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JUDGE WARLICK TO HOLD COURT HERE NEXT WEEK

Resident Judge Presides Over Two Weeks' Session of Watauga Superior Court; 95 Cases on State Docket; Sam Ellison Gets New Trial

Judge Wilson Warlick, resident judge of the sixteenth district, who lives in Newton, will preside over the two weeks' mixed term of Watauga superior court which convenes here next Monday morning.

James C. Farthing, of the district's new solicitor, will prosecute the state docket in this county for his first time, having been elected last November to succeed Folger Townsend, who held the position through the unfinished term of the late L. S. Spurling.

Fred M. Gragg, clerk of the superior court, states that there are 95 cases on the state docket, about 75 per cent of which are for driving motor vehicles while under the influence of intoxicants, and that most of the remainder of the violations are for larceny, etc.

One homicide case will claim the attention of the court, that of Sam Ellison, North Fork resident, charged with the slaying of a neighbor, Howard Hockaday. Ellison had been sentenced to 7 to 12 years in the state prison, and won a second trial from the state supreme court.

Clerk Gragg states that there are 55 cases on the civil calendar, including nine divorce actions. It is unlikely that any considerable number of the civil suits will be disposed of.

State Prosecutor



James C. Farthing, of Lenoir, newly-elected district solicitor, who will represent the state in Watauga superior court which opens Monday.

ASSEMBLY TAKES LIQUOR ACTION

Counties May Vote on Beer and Wine as Local Option Gives Way to State System

Raleigh—The 1947 general assembly, weary of the biennial wrangling over the issue of beer and wine, attempted to settle the problem by turning it over to the people on a local option basis.

Under legislation speeded through the two houses in the closing days of the recent session, if the people of a county want beer or wine sold legally, they can have it. And if they don't want it, they can vote to outlaw it.

The new law, which is effective July 1, provides that upon petition of 15 per cent of those who voted in the last gubernatorial election, a vote may be held in any county on the sale of either beer or wine or both. It also provides that when a county votes dry, then an election may be held in any municipality in the county with a population of more than 1,000. No provision is made for elections in the municipalities when the county votes wet.

The new legislation is regarded as the biggest victory the drys have won in the legislature since 3.2 beer and light wine were legalized on a state-wide basis in 1933.

The dry victory was far from a complete one, however. The law was drafted with the purpose of making it expensive for a county or a city to outlaw the sale of wine or beer. After July 1, taxes on the new beverages will be doubled, and the additional revenue will be distributed to cities and counties which permit beer and wine to be sold—the general assembly was told that this subsidy would amount to approximately \$1 per capita per year.

If the drys could claim a victory for the action of the legislature on beer and wine, the wets could claim victories just as complete on the liquor issue. Three measures calling for state-wide liquor referendums were defeated, one in the house and two in the senate.

In addition, the old policy of keeping the county as a unit for elections on the legalization of alcoholic beverage control stores was completely wrecked. Bills to permit ABC store elections in Hickory, Asheville, Franklinton and Louisburg were enacted. A measure providing for a liquor store election in Mecklenburg county was also passed.

Both wets and drys joined forces to defeat a measure which would have allowed elections on legalizing liquor stores in any municipality with a population of more than 5,440.

Another measure passed by the general assembly would remove regulations of wine retailers from control of county commissioners and place them under the state alcoholic beverage control board. Under the new law, the ABC board will pass on all applications for licenses to retail wine and will have "sole power, in its discretion, to determine the fitness and qualification of an applicant to sell wine at retail." The board is authorized to "inquire into the character of general appearance and type of place of business of the applicant." The act also gives the board power to regulate hours during which wine may be sold, and it forbids the ABC board from granting licenses to pool rooms "or any other place of business of whatever kind and character, if in the discretion of the board it is not a proper place for the sale of wine."

J. C. Spencer, state automobile license examiner, will be in the grand jury room at the court-house Monday of each week until further notice, it is announced by C. M. Jones, local state highway patrolman.

LIONS BENEFIT SHOW NEXT WEEK

Annual Local Talent Performance Next Wednesday; the Program Details

The annual home-talent stage production by the Boone Lions Club for the benefit of the blind will be held at the Appalachian Theatre next Wednesday, with performances at 3:45 and 8:45 and this year's production is said to be one of the most entertaining thus far offered by Boone's civic group.

The show, labeled "The Great American Broadcast," is described as 50 minutes of comedy, music and frivolity, and promises entertainment of rare quality. On the screen will be "Her Sister's Secret," with Nancy Coleman, Margaret Lindsay and Philip Reed.

The complete program for the Lions entertainment follows: Announcer—Lion James McKeown.

Commercial—Lion J. G. Martin. News commentator—Lion Clyde R. Greene.

Commercial—Lion Grady Tugman.

Forum—Lions D. J. Whitener, J. E. Holshouser, Richard Kelley, James Council, G. K. Moore.

Commercial—Lion Kirchner. Lum and Abner: The Sucker—John G. Martin, Lee Reynolds, Herbert Wey.

Dr. I. Q.—Joe Huffman; Helpers: Woodrow Richardson, J. K. Parker, Sam Raper.

Commercial—Grady Moretz. Music—Hen Hunt and His Hillbillies: Guy Hunt Council Cooke, Raleigh Cottrell, Howard A. R. Smith, W. J. Kelsey, Cratis Williams, D. J. Whitener.

Commercial—Hillard Tripp, Ben Sampson, John Wellborn.

The Religious Hour—Minister, T. M. Greer; quartette: A. R. Smith, Council Cooke, Howard Cottrell, Raleigh Cottrell.

Finale—Lions Songs.

STALIN VISITED BY MARSHALL

American Secretary of State Spends 90 Minutes With Russia's Premier

Moscow, April 15.—Secretary State George C. Marshall talked with Prime Minister Stalin for about 90 minutes behind the closed gates of the Kremlin tonight following what appeared to be a climax of failure to reach agreement in the Foreign Ministers' council.

The American Secretary made his long-awaited call on the Russian chief of state on the thirty-seventh day of his stay in the Soviet capital and apparently on short notice.

He disappeared behind the gates of the Kremlin at 8 p. m. (noon eastern standard time) and an hour and 45 minutes later was back in Spasso house, his residence. American officials would not say how long the conversation lasted or what was discussed, or even when arrangements were made for the meeting.

It was evident, however, that Marshall had gone to the Kremlin in a last effort to salvage something from the Foreign Ministers conference and seek a solution to the gaping split between Russia and the western powers.

Snyder Strikes Hopeful Note On Price Cuts

Washington, April 15.—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder today opposed easing installment buying restrictions on scarce goods—or tax cuts—at this time, contending they would promote buying pressures and higher prices.

Snyder struck a hopeful note on price cuts at a news conference. He observed "evidences" of reductions and said that next week there may be "something more specific in some of the larger manufacturing and wholesale fields." He would not elaborate.

Attorney General Says Wallace Lies

Washington, April 15.—Attorney General Tom Clark gave the lie to Henry A. Wallace tonight in denouncing "the cheap, blundering assault now being made" upon the Truman policy of aiding Greece and Turkey against communism.

One who tells the people of Europe that the United States is committed to ruthless imperialism—and war with the Soviet Union—tells a lie," Clark said in the advance text of a speech released at the justice department.

The speech was prepared for delivery to Democrats at a Jefferson Day dinner in Philadelphia. Clark conferred with President Truman Monday, leading to speculation that his address might be the official administration reply to Wallace.

Government picks Columbus, Ga., to try anti-TB vaccine.

PLANNING GROUP FOR YOUTH REVIVAL



Picture snapped as plans proceed for the Youth Revival services now being held at the Boone Baptist Church. Conference periods at 6:30 and services each evening at 7:30 in the church auditorium. Shown, left to right, are: Ann Williams, Edith York, Mary Jane Tait, Arlene Williams, Carrie Bess Cole, Virginia Isaacs, Eloise Buff, Alvin Joines, Dr. Bond, Boyce White, Betty Cornette, Doris Cline, Roger Wilson, Jimmy McConnell, J. R. Brendell, Marjorie Toole. (Photo by Palmer Blair.)

JAMES G. RAY DIES ON FRIDAY

Rites for Local Farmer Conducted From the Residence Sunday Afternoon

James G. Ray, well-known resident of the Perkinsville neighborhood, died at the home last Friday after a long period of disability. Mr. Ray's illness hadn't been critical but for a few days, however. He was 66 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the late residence Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. K. Parker, Presbyterian pastor, and Rev. S. B. Moss of the Methodist church, and interment was in the family cemetery.

Mr. Ray was the youngest son of Jeremiah and Margaret Hodges Ray and was married December 3, 1914 to Miss Eva Kerley who died in 1942. He is survived by one son, James E. Ray, Boone; one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Folger of Henderson, N. C., and two grand daughters; one brother and three sisters survive: David Ray, Misses Sallie and Lelia Ray, Boone; Mrs. M. E. Robbins, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mr. Ray had lived in this county all his life, and was engaged in farming and stock raising. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

A large number of friends and neighbors attended the funeral. Relatives from a distance attending the rites were: Harvey B. Carlton, Wilmington, Del.; Donald Robbins, Dorchester, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Randolph, Spruce Pine and Fred G. and Earl Ray of West Jefferson.

Noted Lecturer To Appear at College Thursday Evening

Seumas MacCannus, poet and story-teller, brilliant spokesman of the Irish people, and fiction writer, will address an audience in the auditorium of Appalachian College Thursday, April 17, at 7:45 p. m.

MacCannus, who for years has been lecturing in the great universities and colleges of America, has besides fairy-stories and folklore many histories and novels to his credit.

Telephone Strike Situation Unchanged

Washington, April 15.—The cross-country telephone strike rolled on unchanged tonight, with outright rejection by the union of Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach's peace plan and company proposals to modify it in 13 ways.

Schwollenbach told reporters that neither side is showing "any recognition of the public responsibility they have."

The Secretary had come up with an idea by which the strike might be ended late Thursday. Under his plan, both sides would agree to (1) arbitration of basic money issues by a five-man board, and (2) intensive negotiation to settle other issues so that telephone service could be resumed on a normal basis.

Tonight, as Schwollenbach put it:

1. The American Telephone and Telegraph company declined nationwide arbitration on the grounds that it is regulated in each state, but failed "to recognize that the reason it is regulated is that it has a monopoly."

2. "The union on the other side takes the position that the proposal it made in the beginning has to be accepted, or else the strike will go on."

Abassador to Poland



Stanton Griffis, New York financier, who has been named by President Truman to be the new United States ambassador to Poland. Griffis succeeds Arthur Bliss Lane, who recently resigned in order that he might be free to write his views on conditions in Poland.

BASS WATERS REMAIN OPEN

County Game Warden Gets Information of Concern to Warm Water Anglers

Of interest to bass fishermen in this county is the information that there will be no closed bass water in Watauga county this year. This information comes from Walter F. Edmiston, county game warden, from the Department of Conservation and Development.

The new ruling supplants former instructions which would have closed portions of New River and Watauga River to bass angling.

Cove Creek Student Wins First Round In State Essay Contest

Raleigh, April 11.—Janieve Mast Rominger, 17 year-old student of the Cove Creek high school has been declared the winner of the first round of the 1947 cooperative essay contest sponsored by the N. C. cotton growers cooperative association and the farmers cooperative exchange for rural boys and girls throughout North Carolina.

Writing on the subject, "Farming A Year-Round Business," the young Watauga county student won top honors in the Cove Creek high school and will compete against winners from other rural schools for county, district and state-wide honors.

Prizes for the popular contest total more than \$1,000 in cash prizes and a year's college scholarship with the county winner receiving \$10, district prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10, and state prizes of \$100, and scholarship, \$50, \$25 and \$15.

M. G. Mann, general manager of the two sponsoring organizations announced this week that the deadline for submitting the school winners had been set for April 15, and that all county elimination would be completed by May 1. District elimination will be held in the early part of May with the state finals scheduled for the latter part of May.

Handicap polo tournament for purse of \$5,000 set for July.

Brazil imposes curbs on luxuries to curb inflation.

FARMERS STORE NEW ENTERPRISE

Watauga Co-operative Store Opens in Old Warehouse; Clawson Manager

The Watauga County Cooperative, Boone's newest retail establishment, is now doing business in the old Mountain Burley Warehouse building, and Austin Clawson is the manager of the new business, which deals in fertilizer, feed, seed, farm supplies of various kinds, and will later handle farm machinery.

The Cooperative is owned by a group of county farmers, and president of the firm is Howard Edmiston. Henry Taylor is the Secretary-Treasurer, while the board of directors is composed of Avery Greene, Stuart Barnes and Wade Norris.

Nazi Who Caused 4,000,000 Deaths Hanged in Poland

Warsaw, April 15.—Rudolf Hoess was hanged today at the wartime Oswiecim (Auschwitz) extermination camp where more than 4,000,000 prisoners were killed—the two and a half years he was Nazi commander there.

The 47-year-old former colonel was convicted April 2 by the nine-judge Polish supreme national tribunal after a three weeks trial.

During the trial the prosecution accused Hoess of supervising the gassing and cremation of some 3,000,000 Jews and 1,000,000 other men, women and children from a dozen countries—including Poland, Russia, Hungary, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Czechoslovakia.

Hoess was arrested March 2, 1946, after having been sought throughout Germany since the collapse of the Reich nearly a year earlier. He signed a statement admitting he carried out orders from Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler for the gassing of 2,000,000 persons at the extermination camp. The executions, he said, were performed between June, 1941, and the end of 1943. The court found him guilty of causing the deaths of 4,000,000 persons.

Eleventh State Ratifies Limit On Presidency

The proposed 22nd constitutional amendment limiting United States presidents to two elective terms and not more than 10 years in office received the approval of three additional states Tuesday, bringing to 11 the total which have ratified it.

One state, Oklahoma, has refused to act on it by voting indefinite postponement.

The three legislatures which approved the amendment Tuesday were New Jersey, California and Vermont. Previously it had been endorsed in Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire and Oregon.

The proposal must win approval of 36 states within seven years to become operative.

MOTHER'S DAY MAY 11 President Truman has designated Sunday, May 11, as Mother's Day. Mr. Truman called on government officials and the people generally to display the flag that day to show the "reverent esteem in which we hold the mothers of our country."

New Greek King served his predecessor as political adviser.

CITY CLEANUP CAMPAIGN RUNS TO MONTH END

Mayor Winkler Asks That Citizens Cooperate in Cleaning Up the Town During Remainder of the Month; Taxpayers Are Lauded

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler has designated the remainder of the month of April as a clean-up period, in which the residents of the town are respectfully asked to clean up their premises, and make the town as attractive as possible for the summer season, when it is likely that an unusually large number of tourists and students will spend some time in the locality.

Business men are asked to join in with householders and see that all rubbish is removed from the backs of their buildings. All refuse should be placed in containers so that it can be readily picked up by the city trucks. Every effort will be made to remove all rubbish promptly, when it is gathered.

Heavy Tax Payments Mayor Winkler takes occasion to thank the taxpayers of the town for their fine response for appeals for payment of past-due taxes, and says a large sum of money has been collected recently. As a result of the splendid cooperation of the people, the list of delinquent taxpayers appearing in the local newspaper today is very small. The Mayor states that all those who pay these taxes within the next few days will still be able to save the penalties provided.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL FINISHED

Chairman Asks That Scattering Contributions Be Sent in At Once

The Red Cross roll call campaign has ended in Watauga county, with contributions in hand of \$2,681.13, and Chairman Clyde R. Greene asks that any reports which may yet be outstanding, be forwarded to him at once.

Following are the names of some of the contributors:

Deep Gap School, Mrs. Pearl Dowling, Worker. Mrs. Reka Shoemaker, \$1; Mrs. Lee Mire, \$1; Mrs. Pearl Dowling, \$1; Connie Ray, \$1; G. G. Hartzog, \$7; Ted Kerhous, \$8; Helen Hardin, \$1; Harris Greene, \$1; Johnny Miller, \$1; small contributions, \$1.54; Hardin Street, Mrs. G. Hartzog, Worker.

Mrs. L. L. Bingham, \$1; Mrs. Joe Todd, \$1; Mrs. W. G. Hartzog, \$1; Gordon Hartzog, \$1; Blowing Rock School, Mrs. Glenn Winkler and Mrs. D. J. Whitenor, Workers. Mrs. Sarah E. Schuman, \$1; Mrs. J. L. Lyon, \$1; Mrs. Frank Newton, \$1; Mrs. Glenn Winkler, \$1; Mrs. Rodney Greene, \$1; T. S. Miller, \$1; Mrs. Kent Brown, \$1; Mrs. James Beach, \$1; Mrs. D. J. Whitener, \$1; Mrs. Duke Hollars, \$1; Mrs. Council Cooke, \$1; Mrs. Cloy Pennell, \$1; Cloy Pennell, \$1; Miss Epine Kerhous, \$1.

Buena Vista Section, Mrs. A. E. South, Worker. Mrs. Dennis Townsend, \$1; Mrs. W. T. Casey, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. South, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. James Store, \$1.

Boone Drug Co., Dr. W. M. Matheson, Worker. Dr. L. D. Hazzard, \$5; Mrs. Thos. Taylor, \$1; Alice Townsend, \$2; Roy Williams, \$1; Dr. W. M. Matheson, \$16.

Boone Business District. H. W. W. Miscellaneous. Walker, \$2; Bare's Fair Store, \$5; Gulf Cafe, \$1; Holla's Produce Co., \$10; Boone Oil Co., \$2; Boone Super Market, \$3; Dr. Perry Biggs (Mrs. Stubbs, worker), \$30; Grady G. Moretz, \$5; Dr. E. T. Glenn, \$10; T. M. Greer, \$5; City Meat Market, \$5; Economy Store, \$5; Goodrich Bros., \$25; Wilson's Feed Store, \$10.

Boone Super Cleaners, Dee Shoemaker, Worker. Carl Greene, \$1; J. D. Shoemaker, \$2; Dr. R. K. Bingham, \$1; Boone Super Cleaners, \$5; Jack Tester, \$1; Bud Mast, \$5; Ruth Eggers, \$5; Mrs. Ola Critcher, \$5.

Wineberger School, \$2.25; Pottertown School, \$2.00; Rich Mountain School, \$2.40; Stony Fork School, \$6.70.

DR. ABRAMS WILL MAKE TALK HERE

Former Appalachian Professor Chosen to Speak at Junior-Senior Banquet

Final plans for the junior-senior banquet at Appalachian State Teachers College have been completed, with the acceptance of an invitation tendered to Dr. Amos Abrams, former faculty member, to deliver the address on the evening of April 19.

About three hundred Junior, Seniors, and faculty members are expected to gather in the college cafeteria for the traditional dinner honoring members of the senior class. Following the address, the group will join other members of the student body in formal dance in the men's gymnasium.

Dr. Abrams, former professor at Appalachian, last fall accepted the associate editorship of the N. C. E. A. Journal, and the banquet will mark his first public appearance here since that time. Yugoslav charges U. S. takes advantage of hungry countries.