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JUDGE SINK WILL HOLD SPRING TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Two Weeks Session Watauga Court Will Convene April 21; Jury is Drawn; About 90 Cases on Criminal Docket; 50 Civil Actions to Be Tried

Judge H. Hoyle Sink of Greensboro, will preside over the spring term of Watauga superior court which convenes April 21, for a two weeks' session, and Austin E. South, clerk of the court, states that there are 90 cases on the criminal docket, with 50 civil actions to come before the court.

Operating automobiles under the influence of liquor continues to be the predominating law violation in this county, 35 cases of this nature being on the state docket. Most of the other criminal cases also involve the commission of misdemeanors.

The Jury

Following is a list of those drawn for jury service:

First Week

Bald Mountain: W. F. Norris, Ron Davis.
Beaver Dam: Perry Farthing, Donley Hagaman, Wiley Perry, Roy Vines.

Blowing Rock: R. M. Coffey, Dan Klutz, Roscoe J. Hartley, John Knight.

Blue Ridge: Fred Critcher, Walter Hampton, S. C. Ford.

Boone: Albert Bingham, C. M. Critcher, S. C. Eggers, Bernard D. Dougherty, J. S. Lyons, Lloyd Coleman.

Cove Creek: J. H. Eggers, B. F. Cole, Dana Farthing, N. M. Church. Elk: Conley Walters, Ward Carroll.

Laurel Creek: Sherman Presnell, Lewis Harmon.

Meat Camp: Sidney Wilson, Alex South, E. F. Greene.

North Fork: Delma Mock, J. R. May, J. D. Wilson, B. F. Laing.

Shawneehaw: Will Cook, Custer Wallace, Marshall Farthing.

Stony Fork: S. H. Miller, Ralph Moretz, Jason Moretz, H. E. Greene.

Watauga: Richard Olsen, Thomas Herman, Hard Thomas, Howard Mast, C. M. Shore.

Second Week

Herman Greene, Cove Creek; B. H. Gress, Meat Camp; John Beach, Cove Creek; Clyde Tester, Shawneehaw; Dave Hagaman, Beaver Dam; H. P. Cook, Cove Creek; J. G. Johnson, Beaver Dam; Dave Hockaday, North Fork; W. B. Day, Stony Fork; John O. Potter, North Fork; C. G. Hodges, Meat Camp; J. L. Shull, Laurel Creek; Alfred Thomas, Cove Creek; W. H. Greene, Meat Camp; R. F. Tate, Blowing Rock; A. S. Johnson, Cove Creek; Clarence Newton, Watauga; T. H. Coffey, Jr., Blowing Rock; W. M. Hodges, Boone; H. P. Holshouser, Blowing Rock; S. A. Norris, Boone; C. C. Tugman, Meat Camp; J. B. Clawson, Meat Camp; Eugene Lentz, Blowing Rock; Reece Burkett, Meat Camp; E. Y. Edmisten, Shawneehaw.

Dramatics Tourney Be Held Here Next Week

The fourth district of the Carolina Dramatics Association will hold its annual contest in the college auditorium here on March 15 at 8 p. m. The schools participating, their plays and directors, are as follows: Dobson high school will present "Ca'line", under the direction of Miss Jenny Martin; Union Grove will present "Ringing in the Groom", under the direction of Mr. Homer M. Kewer; and Appalachian high school will present "Utter Relaxation", under the direction of Mrs. J. Edwin Rivers. The winner of this preliminary contest will go to the Carolina Dramatics Association in Chapel Hill on March 30, to compete with four other county schools for the state trophy.

The admission to these performances will be 10c and 25c. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and bring his friends.

The Carolina Dramatics Association was organized for the purpose of stimulating and encouraging interest in the field of dramatics in North Carolina. A yearly contest is sponsored by this organization. Playwrights and play-producers compete in this. Elimination contests are held in each district preceding the state contest, which is held at Chapel Hill, the association headquarters.

AIDS RED CROSS

Watauga chapter American Red Cross acknowledges a contribution of \$10.00 from the Rumpel Memorial Presbyterian church at Blowing Rock.

Bottle Battle



Bottles flew as a cafe battle raged in Sofia, Bulgaria, and U. S. Minister to Bulgaria George Earle (above) was in the midst of it all. A dispute arose between a Nazi and in the resulting scuffle the Nazi was injured by a wine bottle tossed by the U. S. diplomat.

MRS. J. L. WINKLER DIES ON THURSDAY

Well Known Resident of the Town Succumbs to Long Illness; Rites Friday

Mrs. James L. Winkler, well-known resident of this city, died at the home last Thursday after a prolonged illness. She was 74 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from the Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. James McLarty, who was assisted in the rites by Dr. J. D. Rankin, and interment was in the city cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Walter Winkler, Ralph Winkler, Stewart Winkler, Fred Winkler, Jeff Stambury, Jim Council, Rob Rivers. Honorary: Dr. H. B. Perry, R. L. Bingham, E. N. Hahn, Ed Farthing, W. G. Hartzog, Grady Farthing, Kenneth Linney, G. K. Moore, T. M. Greer. The impressive floral offering was in charge of the following friends: Mesdames R. L. Clay, Paul Coffey, Jim Council, Belle Winkler, Zeb Farthing, Alice Council Robbins, Grady Farthing, Ronda Hardin, J. D. Rankin, W. G. Hartzog, Frank Payne, Herman Eggers, E. E. Garbee, Miss Mildred Farthing.

Despite the inclemency of the weather many friends gathered for the rites. Among those coming from a distance were: Kate Wilson, Shelby; Z. B. Stuart, R. B. Fitzgerald, C. C. Staley, L. B. Walsh, O. D. Bentley, C. P. Miller, M. B. Clarke, W. C. Hall, Gwyn Eller, R. F. Bauguess, Ed Beshears, North Wilkesboro; G. A. Leeper and C. G. Ashley, Elkin; C. F. Whiting, Daylo; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Council and Mrs. Richard DeVault, Bristol.

Native of New Bern

Mrs. Winkler, who was the daughter of the late A. V. and Mrs. Bennett, was born in New Bern, but was reared in Statesville and Mooresville. She had resided in Boone since her marriage to James L. Winkler more than fifty years ago. She was a member of the Methodist church and until she became ill, was one of the most active workers in the religious life of the community. Mrs. Winkler was widely known, and numbered her friends by her acquaintances. The death of this Christian woman has brought genuine sorrow to this section.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters: Cloy Winkler, North Wilkesboro; James Winkler, Boone; Frank Winkler, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. George Thomson, Hickory, and Miss Anita Winkler, Boone. There are six grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Elma Rowland, Gaithersburg, Md.

MCCRARY NAMED ACTING HEAD OF HIGHWAY BOARD

Raleigh, March 5.—Governor J. M. Broughton yesterday appointed D. B. McCrary of Asheboro, acting chairman of the state highway and public works commission until May 1, and then, lacking a judge, administered the oath to McCrary himself.

APPALACHIAN GIRL TO ENTER CONTEST

Miss Judith Joyner of Tabor City, a junior at Appalachian college, will represent the local school in the annual Peace oratorical contest to be held simultaneously with, and apart from the South Atlantic tournament in Hickory March 6, 7, 8.

SAM ATKINS DIES OF HEART ATTACK; RITES ON MONDAY

Well Known Local Business Man Succumbs to Four Weeks Illness; Was World War Veteran and Decorated for Valor; Many Attend Funeral Services

Samuel Atkins, aged 52 years, one of the owners of the Watauga Motor Company here, and prominent farmer and lumberman, died suddenly Saturday morning at his Vilas home from what was believed to have been a heart attack. Mr. Atkins had been confined to his bed for more than four weeks, but was thought to have been well on the road to recovery when fatally stricken.

Funeral services were conducted from the Willowdale Baptist church Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with Rev. D. M. Edmisten in charge. Rev. R. L. Painter and Rev. G. W. Triyett also took part in the rites. Burial which was in charge of Watauga Post, American Legion, was in the Howell cemetery at Vilas.

The church auditorium was filled with those who came to pay their respects at the bier of the popular citizen, all standing room was utilized and many stood outside the building during the course of the services. A large number of Boone business men and public officials and others attended together with people from various other sections.

Surviving are the widow and three children: Russell, Ruby and Robert, of Sugar Grove; five brothers, Kelsey, Will, Silas and Neal Atkins of Johnson City; Grover Atkins, Pontiac, Mich.; four sisters, Mrs. Wheelstone, Mrs. Esther Bogus and Mrs. Amanda Johnson, all of Johnson City, and Mrs. Lula Bunton, Pontiac, Mich.

Native of Yancey

Mr. Atkins was born in Yancey county, a son of the late John and Mrs. Atkins, and at the outbreak of the World War was employed at Detroit, Mich. He was a member of the 81st division, 318th machine gun battalion, and was in the thick of the fight at Verdun, where he was wounded and taken prisoner by the German army. After the armistice was signed, he remained in a German prison camp, but succeeded in escaping before other American captives were released by the German high command. Arriving in the United States March 8, 1919, he was discharged at Camp Jackson, S. C., and was awarded the medal of the Purple Heart, a military decoration given wounded soldiers for unusual bravery in action.

Mr. Atkins established his home in Watauga county following the World War and for a number of years engaged in the automobile business in Boone. Later for several years he was in the wholesale lumber business and succeeded well. Last fall he returned to the automobile field and became half owner of the Watauga Motor Co., local Plymouth-Chrysler agency. He was in charge of this enterprise when he became ill the latter part of January.

Mr. Atkins was a member of the Willowdale Baptist church, and one of the leading contributors to the cause of religious activity in his neighborhood. He had served on the school committee in Cove Creek district for a number of years, and was interested in the well-being of all the people of his county. A man of happy disposition and charitable tendencies, Sam Atkins readily made friends, and was unusually popular throughout this region. He was a just, honorable and upright citizen.

Many Attend Jr. Order Gathering

Three new members were initiated into the Junior Order United American Mechanics at a meeting held Monday evening, a visiting degree team from North Wilkesboro officiating.

The hall was filled with members of the organization, many coming from other lodges in the area. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Dean Harrelson To Appear Before Forum

Dean J. W. Harrelson of State College, will be the visiting speaker at the meeting of the public forum in the high school library on March 7 at 8 p. m. "Education and National Defense" will be the subject for discussion.

World War Ace Hurt in Air Crash



Photo shows wreckage of the Eastern Airlines sleeper plane which crashed to earth near Atlanta, Ga., killing seven persons, injuring nine. "Smiling Eddie" Rickenbacker (insert), famed World War flying ace, and president of the airline on whose plane he was riding, was among the injured. Congressman Wm. Byron of Maryland, was killed.

BOONE HIGH BOYS WIN IN TOURNNEY

Local Basketeers Enter Winston-Salem This Week; Healing Springs Girls Win

The Appalachian High School Association tournament closed here Saturday night with Appalachian high boys and Healing Springs girls walking off with the winners' trophies.

The Boone boys, who had waded through the five other teams entered from Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties, had little trouble with the Bethel quint to win the crown, 42 to 23. Coffey, overwhelming choice for the all-tourney team, led the scoring with 15 points.

In the girls' game, Healing Springs barely nosed out Nathan's Creek for the title, 15-14. Pierce, with 10 points, was top scorer for the contest.

The powerful Boone team, which is gunning for the Journal and Sentinel crown, starting this week, placed three of their men on the all-tourney team selected after the met. The all-tourney teams are:

Boys: Beach and Coffey of Boone, forwards; Woodruff, Nathan's Creek, center; Ira Bingham, Boone, and Reece, Bethel, guards.

Girls: Gambill, Nathan's Creek, Hamby, Boone, and Cox, Healing Springs, forwards; Francis, Healing Springs, Osborne, Nathan's Creek, and G. Bingham, Cove Creek, guards.

Valle Crucis Family Loses Home in Fire

John Davis of Valle Crucis, sustained the loss of his home and its entire contents in a fire of undetermined origin last Friday morning. The new six-room house was a total loss, together with furnishings, clothing, etc., it is said, and the eldest son in the family lost \$70 in money which he had saved from his labors.

The local Red Cross chapter is asking for aid for the distressed family, particularly clothing to bridge them over the emergency. Anyone interested in aiding in this connection should notify Mrs. E. E. Garbee, chairman, who explains that the father and eldest son wear size 18 clothes, the mother 20, one boy size 12, and a girl size 4.

Tom Beach Passes West Point Tests

Thomas Stuart Beach passed his physical examination and preliminary mental tests at Fort Bragg Tuesday preparatory to entering the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., next June. Young Mr. Beach received the appointment through the courtesy of Congressman R. L. Doughton.

Mr. Doughton has also appointed Blaine Coffey, Jr., of Shulls Mills, to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Young Mr. Coffey is expected to go to Annapolis in June.

A speed ranging between 30 and 40 miles an hour is reported to be the most economical by automotive authorities.

NARROW GAUGE IS TO ABANDON LINE FROM CRANBERRY

Interstate Commerce Commission Grants Linville River Railway Right to Discontinue Rail Service and Abandon Lines Cranberry to Boone

Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, and station agent for the Linville River Railway here for many years, has been informed by officials of the company that they have been given the right by the interstate commerce commission to permanently discontinue rail service from Cranberry to Boone and to salvage the rails and other physical properties.

The narrow gauge line had been operated into Boone since 1918, but no train has reached Boone since August 13, when the flood destroyed the roadbed for many miles and marooned the train bound from Johnson City to Boone at Elk Park.

The company immediately filed application with the commerce commission for privilege of abandoning the lines and a hearing was held in Johnson City, at which time many business and professional men of Boone protested the scrapping of the road. Figures presented by the company indicated that the revenues of the road were falling off every year and that there was a constantly increasing operating deficit. The commission ruled with the company and it is presumed that salvage operations will begin shortly, as authority was granted to scrap the line at any time after February 27th, Mr. Wilcox says.

Mrs. Virgil Hall Dies in Detroit

Mrs. Virgil Hall, 37, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Hopkins of Boone, died in Detroit, Mich., Thursday, after an illness of five weeks.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church at Independence, Va., Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. J. C. Ball, and interment was there. Among those attending the services were Mrs. Frank Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Miller, Todd; Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, Todd; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Miller, Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hodges, John W. Hodges, John W. Hodges, Jr., Council Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pearson, North Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Miller, Hickory.

Survivors are the husband, two sons, Edward and James, two sisters, Mrs. Earl Preston of Detroit, and Mrs. Edgar Cooke of Boone. The mother, Mrs. Lillian Hopkins of Boone, also survives.

Mrs. Hall was a daughter of the late Dr. J. S. Hopkins and Mrs. Hopkins and was reared at Independence, Va. She frequently visited with her mother here after the family moved to Boone and was held in high regard among a wide circle of friends in this vicinity.

Fire At Sugar Grove Destroys 2 Buildings

A fire which incurred an estimated loss of \$4,000, broke out in Bart Bryan's cafe at Sugar Grove at 2 o'clock Thursday morning, completely destroying the cafe and razing the home of George Henson, Cove Creek livestock and produce man.

Definite origin of the conflagration is unknown, but it presumably began in or near the kitchen of the cafe. When first noticed by Mrs. Bryan, the roof was almost entirely covered by the flames.

The Boone fire department arrived on the scene of the fire just in time to save Lawrence Moody's home which was already burning from flames reaching it from the Henson dwelling. Only slight damages were incurred.

The home of Dana Farthing, which is located a few feet below the cafe, was in danger of being destroyed also, but efforts of firemen and neighbors succeeded in saving it.

Also destroyed in the fire was a barn and a few out-buildings of small value.

COVE CREEK P-T. A.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Cove Creek school will meet at the school Thursday evening, March 13, at 3 o'clock.