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Fall Court Term To Begin Monday 26th



The fall term of Watauga Superior Court will convene Monday, September 26th, with Judge J. Frank Huskins of Burnsville presiding over the one-week criminal term.

One hundred and sixty-five cases are docketed for trial, according to Clerk Austin E. South, who states that most of the indictments come from speeding and drunken driving. There are ten cases of breaking and entering, and eight for violations of the State prohibition laws.

The Jurors

Following are the names of those who have been drawn for Jury duty by the Board of County Commissioners:

Bald Mountain: Lester Norris, Glenn Howell.

Beaver Dam: Dean Reese, Ira Harmon, Ira Scott, Paul Arnett.

Blowing Rock: Collis Greene, Glenn Coffey, W. C. Castle.

Blue Ridge: Rodney Greene, Hugh Hampton.

Boone: Glenn Andrews, Shelton Wilson, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Mrs. R. W. Watkins, H. Cottrell, J. E. Joines.

Brushy Fork: Bill Bingham, Dottie Glenn.

Cove Creek: Tom Perry, Odus A. Mast, Dexter Eggers, Claude Davis, Burl N. Greene, Lonnie Isaacs.

Elk: Marion Hodges, Virgil Cox.

Laurel Creek: Charlie W. Mast, Simon Shull, Howard Edmisten.

Mabel: Stanley Dancy, Baxter Wilson, D. T. Brown Jr., Council L. Mains, Howard L. Reese.

Meat Camp: Maston Norris, Edd F. Jones, Billy Byers.

New River: John J. VanNoppen, Woodrow Roberts, June Greene, Coaker Triplett.

North Fork: Myrtle Mock, Charles Snyder.

Shawnecahaw: Gold Hicks, Henry C. Michael, David Townsend, Willard Yates.

Stony Fork: Mack D. Brown, Garnett Greer, Oscar Greer.

Watauga: Julius Yates, Baxter Farthing, Jeff Bentley.

Lloyd Isaacs Is Chosen For NCEA Position

Lloyd S. Isaacs, former principal of the Carthage Schools and former president of both the Moore County NCEA Local Unit and Educo Club, has been added to the professional staff of the North Carolina Education Association, according to an announcement from Mrs. Ethel Perkins Edwards, NCEA Executive Secretary. Meeting in Raleigh recently, the NCEA Board of Directors named Mr. Isaacs as Director of Professional Services. He assumed his duties in Raleigh on August 29.

The new NCEA staff member holds a Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts Degree from Appalachian State Teachers College. He is a veteran of World War II, having served with the United States Infantry in the European Theater for forty-two months.

Mr. Isaacs began his teaching career in 1948, serving as teacher and athletic director in the Elise High School, Robbins, North Carolina. He has been principal of the Carthage Schools for the past four years. While in Carthage Mr. Isaacs was active in community affairs. He was a member of the Carthage Lion's Club and the Carthage Junior Chamber of Commerce. He also served as local chairman of the American Red Cross.

Also active in the Baptist Church the new NCEA staff member has served as Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and superintendent, and is at present a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention.

Mr. Isaacs is a native of Boone and is married to the former Lee Angel, also from Boone. He has two children, Kim, age 7, and Steve, age 4.

He is a son of the late L. S. Isaacs and Mrs. Ruth Isaacs.

Used Clothes Campaign Starts

The annual drive for used clothing, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Boone, gets under way this week. There is an urgent need for clothes for school children as many children will not be able to attend until their clothing needs are supplied. Blue jeans and shoes are items especially needed.

The Junior Woman's Club members are making every effort to secure enough clothes to supply the demand; however, this cannot be accomplished without the help of the public.

Give your used clothing to the Clothing Closet! Bring them to the Welfare Department, or call AM4-3709. Mrs. W. W. Littleton, who will arrange for a club member to pick them up.

Colored Leaves To Be Brighter This Year

The beautiful fall color in the Mountains of Western North Carolina will be even more spectacular this year. According to all reports from both the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway the great fall foliage show will be the most colorful in many years. This is due to ideal weather conditions. The foliage is very heavy due to frequent rains and other favorable weather conditions.

According to some of the old-timers who make their predictions by such things as rain, the looks of the sky, growth of the shrubs and so on, the peak of the color season this year will be just after mid-October.

At the higher altitudes, the

leaves are already beginning to turn. The color will spread slowly in the mountains, making its way down to the lower slopes until the whole mountains seem aflame. This year the Fall season will be a long one, also due to the favorable weather conditions.

Western North Carolina forests present the most varied and vivid autumn coloring to be found on this continent. Botanist have classified 198 varieties of trees and about 1,200 other plants in this region.

The Sourwood and maple change into fall dress first. They become flame red. Near the mountain tops and slowly down the slopes flow yellow bands of tulip poplar.

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Adoptions Problem Welfare Authorities

Planning wisely for the adoption of children who are without parental care is one of the most rewarding experiences of the Watauga County public welfare department. Increasingly, this agency is being asked to help couples arrange to adopt children, according to a statement by Dave P. Mast, superintendent of the Watauga County welfare department.

Unusual though it might seem the kind of good home for which the department looks is not necessarily one of high economic level, but it is whatever home will give a child loving care and an adequate opportunity.

During the past year, there has been a total of 6 petitions for adoption filed from this county. In 5 of these cases, the child was adopted by relatives. The sixth case was what is called an "agency placement", that is where the welfare agency helps work out the plan for placement with persons other than relatives.

There were no placements which are known as "independent placements." In an "independent placement" the adoptive parents secure the child from the natural mother or in some other way which does not include the many safeguards of an "agency placement". "Independent placements" frequently result in much grief and harm, especially where natural parents come back into the picture at some later time to try to get the child again after adoption.

An increase in well-planned, carefully investigated "agency placements" is desirable, according to authorities on adoption.

According to Mr. Mast, many people think that only little babies can be adopted. Older children, however, are adoptable and, when placed in an appropriate home, bring joy to the adoptive parents and to the child. In all agency (Continued on page six.)

Tommy Owsley Given Scout Religious Award

Tommy Owsley, Explorer Scout with Troop 109, Boone, received the Catholic Religious Award for Scouting Sunday from Father Francis Murphy after the 11 o'clock Mass at the Church of the Epiphany, Blowing Rock.

The award, which is a service award for "over and above Scouting," is called "Ad Altare Dei" (To the Honor of God), and was presented to him for service performed in his church. It takes approximately a year of proficient and conscientious work on the part of the Scout to be eligible to receive the honor, which is presented by the church.

There are five different church awards, which a boy in Scouting may work for, depending upon his church affiliation. They are: the Catholic award, the Protestant, Lutheran, Jewish, and Mormon. All carry the same honors.

Father Murphy, in presenting the award, said it was sent here by Bishop Vincent S. Waters, Raleigh, Bishop for North Carolina, and stated it had his blessing.

B. W. Stallings, District Scout Commissioner for the Watauga District, said Tommy was the first boy he remembered who had ever earned the service award in Watauga County.

Tommy, who is the 14-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Owsley, hold the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a junior waterfront counselor at Old Hickory Council's Raven Knob Scout camp this summer and has been senior patrol leader for troop 109 for some time.

His Scoutmasters are J. B. Robinson, Bob Davis, Milton Jordan, and Dr. Richard Fisher.

College Grid Season To Start Saturday

By RUSSELL McDONALD

Appalachian State Teachers College will open their 1955 season Saturday night, September 10, when they play host to the Newport News Apprentice School with game time at 8 p. m. The Mountaineers will play an eleven game schedule during the 1955 season.

The Mountaineers have been working out since the first of September and are in top shape for Saturday's game. Some seventy candidates have been taking part in the practice.

Appalachian, defending champion of the North State Conference, will have a rough foe in the Apprentice School as they have weight and plenty of experience both on the line and in the backfield.

The Mountaineers will have a little more speed than last year's team but will lack experience at several positions as graduation took its toll. Missing from last year's team are several all-conference players; quarterback Ned Pennell, guard Ben Quinn, and end Solon Nifong. Also missing is Harold Lakey, a letterman at end, and several other top players who did not return to school this fall.

The complete starting line up for the Mountaineers will not be certain until after this week's practice as several positions depend on the showing made this week by the candidates.

The Mountaineer backfield will be headed by quarterback Jimmy Moore, who hails from Winston-Salem. Moore has recently returned from the armed services and

Polio Vaccine Now Available

Children who have not received their second shot of Salk polio vaccine, and whose parents are willing, may be given the vaccine any Monday between 8:30 and 11:30 a. m., the local Health Department says.

This is to use vaccine left from the supply bought by the Polio Foundation and is free to any first and second grade child who has already had his or her first dose, and to this group only.

Recently, the Department says, the Federal Government appropriated \$30,000,000 for the vaccination of those members of the population between birth and 19 years of age, and all pregnant women who could not afford to go to the family physician for this service. This is a different program from that administered for the first and second grade children.

Rev. N. M. Greene Dies Thursday; Rites Saturday

Rev. Nathan M. Greene, 80 years old, well-known Baptist minister, died Thursday, following a period of declining health.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 o'clock at the Perkinsville Church. Rev. Rex West was in charge of the rites, and was assisted by Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth, Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. E. F. Troutman. Burial was in the Greene family plot in the Meat Camp Baptist Church cemetery.

Born in Watauga County, Mr. Greene was a son of Isaac and Elizabeth Cornell Greene. In 1896 he was married to Fannie Ragan who died in 1907. On October 30, 1907 he married Nannie Norris who survives.

He joined Meat Camp Baptist Church January 10, 1894. He served as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher for a number of years and on the Board of Deacons. He was ordained to the ministry January 21, 1939 and served as pastor of several churches in the Three Forks Association and doing evangelistic work in the Three Forks and the Avery Associations.

He served as Associational Missionary in the Three Forks Association for seven years and was active in the organization of the following churches: Mountain Dale and Tabernacle in 1941; Green Valley in 1946 and Perkinsville in 1947. He was the first pastor of Tabernacle, Green Valley and Perkinsville churches.

Mr. Greene was active in community affairs, being one of the early-day advocates of good roads. He was Road Supervisor for Watauga county during 1923 and 1924.

He is survived by the widow, and two sons, Clyde R. Greene and George C. Greene of Boone.

Polio cases are running lower now than for the corresponding periods for the last three years, but they are not lower than in 1950 and 1951, according to the Public Health Service. However, the Service points that 1957 polio figures are the ones to watch for the results of polio vaccinations.

Five Hundred Attend Horn At Final Showing

About five hundred attended the final 1955 performance of Horn in the West Monday evening in the Daniel Boone Theatre.

This brought the season's total attendance to slightly more than 35,000, according to drama officials.

It was pointed out that the 1955 attendance showed a slight drop when compared to last year's figures. Drama officials pointed out that more performances were rained out—three—than in any year since the drama opened in 1952.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Tucker

Mrs. Blanche Wooten Tucker died in the Blowing Rock Hospital September 6 after several years' illness. She had been in ill health for six or eight years and had been confined to the hospital for about six months. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wooten and was 37 years of age. She was married to Mr. Bryan Tucker about ten years ago.

Mrs. Tucker is survived by her parents, her husband, and six sisters. The sisters are Mrs. James Sudderth, Mrs. Lawrence Bolick, Mrs. Jay Castle, all of Blowing Rock; Mrs. V. S. Perrotta of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Thomas J. Santino of Hollywood, Calif.; and Mrs. Ray Castle of Norfolk, Va.

The funeral services were scheduled to be held from the First Baptist Church of Blowing Rock at 2 o'clock, Wednesday, September 7. The pastor, the Reverend G. Carlton Cox, will be in charge of the funeral, assisted by the Reverends Walter Keys, L. T. Newland and H. E. Spence. The interment is to be in the Blowing Rock Cemetery.

Industrial Survey Is Being Conducted Here

Sponsoring agency of a survey now being conducted in Watauga County is the Governor's Small Industries Planning Committee directed by Capus Waynick, former ambassador to Nicaragua and Colombia.

In Boone for the survey are Flix Grissette, executive director of the North Carolina Research Institute; Dr. C. S. Logsdon, member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina, associate director of the planning committee; and G. F. Albright, who is in charge of small industries development at the State Department of Conservation and Development.

The purpose of the survey is to stimulate the development of small industries in unindustrialized counties, counties which are more agricultural than industrial. Particularly encouraged is the development of small industries which will be locally owned, locally financed and which will utilize local resources, and types of industries which will provide employment for people who now live on farms and will at the same time permit those people to continue to combine agriculture with industrial jobs.

Mr. Grissette said that Watauga was chosen for the special project because it was not highly industrialized and yet it had strong community leadership which showed a tendency to help itself and because it seemed to have many local resources such as forestry products, a variety of vegetables, berries, fruits, shrubbery, and crafts—all of which lend themselves highly as potentials for industrial development. Although the group is studying the possibilities for such industrial development all over the state, he said, the feeling was that if one county were selected as a sort of demonstration project its example would stimulate others to follow.

When the survey is completed, he said, the results would be available to any community agency that might be interested. They will also be incorporated in a report to the governor.

Mr. Grissette emphasized that the State Department of Conservation and Development is working closely with the committee. This plan, which he said is purely temporary in nature, is supplementing the Department of Conservation and Development in a special effort to try to stimulate new interest in industry, especially where the economy is primarily agricultural.

The motive of the committee is to raise the per capita income of the people in those communities which are largely agricultural, he said, by providing opportunities for part time employment or seasonal employment. This plan, he said, has been set up as a temporary special project and is privately and anonymously financed.

Cooperating with the survey in Watauga County are business and civic leaders in Boone, Blowing Rock, and in every section of the county.

Somewhat similar surveys are being made, or will be made in 25 other counties in North Carolina, but there will not be the same sort of detailed attention as is being given the survey in Watauga County. Because of the shortness of time, special emphasis could not be placed on every county, and it was felt that much could be gained by concentrating on one more or less typical county, Mr. Grissette said.

Mr. Grissette stated that it is entirely possible that it will be found feasible to establish here pilot plants, small industries established under community ingenuity, which will endeavor to provide industry and raise the per capita income of the people.

Over One Million Now Attend Public Schools

Raleigh.—North Carolina's public schools are reopening with enrollment expected to pass the one-million mark for the first time in their history.

C. D. Douglas, controller for the State Board of Education, said already schools in scattered sections of the state have opened, but the big rush of children back to the classrooms will come this week—after the Labor Day week end. By the end of next week virtually all schools will be open.

Although the schools are opening with more pupils and more teachers expected than ever before and with improved facilities in many places, they are faced with one of the most serious problems in their history—how to comply with the U. S. Supreme Court ruling that children cannot be assigned to schools on the basis of race.

As a result of the court ruling, the Legislature last spring passed laws transferring the power to assign children to schools and on school buses from the State Board of Education to local school authorities.

A special commission created by the Legislature to study the segregation problem has recommended that schools be operated this year on the same basis as last year and that local study groups be appointed.

Gov. Hodges has appealed to Negroes to continue voluntarily to attend separate schools. He also declared that if his voluntary program does not work the state will be confronted with choosing between some form of integrated schools or abandoning the public schools.

Already there have been two incidents where Negro students attempted to enroll in white schools, at Old Fort and Scotland Neck. In both cases they were refused.

Last year total school enrollment

Murder Charges Expected To Be Filed In County

The decomposed body of a Chicago chemist found Friday in Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky, started an investigation which indicates Lewis A. Finn, 72, was killed near Blowing Rock.

Sheriff E. M. Hodges said Tuesday noon that murder charges hadn't been filed against the Milwaukee, Wis., couple, but FBI sources disclosed evidence that the crime was committed in Watauga county, and State authorities said "that in all probability murder charges will be filed."

The suspects, Leonard La Fond, 20, and Jo Anne Severson, 18, both of Milwaukee, told FBI agents where the body could be found.

"We're beginning to investigate the thing now," said North Carolina Solicitor James Farthing from his headquarters in Lenoir, N. C., after being informed by the FBI that Finn was killed in Watauga County. "In all probability a murder charge will be filed." The two suspects are being held in New Mexico and Texas.

Ray J. Abbaticchio, Jr., special agent in charge of the Charlotte FBI office, said an "extensive investigation" showed the killing occurred in Watauga County. But he did not disclose what evidence indicated this.

"Since the federal government has no jurisdiction in the matter, it is being referred to state and local authorities," Abbaticchio said.

Positive identification of the body was made by Dr. Max Forkosh, Chicago dentist, and Richard Finn, of Denver, a brother.

Dr. Forkosh said at the Ft. Knox Army Medical Center that Finn's dental work and that of the body were identical. Richard Finn also said he was certain the body was that of his brother.

The body was found by an FBI agent and two local authorities following directions of the two suspects. It was wrapped in an Army blanket and concealed under canvas. The area was overgrown with vines, indicating the body had been in the park several weeks.

La Fond was being held at Las Cruces, N. M., and Miss Severson at San Antonio, Tex., both on Dyer Act charges.

Federal authorities obtained warrants at Wilkesboro, charging La Fond and Miss Severson with transporting a stolen car in interstate commerce.

The couple said they had disposed of Finn's remains at the place they named. Finn has been missing since late in July when he left the home of a brother at West Palm Beach, Fla., to visit another brother at Yuma, Ariz.

Federal agents at San Antonio refused to confirm reports by tenants of the rooming house where the girl stayed that the agents found a "frog sticker" knife in her suitcase lining when she was picked up.

Tenants said one agent handed (Continued on page six.)

Boone Dollar Days To Start Next Thursday

The Boone Merchants Association and Boone stores are busy this week planning for a big "Dollar Days" sales event to be held next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 15, 16, 17.

It will be the first such promotion staged here in several years, and the word is that local merchants are going "all out" to make it a real dollar-saving event with worthwhile bargains in all lines of wanted and seasonal merchandise.

Many store owners and managers report that they are making special purchases for the event, and will also make substantial reductions on items in their regular stock.

The decision was reached to hold the city-wide, three-day sale at a meeting held last Thursday by a committee composed of John B. Robinson, manager of Crest Stores, chairman; Willis W. Chester, manager of Belk's; Mrs. Jack Gragg, manager of Newton's; Dr. O. K. Richardson, of Boone Drug Company; and J. V. Caudill, of Caudill's, Inc.