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POINDEXTER BUILDING FIRE DAMAGE HIGH

Court Is Making Progress in Trial Of Criminal Cases

Judge J. A. Rousseau Presiding Over Term Which Convened Monday

Much headway has been made in Wilkes superior court this week on the docket of criminal cases calendared for the March term, which opened Monday morning with Judge Julius A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, presiding.

On Monday morning grand jurors were drawn and Gwyn Nichols, of Millers Creek, was appointed foreman. Judge Rousseau delivered a most instructive charge to the jurors.

A number of divorce cases were pending and divorces were granted in the following cases: K. C. Duncan versus Lucy Duncan; T. G. Bauguss versus Stella Swain Bauguss; Laura Howell versus Lincoln Howell; Watson Prevette versus Cordia Prevette; Farthing Dancy versus Alva Dancy; Lass H. Church versus Louise Wellborn Church; Alice Kilby versus Roby Kilby; Rosa Fletcher Cundiff versus Reginald Cundiff; Culus Edward Burns versus Violet Daphne Burns.

Judgments were rendered in other cases as follows: Mrs. Austin Woodie, keeping disorderly house, six months in jail suspended.

Robinet Gray Nichols, operating car while intoxicated, 60 days suspended on payment \$50 fine; driver license revoked 12 months.

Avery Daniel Barnes, larceny and receiving, 90 days suspended two years.

James Roderick Parsons, alias Stacy Parsons, assault with intent to commit rape, seven to ten years in state prison.

Woodrow Wilcox, carrying concealed weapon, 60 days suspended two years.

Basil Holloway, non-support, six months suspended two years on condition he support his wife and children.

Warren G. Osborne, judgment of \$5 fine and costs in lower court put into effect on payment of additional costs.

Baxter Spears, operating car while intoxicated, two cases, 4 months suspended on payment \$50 fine and costs; and four months suspended on payment \$10 fine and costs; driver license revoked.

John Henry Roberts, operating car while intoxicated, 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.



OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

CECIL GRAYSON, JR., HOME FOR WEEK-END Cecil Grayson, Jr., seaman first class, of Charleston, S. C., spent the week-end in this city with his mother, Mrs. E. C. Nichols.

SGT. L. C. WILLARD, JR., RECEIVES DISCHARGE Sgt. L. C. Willard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Willard, of Wilkesboro, has received his discharge from the army and has returned home. Sgt. Willard served three and one-half years in the army in chemical warfare and quartermaster corps and was stationed on Okinawa before returning home.

EDNA LOU PENNELL, SP. X 2-C HOME ON LEAVE Specialist Edna Lou Pennell Petty Officer 2-c, has returned to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va., after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pennell of Moravian Falls.

SGT. RUFUS MOSELEY EXPECTED HOME SOON Sgt. Rufus Moseley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moseley, of Oakwoods, is expected home soon. He arrived in the States March 2. He has been on Guam 16 months.

THE VISIBLE SIGN

Southern good manners, southern courtesy, are traditional ideals to which all southerners cling. Suddenly everyone realizes that manners have sadly deteriorated, not only in the nation, but in that bastion of good manners, the South.

"The pressure and haste of war", we claimed, defensively. Perhaps, in part... but that is not the whole story. Courtesy is an innate quality, resulting from an attitude toward life and toward other people.

Good manners come from people who have a strong sense of individual human dignity. Courtesy is the fruit of the recognition of this individual dignity in others, no matter what their class or calling.

When political philosophies arise that stimulate envy in the less fortunate and snobbery in the more fortunate, the general sense of human dignity is destroyed. Discourtesy and ill manners are only the outward and visible signs of inward decay.

But courtesy is the main lubricant of smooth human relationships. It is the indispensable element in successful business and social activities. When courtesy deteriorates it is time to seek out the cause, and to do everything possible to repair the corrosive degeneration.—Southern Hotel Journal.

S.Sgt. Anderson Will Give Organ Concert Sunday

Widely Known Organist To Render Program at Wilkesboro Methodist

Staff Sergeant J. Jay Anderson, one of the best known organists in the Carolinas, will render a concert Sunday, March 10, eight p. m., on the new Hammond organ in Wilkesboro Methodist church.

S. Sgt. Anderson, son of Mrs. Annie Anderson, of North Wilkesboro, was chapel organist at Wake Forest College for three and one-half years and was assistant to Dr. Hubert M. Potat for three years. Later he demonstrated the Hammond organ in South Carolina for 18 months and was choir director at the First Baptist church at Anderson, S. C., for three and one-half years before entering the army.

In the army he continued the same type of work and was assistant to the divisional chaplain at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., later holding a similar position at Fort Benning, Ga. Also, while on full duty at Fort Benning, he was choir director at the First Baptist church at Columbus, Ga., and organized a number of army and civilian choirs which sang on the air, at USO services, festivals, chapels and army hospitals.

The church issues a cordial invitation for all to attend the concert and a large congregation is expected.

Local Monogram Club Is Formed

The North Wilkesboro High School Monogram Club made up of 23 high school boys who earned letters either last year or this year, met Wednesday afternoon, March 6, 1946, at the local high school.

Officers were elected for the group. The officers were as follows: Dwight Pardue, president; Charles Winters, vice president; Bobby Kerley, secretary; Julius Rousseau, Jr., treasurer.

Coach Charles N. Manship, who is advisor for the club, suggested that each boy in the club attend at least one church service every Sunday.

It was suggested that the club meet again next Wednesday afternoon, but due to the fact that a large number of the boys have part-time work in the local stores, the next meeting will be in Coach Manship's room at 12:30 p. m.

The Monogram Club sells candy, etc. at each ball game and Friday night they will sponsor a cake-walk.

Stone Mountain Singing Mar. 31

Regular Fifth Sunday session of the Stone Mountain Union Singing association will be held at Mountain View school building on Sunday, March 31. J. A. Gilliam, chairman, said the singing will begin at one p. m. and that all are invited.

Workers In Red Cross Drive Asked To Complete Tasks

Early Reports Desired In Annual Fund Campaign Which is Under Way

Wilkes Red Cross chapter officials today reported that the annual Red Cross fund campaign is well under way in Wilkes and some progress has been made toward raising the goal of \$10,500.

However, few funds have been received to date by the chapter treasury and all workers, and canvassers, are urgently requested to contact all in their territories and to make their reports.

The Special Gifts committee composed of P. W. Eshelman, R. G. Finley and J. R. Hix have been contacting business firms and larger contributors for advance gifts in the campaign.

Several workers in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro have not begun their soliciting and it is hoped that within the next few days that they can contact the people in their territories and collect the donations.

With the slogan this year being "Your Red Cross Must Carry On," liberal contributions are asked in order that the American Red Cross may have ample funds to continue its valuable work with the men in the armed services and the rapidly expanding activities of the chapters throughout the nation.

Last year the Wilkes Red Cross chapter had its most active year and rendered service to thousands of people, including many returning veterans and their families. This work is of great value and must be carried on.

Marriage License

Continuing the high average, Troy C. Foster, Wilkes register of deeds, during the past week issued license to wed to the following 12 couples: Boss Green, Hendrix, and Louise Wagner, Whitehead; Silas W. Johnson and Magdalene Higgins, both of North Wilkesboro route three; Smith Blevins, Roaring River, and Myrtle Bauguss, Lomax; Tolbert Hall, Halls Mills, and Elma Alice Hanks, Purlear; Hyle Blevins, Jefferson, and Albertine Faw, West Jefferson; Manual Gregory, Union Grove, and Nellie Mastin, Ronda; Robert Johnson and Betty Mary Kennedy, both of Joynes; Harrison Luther Stokes and Lily Johnson, both of Cycle; Daniel B. Pennell, Boomer, and Carmine Eller, Moravian Falls; Jake Triplett, Purlear, and Mariness Church, Champion; Charles D. Collins and Mary Lee Lyon, both of Elkin.

John A. Brewer Last Rites Held

Funeral service was held today at Round Mountain church for John A. Brewer, age 78, who died Tuesday at his home in Mulberry township.

Mr. Brewer was a member of a well known Wilkes family and is survived by one brother, W. E. Brewer, and one sister, Mrs. Tilda Owens, both of Hays.

Hits Parked Car As Driver Sleeps

Elkin.—Grant William Holbrook, 32, of Traphill, was placed under \$300 bond late yesterday following his release from a local hospital. He was treated for injuries received yesterday about 1 a. m. when his car crashed into a parked automobile three miles southeast of here on the Winston-Salem highway.

Corp. W. S. McKinney of the State Highway Patrol said Mr. Holbrook told him he was returning to his home from Baltimore, Md., and went to sleep while driving.

Corporal McKinney said the coupe left the highway, struck a car parked in the driveway at the home of Orrie Willard and knocked the lid off the trunk of the machine. The lid crashed into a window of the home, breaking the pane.

4-H Club County Council Formed

Forty representatives from the ten 4-H Clubs met in the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel on Saturday morning, March 2, for the purpose of organizing the 4-H Wilkes County Council.

Mrs. Helen P. White, the assistant Home Agent, presided. Mrs. Paul Greene, Home Agent, and R. D. Smith, County Agent, were present and spoke to the group.

The following officers were elected: president, Buddy Mathis, Wilkesboro Club; vice president, Peggy Henderson, Roaring River Club; secretary-treasurer, Charlie Blackburn, Ronda Club; cheer leaders, Linda Bumgarner, Millers Creek Club, Ronald Englebert, Millers Creek Club; reporter, Sammy Greer, Moravian Falls Club.

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Basketball - Cake Walk Friday Night

North Wilkesboro will play Taylorsville in the last basketball game this season Friday night. The local fans have supported the basketball teams excellently this year and large attendance is expected for the last contest. Taylorsville boast two strong teams. Although the boys won in the first engagement of the season, two exciting games loom.

Coach Manship announces in addition to the ball games, arrangements are being made for another exciting cake walk. The attendance and interest last Friday night for the cake walks have made it almost impossible to close the season without another.

Let's all plan to be at the High School Gym Friday night.

Frame Building At Millers Creek School Destroyed

Fire of Unknown Origin Burned 4-Room Building On Monday

A four-room frame structure erected a year ago as a part of the Millers Creek school plant was totally destroyed by fire Monday afternoon.

Persons near the building about five p. m. noticed fire in a back room and many gathered and were able to remove from the building the school furniture and books. The North Wilkesboro fire department was called to keep the fire from spreading to the large school building and the other frame buildings on the grounds. A brisk wind from the northwest kept the fire from threatening the other buildings.

School authorities were unable to find the origin of the fire. The building, which was carried on the school inventory as a value of \$5,000 but which could not be replaced for anything near that sum now, was erected partially from old school buildings. It was built with the intention of sometime making it into a vocational agricultural department building but was being used for four elementary classrooms.

The four classes which used the building are being temporarily housed in halls and basements of the other buildings until better arrangements can be made.

County Officials In Raleigh This Week

M. F. Absher, chairman of the board of county commissioners, C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes county schools, and C. C. Sidden, member of the board of county commissioners, were in Raleigh yesterday in the interest of the county school system.

Dr. Sink's Office Now Located Over Horton Drug Co.

Dr. C. S. Sink, well known local physician whose office in the Poindexter building burned Tuesday night, has opened his office in temporary quarters over Horton's Drug Store.

Dr. Sink stated today that he wished to express his appreciation to those who removed equipment and supplies from his office Tuesday night and thus saved them from the fire.

Dr. W. F. Jones Will Have Office Over Tomlinson's

Dr. W. F. Jones, whose dental office in the Poindexter building was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, will open an office over Tomlinson's Department store within the next few days. Dr. Jones is now busily engaged replacing his equipment, which was destroyed in the fire.

Thomas L. McNeill President Juniors School of Medicine

Thomas L. McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McNeill, of Purlear, was elected president of the junior class at the Bowman Gray school of medicine of Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem last week. A group picture of the student officers was carried in Sunday's edition of the Winston-Salem Journal.

L. G. Critcher Is Now With Carter-Hubbard

Mr. Lawrence G. Critcher, of Moravian Falls, an expert linotype operator, is again a member of the mechanical personnel of the Carter-Hubbard Publishing Co., being connected with the newspaper department of the company. Mr. Critcher was connected with the company prior to serving in the navy several years. His addition to the force adds materially to the production of The Journal-Patriot.

Mr. Critcher succeeds Mr. Thomas C. Price, who tendered his resignation several weeks ago to look after his drug store interest in Burlington.

City Council In Brief Meeting

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in session Tuesday night with Mayor R. T. McNeil held a brief session and transacted a number of routine matters.

Taxi driver permits were granted to Edd J. Brooks, Robert J. Gettman, Luther D. Saylor, Joe Todd Caudill, William C. Sloope, Thurman Shepherd, Willie Lee Minton and William Clay Sebastian. A colored taxi permit was granted to Clem E. Redmon.

A delegation was present asking improvement of Fifth street from F street north to a point between G and H streets.

Spring's Here And Chickens On Loose

Police Chief J. E. Walker knows when spring arrives, regardless of the calendar or any other factors to the contrary. He knows that it is gardening time because he is getting complaints about chickens on the loose doing damage to gardens.

And in the way of warning Chief Walker states that it is a violation of the law to allow chickens to run loose in the city and that chickens must be confined and cannot be allowed to damage gardens and flower beds of neighbors.

The North Carolina Hereford Breeders' Association will conduct its annual show and sale at Statesville on March 18, 19.

\$200,000 IS ESTIMATE DAMAGE INCURRED IN DISASTROUS FIRE; LIBERTY THEATRE DESTROYED

Wilkes Motor Supply, Vannoy's Studio, Offices of Dr. Sink and Dr. Jones Burned; Rexall Store and Pool Room Are Heavily Damaged

One of the most disastrous fires in the history of North Wilkesboro swept the Poindexter building on Main street Tuesday night.

The Liberty Theatre, Wilkes Motor Supply, Vannoy's Studio and offices of Dr. C. S. Sink and Dr. W. F. Jones were burned out. Rexall Drug store and the pool room between the drug store and theatre were badly damaged.

The theatre was playing to a full house but the more than 600 people fled from the theatre rapidly and the building was emptied without injury to anyone.

The fire was first discovered in the theatre when the operator in the projection booth saw flames through the overhead ceiling just under the roof. It was the consensus of opinion that the fire originated from a short circuit in electric wires in the attic of the building.

An alert theatre attendant saw the blaze just under the roof and above the projection room. The alarm was given and the crowd fled from the theatre while the picture still ran on the screen. After the crowd had passed through the doors, a check was made of the building to see that no one was left inside.

Meanwhile, the North Wilkesboro fire department had arrived and the long fight to get the flames under control was under way. The fire spread rapidly under the roof of the large building and it was soon evident that the loss would be great.

The fire departments of Wilkesboro and Wilkes County responded to the call for help and aided materially in extinguishing the fire and saving other property from destruction.

Outside walls of the large building, which is the property of Mrs. C. G. Poindexter, remained intact. The theatre interior, including all equipment, was totally destroyed. The newly rebuilt front of the theatre remained intact but was badly damaged.

The large stock of merchandise carried by Wilkes Motor Supply in the rear part of the building was almost a total loss.

The Rexall Drug store, owned by J. H. Johnson, was in the part of the building which did not totally burn, but the merchandise was heavily damaged by fire and water. The pool room, property of B. J. Robinson, did not burn but was greatly damaged.

On the second floor of the building was Vannoy's Studio, owned by Ed Vannoy, which was totally burned and on which was no insurance coverage. Offices of Dr. C. S. Sink and Dr. W. F. Jones on the second floor were wiped out but much of Dr. Sink's equipment was removed.

Mrs. Poindexter, owner of the building, and the firms and offices with the exception of Vannoy's studio had some fire insurance but in no case was the insurance sufficient to cover the loss.

Tentative plans were under way today for rebuilding of the burned portions of the building. Ivan D. Anderson, Liberty Theatre owner, said today that the theatre will be rebuilt as rapidly as possible.

Official estimates of the total damage, or damage to any specific part of the building or the firms involved, were not available today, although unofficial estimates ranged upward to \$200,000.

Extreme heat from the flames set fire to roofs of buildings across the street and guests vacated many of the rooms in Hotel Wilkes.

Hurt In Accident Elkin, March 6.—Mrs. Bruce Pardue, about 40, operator of B and M. Grocery company of Ronda, suffered flesh injuries and a broken nose early this morning when the pickup truck in which she was driving toward Clingman went out of control, crashing a bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dickenson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mason, of Troy, Pa., are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hall. Mrs. Dickenson is a sister of Mrs. Hall.

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