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CLIFF CHURCH IS FREED ON TUESDAY

Ashe County Resident Wins Jury Acquittal On Charge of Murdering His Wife

Clifford Church, Ashe county filling station operator, was freed by an Ashe jury Tuesday afternoon on a charge of murdering his wife, a former resident of Watauga county, last July.

The body of Church's wife was found lying across a bed in the Church home at Warrensville on the night of July 23, a bullet hole through her right eye and her head in a pool of blood. Church, it was testified, told officers that she had committed suicide. No gun was found in the room but later a pistol, containing Church's fingerprints, was found under an adjoining house. Church testified he was on the porch when he heard the pistol fired, that he then rushed into the house, saw his wife lying on the bed, grabbed the pistol and threw it under the house.

He said his wife had threatened to kill herself several times that evening. Other witnesses swore the woman had made one suicide attempt and uttered many threats during the past few years to end everything.

Testimony showed Church and his wife were the only ones at the house at the time of the shooting and that they had quarreled all evening.

Officers found a large quantity of liquor in the house at the time of the investigation and Church is now facing a federal jail term as he was under probation.

Amateur Night At Boone High Nov. 11

First and second cash prizes totaling \$25.00 will be given to winners in contests at the amateur night show at the Appalachian high school auditorium Saturday night, November 11. The Boone chapter of Future Farmers of America, sponsor of the event, have assurances that some of the best entertainers in Watauga and surrounding counties will be there and indications point to a capacity audience.

Numbers for which cash prizes are offered include string band, violin solo, banjo, mandolin or guitar solo, accordion solo, piano solo (for persons 12 or more years old), cornet, trombone or clarinet solo; harmonica solo, vocal quartet; vocal duet or trio, vocal solo with string instrument accompaniment, vocal solo with piano or no accompaniment; animal imitation, tap or jig dance, and stunt or dialogue.

Since the program is to be given on Armistice Day, a short program will be given in honor of this occasion. Proceeds from the admission fee will be used to buy musical instruments to be used in the newly organized F. F. A. band.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL A SUCCESSFUL EVENT

The Halloween Carnival held in the county office building Saturday evening under the auspices of the Tuesday Night Club, was a most enjoyable event. Dancing was enjoyed by a large number of people, while tables were arranged for bridge, setback and Chinese checkers. Sandwiches and soft drinks were served by the members of the club, and the net proceeds from the event was \$55.20. The funds were turned over to the Watauga county department of welfare and will be used among the needy children of the county, for eye and tonsil operations and other needs which may arise.

The sponsors of the event wish to express appreciation to the people for their splendid support in this movement to help bring health and happiness to a few underprivileged children. Special thanks are extended to the county commissioners for the use of the building; to the Rivers Printing Company for necessary printing; New River Light & Power Company for the use of a refrigerator; Roy Keplar, A. E. Hamby and Carolina Pharmacy for the use of their nickelodians.

Since the event was so much enjoyed by all, it is hoped by the sponsors that other similar events may be arranged in order to raise money for such good causes as the library, Red Cross, hospital, etc.

Friendship Church Is Added to Boone Charge

Friendship church, near Aho, known throughout the years as a "Northern Methodist" congregation, has been added to the Boone charge by the Western North Carolina Conference, and Rev. Paul Townsend will deliver his initial sermon there next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Services will be conducted at the church twice monthly, according to Rev. Mr. Townsend, following out the consolidation resolutions adopted by the General Conference.

Sunday school will be held at the Boone church on Sunday morning at 9:45. Preaching services, with sermon by the pastor, will follow at 10:50. The Young People's group will meet, as usual, at 6:30 p. m. There will be no evening preaching service.

Plot Course of Fleet



Los Angeles Harbor, Calif.—Admiral Claude C. Bloch, left, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Fleet, and Captain Robert A. Theobald, chief-of-staff, study fleet problems of the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, flagship of the fleet.

Surplus Foods Are Given To Watauga's Needy in September

With 41,138 cases representing 188,944 persons certified in North Carolina during September as eligible to receive surplus commodities distributed through county welfare departments, 36,642 cases actually were serviced during the month. A. E. Langston, state director of commodity distribution with the state board of charities and public welfare, said this week.

Twenty-seven school lunch programs were aided during the month in which 1,296 needy and undernourished school pupils of the state received free hot lunches, while 5,878 persons in four children's camps were helped by the extra food supplies.

Since the first of October 343 school lunch rooms with an allotment of 21,988 needy, undernourished pupils have entered the commodity distribution division's new program to have 150,000 poor children on the records for free lunches during the current school year, Mr. Langston said.

Watauga county welfare department certified 220 cases involving 1,085 persons with 214 cases being serviced with the commodities during September, the director said.

The Watauga county welfare department is supplied with surplus commodities purchased by the federal government for North Carolina distribution from the district number 4 warehouse at North Wilkesboro.

BUYS FINE HEREFORD

Mr. L. A. Henson of Vilas, passed through town Wednesday morning from Blowing Rock, with what he believes may be the grand champion Hereford steer at the next state fair. The animal and its mother were bought by Mr. Henson from Mr. Bynum Dobbin of Patterson, and the calf is to be placed on feed by young Council Henson for the 4-H Hereford contest next year. The calf is four months old, weighs 400 pounds, and would seem to be a fine prospect for the championship in the heavyweight division next year.

PRICES UP

Since the low point in the depression, the value of cattle in the nation has increased 97 per cent, but in the south the value has gone up 108 per cent.

The postoffice at Appomattox Court House, site of Lee's surrender to Grant, once was called Surrender.

SUCCESS OF ROBESON STORAGE PLANT IS OF TIMELY INTEREST IN WATAUGA

While local chamber of commerce members are busily engaged in working out plans for the establishment of a cold storage plant here, the experience of a similar venture in Robeson county, under the management of Mr. R. E. Nance is of local interest. Some portions from an article by F. H. Jeter in the Progressive Farmer are given:

"This cold storage plant will take any kind of lamb, beef, pork, etc., and keep it for the owner as long as he wishes. Expertly and scientifically the meat is cut for any purpose the owner desires. Another help is, the plant makes sausage for all patrons. . . . Any farmer may bring his sausage meat, have it seasoned properly, ground and delivered to him, sometimes while he waits.

"Finally, a complete curing service is offered. The farmer may kill two or three hogs, bring the carcasses to the plant, have hams, shoulders and sides cured and the other portions either stored in his locker or prepared as he wants them. . . . Here's a sample of how the service works. A farmer drives up in a truck and says: 'I want two hams out of my curing bin, slice one for frying and trim the other for baking.' A hustling

BURLEY BALLOT TO BE HELD NOV. 21ST

Referendum of Farmers On 1940 Marketing Quotas Held Important

Washington, Nov. 1.—The agriculture department has set November 21 as the date for a farmer referendum on marketing quotas for next year's burley tobacco crop.

If approved by two-thirds of the farmers voting, the quotas would establish a national marketing allotment of between 315,000,000 and 320,000,000 pounds.

The national allotment would be divided among growers under a formula set up in the crop control act of 1938. Growers selling in excess of their quotas would be subject to a penalty tax of half the market value of the excess sales.

States in which the referendum will be held include Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Under the 1940 farm program, each burley tobacco grower would be given a planting allotment designed to produce his marketing share. Each farmer would be permitted under quotas, to market the entire production of his planting allotment.

J. B. Hutson, assistant agricultural adjustment administrator, said marketing quotas were advisable because the supply of burley tobacco on October 1 this year was the third largest in history. He said it totaled 1,046,000,000 pounds compared with 999,500,000 pounds a year ago.

"Fortunately, the present surplus of burley is not so burdensome as that for some other types," Hutson said. "But the burley surplus is continuing to grow. To continue to add to this surplus would definitely mean lower prices to growers."

Pot of Gold Event Is Now In Progress

The Boone Merchants Association Pot of Gold Campaign is now in progress and business men who belong to the organization state that considerable interest is already being manifested in the proposal to give away \$25 next Saturday afternoon at the close of the first week of the event.

Trade tickets are being distributed during the week and patrons of the establishments participating are asked to be present at the Shell Cafe corner, promptly at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon for the exercises in connection with the presentation of the award.

Pastors and Deacons Will Meet Nov. 6th

Conference of Baptist pastors and deacons will be held at the Boone Baptist church on the afternoon of November 6th, beginning at 2:00 o'clock. Following is the program for the meeting:

"Should We as Ministers of the Gospel Unite in Matrimony, Those Who Have Been Divorced?" Discussion opened by Elder W. C. Payne.

"Has God Changed the Plan of Salvation? If so, When? Was it Law or Grace Before Christ?"

Please come with chapter and verse, for a free-for-all discussion.

NYA ASSISTS RED CROSS

The local chapter of the Red Cross has been asked to make 12 heavy dresses and 20 sweaters for the refugees in Europe. The NYA has volunteered to make the dresses and also to knit a number of the sweaters.

The first aid cabinets, which are being built by the NYA will be equipped by the Red Cross. These cabinets will be placed in each county school where there is a teacher who has had Red Cross first aid training.

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Paul A. Coffey, who has spent the last two months in Asheville, returned to Boone this week and is opening his insurance agency in the Linney building on Main street. Mr. Coffey will again represent the Jefferson Standard Company in several northwestern counties.

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WINGS OVER EUROPE



Somewhere in Europe.—Two recent photos show German and British planes of the type headlining today's war news. German Heinkels, on top, figured in Edinburgh raids. Below, British "Spitfires" warm up on the line.

HEREFORD CATTLE SALE ON MONDAY WELL ATTENDED

County Agent Says Wide Interest Has Developed in Sale of High Grade Animals

The auction sale of Hereford breeding cattle which will be held on Monday, November 6, at the Watauga stock yards, consists of some of the best registered and high grade cattle in the county, says County Agent Harry M. Hamilton.

This sale is being held to offer cattle to the many buyers over the state who have inquired for Watauga bred Herefords.

The county agent's office has received numbers of telephone calls, telegrams and letters from all sections of the state wanting good Hereford steers and bulls. A number of the farmers in the county have also had a lot of inquiries for good Herefords.

A number of farmers have already consigned cattle to this sale and if anyone else wishes to put some cattle in the sale, please get in touch with the county agent's office. "We want as many farmers as we can get to take part in the sale," Mr. Hamilton says.

Western Union Has Money Order Office

Mr. W. H. Wilcox of the local Western Union Telegraph office, states that arrangements have been completed by the company to make the local office a first-class money order office. Money can now be sent or received during office hours, 9:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m.

Heretofore the Northwestern Bank has rendered this service without profit, in order to be of service to the community, and Mr. Wilcox thanks the officials of the bank for their splendid co-operation in this connection.

Heart Attack Fatal To Highway Worker

Edward McRaleigh Lane, 33 years old, a resident of Raleigh and Boone, died Thursday afternoon of a heart attack as he was being taken from a local hotel to a hospital.

Mr. Lane was a draftsman and had been employed by the state highway commission, and maintained his headquarters here for the past year.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lillie Bell Lane, and one brother, Steven Mack Lane.

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ROBERT S. SWIFT DIES WEDNESDAY; SUDDEN ILLNESS

Former Mayor of Boone Believed to Have Died From Heart Attack; Funeral Being Held Today From Cove Creek Baptist Church; Interment Near Old Home Place

Robert S. Swift, member of one of the county's most prominent families, former mayor of Boone as well as merchant of the city, died at his home here Wednesday morning at 12:45, from a sudden illness with what is believed to have been a heart attack.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Cove Creek Baptist church at 2 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon, the Rev. J. C. Canipe of Boone, being in charge and interment will be there. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Bessie Greene; three sons and four daughters: Robert, Albert and Dudley Swift; Mrs. Earl Blackburn, Mrs. Dean Adams, Miss Gladys and Miss Lyda Vance Swift, all of Boone. Four brothers and three sisters also survive: W. H. Swift, Montezuma; Clark, Don and Scott Swift of the Cove Creek section; Mrs. Selma Fuller, Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. Stanley Harris and Mrs. Charles L. Lewis of Sherwood. There are five grandchildren. The mother, Mrs. Enoch Swift, of Sherwood, also survives.

Mr. Swift was born and reared in the Cove Creek section of Watauga county. As a young man he spent several years in the far west, in the states of Washington and Oklahoma. On his return to Boone he followed agricultural pursuits in Beaver Dam township for some time before moving to Boone where he established a grocery business. He had served as mayor of the town and as chief of police, and had also acted in the capacity of chairman of the Watauga county board of elections. He had an active interest in the progress and well-being of his town and county and always stood for those things which were calculated to benefit this region and her people.

Tickets For Elon Game Now On Sale

Tickets are now on sale at both local drug stores for the Appalachian-Elon football game which will be played in Greensboro next Saturday, and many local people are expecting to attend the hard fought tilt. Most grid observers believe that the encounter will be the hardest fought of this current season, and its outcome will be eagerly awaited.

CITY OF FLINT ON HER WAY TO GERMAN PORT

Bergen, Norway, Oct. 31.—The American freighter City of Flint in command of a German prize crew was feeling her way southward along the North Norwegian coast tonight followed by a Norwegian man-of-war.

The prize ship, on her way from the Soviet Russian port of Murmansk, to a haven in Germany was sighted off Lodingen light this morning flying the German flag.

Shipping circles gave the German prize crew an even chance to escape British detection on her blockade-dodging voyage along the rugged Norwegian coast.

Reports Sought On Field Day Sunday

Rev. M. A. Adams, field representative of the United Dry Forces, asks all those who have not made their reports on Sunday's field day meetings to make them at once to Mr. T. E. Bingham of Boone.

The temperance meetings held throughout the county were largely attended, it is said, and much interest was manifested in the dry cause.

MOUNTAINEERS DOWN KING COLLEGE 12-0

Coach Flucie Stewart's Appalachian State Mountaineers celebrated homecoming Saturday afternoon by defeating King College 12-0, before a crowd of spectators estimated at three thousand.

Held deep in their own territory by a strong wind that favored the Tornado team decidedly on passing and punting, the Mountaineers went the first quarter without threatening.

Hoover, an end, set up the first quarter by recovering King's blocked punt on their 25, after which he took a pass from Hudson in the end zone for the remaining distance to put the Mountaineers in the lead midway in the second period.

Again it was Hoover, when he opened the second half in a reverse from the midstripe to the one-yard line. Baker took the scoring assignment with a line plunge. Neither try for point was good.

Quarterback Hudson of the Mountaineers, was hurt in the third period and may be out for a time. He received an ankle injury.