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Over \$19,000 Collected By Police Court Last Year

Annual Report of Chief of Police L. E. Perry Very Interesting—Over 4,000 Arrests and Sentences of 183 Years Imposed by the Court—Recommendations Made.

The annual report of the Asheville police department, for the fiscal year ending August 31, has been arranged by Chief of Police L. E. Perry and submitted to the city commissioners. While Chief Perry has only held office since June 1, the report covers all the work of the department from September 1, 1914, to August 31, 1915.

The Receipts.

The receipts of the department through cases tried in the police court may be classified as follows:

Trial tax	\$ 911.25
Fines collected	7,079.76
Costs collected	9,579.26
Penalties collected	1,291.00
Miscellaneous	197.55
Total	\$19,058.82

By law all fines were turned over to the county treasurer for the county board of education.

In addition to the above amounts, \$3,689.15 of fines, penalties and costs were assessed against defendants who were unable to pay and were therefore committed to the county roads in default of payment. Furthermore, the costs in cases committed on straight sentences where no appeals were taken aggregated \$1,885.55 which amount was worked out on the county roads.

During the year the department secured straight sentences in police court for 701 defendants to the county roads, county jail and county home, an increase of 173 over the previous year. These sentences totaled 182 years, four months and 29 days.

There were 4,495 arrests made during the year which represents an increase of 121 over the previous fiscal year and an increase of 1,609 over 1912.

Appeals were taken in 329 cases; 68 defendants were bound over to the Superior court; 33 forfeited bonds; nine defendants were released upon promise to leave town; 18 were sentenced to the reformatory; 35 to the county home; 197 to the county jail; 429 to the county roads; no pro se was taken in 201 cases; dismissals were made in 704 cases while in the remaining 2,411 cases fines were entered, judgment suspended, cost remitted or parties released upon promise of good behavior.

The arrests may be classified as follows:

Violating anti-jug law, 33; drunkenness, 572; drinking in Sou. railway station, 22; keeping whiskey on hand for sale, 49; retailing, 207; giving whiskey to minors, 2; selling cocaine, 1; assault and battery, 334; assault with deadly weapon, 223; assault on women, 127; attempted criminal assault; street assault, 8; carrying concealed weapon, 86; resist arrest, 19; murder, 2; interference with officer, 18; malicious injury to property, 23.

Disorderly conduct, 202; disorderly house, 61; aid in running disorderly house, 141; secure room for immoral purposes, 46; profanity, 252; criminal assault, 2; vagrancy, 179; fornication and adultery, 29.

Gambling, 333; conduct of gambling house, 4.

Burglary, 2; giving worthless checks, 5; embezzlement, 10; forgery, 15; grave robbery, 1; house-breaking, 28; larceny, 318; receive stolen goods, 19; robbery, 8.

Violate traffic laws, 318; violate state auto laws, 9; exceed speed limit, 179.

Minors, refuse to attend school, 9; minors, smoking cigarettes, 3; minors, selling cigarettes to, 2; minors, allowed in pool rooms, 7.

Abandonment 1; non-support, 22; bigamy, 1; child abuse, 1.

Violate building ordinance, 24; violate electrical ordinance, 2; violate fire ordinance, 11; violate health ordinance, 52; violate plumbing ordinance, 5; violate revenue ordinance, 8.

Contempt of court, 5; perjury, 11. Beating way on train, 5; beating board bill, 4.

Cruelty to animals, 13; glass thrown in street, 12; Jim Crow law violated, 6; keep store open on Sunday, 5; trespass, 24; arson, 2; others cases, 11.

The following represents extracts from comments of Chief of Police Perry on the various situations:

Vagrancy

"The law bearing on vagrants has been energetically enforced. There have been 179 vagrants arrested during the year. The unwillingness on the part of good citizens to testify in behalf of this class of offenders seriously interferes with the chances of securing convictions in the Police court."

Traffic Laws

"The police department made a special effort to enforce all traffic laws and ordinances and we feel proud of the fact that notwithstanding the fact that Asheville was crowded with visitors during the past summer, we passed through the entire season without any serious accident in the business section of the city. There were 516 arrests made for violators of the state and city traffic laws."

Prohibition

"With the help of the anti-jug law recently enacted by the state legislature we think that we have been able to reduce the illicit sale of liquor to a minimum. The present method employed by Judge J. Frazier Gleason in requiring defendants in the Police court charged with drunkenness to give the names of parties from whom they have purchased intoxicating liquors is not only tending to make sober, industrious citizens of men who have heretofore been habitual drunkards but it is leading to the prosecution and conviction of a great many violators of the prohibition law."

Detectives

"The members of the detective department under the command of Chief Detective Chas. N. Lominac have performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner and this department, while only lately installed, has more than proven its value in the apprehension of criminals wanted for the commission of serious offenses."

A Police Signal Service

"Again I wish to call to your attention our great need of a police signal and telephone service. Under the present arrangements it is necessary for the sergeants on the receipt of a call for an officer, or some other complaint over the telephone, to leave the station and deliver the call in person to the officer from whose beat the call is received and in case the call is received from the cotton mill or depot section, it is sometimes necessary for the sergeant to call many citizens before he will be able to locate the policeman on the beat. In many cases this means serious delay and creates obstacles in the way of apprehending criminals and protecting life and property."

"Therefore I respectfully recommend to your honorable body the institution of a police signal and telephone service with at least five stations located as follows: Intersection of Pack square and Patton avenue; Intersection of Biltmore avenue and Sycamore street; Intersection of Patton avenue and Haywood street; at the cotton mill; at the passenger depot."

F. E. TIPTON IS FINED \$900 IN GREENSBORO

Convicted by Jury of Simple Assault on Mrs. Michael Schenk.

Greensboro, Sept. 24.—A jury in Superior court yesterday afternoon returned a verdict of guilty in the case of F. E. Tipton, in which the defendant was charged with a simple assault on Mrs. Michael Schenk, of Hendersonville. The case went to the jury at noon, and a verdict was returned at 2:20 o'clock in the afternoon. The defendant was fined \$500 and costs by Judge T. J. Shaw.

This case has attracted no little attention here and in other sections of the state. On July 4, during the annual celebration at Guilford battlefield, Michael Schenk was assaulted by Mr. Tipton, and the latter was fined for this at a hearing before a justice of the peace a few days later. Mrs. Schenk was with her husband when the assault was made, and there was another charge that she was struck by the defendant while he was getting to her husband. This case was held to Superior court. Evidence was introduced Wednesday afternoon, and yesterday there were arguments by a number of attorneys who had been employed in the case, both for the defense and to assist the solicitor in the prosecution. The verdict of the jury came as no little surprise to a large number of people here who had followed the hearing closely.

FUNERAL SERVICE TODAY OVER W. S. JUSTICE

Funeral services over the body of W. S. Justice, aged 82, who died yesterday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Alice Dodson, near Hendersonville, will be held this afternoon at the Beaverdam Baptist church, Rev. Dr. C. B. Waller will officiate at the services.

The deceased was a confederate veteran and a member of Zebulon Vance camp. He was born December 15, 1831. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Alice Dodson, of Hendersonville; Mrs. Kate Jones, of Asheville; and two sons, J. Terrell Justice and Sam Justice, of Asheville.

LARGE DISTILLERY IS SEIZED BY OFFICERS

Members of the local raiding force of the internal revenue department last night seized a large distillery plant about one mile from White Oak Gap, in Buncombe county. Deputy Marshal J. F. Garner and Revenue Officers Newton, Cobe and Galloway took part in the capture. The officers poured out 1,500 gallons of beer and some low wine. The outfit itself is on exhibition in the government building.

SIR HORACE BEAUCHAMP IN LIST OF MISSING

Information has reached Asheville that Sir Horace Beauchamp, an officer in the British expeditionary force at the Dardanelles, is reported in the list of missing. Colonel Beauchamp was well known in this city. On his last visit here two years ago he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Coleman at their country home, Wilianov.

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