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EGGERS GETS LIFE TERM IN MARION COURT

Watauga Man, Deaf Mute, Goes to State Prison Following Passage of Sentence; Pleads Guilty to Murder of Asheville Man

Marion—Wilson Grady Eggers, 25-year-old Boone deaf mute, will be taken to Central prison, Raleigh, later this week to begin a sentence of life imprisonment at hard labor for the April 22 slaying of Ernest A. Anders, deaf mute from Asheville, McDowell county officials said Wednesday night.

Eggers pleaded guilty in superior court here Wednesday to being an accessory before the fact in the first degree murder of Anders.

Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., presiding at the June term of court, immediately imposed the mandatory life sentence. A McDowell county grand jury Monday had returned a true bill charging Eggers with first-degree murder.

In a crowded courtroom, Eggers' state-appointed attorney, George W. Sandlin, translated to Eggers the judge's decision.

As he read the story of his fate on the attorney's swiftly moving fingers, Eggers' lips narrowed to a thin white line and he appeared to hold his breath. A nerve jumped spasmodically in his jaw.

Motioned to sit down, he slumped in his seat and let his breath out in a long, audible sigh. Tears welled into his eyes and he blinked them away, rapidly regaining composure.

As he left the courtroom to return to his cell downstairs he sullenly posed for newspaper photographers.

Eggers appeared in court in blue slacks and a blue T-shirt. His black hair was neatly combed and he was freshly shaved.

He took little interest in the preliminary arguments of attorneys and the two witnesses called by the state. For the most part he stared at a table in front of him and occasionally frowned.

Judge Pless prefaced the pleading by pointing out that he was satisfied that the youth's constitutional rights had been protected and that he had been furnished with counsel. Sandlin also reviewed his activities in behalf of defendant.

Sheriff Brown said that Anders first was reported missing on April 23. Several days later the Anders family received a telegram, purportedly from Anders in St. Augustine, Fla.

Before sentence was pronounced, Eggers' father, his pastor and other acquaintances had informed the court that the deaf mute had a full comprehension of the charges which had been brought against him and that he was also aware of the mandatory sentence of life imprisonment which his plea of guilty as accessory before the fact would mean.

For the record, Sheriff L. E. Brown of Buncombe county and Dr. P. R. Terry, Buncombe county coroner, were placed on the stand and testified to the main details of the slaying with which Eggers was charged.

St. Augustine police located Eggers, who posed as Anders and who endeavored to keep his identity hidden for more than a day. Later he admitted his identity, the killing and signified his willingness to waive extradition and was returned to Asheville.

On the morning of May 1, the sheriff drove Eggers to the scene on the Black Mountain-Point Lookout highway, where the shooting took place, and Eggers reenacted the events of the night of April 22. A pool of dried blood was found.

Then Eggers took police to a point near Linville Falls, where the body was found, and later to (Continued on page eight)

Cone Fund Trustees Will Meet Friday

Trustees of the Moses H. Cone Memorial fund will hold a "very important" meeting in Greensboro Friday afternoon to discuss preliminary plans for a Greensboro hospital and a Watauga county park to be created as memorials to the late textile pioneer.

Moses H. Cone was one of the founders of Proximity Manufacturing Company, multi-million dollar Greensboro textile enterprises. The memorial fund was left by his widow, Mrs. Bertha Lindau Cone, who died at Blowing Rock June 8.

Informed sources estimate the fund at about \$15,000,000. It is to provide a hospital for Greensboro to include a nurses' training school, and large memorial park at Mrs. Cone's 3,000-acre Watauga county estate.

Mrs. Cone was president of the fund at her death. Herman Cone, president of Proximity Manufacturing Company, is vice-president of the fund trustees.

CIVIL WAR IN SOUTH AMERICA



Gen. Francisco Alvarez (left), commander of government troops in the Paraguayan civil war, plans action against rebel forces, as the conflict goes into its fourth month, at his headquarters at the front.

America's Father



Warren Austin, U. S. member of the United Nations security council, who has been selected as the outstanding father for 1947. His selection was based not only upon his family record but the interest he has taken in the youth of the world.

LOCAL LEAGUE IS DEFEATED

American Legion Baseballers Return for Home Games After Stinging Defeats

The Watauga American Legion Juniors, smarting under two stinging defeats handed them during the past week by the strong Valdese and Morganton clubs, return to the local lot this week to play three games. The Asheville club met the locals on the college field Wednesday, and on Friday the Canton club will be met on the Cove Creek diamond, while on Saturday afternoon the strong Rutherfordton club will be played on the college diamond.

The Friday game with Canton at Cove Creek is being played fans, and in honor of several there because of the unusual interest on the part of Cove Creek members of the local club who live in that section.

Playing under the lights at Valdese and Morganton the local boys still showed evidence of stage fright. Wildness and errors proved their downfall on both occasions. In the game at Valdese the locals outthrew the undefeated Valdese team, J. D. Younce, Jim Mast and Ray Ward are showing up well for the local Legion team, and Carlock Greene, pitcher from Cove Creek has shown a lot of stuff in the two relief appearances against Morganton and Valdese. Greene is scheduled to start the Friday game at Cove Creek against Canton.

Cafe Operator To Aid in Relieving Parking Situation

Mr. C. K. Marion, operator of the Gateway Cafe, has arranged to open a parking lot in the rear of his home, adjoining the Appalachian Theatre, which is the first concrete move to relieve the congestion of automobiles on the streets of the city. The lot which has been opened, will take care of about fifty cars, it is said, and only a nominal charge will be made for the service.

KNOW NO FAVORITES

Seattle, Wash.—While three detectives were in a hotel arresting three robbery suspects, they overpowered their automobile outside. Police impounded it and had it towed on. The detectives had to call headquarters for another car.

DUGGINS GETS STEWART JOB

Successor Named to Flucie Stewart Who Resigns Appalachian Post

Dr. J. D. Rankin, Dean and chairman of the athletic committee of Appalachian State Teachers College, today released the selections of that committee of E. C. Duggins as head football coach and Francis Hoover as head basketball coach and faculty business manager of athletics. Both will assume their duties immediately. The appointments were made to fill the duties of Flucie Stewart, who recently resigned. R. W. Watkins, veteran wrestling mentor, continues as head coach in that sport. This is his sixteenth appointment to this position.

Announcement will be made at a later date of another man who will complete the coaching staff for the year.

Coach Duggins is a graduate of Milligan College and the University of Tennessee. An undergraduate at the former, he was selected as All Conference guard. After coaching in high school, he returned to his alma mater as assistant football coach. Upon the completion of his work for his master's degree, he came to Appalachian as assistant coach, a position he held for two years before moving to the University of Tampa. After serving as lieutenant in the U. S. Navy during the war, he returned to Appalachian in 1946 as assistant coach and has held that position since then.

Coach Hoover is an alumnus of Appalachian with his graduate work from the University of North Carolina. After graduation, he was head football, basketball, and baseball coach at Wingate Junior College. He was freshman coach at Davidson before his induction into the navy where he served as lieutenant. He came back to Appalachian from naval service as head coach of football, basketball, and baseball in 1945-46.

SCHOOL TERM STARTS TUES.

Summer Term at Boone High and Elementary Set for Limited Number

Boone high and elementary schools will open June 24 at 9 o'clock for eight weeks summer session. All who plan to attend are asked to be there on the opening day.

For the first time since the outbreak of the war, a bus will be operated to bring children to the demonstration schools for the summer session.

The first bus will make the run by Will Gragg's, Hodges Gap, the prison camp, Hodges filling station and thence to Boone.

The second bus will go to the Perkinsville and return. Third run will be up Winkler's Creek to Collis Austin's and return.

Only a limited number of children may enroll in the grades for the summer sessions. Children desiring to attend the schools should enroll the opening day. The only costs for attending the summer session in the grades will be \$1 to cover costs of materials used. Cost for attending the high school will be on a subject basis.

WAR IS REALLY OVER

Pasadena, Calif.—Policeman Frank Craven knows the war is over for sure. Recently he came upon a soap company promotion crew—giving out soap samples.

To Speak Here



DR. LUTHER LITTLE

TO ADDRESS CHURCH GROUP

Dr. Little to Be Speaker at Meeting of Laymen's Club Thursday

Dr. Luther Little, prominent Charlotte minister, will speak at the monthly meeting of the laymen's club of the Boone Baptist Church at the Skyline restaurant Thursday at 7 p. m.

Dr. Little will be remembered as the former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, and was supply minister at the Boone church the latter part of last year.

Mr. Joe Huffman is president of the laymen's group. Herman Wilcox is in charge of the program and has secured Dr. Little as speaker, while Senator Wade E. Brown is vice-president, in charge of reservations. B. W. Stallings is secretary and Russell D. Hodges, treasurer.

859 Are Registered For Summer School; Gain Over Last Year

Eight hundred and fifty nine students have been registered for the first summer term at Appalachian State Teachers College, it is revealed by Registrar H. R. Eggers, who points out that this is an increase of 65 over the enrollment at the same period last year.

Those taking student courses only are required to register next Monday, and the two weeks short course registration will be on July 7. Forty-three registered in these two groups a year ago.

Winkler Is Named On Auto Committee

W. R. Winkler, president of Winkler Motor Co. of this city, has again been named as a member of the advertising committee for the Ford dealers for North and South Carolina. This committee buys all types of advertising for all the Ford dealers in the two states—newspaper, radio, billboard, direct mail, etc.

The local automobile dealer is signally honored by this appointment which has come to him the second time and which is one of the most important in the Ford dealer organization.

CARROLL INFANT

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Carroll died last Thursday and graveside rites were conducted in the community cemetery Friday by Dr. W. G. Bond. Surviving are the bereaved parents, four brothers and one sister.

U. N. OFFICIAL THINKS PEACE MAY BE GAINED

Benjamin Cohen, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations, Pays Surprise Visit Here and is Entertained by Lions

Hon. Benjamin Cohen, native of Chile, and Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, paid Boone a more or less surprise visit Tuesday and lunched with members of the Boone Lions Club and others, addressing the group briefly, and expressing great faith in the ability of the United Nations to work out a just and enduring peace.

Mr. Cohen spoke of the dangers of talking about the possibility of war in this country, and stated that no nation is yet ready for another bath of blood. He cited his visits to 28 countries, and said he found no one who wanted war, "least of all, the Russians."

The United Nations, the speaker averred, is making considerably more progress than would be inferred from the reading of the press, and pointed out the fact that the differences existing between the countries at this time are political, such as occur right here at home, the difference being that political decisions by the people here are enforced, while they must be worked out in the world organization by compromise. This process, he says, takes time, patience and understanding. The peoples of the rest of the world, Mr. Cohen says, are in such deperate condition, that it isn't to be expected that they can be in a condition to reason conservatively for a time. He stresses his conviction, however, that the United Nations organization will succeed in its purpose. War mongering in America is criminal, he said.

Referring to the mountain region, he describes this area as being not unlike his native Chile, says it is beautiful, and that the friendliness and hospitality of the people are outstanding characteristics of the area.

Mr. Cohen came to Boone from Statesville, where he had spoken Monday evening. He was escorted to Boone by state police officers, and was accompanied by members of the Lions Club from Statesville, Lenoir and Newton.

The trip to Boone was arranged by Senator Hugh Mitchell of Iredell, in order that the visiting dignitary might have a view of the Blue Ridge mountain region.

He left Boone for Lake Success, N. Y., but indicates that he may return here at a later date to address the students at Appalachian College.

TAX BILL VETO IS SUSTAINED

House of Representatives Upholds President Truman's Stand on Tax Cut Measure

Washington, June 18.—The house yesterday ended all prospects of tax relief in 1947 by sustaining President Truman's veto of the Republican bill to reduce personal income levies 10.5 to 30 per cent.

The vote of 268 to 137 fell short by a narrow margin of the two-thirds majority necessary to override the veto, and Speaker Joe Martin, Jr., said there would be no further attempt this year to cut taxes.

He and Representatives Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, majority leader, suggested that a reduction might even have to await the election of a Republican president.

However, they apparently were alluding to the possibility of another veto next year, as Representative Harold Knutson of Minnesota, chairman of the ways and means committee, said plans to write a general tax reduction bill for enactment early next year were unchanged.

Even though it had been generally conceded that the Senate would sustain the veto and kill the bill in the event that the House failed to do so, the Republican leaders were evidently crestfallen over their failure to make the record in their lower chamber. This was aggravated by the fact that a switch of only two votes would have changed the outcome.

It was possibly the most dramatic moment the House had witnessed this session when Speaker Martin announced the result. "Two thirds not having voted in the affirmative," he proclaimed, "the veto is sustained."

Applause broke out from the Democratic side of the chamber and Representative Halleck arose to demand a recapitulation, an unusual procedure, for the House, whereby the clerk calls out how each member is recorded.

Winkler Re-elected Mayor of Boone

Elected to Third Term



MAYOR GORDON WINKLER

ROAD TO ROCK TO BE STARTED

Work on Boone-Blowing Rock Highway to Get Under Way During Next Week

The first construction work on the rebuilding of the Boone and Blowing Rock road will start early next week, it is learned from officials of the state highway department, who state that John H. Brinkley of Thomasville, who was awarded the contract to erect the bridges at a cost of \$188,014, will do the first work on the project.

It was not definitely known at just what point the contractor would start work, hence no information could be secured as to the probable date the road will be closed. It was indicated, however, that through commercial travel would be routed from Lenoir by way of North Wilkesboro, since available detours cannot accommodate buses, vans, etc., which travel the main thoroughfare.

Arrangements have been made to use the Parkway into Boone, but no commercial travel will be allowed. Local people will likely use the road by Camp Yonahlossee.

The present construction involves the building of 4.31 miles of the highway from a point three miles north of Blowing Rock to the Boone city limits. W. E. Graham and Sons of Cleveland, will do the grading and surfacing for a contract price of \$298,240.50.

President Truman Vetoes Tax Bill

Washington, June 16.—President Truman vetoed today the \$4,000,000,000 tax reduction bill virtually killing any possibility of a cut in income taxes this year.

The Republican dominated Congress will vote on whether to pass the bill over the veto, but backers of the legislation conceded they saw no chance for success.

It requires a two-thirds vote to enact a law over the President's disapproval.

Leaders said that can be mustered in the House, which will vote tomorrow, but not in the Senate.

In a message to Congress, Mr. Truman said the bill "offers dubious, ill-apportioned, and risky benefits at the expense of a sound tax policy and is, from the standpoint of government finances, unsafe."

The President declared it offers "the wrong kind of tax reduction, at the wrong time." He added:

"Proposals for tax reduction must be examined in the light of sound and carefully related fiscal and economic policies. Unless they are consistent with the demands of such policies, they should not be approved."

William L. Moretz Dies On Thursday

William Lafayette Moretz, 74, died at his home in Meat Camp township last Thursday, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church on Friday by Dr. John G. Barden, and interment was in the Hopewell cemetery by Reins-Sturdivant.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons: Mrs. Victor Coffey, Lenoir; Miss Dolly Moretz, Massillon, Ohio; Ivan Moretz, Zionville; Dwight Moretz, Lenoir.

Guy Hunt, Grady Moretz and Council Cooke Are Aldermen as Democrats Recapitulate City Government; More Than Eight Hundred Votes Cast

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler won a third term as mayor of Boone in Tuesday's municipal election, with a majority of 68 votes over the Republican candidate, W. H. Gragg, and Guy Hunt, Grady Moretz and C. C. Cooke won the contest for aldermen by substantial majorities over their Republican opponents in one of the most closely contested city elections in the history of the community.

Mayor Winkler polled a vote of 436 as against 368 for Mr. Gragg, while the majorities for the Democratic aldermanic candidates were more impressive. Guy Hunt led all candidates in the number of votes received—502, Grady Moretz had 459, while C. C. Cooke polled 450.

On the Republican side M. R. Maddux ran ahead with 345 votes. Charlie Wilcox received 344, while Alvin Cannon got 303.

More than eight hundred votes were cast in the election, which followed an intensive campaign by both political parties, and interest in the outcome of the balloting reached a high pitch. The town, normally Democratic by a considerable majority, has in years past switched to the Republican column, and many politically-minded persons had held the outcome in doubt until the tallies were completed.

AUTO RACES NEXT SUNDAY

North Wilkesboro to Be Scene of Championship Stock Car Races

North Wilkesboro — North-western North Carolina's greatest sport, stock car auto racing, returns to the beautiful new North Wilkesboro Speedway Sunday when Bill France presents 100 laps of championship racing, featuring the nation's greatest drivers.

Few fans in this section will forget the tremendous crowd turned out for a similar program here in May—an estimated 10,000 fans were on hand, the largest throng ever to assemble in this part of the Old North State for a single event. And the races, first of their kind to be held here, lived up to all expectations as Fonty Flock roared to a thrilling first place finish in the main event, several cars cracked through the fence and Marshall Teague turned over six times after having a blowout.

The same drivers will be back again Sunday, together with at least 12 additional cars.

The program calls for three 10-lap sprints, a 20-lap consolation and a 50-lap main event, 100 laps in all, or 30 more than were presented last time. In addition, time trials will be held starting at 12:30 p. m., with the first race scheduled to get under way at 2:45 p. m.

Buddy Shuman of Charlotte, currently leading the national point standings, will vie with Ed Samples, 1946 champion, Fonty Flock, winner here and at Greenville, S. C., Bob Flock, first place man at Greensboro last Sunday and No. 2 in the point standings, and Charlie Combs of North Wilkesboro, the latter taking third at Greensboro in the first race he ever participated in.

Several world's record are almost certain to fall at the North Wilkesboro Speedway Sunday, as the track is reported in top shape.

Children's Clinic To Be Held June 20th

Dr. John S. Gaul of Charlotte will hold the clinic for crippled children in the offices of the District Health Department on Friday morning June 20th, it was announced Monday.

North Carolina gained 12,902 farms and 124,289 acres in farm-lands during the period from 1940-1945.