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SECOND WEEK OF COURT

Large Number of Cases Disposed of; Improvements Recommended by the Grand Jury.

Court has been engaged for several days in the trial of cases against the C. C. & O. Railway for fire damages, the criminal docket having been completed last week. Cases disposed of since last week's report are as follows:

Harve Carson, disturbing religious congregation, judgment suspended on payment of cost. Alf Cowan, retailing, not guilty. Claud Moss, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon, judgment suspended as to both cases. Joe England, larceny, paroled to B. A. Robbins to pay cost. Dewey Smith, carrying concealed weapon, prayer for judgment continued. Arthur Williams, assault with deadly weapon, to be hired out by county commissioners. L. C. Burgin, retailing, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost. Spencer Noblitt, larceny, not guilty. E. C. Smith and Bell Duncan, f. and a., judgment suspended. Lillie O'Dear, a. d. w., prayer for judgment continued. Gordon McIntire, aged 12, larceny, placed under control of J. Roy as special probation officer. Frank Carpenter, assault, prayer for judgment continued; f. and a., sentenced 12 months in jail to be worked on roads. W. L. Owens, assault, fined \$400 and ordered to pay Daily Owens \$400.

The case of J. C. Dellinger against the C. C. & Railway resulted in a mistrial. Millard Hensley vs Southern Railway, judgment for plaintiff for \$100 and cost. A. Blanton Grocery Company vs the Southern Railway, judgment for plaintiff for \$3 and cost. A. E. Gibbs vs Southern Railway, judgment for plaintiff for \$10 and cost. Gaston & Tate vs Southern Railway, two judgments for the plaintiff totaling \$42 and cost. S. B. Penick & Co. vs Southern Railway, judgment for plaintiff for \$22.50 and cost. Marion Knitting Mill vs Southern Railway, judgment for \$13 and cost. Harmon Blanton vs Southern Railway, judgment for plaintiff for \$150 and cost.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

The McDowell county grand jury reported last Wednesday after passing on all bills of indictment and examining the county offices, jail and county home. Recommendations were made for improvements at the jail and county home. The report follows:

"We visited the county offices and found them all neat and clean as could be expected.

"We found the jail in good condition. Inmates reported that they were well taken care of. We recommend that the frame bath room and toilet at the outside of jail be removed and a brick one rebuilt. This would protect the water pipes and fixtures, save an expense to the county owing to freezing, and give a much needed convenience to the jailer and family. We further recommend that a thirty inch concrete walk be built from the rear court house door to the front door of the jail.

"By committee we visited the county home. The superintendent's house is now furnished with

only one fire place. We recommend that a flue be built in the kitchen so a cook stove can be used. In this house several window lights should be replaced. The covering at the well needs to be repaired. In the buildings used by the inmates we found about ten panes of glass out that should be replaced. These buildings are not occupied at the time of this report. The farm seemed to be well taken care of. Found at the home the following inmates: One colored man who is blind, and two women. All the inmates were well pleased with their surroundings and care. They have all been very comfortable this winter, and spoke in a very appreciative manner of Supt. Bowman's kindness and that of his family."

Judge Carter complimented the foreman and members of the grand jury very highly upon the efficient manner in they had discharged their duties. Wm. Treverton was foreman and J. F. Harmon, secretary.

Wrecked in a Blizzard With 140 Persons Aboard.

A dispatch from St. John, N. F., says the Red Cross liner Florizel, from St. Johns for New York, by way of Halifax, with 140 persons aboard, including 78 passengers, piled up on the ledges near Cape Race during a blizzard Sunday and it is believed that all on board were lost.

Naval gunners sent on a special train from St. John's shot a line across the bow of the partly submerged ship Sunday night, but waited in vain for it to be hauled aboard. Just before darkness blotted the wreck from view, five men, driven from the fore-castle by the giant seas, were seen to climb the forward rigging, signaling feebly for help. But when they failed to make fast the line it was feared that they had succumbed to the cold and exposure.

Included among the passengers were 12 women and four children. Six cadets of the royal flying corps on their way from Newfoundland to join their commands, were aboard. All but three of the passengers were natives of Newfoundland.

Dispatches later stated that 43 persons were rescued from the wrecked vessel.

Twelve People Killed in Wreck.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 26.—The toll of death from the wreck at Frost on the Southern railway, about five miles west of Columbia yesterday afternoon when passenger train No. 42 crashed into the rear of passenger train 18, stood at 12 today and reports at the Columbia Hospital indicated that all of the 37 passengers injured yesterday were getting along satisfactorily.

A coroner's inquest to place the responsibility for the wreck was to begin at noon today.

The administration bill, providing for government control of railroads until 18 months after the war, including many "short lines" and appropriating a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 for Federal operation, was passed Friday by the Senate without a roll call and now awaits action in the House, where it is under debate.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, Feb. 25.—Prof. J. C. Tipton and Miss Kate Bennett have both resigned their work as teachers of our public school. Mr. Tipton has accepted a position with the Kingsport Government plant of Tennessee. Miss Doro Gibbs of Garden City has taken Miss Bennett's place in the school and Mr. Grady Nanney succeeds Mr. Tipton as principal.

Misses Mamie and Lona Goforth visited homefolks here last Saturday and Sunday.

James L. Spratt visited his brother, Plato, near Bridgewater Sunday.

There are no new cases of measles at present.

T. B. Landis was in Nebo last week on business.

Buy all the War Savings Stamps you can and farm all you can to help win the war in 1918.

NEBO

Nebo, Feb. 26.—Mrs. J. F. Wilson and Mrs. Jones Kincaid spent the week-end with relatives at Morganton.

Rev. T. A. Drake and daughter, Georgia, were in Marion on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Kerr and little daughter, Evelyn, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Tracy Sigmon of near Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Mrs. Dobson Greenlee spent Sunday here with her two daughters who are in school.

Prof. H. B. Craven of Ridgecrest has been chosen as principal of the school here to succeed J. M. Tyler, resigned.

HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, Feb. 25.—Mrs. W. L. Lawing and little son, Alvin, are visiting relatives here.

Glenn Snipes has been very sick, but is better.

Horace Crawley is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. N. Yelton spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. M. C. Jameson, at Nebo.

Astor Yelton of Construction spent Sunday with homefolks here.

Miss Pearl Snipes spent last week in Marion.

H. W. Elliott was a visitor at the home of J. N. Yelton, recently.

Honor roll for Harmony Grove school: First grade: Helen Pyatt, Carrie Hensley and Charlie Hensley. Second grade: Clyde Pyatt and Thomas Bridges. Third grade: Ezra Norton and Entley Holland. Fourth grade: Pearl Simpson, Cathleen Rowe, Hoke Simpson, Annie Dyson, Gladys Pyatt, Pearl Bowman and Eula Hensley. Fifth grade: Josie Pyatt, Laura Bowman, Peeler Pyatt, Fate Bridges and Floyd Norton. Sixth grade: Alice Hensley, Thelma Bowman, Ethel Crawley, Lillie Pyatt, Ruby Mangum, Carlton Holland and Della Crawley. Seventh grade: Sue Lawing and Fatima Hensley.

War-Savings Stamps Sell at Rate of \$11,000,000 a Week.

Treasury receipts from the sale of war-savings stamps are running at the rate of \$11,000,000 a week. Savings bank deposits in the last few years have been increasing at the rate of \$700,000 a business day. Treasury receipts show the American people are putting their small savings at the service of the Nation through war-savings stamps at a rate far in excess of prewar-savings bank accumulations.

Two billion dollars of war-savings securities will be issued. If these are all sold this year the Treasury will receive about \$1,680,000,000, and at the end of five years the Government will repay the loan together with \$320,000,000 in interest.

Who saves serves. Buy war savings stamps.

Two Big Drives for War Savings Stamps.

State Headquarters of the War Savings Committee at Winston-Salem is making two big drives in the interest of the War Savings Stamps. These are the "Thousand Dollar Club" and the "War Savings Society" Campaigns.

The Thousand Dollar Club is popularly known also as the "Limit Club" for the reason that all members pledge themselves to purchase during the year of 1918 \$1,000 of War Savings Stamps which is the maximum amount the law at present allows any one person to buy. The Campaign for members for this club begins March 4th and continues through March 9th. Local Committees will be appointed by the Chairman of the County War Savings Committee whose duty it will be to make a brief survey of the county and distribute applications for membership. The membership corps require that the applicant pledge himself to systematic saving, to refrain from unnecessary expenditures and the purchase of nonessentials, to encourage Thrift and Economy, and to purchase War Savings Stamps to the amount of \$1,000 in 1918. Every county is expected to enlist as many as one per cent of its population in a County Thousand Dollar War Savings Club.

The War Savings Society Campaign has for its object to get every man, woman and child in a War Savings Society by March 15th if possible. The membership pledge requires in brief that the applicant save, invest his savings in Thrift and War Savings Stamps and encourage others to save and invest. School superintendents, teachers, farm and home demonstration agents, and all other organized men and women are called on to act as organizers of these societies. Presidents of clubs, leagues and societies are asked to convert their organizations into War Savings Societies and appoint Committees from these to organize men and women through these organizations.

A War Savings Society Committee for every county will be appointed. Organizers and the secretaries of the different societies will make their reports to the County Chairmen.

War Savings Day Observed in the County Schools.

War Savings Day was observed in the public schools throughout the county in a very appropriate manner on last Friday. Each school carried out a program dealing with the issue of the war and the sale of the war stamps. Speakers were secured for a number of the schools. The attendance was good and much enthusiasm was created for the purchase of Liberty bonds and war savings stamps. At several schools every one present pledged himself to buy war stamps and to aid the government in every way possible toward the winning of the war.

The schools are organizing themselves into Thrift societies. The teachers are making up honor rolls of the names of the students who buy stamps. Chairman Harris is receiving calls daily from the schools for stamps. He expresses himself as highly pleased with the excellent spirit of co-operation he is receiving from the public schools of the county.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Eight additional French officers have arrived at Camp Greene, Charlotte, as instructors in military tactics. They will supplement the work of French officers who have been stationed there for some time.

J. J. Mackey, for 26 years register of deeds of Buncombe county, has decided to quit the job and says he won't be a candidate again. Fact worthy of record. Usually they hold on till they're fired or until death.

In Charlotte Monday morning Wm. L. Bush sent a 38-calibre pistol ball crashing through the brain of Mack R. Wilkinson and then turning the same weapon upon himself, ended his life. The tragedy occurred in the store of the Jewel Tea Company, where both were employed, Bush as manager and Wilkinson as assistant. The allegation is that Wilkinson had invaded Bush's home. Bush leaves four children, Wilkinson two.

President Wallace Carl Riddick, of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering at West Raleigh, is preparing a list of all former students of his college with the address and occupation of each. Every man who has at any time attended the college is requested to mail to the president a card bearing his full name, his full postal address, and his occupation. We understand that the college has always located its graduates once a year, and this is only another step in which President Riddick manifests his interest in all of the men who have attended this great technical college.

No Date For Second Draft.

Secretary Baker has authorized the statement that no date has been selected for the beginning of the second draft. Various estimates have placed the time between March 1 and June 1. These are declared to be entirely guesses.

The government's disposition not to disturb the labor situation, particularly on farms at the planting season, is one of the factors being considered.

The provost marshal general's office, it is said, is opposed to going ahead with the second draft until Congress has adopted amendments to the law regarding the basis of apportionment and to authorize the President to call into the military service men skilled in agriculture regardless of previous classification.

The remaining increments of the first draft will begin to move forward to the camps. It is probable that next month local boards may be asked to forward small increments necessary to replace men going overseas, but the expected summons of half a million will be later.

Plans for the second draft as now under consideration include calling 100,000 a month until the second quota is complete. In that way officials expect to avoid much of the confusion which accompanied the first call. The men will report in a steady stream and be assimilated into the military machine before the next lot is received.