, only to have the ball called back for illegal blocking by the Appalachian team. A second touchdown made on a pass from Wilson to Angell was nullified by an offside penalty.

The first Appalachian tally came in the second quarter when a penalty placed the ball on the Lenoir-Rhyne one-yard stripe and Wilson plunged across for the score. Angell's place-kick was wild.

Paul Coffey Cashier Of Burnsville Bank

Paul A. Coffey, cashier of the Boone branch of the Northwestern Bank since its formation, has accepted a similar position with the Burnsville division of the institution and assumed his new duties the latter part of the week. The directors have not yet named Mr. Coffey's successor here, but will probably do so within the next few days.

Mr. Coffey, who had been connected with the Watauga County Bank for many years prior to the formation of the Northwestern, is a popular and efficient banker, and although his transfer comes in the nature of a promotion, many patrons of the bank regret that the change has occurred.

A SPIDER IN THE PAPER

Mark Twain had a letter from one of the subscribers to a paper that he edited saying he had found a spider in his paper and he wanted to know whether it was a sign of good luck or bad. Mark replied:

"Old Subscriber: Finding a spider in your paper was neither good luck nor bad luck for you. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant is not advertising, so that he can go to that store, spin his web across the door, and live a life of undisturbed peace afterwards."

Lowest Property Offered \$2,000; Highest Price Asked \$13,750; Site Agent Will Make Investigation of Proposed Sites and Recommend Action.

Boone citizens offered the postoffice department ten different lots for the construction of the new federal building, in sealed proposals opened publicly by Postmaster Hartzog Monday morning, the prices on the realty ranging from \$2,000 to \$13,750. Those offering sites, the location of the property, and price asked are:

Mrs. J. E. Council, the home place opposite the present postoffice, \$7,000. Mrs. Council further agrees to take \$6,000 for the site, she to retain 80 feet on Queen street.

Mrs. J. W. Jones, North Depot street, opposite Harrison Chevrolet Company, \$5,800; the King street property where the Jones residence stands, \$11,400.

C. M. Critcher and others, Depot street, \$7,500.

Mrs. E. S. Coffey, King street and Blowing Rock road, \$13,200.

E. B. Lantry, corner Queen and North Depot street, \$2,243.37.

Mrs. Cora Council (the W. L. Bryan homestead) King street, \$9,975.

A. E. South, East Boone, Hardin and Howard streets, \$2,000.

Mrs. Elta M. Greene, Greene Inn property King street, \$13,750.

Postmaster Makes Report
Postmaster Hartzog has made his report of the offerings to the department and expects the site agent to come within a reasonable length of time to inspect the properties offered and to make his recommendations as to the location of the proposed structure. Upon these recommendations, it is believed, will depend the ultimate purchase of the property.

N. C. TRAVEL TOUR WILL INCLUDE 85

Entire Group Will Spend Night of October 14 at Blowing Rock

Raleigh, Oct. 4—The state-wide travel tour on which more than 85 travel executives, counselors, travel writers and editors will be the guests of the state advertising committee, will stop in Boone and 55 other cities, towns and communities in North Carolina and pass through scores of others, it was pointed out recently by the department of conservation and development, which is assisting the committee in arranging the tour. The tour will begin in Asheville October 10, and end in Elizabeth City October 20.

Because the travel executives and counselors on the tour direct hundreds of thousands of tourists yearly and map out trips for as many more, those sponsoring this tour are confident it will result in the sending of thousands of additional visitors to North Carolina who have never been here before. It is also pointed out that the score or more of travel editors and writers who will make the trip write for a reader audience which reaches into millions.

Many of the 56 cities and towns in which the tour will stop already realize this and are making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the tour members. Hotel men, chambers of commerce, city officials and in some cases county commissioners are leaving nothing undone to make the visit of these guests from other states enjoy their ten days trip through North Carolina.

The 85 or more guests who will make the tour are from 31 cities in 20 different states and the district of Columbia. Eight representatives of travel bureaus, newspapers or travel publications will be from New York City; ten from Pittsburgh, Pa.; seven from Washington, D. C.; five from Providence, R. I.; three from Philadelphia; two from Boston; two from Chicago, while other guests will come from Detroit, Cleveland, Akron and even from Topeka, Kansas, and Oklahoma City, Okla.

Stops in this section include: Tuesday, October 14—Lake Lure, Rutherfordton, Marion, Little Switzerland, Linville, Banner Elk (lunch), Boone, Blowing Rock for night stop. Friday, October 15—Blowing Rock, Lenoir (lunch), Hickory, Gastonia and Charlotte.