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## JURORS DRAWN FOR COURT TERM; GWYN TO PRESIDE

Two Weeks Court Term Starts April 22; 65 Cases On State Docket; Driving Drunk Comprises Almost Half of Docket

The jurors have been drawn for the regular spring term of Watauga superior court, which convenes on April 22 for a two weeks' term, with Judge P. H. Gwyn of Leaksville, presiding.

Clerk A. E. South states that there are 65 cases on the state docket, and that 30 of these involve operating automobiles while under the influence of intoxicants. Most of the others are likewise misdemeanors, including violation of the prohibition laws and larceny. There are 55 cases on the civil docket.

Following are the names of those drawn for jury service:

**First Week**

Bald Mountain: Ted Davis, M. M. Wall, Robert Grogan.

Beaver Dam: Donley Hagaman, Spencer Warren, Chas. Johnson, Jno. W. Ward, Ira Scott.

Blowing Rock: W. Lee Robbins, Glenn Coffey, H. G. Cook, T. H. Coffey, Jr.

Blue Ridge: L. F. Hampton, A. E. Hampton.

Boone: D. J. Whitener, Kenneth Linney, Chappel Wilson, H. Grady Farthing, Sam Atkins, Zeb V. Farthing.

Cove Creek: W. B. Reese, John E. Combs, Max Hagaman, John K. Perry, Allen Adams.

Elk: P. G. Carroll, H. C. Hodges, John Johnson.

Laurel Creek: A. C. Mast, Ollis Mast.

Meat Camp: Troy Norris, B. H. Gross, W. M. Wineburger, E. F. Greene.

North Fork: R. L. Wallace, A. N. Thomas, J. M. Brown, Robt. Thomas, Shawneehaw: J. L. Triplett, Lee Ward.

Sony Fork: C. W. Watson, Don Lookabill, Ralph Hodges, A. G. Moretz, R. L. Genry.

Watauga: Henry Taylor, Clarence Newton, Clint Baird.

**Second Week**

M. H. Edmisten, Beaver Dam; A. C. Shoemaker, Boone; R. L. Andrews, Blowing Rock; Clyde Downs, Blowing Rock; Spencer Collins, Watauga; W. S. Houck, Meat Camp; Roy Norris, Beaver Dam; J. Clay Miller, Meat Camp; Glenn Miller, Sony Fork; C. C. Farthing, Boone; Granville Norris, Boone; R. J. Aldridge, Watauga; J. G. Storie, Blue Ridge; A. B. Harmon, Cove Creek; Russell D. Hodges, Boone; S. T. Icenhour, Blowing Rock; Joe Wheeler, Elk; Jason Muret, Sony Fork; H. E. Greene, Sony Fork; Robt. Winkler, Sony Fork; Will H. Jones, Meat Camp; W. C. Lentz, Blowing Rock; G. H. Winkler, Boone; G. M. Teams, Watauga; Ralph Brown, Watauga; J. L. Wilson, Cove Creek; E. G. Underdown, Blowing Rock.

## RED LETTER DAY FOR SNOW LODGE

Grand Master Present as Certificates Are Given Outstanding Masons

By J. T. C. WRIGHT

Friday, March 8, 1940, marks a red letter day for Snow Lodge No. 363. This was the occasion that brought together 23 members of the lodge and 14 visitors from other lodges for the purpose of honoring our Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina, Brother J. Edward Allen, and also for the purposes of granting 50 and 25-year certificates of continuous membership and certificates of honorary membership on those Masons who had been designated as recipients for these certificates.

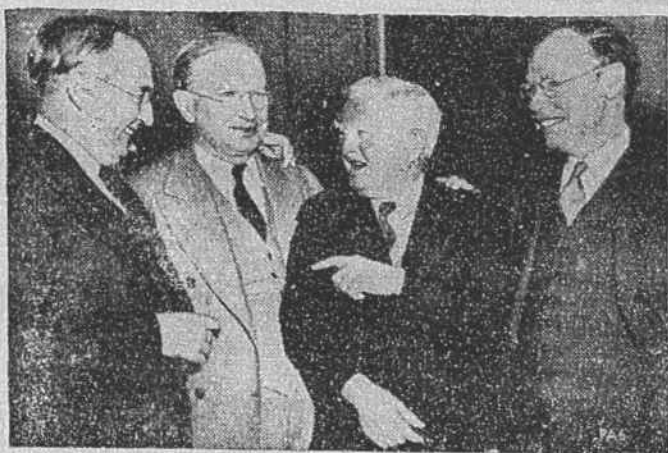
The master appointed Acting Senior Deacon J. T. C. Wright as marshal for the ceremonies of the evening.

The master then ordered the marshal to present Brother Roy A. Harmon, D. D. G. M. of the 40th district and visiting Brother J. E. Bellamy of Enfield Lodge, D. D. G. M. of the 4th district, to whom the Masonic grand honors were given. The master then surrendered the gavel to Mr. Harmon who took the east and seated the lodge.

Mr. Harmon ordered the marshal to present the grand master of Masons of North Carolina, Brother J. Edward Allen, to whom Masonic grand honors were given. The gavel was tendered to him. Mr. Harmon presented Mr. Bellamy who, in turn, introduced the grand master to the Masons present. Brother Bellamy spoke of the grand master as a fine man, a fine Christian gentleman, and a Mason who had had more than 500 Masonic degrees conferred on him.

The grand master expressed his pleasure at being present at this special communication of Snow Lodge and stated that he brought greetings from the Grand Lodge and from his home lodge in Warrenton. He spoke of the pride in which the Grand Lodge held Snow Lodge for the excellent work being done here. (Continued on page four)

## Four Presidential Aspirants



Washington, D. C.—Four possible Presidential candidates are here shown discussing their pet hopes for 1940 as they met at a luncheon given in honor of Senator Burton K. Wheeler on his 58th birthday at the capitol. Left to right: Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Vice President John N. Garner and Senator Robert A. Taft.

## YOUTHS ASKED TO ENLIST IN CMTCC

Five Vacancies For Citizens Military Training Camps For Watauga

Mr. W. H. Walker of Boone, chairman of the Military Training Camps Association for Watauga county, announces that the procurement campaign for the 1940 citizens military training camp, which is to be held at Fort Bragg, has officially opened. The camp will be held from June 12 to July 11, 1940.

The mission of these training camps is to bring together under healthful surroundings, on a common basis of equality, young men from all walks of life; and, by supervised athletics, military drill and instruction in citizenship to develop them mentally, morally and physically; promote wholesome respect for American ideals, teach the value of teamwork, fit them for leadership and impress upon them the obligations and responsibilities of true American citizenship.

Young men attending these camps are no more likely to be called to the colors in time of war than other men. Through the training received at these camps they become more able to defend their country in a national emergency, if they should volunteer or be selected for service.

A candidate must be an American citizen, physically qualified, and of good character. He must have reached his 17th birthday by the day camp opens, and not have passed his 29th birthday.

A physical examination, inoculation against typhoid, and vaccination against smallpox since January 1, 1937, and a certificate of good moral character are required.

Prospective applicants may write direct to the C. M. T. C. officer at Fort Bragg, N. C., for any information they desire, or apply to the high school principal. The county chairman will furnish application blanks and the names of doctors who will give the medical examination without charge.

There are five vacancies for enrollment in the citizens military training camp for Watauga county.

## Winter Damage to Roads Below First Estimate

Raleigh, March 12.—Winter damage to North Carolina's state highways might be "slightly less than original estimates," Chief Highway Engineer W. Vance Baise said today. First estimates were that winter road damage was in excess of \$2,000,000.

Baise, T. V. Fahnestock, bituminous engineer, and B. W. Davis, maintenance engineer, have just completed the first leg of an inspection trip which carried them over 2,400 miles of the highway system.

They inspected roads in the western Piedmont sections of the state, where the severe winter wrought the greatest damage to the highway system, and they left today to inspect roads in the eastern part of the state.

"Heaviest roadway damage, as thus far revealed by the inspection trip was in the fifth district, largely comprising the tier of counties north of Greensboro and in the Asheville division," Baise said.

A \$2,000,000 fund Governor Hoey allocated from the highway surplus to repair winter road damage will be divided among the highway divisions after the engineers finish their inspection.

## MOVIE AT COVE CREEK

A movie show will be held at the Cove Creek high school next Friday afternoon and evening at 1:30 and 7:30 under the sponsorship of the vocational agricultural department. The name of the film is "Hoosier Schoolmaster" and it is a most entertaining feature. The admission price is 10c, 15c and 20c.

## The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENTAL HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, March 13.—As this correspondent has frequently pointed out, everything that happens or is going to happen in Washington between now and midsummer either has a motive behind it on Presidential politics, or is subject to the suspicion of being in some way a maneuver for partisan or personal political advantage.

Some of the tactics are pretty crude and obvious, and many of the suspicions are pretty far-fetched. But no man holding public office these days can or do anything without being suspected or openly accused of either seeking the Presidency for himself or of trying to discredit other possible candidates, either of his own or the other party.

It is no secret to anyone in Washington that there is a strong political clique of Republican politicians who are determined that the party's nominee shall not be Thomas E. Dewey. These are not necessarily the same men who are backing either Senator Taft or Senator Vandenberg.

There are some masters of political intrigue among the minority members of both houses of congress, and certain of them have given the impression that they are working under cover with state leaders of the party to bring about a situation which would result in all three of the leading Republican candidates killing each other off, thus forcing the convention to nominate a man who would be more to the liking of the Republican old guard than any of those three.

**Speculation on Hoover**

That does not refer to Herbert Hoover, though the former President's recent appearance in Washington at a hearing of the house committee on foreign affairs, to tell members of congress his views about the importance of giving prompt aid to the people of Finland and Poland, started the gossiping and speculating as to whether he was not laying his own plans for the Republican nomination.

It is practically impossible for political-minded Washington to conceive of any man who has once held high office not desiring to get back into the seat of power; and when such a man gets into the headlines by performing a great humanitarian service, the more sordid-minded political observers are confident that he is seeking the limelight for the purpose of grabbing off a political prize for himself.

Those who know Mr. Hoover best are confident that he has no personal ambition to hold office again. His friends, however, understand that he would like to have a hand in shaping the party's policy, and there seems to be little doubt that his counsel and advice are being sought and acted upon by some of the foremost party leaders.

## More To Contribute

One of the points upon which there is wide agreement is that Mr. Hoover has more to contribute than any of the other eminent Republicans in his long experience, deep understanding and current knowledge of European affairs. If interested. (Continued on page four.)

## Helen Wilcox Wins In Legion Contest

Miss Helen Wilcox of Boone, was the winner in the American Legion essay contest held here Tuesday evening, the subject of the essay being "How the U. S. Constitution Benefits America and Her Citizens." Miss Wilcox will go from here to Lenoir to participate in the district contest.

## FINLAND SIGNS PEACE TREATY WITH RUSSIA

Entire Karelian Isthmus, Including Viipuri, Goes to Reds; Finland Receives Small Cash Payment For Concessions

Moscow, March 13.—Soviet Russia early today announced officially the signing of a peace treaty with Finland which wrests as the spoils of three and a half months of invasion Finland's defense bastions on Baltic and Arctic seas and makes part of the vast territory of the U. S. S. R. the whole fortified Karelian isthmus, where uncounted Russian and Finnish dead lie beneath the trampled snows.

The treaty must be ratified within three days, but hostilities will cease, under its terms, at noon today.

Finland gets peace—a yearly rental of 8,000,000 Finnish marks (about \$120,000), in return for a 30-year lease on her Hanko "Gibraltar" at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland and evacuation of the Petsamo Arctic district by Soviet troops.

She gives up:

1. The entire Karelian isthmus and its Soviet-penetrated Mannheim line.

2. The shell-wrecked city of Viipuri, once Finland's third metropolis, and the islands in its bay.

3. All the shores of Lake Ladoga, largest in Europe, and three towns. Both on the lake's western isthmus shore and on its northern coasts thousands of Russian troops have been slain.

4. Hanko, naval base on the southwest, and the surrounding peninsula, on a 30-year lease.

5. Part of the Sredni and Rymachin peninsulas, in the far north on the Arctic ocean.

6. Certain islands in the Gulf of Finland.

7. A great slice of northeastern Finland.

8. A railroad, to be built during 1940, which will link the White sea with northern Russia to the Gulf of Bothnia, west of Finland, the railway bisecting Finland above her narrow waistline.

9. Free transit for Russian goods across the Petsamo Arctic area from Russia to Norway, duty free.

10. The right to maintain any Finnish warships, submarines or warplanes in its Arctic waters, with the exception of small coast guard vessels.

In Helsinki tonight, shocked Finnish people said the fate of the war still was up to the Finnish diet—there was no indication it had ratified the treaty.

However, under the pact, at 10 a. m. on March 15, Finnish and Soviet troops are to begin to withdraw to their new frontiers.

## Funeral Services Held For Mrs. J. C. Krider

Funeral services were held for Mrs. J. C. Krider of Todd, on Sunday, March 3, at 11 o'clock at St. Mathews Episcopal church. Rev. Hugh Dobbin and Rev. E. D. Butt officiated. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Active pallbearers were her grandsons: Austin McGuire, Edwin McGuire, Charles Krider, Bill Krider and Tommy Krider. Grandchildren were flower bearers: Mrs. Don Walters, Mrs. Tatum Brown, Miss Annie Edna Krider, Ruth Barringer, Betty Krider, R. B. Barber, J. C. Krider, Jack Barber, David Barber, Irene Krider, Kathleen Barringer, Paul Barber and Jasper Krider.

Mrs. Krider was the daughter of the late Richard and Nancy Graham of Salisbury. She was united in marriage to J. C. Krider of Salisbury in 1865. He preceded her in death ten years ago.

Mrs. Krider who had been in declining health for three years, was seriously ill only a few days before her death.

Surviving are eight children: Mrs. Maude Scott, Jereh, Wyo.; Fred and V. B. Krider, Todd; Mary Krider, Boone; Mrs. June Barber and Blanche Krider, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Florence Barringer and Mrs. Laura Jordan, Salisbury. Thirty grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

## Dr. Rankin Heads Teachers of Speech

Hickory, March 7.—Dr. J. D. Rankin of Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone, is the new president of the North Carolina Association of Teachers of Speech, it has been announced here.

Prof. George Coppel of Wake Forest, has been re-elected vice-president, and Dr. Albert Keiser of Lenoir-Rhyne, has been re-named executive secretary-treasurer. Dr. Rankin succeeds Prof. Edwin H. Page of North Carolina State College. The North Carolina Interscholastic Forensic Association, which re-elected Dr. Keiser as its executive secretary at a meeting here last week, left up to him the decision of the place of next year's tournament.

## James A. Farley To Visit Boone April 10 As New Postoffice Is Dedicated

To Visit Boone



James A. Farley, postmaster general, who will be in Boone on April 10th for the dedication of the new federal building.

## WORK ON SEWAGE PLANT TO START

City and WPA to Spend \$26,000 On Sewage Plant; Work to Start 27th

Work on Boone's sewage disposal plant which is made possible through joint financing on the part of the city and the WPA, is to start about March 27th, it is learned, and the work is to be finished in about six months at a cost of \$26,000.

Mr. Carson Keyes is the engineer in charge of construction and 79 men are to be engaged in the construction of the big Imhoff tank and the laying of the necessary pipe line from the present outlet on New River to the site of the plant.

The plant is to be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the state board of health, and is expected to cover the needs of the city for many years to come.

## Naval Officer To Appear At Cove Creek

Henry G. Fleming, U. S. navy recruiting officer of Asheville, will appear at Cove Creek high school on Wednesday evening, March 20, to show the people of that community and of this part of the state some seven or eight reels of moving pictures depicting the naval activities of the United States. Titles of the eight-minute reels which will be shown are "South American Cruise," "Navy Wings of Gold," "Fleet Ho," "Making Craftsmen" and "With the Yantze Patrol."

These pictures have been shown in many parts of the state, and Mr. Fleming's appearance with them here at Cove Creek is expected to draw a record crowd. No admission charge can be made for the approximate hour-long program, for the pictures have been designed by naval authorities as an educational and entertainment feature only.

## Autoists Are Asked To Dim Their Lights

C. M. Jones of the state highway patrol, requests motorists of this vicinity to dim their lights when driving at night and meeting other vehicles. Mr. Jones states that the last legislature passed laws requiring dimming of headlights, and that he is anxious for the people to comply in order that accidents from this source may be minimized.

Mr. Jones further calls attention to the fact that every person actually operating an automobile must have a driver's permit, or a learner's permit. The latter may be procured free of charge pending the issuance of a regular driver's license.

## MRS. W. H. MILLER DEAD

Mrs. W. H. Miller of Deep Gap Route 1, died at her home late Saturday evening, after only a short illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Miller was the daughter of the late Thomas Greene. She was 73 years of age. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Stony Fork Baptist church, in which she always took a great interest.

Funeral services were conducted at Stony Fork Baptist church Monday at 2 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Vilas Minton, assisted by Rev. W. C. Payne and Rev. W. D. Ashley.

She is survived by her husband and eight children: Thomas, Grant, Orville, Herman, Albert Miller, Mrs. Jones Bumgarner, Mrs. Mertie Watson of Deep Gap, and Mrs. Carrie Krestvett of Oklahoma.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Tentative Plans Are Being Made

For Gala Event; Large Numbers of People Are Expected to Gather, Including Many Notables of the State and Nation; Program Incomplete

Postmaster General James A. Farley is to come to Boone on Wednesday, April 10th, to take part in the dedication of Boone's new \$75,000 postoffice building, it has been announced by Postmaster W. G. Hartzog.

Congressman R. L. Doughton had secured the consent of the postal official to visit Boone several months ago, but the urgency of state affairs had precluded Mr. Farley from making a definite date until this time. Present plans, according to information coming from Mr. Doughton, call for the dedication of the building at Boone in the late morning hours, with a similar function being held in Statesville in the afternoon of the same day. In the evening the Postmaster General will be asked to be present at the organization meeting of the Young Democratic Club for the ninth district and will leave for Washington that night.

Congressman Doughton will be present for the Boone dedication and also for the Statesville meetings, while invitations will be extended to various state and national leaders. All the people of Watauga and surrounding counties will be urged to attend, particularly the school children.

Postmaster Hartzog states that within a short time a tentative program of the day's festivities will be released.

## WORK STARTED ON SCENIC HIGHWAY

Contractor Engaged in Grading Section of Road Between Deep Gap and Blowing Rock

Work has started on the grading of the seven and a half mile section of the Blue Ridge Parkway extending from the Thos. Greer place at the intersection of highway 421, seven miles from Boone to the vicinity of Blowing Rock, and it is understood that Nello Teer, the contractor, expects to complete grading by the early part of the fall.

The present contract calls for the grading of the road to Thunder Hill, two miles from Blowing Rock, but it is rumored that while Mr. Teer has his equipment in the locality, the contract for finishing the road to the Boone highway at a point near Blowing Rock will be added. It is said that this could be done without re-advertising for bids.

## Merchants Win Over Faculty as C. of C. Defeats Lions Club

The city basketball tourney got in full swing last Thursday night as the high-stepping merchants defeated the faculty 32 to 18. Rango Mercantile Barnett hooked in 12 points while Bob Agle chalked up 9 points to lead their team. Heflin of the faculty was high scorer, leading the two teams with 13 points, and his teammate, Cartwright, bringing up the lead with 9 points. It was anybody's game throughout the first half. Score at the half was: Merchants 12, Faculty 9.

**Commerce Team Steps Out**

Elusive Hagaman and smooth-working Storie led the Chamber of Commerce to victory by hitting the basket for 12 points each, giving the commerce team a 39 to 15 victory. Gragg, "the lone ranger," chalked up 6 points for the Lions to lead his team in scoring. Half score: Chamber of Commerce 15, Lions 7.

**Undeclared Teams Clash Thursday**

What points to be the best game of the tourney will be played Thursday night when the Commerce and Merchants lock horns. One must go down. Which will it be? This promises to be a battle to the last whistle, because defeat for either team may mean defeat in the tourney. This will be a game worth seeing. Another interesting game will be the Lions and Faculty.

**P.T.A. To Present Program**

Mrs. Warman announces that the Parent-Teacher Association will present a 30-minute program promptly at 7 p. m. which will be interesting to all. All parents should make it a point to be present with their children. Immediately following, two basketball games will be played.

The merchants wish to acknowledge their appreciation for the fine co-operation of Gordon Nash and Professor Iverson for their very able performers. We are proud of our band and the tumblers, as well as the clowns. A good crowd witnessed the evening of entertainment.