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HARDING GIVES SENTENCES OF 4 MOS TO 30 YRS

Many Fines Also Handed Out During Two Weeks Of Criminal Court Here

Judge W. F. Harding, who presided over Cherokee's Superior Court, Aug. term, passed out sentences to the law breakers in lumps of from 4 months to thirty years, a perusal of the minute docket of the court reveals. The court was scheduled as a combination criminal and civil term, but the criminal docket was so excessively heavy that the entire two weeks were taken up with the trial of criminal cases, and many cases had to be continued. No civil cases were taken up at all, being continued until the next term of court.

Tom Blackwell, colored, charged with murder in connection with the fatal stabbing of Lewis Fuller, another colored man, in Texana the latter part of July, drew sentence of thirty years upon his plea of guilty of murder in the second degree.

Mary Best, Charlie Beal, Boss Fain Lee Ellen Harbin, Hazel McMahan, Mary Best, Charlie Beal and Boss Fain received the next heaviest sentences at the hands of Judge Harding. In the first count, Lee Ellen Harbin, Mary Best and Hazel McMahan were found guilty of receiving stolen goods. Lee Ellen Harbin received 3 years, Lee Ellen Harbin received three years, Mary Best, two years and Hazel McMahan two and a half years. They served notice of appeal through attorneys, and appeal bond was fixed at \$100.00, with appearance bonds fixed at \$2500.00 each. The court took cognizance of the fact that Mary Best had already spent one year and three days in jail, and Hazel McMahan had spent six months in jail, and allowed credit for the time to apply against the sentences.

In another count where the three women were tried with Charlie Beal and Boss Fain, the defendants were found guilty of house breaking and receiving. Charlie Beal drew sentence of two and a half years; Boss Fain two and a half years; Lee Ellen Harbin three years; Hazel McMahan two and a half years and Mary Best two years. The sentences in this case were directed by the court to run concurrently with the sentences in the other case for the women. Defendants served notice of appeal, which bond was set at \$100.00, while appearance bond was set at \$2500.00 each. Bonds for the three women were not to be more than this amount in both cases however. They are at liberty pending appeal.

23 Road Sentences
Twenty-three prisoners, who received road sentences, were carried to Raleigh to begin serving sentences upon the roads and State's prison the week following court. They were carried off in a cage like jail mounted on a truck, sent here by the state for this purpose.

Those carried off and their sentences follow:

Garland Brown and E. L. Johnson, 2 years each on the roads for breaking and entering.

Dan Williams, six months for manufacturing whiskey.

Earnie Young and Onie Beasley, 2 years each in State's prison for larceny of ginseng.

Thomas Hester four months for violation of the prohibition law.

Con Chastain, and Jesse Rich, four months each for disturbing public worship.

Fred White, six months for violation of the prohibition law and driving while under the influence of whiskey. Sam Rose, six months for manufacturing whiskey. Lonnie Chastain, four months for resisting officers. Tom Blackwell, colored, 30 years on plea of guilty of murder in the second degree.

Arthur Mason four months for violation of the prohibition law; another 61 days to start when first term expires for driving while under the influence, six months each for manufacturing whiskey.

Crawford Kidd, four months and cost for manufacturing whiskey.

Vernon Gibson, four months for forcible trespass.

Hoyt Hampton and Hiram Hampton manufacturing whiskey.

Clifford Taylor six months for assault with a deadly weapon.

Pearl Loudermilk, four months for violation of the prohibition law.

John Cole, four months for violation of the prohibition law.

Red Pendergrast, four months for larceny.

Charley Lovingood, six months for manufacturing whiskey.

Welch Teetuskeo, four months for violation of the prohibition law.

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Townson Awarded State Contract For School Tables

W. D. Townson, Murphey furniture manufacturer, was one of the two or three successful bidders on school furniture for the state of North Carolina, according to news dispatches coming from Raleigh. The Division of Purchase and Contract awarded Mr. Townson the state contract for building library and utility tables, for use in schools of the state.

Mr. Townson is making some mighty good school furniture. He is now working on a contract for a school in Georgia and another school in North Carolina. He has built a school desk of his own design that is said by school authorities to be one of the best they have ever seen. He has built several hundred of these desks and delivered them to schools.

Marion Factories Are Running Full Time

Mr. Vance Wilson, who is working in a furniture factory at Marion, N. C., spent the week-end at Murphey with his family. Vance says that there are seven or eight mills at Marion and all of them are running full time, with several of them working two shifts. He said wages are not as high as they used to be, but according to the cost of living, they paid enough to let a man live.

Testing Cattle

A. A. Husman, veterinarian of the State department of agriculture, is in this section this week testing cattle at the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown.

Union Service

All the churches of Murphey took part in a union service Sunday morning at the First Baptist church, this being the last service of the Rev. J. LeRoy Steel, who, two weeks ago, tendered his resignation as pastor of the church. Mr. Steele left Sunday afternoon for Sylva to enter upon his duties as teacher of Bible, athletic director and field representative of the Sylva Collegiate Institute. Mr. Steele is scheduled to preach at the First Baptist church, Andrews, next Sunday night, at which time he will baptize several members of the Murphey church.

Birthday Dinner

A real old fashioned dinner party was given Mr. Wiley S. Green last Monday at noon, by his wife, sons and daughter at their home on 108 Dillard Street, August 31st marked Mr. Green's 77th birthday. Mr. Green is a native of Gainesville, Ga. and has lived in Murphey and Western North Carolina over fifty years. Those present other than his sons and daughter, who are all "home-town" boys, Fred C. of New York City and Mrs. Frank Tate of Ducktown, Tenn., were Mr. Ed Davidson, R. H. Hyatt, J. M. Stoner, W. B. Dickey, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall all of Murphey.

Annual Creamery Day

The third annual Creamery Day will be held at the Mountain Valley Creamery, Brasstown, on Sept. 7th. There will be speakers, races, and a banjo and fiddlers contest. Lunch will be sold on the grounds by the Woman's Community Club. Everyone is welcome.

WEHUTTY

Our community is being blessed with rain and crops are fine.

The revival at Shoal Creek that has been in progress the past two weeks closed Saturday night rather unexpectedly.

Messrs. Oscar and Pat Collins of Wehuty left Monday for Graysville, Tenn. to enter school at the Graysville Academy.

Several auto loads of people from our community attended the singing convention at Mobile, Ga. last Sunday and report some fine singing.

A series of meetings will start Sunday Sept. 6th at 11 o'clock at the Seventh Day Adventist Church just across the road from Shoal Creek Baptist Church. Elder R. G. Strickland pastor of the S. D. A. church of Knoxville, Ten. will be in charge of the services a part of the time. Everyone is cordially invited and will be made welcome.

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From Manteo to Murphy

BY JOSEPHUS DANIELS

Secretary of the Navy in Wilson's Cabinet and publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer. Editorial Correspondence of the Raleigh News and Observer, August 26, 1931.

Murphy, N. C., Aug. 22.—Last Tuesday I was writing from Manteo, capital of the county of Dare, the original land settled on this continent, and about the exhilaration of participating in the Atlantic Ocean. I was then in the extreme east county seat of our big state. This letter is being written from Murphy (or should it be spelled Murphey), the mountain girdled capital of Cherokee County. It is a far cry from Roanoke Island to this beautiful city, almost at the western extremity of Western North Carolina.

You never fully realize how big and wonderful the state of North Carolina is until you traverse it from ocean to mountain top within four days with only a stop at Raleigh where you miss the sea breeze and long for the cool mountain air. It is a long state geographically—the distance from Manteo, the county seat of Dare, to Murphy, the county seat of Cherokee. In fact, it is so long that time changes for you gain a whole day, recalling happiness of Jules Verne who won his bet that he could travel around the world in eighty days only because he had gained a day, and didn't recognize it until he thought that he had lost. You gain also in altitude, for while Roanoke Island is only a few feet above sea level you rise to the height of 5,000 feet or more as you motor in sight of Mount Mitchell and the peaks in the Great Smoky Mountains almost as high as the peak in Buncombe and Yancey counties when the claim was made that Guyot or Clingman in the Great Smokies had reduced Mt. Mitchell to second place in the altitude of North Carolina mountains I resented the intrusion, or the attempt to take from Mt. Mitchell its fame as the loftiest peak in the state. Neither or any other Mountain climber or naturalist had pioneered so early and made such a supreme sacrifice as Elisha Mitchell for science. When big Tom Wilson found his body in clear water into which he had fallen, Dr. Mitchell won the right to the eminence which could be only be given by bestowing his name on the loftiest peak east of the Rockies. I had a sort of inexplicable satisfaction, therefore, and some thing of a thrill when the geological survey in its recent measure, proved that Mitchell, being 6,711 feet high topped all rivals. This of course does not detract from the glory of the Great Smoky Mountains for while the mountains of which Mt. Mitchell is the apex, have only one peak over 6,000 feet high. The Great Smokies have many. Fortunately, you may now climb to the top of Mt. Mitchell and, like Moses, "view the landscape o'er" and be uplifted by the panorama around you. Unfortunately yet unless you have something of the powers of a mountain goat climb the towering peaks of Mt. Guyot and other tall mountains (16 of them over 6,000 feet in height) in the Great Smokies. But you can see them from Haywood county from Cove creek gap, from Smoketown in Swain and from No. 10 (Main St. Highway) some miles west of Bryson City. There are roads leading to the Great Smokies, but a modern hard-surfaced road is yet to be constructed. It is the next great piece of construction for North Carolina to undertake. Thousands of visitors have come to the mountains this year expecting to drive up to the top of the Great Smokies, but were disappointed, so ex-Senator Frye, of Bryson, tells me, because no good road has been completed over the North Carolina entrance, whereas Knoxville and Tennessee have provided a road from the western entrance. To be sure, the delay in getting the land and other things have stood in the way but now the one outstanding duty of North Carolina is to provide ways without delay to get into the heart of the Great Smokies and on the brow. What boosts it to invest millions in the Great Smokies if the people cannot enjoy the scenery and the flora and fauna (the most remarkable in the world) for lack of a great road. It is coming and is the great command to the Highway Commission, not alone from Western North Carolina but the whole State and in fact from the whole country. If visitors get the habit of entering from Tennessee for several years it will be difficult to change the route. The approach from the North Carolina end, entering the state at the Virginia line and coming by Grandfather and thence through Asheville and Waynesville and Bryson City is a thousand times more beautiful than

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GARDNER SEES GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY IN PARK

Evangelistic Services Begin Sunday At Methodist Church

The Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the Murphey Methodist Church, will begin a series of evangelistic services Sunday morning. Throughout the two weeks, the pastor will preach from Christ's Sermon on the Mount.

Miss Kathryn Danforth, of Augusta, Ga., will assist in the meeting, having charge of the young people and the children. The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

Murphy Man Juror At Trial Of Bankers

E. C. Ramsey, of Murphey, is one of the twelve jurors selected in the United States district court, Asheville, this week, to try Wallace B. Davis, president; and William B. Harris, vice-president, of the Central Securities, Inc., who are charged with having used the mails to defraud in connection with the operation of the company.

WOLF CREEK

A crowd of 18 ranging in age from 2 years to 54 went to Blue Ridge and Morganton, Ga. Sunday and spent a very pleasant day. They learned that while the dam at Blue Ridge backs the water up the river almost seven miles that the contour line is 105 miles and that in one place the lake is nearly four miles wide. The crest of the Lake is about 17 feet below the contour line.

Miss Omega Gatten R. N., who is employed by the Patton Memorial Hospital, Hendersonville, N. C. spent last week here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Garren. She returned to her work Monday her parents and brother Howard accompanying her as far as Murphey.

Several of our citizens attended the trial of Deputy Sheriffs Crawford and Waldrop at Murphey, Monday, charged with kidnaping B. H. Harris from our community last spring.

Mr. Calvin Garren of Elizajay, Ga. is spending this week with his brother J. M. Garren.

Messrs. Bert Ledford and Edgar Withrow visited relatives and friends in the Ivy Log, Ga. section, Sunday.

"All is well that ends well," said an old sage. The revival meetings at Pleasant Hill ended rather abruptly Sunday night. One poor sinner—"all have sinned"—got partially scaped and is now a fugitive from justice. We trust that some good may result from the service.

The public school began work here Monday morning.

Open Season on Doves

Under a recent ruling of the Biological Survey, as requested by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and development, the season to shoot doves in North Carolina is as follows:

The season opens September 1st and closes September 30th, and then again opens November 20th and closes January 31st.

Doves are a migratory wild fowl and therefore, to change the season in North Carolina required by ruling of the Biological Survey to make the change in season valid in the State of North Carolina.

The small mouth Black Bass season for mountain counties has been extended by the board to include September 30th.

This information came to D. M. Birchfield, local game and fish warden for Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties, from C. H. England, state Game Warden, approved by J. W. Harrelson, Director of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Miss Frances Williams entertained with a party at her home on last Thursday evening. Those present were Misses Polly Davis, Ann Candler, Lois Hill, Betty Bailey, Annie Mae Townsend and Messrs. Bill and Buster Bayless, Charles Dickey, J. H. Brendle, John Posey Jr., and Mr. Hale.

Urges Western Counties Unite in Developing Smokies Project

Governor O. Max Gardner Friday night advised the counties in and adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to advertise the park and reap the benefits "the stupendous opportunity which this park will bring to Western North Carolina."

The state executive was speaking to an audience of county commissioners, mayors, business men, civic leaders and park enthusiasts at a Smoky Mountains Park banquet and mass meeting in George Vanderbilt Hotel.

The Governor declared that Western North Carolina was not the only section of the state which will benefit from the park but that the entire state will profit by the \$50,000,000 tourist business it is expected to attract each year.

Problems before leaders of this section are to let the world know about the beauties, the charm, the appeal, allure of this great region; how to advertise the attractive and delightful ways of entering this area thru North Carolina, how to get North Carolina, and this region in particular, ready for the great change in this section which the park is going to bring about, the governor told his audience.

The text of Governor Gardner's speech was as follows:

"Western North Carolina is just now on the threshold of the realization of the dream of years and the fruition of many months of expectant hope. The consummation of our labors and hopes of the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park we can see now just around the corner. Today we face the problem of preparing to reap the benefits and opportunities of this realized dream."

"Since 1924 North Carolina has been working in an official and organized way toward the acquisition of parks and recreation facilities in the Great Smoky Mountains. Today we see the task almost completed. Last reports show that only 53,000 acres remain to be acquired in the park area to bring the total to the minimum of 427,000 required by the federal government for a national park."

"It is appropriate on this occasion to acknowledge the great debt of gratitude which we owe to John D. Rockefeller, Jr. whose gift of \$5,000,000 from the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Foundation matched the combined sums furnished by the States of Tennessee and North Carolina and their other private donations."

Extends 60 Miles

"The heart of the Great Smoky Mountains National park is of course the magnificent Great Smoky range which meanders through the park for more than sixty miles. Continuously for more than 28 miles, it is more than one mile above sea level. The highest peak is Clingman's Dome, 6642 feet in altitude. The highest mountain above its immediate base is Mt. LeConte, which in five miles rises 5,300 feet, or more than one mile."

"In general it may be said that the Tennessee side of the park gives the impression of ruggedness and the North Carolina side gives the impression of vastness. Nowhere in any climate is there such a variety of trees, and shrubs. There are 152 varieties of trees. Doubtless more will be added when a thorough botanical survey is made. The park contains the finest stand of virgin hardwood and the largest and finest stand of red spruce in the United States. There are 202,000 acres of virgin forest. Much of the remainder, logged years ago before the ruthless operations were the vogue, is now attractive forest. The annual rainfall of 84 inches is exceeded only by that of one locality on the north coast. As the dense forest insures a gradual runoff, there can be no finer streams

Many Trout Streams

There are approximately 600 miles of trout water in the park. Adequate fishing laws and a comprehensive stocking program will provide excellent fishing for all. The park is a paradise of wild life. Restocking and zealous protection will insure that all visitors will see the larger game animals such as deer, bear and elk.

"An evidence of the exquisite and unique charm of the Great Smokies is the fact that enthusiasts from other states have been so prominent in the successful effort to establish the

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