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SUPERIOR COURT PASSES JUDGMENTS IN MANY CASES

Hon. Wilson Warlick Presides Over Fall Term; Abductors of Taxi Driver Get Heavy Sentences; Full List of Sentences Imposed by the Court.

The fall term of Watauga superior court convened Monday morning with Hon. Wilson Warlick of Newton, presiding and as The Democrat was ready for press, the court was making rapid progress in the disposition of a state docket composed of 75 cases.

Following are the judgments handed down until Wednesday noon: Trussell McGinnis, driving drunk. Fined \$50 and costs.

Cecil Church, violation of prohibition laws. \$50 and the costs.

Cecil Bumgarner, reckless driving and violation of the prohibition laws. 12 months on the roads.

Cecil Bumgarner, driving drunk. 6 months on roads.

Graham Teague, violation prohibition laws. \$10 and costs.

Robert Lee Hayes, driving drunk. \$50 and the costs.

Kenneth Hardy, Ernest Moody and Dwight Moody. Larceny of 1½ gallons of gasoline. 4 months. Sentence suspended and defendants placed under care of A. Y. Howell, state probation officer.

Julie Tate, drunk and disorderly. One-half the costs.

Edward Love, manufacturing. 6 months on roads.

Wm. Morgan, possession. 12 months suspended for three years during good behavior.

Cinard Church, violation prohibition laws. \$25 and costs.

Walter Patrick, forgery. 6 months on roads.

Fred Osborne, violation prohibition laws. \$10 and costs.

George Rhodes, driving drunk. \$50 and costs.

Denver Norris, driving drunk. \$50 and the costs.

L. W. Timmons, abandonment and non-support. Judgment suspended for two years upon payment of \$10 per month to the wife of defendant. Simon Greene, bastardy. One-half the costs.

Ollis Watson, operating automobile after license had been revoked. 12 months on the roads.

Woodrow Colvard, driving drunk. \$50 and the costs.

Taylor Norris Stephens, seduction. One-half the costs.

Joe and Ellen Wheeler, violation prohibition laws. Not guilty.

Dallas Dula, violation prohibition laws. \$10 and costs.

Chas Turner, reckless driving. Costs.

Vernon Ragan, driving drunk. \$50 and costs.

Silas Wheeler and Lester Carroll, charged with robbery with firearms. Plead guilty to larceny of automobile. Carroll sentenced to from 2 to 3 years in state prison; Wheeler 7 to 9 years.

C. B. Isenhour, violation prohibition laws. \$100 and costs.

Boone Author's New Volume Is On Press

"Into The Harbor," the latest work of fiction of David P. Allison, well-known local author, which was released in August, has been accepted by Mr. Allison's publishers, W. B. Erdmann Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., and the plates are now on the press.

Mr. Allison states that this is the quickest acceptance he has yet known, only three weeks' time elapsing between the release of the manuscript and the date of printing.

This volume as well as others of Mr. Allison's books will be on sale at Walker's Jewelry store.

LEES-MCRAE OPENS WITH FINE ENROLLMENT

Banner Elk, Sept. 21—Classes began at Lees-McRae College Thursday morning for the largest number of students ever enrolled in the college.

The opening chapel exercises were held Thursday in the college auditorium. Addresses of welcome were made by Edgar H. Tufts, president; Leo K. Pritchett, dean and registrar, and the Rev. M. J. Murray, pastor of the Banner Elk Presbyterian church. Dr. H. H. Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Bristol, and chairman of the board of trustees of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, conducted the devotional and spoke to the assembled students and faculty on "The Secret of True Happiness."

In addition to the freshmen and seniors enrolled, there is a capacity number of students taking the new medical secretarial training.

Labor's Chief



Heated controversy between John L. Lewis, Chairman of the Industrial Organization and the American Federation of Labor was expected to break out anew on September 26 when the A. F. of L. opens its national convention at Houston under William Greene, above, president.

R. E. A. DIRECTORS NAMED SATURDAY

Five Wataugans Are Placed On Board of Directors of the Caldwell Mutual

Directors to serve during the coming year were elected by patrons of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation at the annual meeting of stockholders held in Lenoir Saturday, at which time more than 200 rural customers of the co-operative were present.

Five directors were elected to represent Watauga county patrons, while a like number was chosen from Caldwell. Three directors were named from Ashe and two were chosen from Alleghany county to serve after amendment of the co-operative's charter and approval of the extension of lines into the two counties by the REA in Washington.

Special guests for the meeting were Boyd Fisher, director of the division of operations supervision, and Udo Rail of the organization and education department of the same division.

The new directors by counties are as follows: Caldwell, Mrs. C. A. Bowman, Mrs. Fannie Greer, A. G. Beach, R. M. C. Jones and G. W. Sullivan; Watauga, Clyde Perry, A. W. Greene, Bert Mast, C. M. Watson and Clarence Newton; Ashe, G. B. Price, A. E. Hurt and J. C. Goodman; Alleghany, C. G. Collins and R. C. Halsey.

The meeting approved the adoption of an amended constitution and by-laws.

Officers to serve during the coming year will be elected at a meeting held in Lenoir Thursday afternoon, September 22.

The period for filing bids on the Watauga project has been extended until September 29. Bids will be received at Boone.

Amateur Program at Cove Creek School

Friday night, September 30, at 8 o'clock, there will be an amateur program in the Cove Creek high school building. The entries will be divided into two groups, the first made up of children from two to twelve years of age, the second twelve years of age and over. Any child or person in the county may enter. The program will be composed of readings, imitations, stunts, vocal and instrumental music and tap dancing.

Four cash prizes will be given. For the adult group there will be two prizes, first prize \$5.00, second prize, \$3.00; for the children's group first prize \$2.00 and second prize \$1.00. Three judges will be chosen from outside the county.

Anyone wishing to enter this program should see or write either Mrs. John Horton, Mrs. Albert Bingham or Miss Jennie Love, Sugar Grove, N. C., not later than September 28.

Merchants Enjoy Outing and Picnic

About forty merchants and their employees observed a half holiday last Thursday when the happy group motored to Backbone Rock, scenic spot in southwest Virginia, near Damascus, enjoyed various games and partook of a delicious picnic supper. Practically all the stores of the city were closed during the afternoon and a general good time was had by all.

NOTED AUTHOR IS LAID TO REST

Rites Held at Banner Elk for Shepherd M. Dugger, Writer of Mountain Life

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Banner Elk Presbyterian church for Shepherd Monroe Dugger, 85, nationally known author of North Carolina mountain life, who died suddenly of a heart attack Tuesday while visiting a relative at Matney.

The rites were in charge of Dr. J. C. Owens, pastor of the Newland Baptist church. Those speaking during the services were Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian College; W. R. Lovill of Boone, and John H. Bingham of Sugar Grove, as requested by the late author in instructions concerning his funeral, which were written only a month ago.

"We have lost one of our great mountaineers," said Mr. Bingham. All three described their long association with Mr. Dugger, his kindly spirit toward others, his love of the mountains and his literary talent, and his pioneering in the field of education and engineering.

He was Watauga county's first superintendent of schools, and a teacher for many years. His two best known books, "War Trails of the Blue Ridge" and "The Balsam Groves of the Grandfather Mountain," won for him national fame as an authority on the mountain section. He also published "The Siamese Twins" and a number of smaller articles. Visitors to Banner Elk always questioned him for information on the mountains, and he has been widely quoted in feature stories, editorials, and in literary columns. Said Phillips Russell, the well-known literary critic, in his syndicated column: "In all the mountains there was only one Shepherd M. Dugger. A mountain man all his life, he was the spokesman of the mountains, welcoming all improvements and changes, but standing four-square for the inherent virtues of the mountains and their people."

Surviving him are a son Clarence, and three sisters, Mrs. L. F. Cuyler of Banner Elk, Mrs. J. R. Lowe of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. W. W. Norman of Johnson City, Tenn.

In his burial instructions written a month ago, Mr. Dugger included his own epitaph which was quoted by friends at the funeral as follows: "Farewell friends, I am dead.

But still I hear the birds sing, See the wild flowers, stand with You on the high mountains; I love little children; and My wrongs were the result of ignorance."

Handicraft Cabin To Be Open Soon

The board of directors of Watauga Handicrafts held a meeting Monday evening at the craft house, a new log cabin structure chinked with mortar and stone, which has been recently completed, and located on the Blowing Rock road opposite the home of Dr. R. K. Bingham. Those present for the meeting were Mayor Gragg, Rev. J. A. Yount, Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, Mr. Cicero Townsend of the Dutch Creek community, and Miss Corn Pearl Jeffcoat, together with the proposed teacher of crafts, Miss Elizabeth Lord. The board approved the appointment of Miss Lord as craft instructor and made definite plans for the immediate opening of the craft house. Miss Lord has had special craft training at Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, N. C., and at the Penland School of Handicrafts, Penland, N. C. Mr. Howard C. Ford, also of the Penland school, and former director of Watauga handicrafts, will assist Miss Lord for the next few weeks in setting up the new program.

The purpose of this undertaking is two-fold, says Miss Jeffcoat. First, the instruction in various handicrafts under the supervision of the state department of education, trade and industrial division, with the co-operation of County Superintendent of Education Walker, and the county board of education. Second, the supervision of the production of high class handicrafts and their sale.

Instruction will be given at the craft house and a sales room operated. Miss Lord is interested in getting in touch with those who are now doing or wishing instruction in hand weaving or other hand crafts. She is also interested in those who are making handicrafts products for sale. Anyone in Watauga county who are interested are invited to call at the craft house after Monday, September 26. An opening day with open house is planned for the near future.

Last Picture of Mountain Author



Shepherd M. Dugger, author of a number of volumes, who died while visiting in the home of a friend at Matney last week. This is perhaps the last photograph taken of the lamented author and poet, and was snapped while he was visiting with friends in Boone the latter part of June.

Rev. Graham Will Return On First

Rev. Dan Graham, Blountville, Tenn., evangelist, who conducted a most successful evangelistic campaign here during the summer, will return and preach in his tabernacle in Boone Saturday evening, October 1, at the conclusion of the county singing convention.

Those in charge of the arrangements are making arrangements for seating the tabernacle, and it is expected that the usual overflow audience will welcome Mr. Graham. He will remain here for the one night only.

STREET WIDENING AIRED IN COURT

Judge Warlick Refuses to Restrain City From Widening Street at Local Hotel

Judge Wilson Warlick Monday afternoon declined to sign an order which would restrain the town of Boone from proceeding with the widening of the principal street of the town. The proposed improvements would result in the public use of about twenty feet of the Daniel Boone hotel property, and the court order was sought by the owners of the hostelry.

Following the judicial action, the clerk of the court appointed a committee composed of W. R. Billings, Marion Thomas and I. A. Bumgarner, disinterested persons, who are to assess the damage which in their opinion would result from the municipal improvement. It is understood that, according to law, either the city or the hotel may appeal to the superior court from the opinion of these gentlemen, in which event the controversy would be settled before a jury.

Over Ten Million Men Mobilized By European Nations

London, Sept. 18—An estimated total of more than 10,000,000 men are under arms in Europe prepared to fight.

The figures as given by official or unofficial sources are as follows: France, 2,000,000; Germany, 1,000,000; Soviet Russia, 2,000,000; Czechoslovakia, 800,000 to 1,000,000; Italy, 450,000, and Great Britain, less than 200,000 with scattered reserves, such as 20,000 troops in Palestine.

It was estimated that nations like Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland had enough soldiers in barracks and other places to push the total over the 10,000,000 mark.

FOLGER SPEAKS AS DEMOCRATS NAME SLATE CANDIDATES

Greer Nominated for Legislature; South Again Out for Clerkship; Board of Education Endorsed; Resolutions Passed Commending New Deal

The Democrats of Watauga county gathered in nominating convention Saturday afternoon, listened to addresses by National Committeeman A. D. Folger of Mount Airy, and Hon. Robert L. Doughton, veteran ninth district congressman, at the same time nominating candidates for the various county offices.

Mr. Folger, who is a candidate for congress in the fifth district, delivered an address which inspired the large gathering of Democrats; lauded the New Deal administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and made comparison of his administration with those of his Republican predecessors. Mr. Doughton in jovial mood, made brief remarks to the gathering, and insisted that the people of Watauga county perhaps had more reason for Democratic tendencies than those of any other county in the state. He referred particularly to the great teachers college which is located here, and the work of the Democratic administration in bringing to the doors of Wataugans five highways, notable among which is the Blue Ridge Parkway. At the beginning of Mr. Doughton's address, those present arose, out of respect to the man who has served this district continuously for the past twenty-eight years.

Greer Legislative Nominee
Following the addresses, Roby T. Greer, senator from this district, was nominated for the lower house of the general assembly, after Wade T. Brown, Boone attorney, had withdrawn from the race. Dr. W. A. Deaton, Lutheran minister, was the unsuccessful candidate.

Austin E. South, clerk of the superior court for the past twelve years, won the nomination over D. Grady Moretz; Sheriff A. J. Edmisten was easily nominated; Surveyor Chas. Thompson was without opposition as was Coroner Richard E. Kelley. The board of county commissioners, composed of Eller McNeil, Coy I. Billings and Ira Edmisten, was unopposed and won the nomination by acclamation.

Board of Education Endorsed
The board of education, J. B. Horton, W. C. Walker, Chappel Wilson, Clyde Perry and Thos. H. Coffey, Jr., received the endorsement of the convention. Another slate composed of Dr. W. A. Deaton, Mrs. Mary Harris, Chappel Wilson, Cleve Gross and Ben Greene, was placed before the convention when nominations were called for.

New Deal Praised
Attorney Wade E. Brown presented to the convention a resolution praising the national administration, and the administration of affairs in the state and county under Democratic rule. The resolution was passed without dissent, as was one offered by W. R. Lovill, eulogizing the late A. Dayton Wilson, tax collector for the past four years.

H. Grady Farthing acted as chairman for the convention, while R. L. Clay, Cleve Gross and Miss Marguerite Miller were chosen as secretaries.

Henry B. Coffey Dies At Age of 68

Henry B. Coffey, well-known and esteemed resident of the Shulls Mills section, died last Friday after a period of failing health extending over several years. The fatal illness, however, was of only three weeks' duration.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the late residence, Rev. C. G. McCaraher of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. S. E. Gragg, Advent Christian minister, being in charge of the rites, and interment was in the Coffey cemetery. Pallbearers were J. E. Harbin, Romy Shull, Goss Teams, George McCaraher.

Survivors include the widow, and the following sons and daughters: Roy Coffey, Radford, Va.; Glenn Coffey, Roanoke, Va.; a stepson, Paul A. Cuffey, Boone; Mrs. Beatrice Fox, Taylorsville; Mrs. Wayne Reid, Granite Falls. One sister, Mrs. Ella Coffey of Shulls Mills, survives, as do two brothers, Lee Coffey, Shulls Mills, and Charlie Coffey, Banner Elk.

Mr. Coffey, who was a son of the late Smith Coffey and Mrs. Coffey, was reared in the Shulls Mills section, where he was held in the highest regard. He was a farmer by occupation and spent his entire life in that set.

GREENE SELECTED BY REPUBLICANS

Local Hardware Merchant to Make Race for the Legislature; Named By Committee

Clyde R. Greene, local hardware merchant, was nominated as a candidate for the state legislature by the Republican executive committee at a meeting held Tuesday evening, August 29, when the Republicans of the county met in nominating convention the matter of selecting a candidate for the assembly was left in the hands of the committee.

Mr. Greene tells The Democrat that he will direct a statement to the voters of Watauga county in the next issue of the Watauga Democrat covering his position on various issues confronting the voters. He states further that he believes all the people should know the things a candidate stands for before they elect him to public office and that he proposes to give them this information in a definite way.

At the convention on August 20, other candidates nominated were: Jim Burkel for clerk of the superior court; Tom Miller for sheriff; I. A. Bumgarner for surveyor; Jason Moretz, Stacy Ford and Bert Farthing for county commissioners.

Ninth District Meet To Be In Statesville

The ninth congressional district meeting is to be held in Statesville September 29, at which time Congressman Robert L. Doughton will open his fifteenth campaign for election to the national house of representatives.

Mr. Doughton will address the gathering which meets at 10:30 a. m., and Hon. Gregg Cherry, chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, together with Hon. V. D. Guire, chairman of the district committee, will also speak. Short talks are to be made by representatives from each county in the district.

County Chairman Edward Mast joins with Mr. Doughton in the request that a large number of Wataugans attend the meeting.

TWO MISHAPS OCCUR ON NARROW GAUGE LINE ON SUNDAY

Two unusual accidents happened on an East Tennessee and Western Carolina railway excursion Sunday, when more than 200 people went on an outing to Johnson City.

On the outgoing trip, Carl Price of Kannapolis, was leaning out the window and his head hit a stone. Badly hurt, he was taken to Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, for treatment.

On the return trip, about 14 miles out of Boone, an axle on one of the coaches broke, and the passengers were stranded for an hour or more.