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13 CONVICTIONS FROM FOREST FIRE PROSECUTIONS

All Prosecutions Were Results Of Efforts On Part Of The Forest Wardens In Nine Western Counties.

In the nine western North Carolina counties which are co-operating with the state Forest Service in the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey there was a total of 13 forest fire law prosecution cases tried during the calendar year 1924. Out of the 13 cases, 11 convictions were secured. Buncombe County had four cases, Swain four, Haywood two, Henderson two and Cherokee one.

Reports from all of the 26 counties of the state are co-operating with the survey in forest fire prevention and suppression work. Indicate that a total of 61 cases were tried and 55 convictions secured. The fines amounted to \$325 while costs assessed were \$348. All of these prosecutions were the results of efforts on the part of the forest wardens. While it is not expected that the forest wardens be policemen, primarily they are required to investigate every forest fire that occurs with view to determining the cause of each fire and prosecuting the persons responsible for it.—Asheville Citizen.

Hiawasee and Murphy Conferences Held Here

The combined quarterly conferences of the Hiawasee and Murphy Circuits of the M. E. Church, South, met at the local Methodist church on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Presiding Elder P. W. Tucker, of the Waynesville District, presided.

Rev. L. T. Edens, pastor, and Mr. A. D. Kilpatrick and Mrs. C. M. Sneed were official representatives of the Hiawasee Circuit, while Rev. F. E. Hartsfield, pastor, and Mrs. Emma Wilson, Messrs. W. A. Boyd and T. J. Barnett were representatives of the Murphy Circuit. A number of visitors were in attendance on the occasion. Rev. Noble of the North Georgia Conference, being among them. The ladies of the local church prepared and served a sumptuous dinner.

The reports from the churches of the two districts showed that an increased interest was being manifested in the work throughout the two circuits, and the leaders expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the results of last year's efforts, and are looking forward to an even greater work for the Master during the year 1925.

17-Year-Old Boy Is Author Bill To Abolish Capital Punishment

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—A 17-year-old boy of Spencer, named Ralph G. Simerson, was the author of the bill introduced in the House of Representatives today to abolish capital punishment and substitute life imprisonment therefor.

Young Simerson is a page in the lower body of the Legislature and he claims to be the youngest politician in this state, if not in the country. Although the time when he can vote is four years off, this youth has already taken active part in political campaigning. He made stump speeches last fall for Robert M. LaFollette. He recently was elected president of the Employed Boys' Association. When Senator Wade, of New Hanover, introduced the capital punishment bill he announced that he did so "on request," which left him the privilege of voting on it as he pleased. However, he said later he would not oppose it.

A statement shortly after introduction of the bill that a page had drafted it was denied; but later Senator Wade affirmed this and said that Simerson was that page.

Simerson is as proud of his bill as any boy is of his best pet and those who know him say that the prisoners in death row at the State's prison haven't a better friend in North Carolina.

Woman's Club To Hold Meeting On February 10th

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club for the month of February will be held Wednesday afternoon, February 11, at 3:15, according to announcement of members of the club. The subject for discussion is "Women of the Drama and Stage." The discussions will be led by Mrs. L. F. Brownell and Mrs. E. G. White. This continues the study of great women, which the club has been pursuing all during the year.

The social committee for this meeting, according to the yearly program of the club, is Mesdames W. M. Fain and W. M. Axley.

Murphy Concert Band Gets Well Under Way

The Murphy Concert Band is the name of the new organization organized here some time ago for the purpose of furnishing the town a band. Prof. H. Engleman, who has had many years experience as a conductor of band music and who was in charge of the band which furnished the music for the Cherokee County Fair Association last fall, is director. Mr. A. W. Melver, president; Mr. Fred Dickey, vice-president, and Mr. J. W. Davidson, business manager, are the other officers of the new organization. These officers are directly in charge of the band, while a number of committees have been named to look after the general welfare of the organization.

The new organization has a membership of about twenty-five. Considerable interest is being manifested from the fact that every practice night there are about sixteen or seventeen new members present who are now learning the rudiments of band music. A number of up-to-the-minute new learning the rudiments of band instruments have been ordered.

With the new membership and those who formed the old band last year, the number of players will be numbered well beyond twenty-five, and officers of the organization are highly pleased with the prospects of having a large and well trained band in the near future. The practice nights are Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30, and those who are interested in the prospect of having a band are invited to come out and listen to the boys practice and note the advancement from time to time.

"Many people," said Prof. Engleman the other day, "when confronted with the problem of putting their efforts toward the learning of music, or when they are asked to help the ones who are making this effort, are seized with the idea of 'Why Music?' Most all people are fond of music," he continued, "whether they can play, sing or otherwise produce musical sounds."

The question of "Why music?" is a large one. An organized effort is being made in this direction throughout the city of Murphy at this time—in the churches, in the band hall, in the school, and in the homes—and this paper feels that we should know more about "Why music?" Therefore if you are interested in knowing more about why music, you will be interested in an article which Prof. Engleman has consented to prepare for publication in an early issue of the Scout giving his views on the question. Watch for it.

Large Crowd Unable To Hear Dr. Truett

On account of the unsettled condition of the weather, which had a tendency to produce too much of what is known to radio fans as "static," the large crowd which gathered at the Baptist church Sunday night was unable to hear Dr. George W. Truett's sermon broadcasted by radio from his Dallas, Texas, pulpit. The operator succeeded in picking up the broadcast station, and the opening exercise and prayer were heard rather clearly, and Dr. Truett's voice was readily distinguishable, but static became so heavy and incessant, coupled with the fact that another station using practically the same wave length as the Dallas station was also broadcasting, the two being heard at the same time, made it impossible for the operator to clearly receive the sermon.

FOURTH NUMBER LUCEUM COURSE HERE FEB. 10TH

Remarkable Story Teller of the South Seas Will Present Story Of Samoan Islands

The fourth number of the lyceum course, which is to be here next Tuesday night, February 10th, at 7:30 o'clock, in the school auditorium, will be unique in many ways. The artist appearing is Wheerahiko Rawei, a native Samoan Islander, who has acquired the wit, humor, and pathos of the world's greatest story-tellers. Mr. Rawei is a highly cultured Polynesian gentleman whose entertainment is both classic and original both in its nature and manner of presentation. He will present the arts, crafts, folklore, music, songs and stories of his native South Sea Islanders. Mr. Rawei is of the uniformly successful lyceum attractions as attested by hundreds of committee reports and press comments from all parts of the country.

This entertainment is not a travesty. On the contrary it is a living picture of Polynesian life, in the person of one who has lived it and knows it all by experience through and through. Rawei sets before you the arts, craftsmanship, customs, beliefs and musical talents of the native Polynesians, from the ranks of whom he sprang under Christian culture to his enviable position.

He appears in native costumes, and these are marvels of primitive beauty. Throughout the recital, he ingeniously creates the very atmosphere of the South Seas, and reproduces the captivating music and spiritual melodies of the Paradise of the Pacific, making his a program most delightfully different from all others.

This number of the lyceum course holds out all the attraction of a fine artist and the added attraction of being totally different from anything that has ever been here. Many Murphy people are expected to flock to the school house for this number.

J. M. Barnett Has Paper Publish During Civil War

The other day Mr. J. M. Barnett, of East Murphy, brought to this office an issue of the Athens (Tenn.) Post, edited by Sam P. Ivins, and bearing date of Friday, June 12th, 1863. The paper is well edited and clearly printed, and exceedingly well preserved for its age. It is one sheet or two pages. It was a weekly publication and the subscription rate was three dollars per year.

Mr. Barnett says he found it in looking through some old papers in the bottom of a trunk. It contains many interesting items bearing on the battles being fought at that time between the North and the South, of which we give only a few, as follows:

"Jackson, June 2.—A special dispatch to the Mobile Tribune says the rumor is current there that Grant is retreating towards Grand Gulf. Grant is in close quarters and he knows it.

"General Sherman is wounded and in a critical condition. Gen. Neil Dow is badly wounded, Generals Nichols, Averill and Payne killed, and between twenty and forty Colonels and Majors killed.

"One negro regiment of nine hundred lost seven hundred. The negroes and men, whose time was nearly out, were put in front.

"Three steamboats loaded with wounded Yankees arrived at New Orleans Saturday. General Sherman had his leg amputated and is since dead."

"The Lynchburg (Va.) Republican contains the following interesting paragraph:

"The intelligence from Gen. Lee's army, by the Orange train last night, was interesting. It is no longer necessary to conceal the fact that this gallant command is in motion with the front turned northward. What Gen. Lee's designs are is not known, but the country may safely trust to him and repose in the utmost confidence that whatever he undertakes to do will be done right. Interesting and exciting events may be looked for within a very short time from the Army of Northern Virginia."

Announcement Of Services Sunday At Peachtree

Choir practice for the Peachtree church will be held Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Allen, instead of Thursday night as was announced last Sabbath. Rev. Hartsfield announced this mid-week.

Service at the Peachtree church next Sabbath will be at 11 o'clock in the morning; Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock preaching service will be conducted at the school house in the McComb settlement. It is hoped that many will be present for these services.

Livestock Report For Month January

The outstanding feature of the annual report on numbers of livestock on farms in the United States at the beginning of this year is the 18 percent decrease since a year ago, cattle 5 percent decrease and horses 2.6 percent. Mules show less than 1 percent decrease. Sheep and milk cattle show increases of 2.2 percent more than a year ago. There were unusually large numbers of hogs on farms last year and a poor corn crop for years feeding which resulted in decreases. The increase in the number of automobiles, trucks and tractors on farms has had an effect on the number of horses and work stock.

It is noticed that the price of milk cows decreased about 3 percent and other cattle over 4 percent, horses 3 percent and mules over 4 percent. Swine, on the other hand, increased 26 percent and sheep about 20 percent in price during the past year. It appears that the total value of all classes of livestock is 1.5 percent below the almost \$5,000,000,000 value of a year ago.

In North Carolina, it appears that the number of mules has not changed appreciably, while the value per head decreased about \$10.00 from the \$128.00 estimated last year. Horses showed about a 3 percent decrease in numbers and about 5 percent decrease in value. Milk cows, reported at \$40 per head this year, are \$3 less than last year, while the number is slightly larger. Other cattle showed 5 percent decrease in numbers and \$1 per head less than the value of last year. Hogs showed 11 percent decrease in numbers and 4 percent decrease in the value per head. This brings the swine to 1,000,000 head in this state. Sheep appear to have held their own in numbers, with a slight decrease in price.

Hickey-Pack.

Akron, Ohio, Jan. 23.—Miss Vesta Hickey, of Salt, N. C., and Mr. P. L. Pack, of Wehatty, N. C., were happily married here on January 10th at the home of Rev. Fulton, who officiated the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hamby and Mr. and Mrs. Jones Beaver were witnesses of the occasion.

The bride was beautifully dressed in a taupe grey chiffon velvet gown. A delicious dinner was served in their honor at the home of Mrs. F. H. Hamby, a sister of the bride, after which a theatre party was enjoyed by the nuptials.

This young couple is well known in Cherokee and have many friends here who extend best wishes for a happy wedded life.

Mother Of Mrs. Mattox Is Buried At Etowah

Mrs. C. A. Webb, mother of Mrs. R. C. Mattox, was buried Monday morning in Etowah, Tenn. Mrs. Webb died a few days ago in Bradenton, Fla., where she was spending the winter. Her home was in Etowah. She was about 68 years of age, and is survived by her husband and seven children.

Change In Management

The Scout announces a change in management, C. W. Bailey, who has been employed in the capacity of operator for the past three years, having bought the interests of Mr. B. W. Sipe and Miss H. M. Berry, and assumed charge on Feb. 1st. Mr. Sipe and Miss Berry have reserved the real estate and Mr. Sipe will assist in the editing of the paper. Mrs. C. W. Bailey will also be an assistant editor.

CLAY COUNTY FARMERS MAKING GOOD SHOWING

One Farmer Has Average Over \$100 Per Year Net Profit On His Cows

Hayesville, Feb. 4.—Clay County farmers are making good in the dairy business, shipping cream and butter fat to Asheville, Knoxville and Atlanta, according to a statement given out here today by Willard E. Anderson, County Agent. One farmer in Clay County averaged over \$100 per year net profit on his cows, Mr. Anderson shows. Starting with one shipper about ten months ago, others have become interested in this business as a source of constant revenue and now there are fourteen regular shippers in the county. Cream stations have been established to buy and ship the cream for the farmers.

The first can of cream was shipped in March 1924 by C. C. Long who shipped five gallons, for which he received \$5.45. The next shipment brought Mr. Long \$6.56. This ten gallons of cream was the production of one cow over a period of sixteen days, the records of the county agent show. Mr. Long's returns influenced other farmers to begin shipping until now there are fourteen regular shippers. They are: E. W. Penland, Holt Patton, W. C. Smart, F. Hawkins, E. C. Mease, W. L. Anderson, T. D. Passmore, Grady Hawkins, T. V. Lance, Henry Chambers, Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Mrs. Vance Ledford, B. F. Ingle and Pass Auberry. On last Thursday, January 24th, these shippers shipped 45 gallons of cream, or 100 pounds of butter fat, which netted them \$33. This was just one week's production.

E. W. Penland's experience in the dairy business is illustrative of what can be done in this section. Mr. Penland went into the dairy business last April and has since that time been milking on an average about five cows. For the first 6 months of the period following, he cleared \$46.66 per head or a total of \$280.00. This statement was arrived at by charging the cow with feed and labor and crediting her with all products. During the last five months Mr. Penland, according to county station records through which he sells his cream, has made \$229.15 or \$41.66 clear per head. This is considered a fine record, when it is remembered that the last five months are in winter during which time the cows have been on dry feed and hearing calving time. Summing up, therefore, this statement shows that Mr. Penland has made \$450 on his cows in ten months, or the equivalent of \$45 per year, which is over \$100 per year clear profit.

In order to promote dairying in Clay County and build up the grade of animals kept, three purebred Jersey bulls have been brought into the county by co-operatively organized communities. Also, about fifty cows have been brought into the county during the same period of time. One silo was recently built to show the value of feed thus preserved and others are expected to be built during the coming summer.

Mrs. Dickey Retires

Mrs. Nettie Dickey, who for many years owned and operated the far-famed Dickey Hotel, the other day officially announced her retirement from the active management of the business which she founded many years ago and which still bears her name. For sometime past Mrs. Dickey's family had brought pressure to bear upon her retirement but she still persisted in continuing to actively engage in her chosen profession, and until just recently did she give way to this pressure. It is understood that she will make her home at the hotel.

Mr. G. A. Dozier, of South Georgia, has leased the business and will continue to operate it on the same high plane and standard set by its retiring head.

Granted New Trial

David Bryant, an aged man of this county, who was sentenced to a term of years in the state prison several months ago for alleged part in a homicide in the county sometime ago was recently granted a new trial by the supreme court. It is not known just when the case will come up for trial. The court found an error in the charge of the judge to the jury.

"The Red Enemy" Is Subject of County Essay Contest

"The Red Enemy" is the subject upon which the grammar grade school children are preparing essays to be submitted in a contest now being conducted by the Forestry Division of the North Carolina Geological Survey. This contest is applicable only to this county. Prizes aggregating ten dollars have been offered the winners in the contest. The name of the donor of the ten dollars has not been divulged, but the money was given the Forestry Department for this specific contest. Cherokee County was chosen as the field for the contest.

The purpose of the contest is to bring to the attention of the people of Cherokee County through the agency of the schools, the great public loss which results from burning the woods. It is felt that the children will interest older people in the subject and that this contest furnishes one of the best means of bringing the subject of forest fire damage home to the people. It is an educational process and by setting the younger generation to thinking about this menace of the forest will bear much fruit in the future; say those in charge of the contest.

The contest is being conducted by Carl I. Peterson of the Western District of North Carolina. All essays must be sent to him at Asheville not later than the 15th of this month. Mr. Peterson and two other judges will select the three best essays and award the prizes. It is suggested that only two essays from each school be sent to Asheville for consideration of the judges.

The essays will be graded on the following basis: Sixty per cent for subject matter; 10 percent for neatness, including legibility, punctuation, paragraphing, etc.; and 30 percent for spelling, style, diction and arrangement of subject matter.

Cherokee County is co-operating to a limited extent with the State and Federal governments in the prevention of forest fires in the county. The past fire season has done considerable damage in spite of the work of the wardens. Two other counties in the mountain section of those counties co-operating with the state had a large acreage burned over than did Cherokee. There were 65 fires reported in the county, burning over a total of 8,800 acres. These fires were due to carelessness in most cases. The great majority are reported to be the result of hunters and campers leaving fire burning. Ten were reported of incendiary origin and five set out by the railroads.

What Scouting Stands For

The tremendous expansion of the Boy Scouts movement indicates that it is meeting an unfulfilled need—that of supplying the idealism and the values neglected by home, school, and church. And this in a way that is play, not work, for boys. Every boy becoming a Scout pledges himself as follows: On my honor I will do my best—

1. To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Laws.
2. To help other people at all times.
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

And the Scout Law is positive; there is nothing negative in scouting. It says that a scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. These principles inculcated in boys are active forces for good. The movement needs encouragement in North Carolina.—News Letter.

Permanent Principles

If we work upon marble, It will perish, If we work upon brass, Time will efface it; If we rear temples, They will crumble into dust; But if we work upon immortal souls, If we imbue them with principles With the just fear of God And the love of fellow man, We engrave on those tables Something which will brighten all eternity.

—Daniel Webster.