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ELLIOTT GETS 25 YEARS

Sentenced to Term at Hard Labor for Murder of Tony Johnson—Moore Acquitted.

T. J. Elliott, who was charged with the murder of Tony Johnson, near Old Fort the latter part of May, plead guilty to a charge of murder in the second degree in Superior court now in session here, and was sentenced by Judge Webb to twenty-five years at hard labor in the State prison at Raleigh. Elliott is 61 years old and has a wife and several children. For years he has roamed the Blue Ridge mountains and was looked upon as a modern Rip Van Winkle. He carried a small 22 calibre rifle with him all the time, and it was with this gun that Tony Johnson was slain.

The case against Anderson Moore, who was charged with the killing of Simon B. Shew at the Clinchfield mill last April, was concluded Wednesday when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

John Blalock plead guilty to charges of carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct and was fined fifty dollars and cost.

J. W. Fowler, for assault with deadly weapon, drew a fine of five dollars and cost.

Dock Williams, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$5 and cost.

W. R. Parker, Charles and Arthur Parker, trespassing, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

C. D. Elliott, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

William Epley, Winslow Arney and Joseph Atkins, gambling; Epley fined \$15 and cost; Atkins \$15 and cost; judgment suspended on payment of cost as to Arney.

George King, larceny and breaking in car, sentenced to three years on roads in North Cove township.

R. L. Bowman, gambling, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Jim Harris, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$5 and cost.

Divorces were granted in the following cases: S. C. Morgan vs Minnie Morgan, Louisa Mace vs Robert Mace, Vera Ward vs J. K. Ward, E. C. Ennis vs Sid Ennis, L. D. Greene vs Evelyn Greene, Elijah Owens vs Eula Owens, and Emma Gilmore vs James Gilmore.

The case of the Marion Cash Feed Company vs E. D. Rendall was compromised.

George Kelley vs Southern Railway, judgment for plaintiff for \$100 and cost.

P. S. Hastings vs Southern Railway, judgment for plaintiff for \$150 and cost.

Mrs. M. A. Robinson and C. R. Robinson vs Southern Railway, judgment for plaintiffs for \$400.

Five judges representing the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, will be selected to preside at the trial of the former German Emperor, which is expected to take place in London this Autumn. Chief Justice Edward Douglass White probably will be chosen to represent the United States at the trial. John Andrew Hamilton (Lord Sumner), of Great Britain will preside over the five judges selected.

The Rev. C. R. Cody will preach at St. John's church next Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Grand Jury Recommends Erection of New Court House and Jail.

The grand jury in Superior court has made its report of the work for the week and has been dismissed. W. W. Neal was foreman of the jury and J. D. Wilson secretary. The jury members inspected the various offices in the court house and found them in very good condition with all records kept in good shape. They found, however, that there is not sufficient room in the court house and recommended that a new court house be erected.

The jail was also visited by the body and found to be in splendid condition, everything neat and clean; all the prisoners claimed they were well cared for and had no complaint to make. They reported that "the jail is entirely too small to take care of the increased number of prisoners and therefore recommend that a new jail be built on the back end of the lot where the present jail stands."

The county home for the aged and infirm was also visited by the jury members and thoroughly inspected. Conditions there were found "just as good as they could be considering the buildings." "We strongly recommend," the report reads, "that one modern, up-to-date building be erected at once—a building large enough to take care of all the inmates. This building should have all modern conveniences, such as steam heat, electric lights, water, etc." Pending the erection of such a building it is recommended that a kitchen be built to the main building and that a telephone be put in. Each one of the houses were visited and found in good condition, kept neat and clean.

They report ten inmates at the county home; four white women, three white children, one white man, one negro man and one negro woman. The inmates report that they are well taken care of and treated all right in every respect. "One of the white women and two white children are blind and should not be kept in this place," the report says. "The negro woman is insane and should be sent to an insane hospital."

Army Trucks to Be Used in Building Roads Over the State.

Raleigh, July 10.—The army trucks which have been purchased by the highway commission for use in constructing the new roads in North Carolina have arrived and will be distributed to various sections of the state where the commission has road work under way. Many of these army trucks have never been assembled, but some of them had been in use for several months by the military authorities before the signing of the armistice.

The commission believes that it bought these trucks at a good price and that they can be used to good advantage in the construction work. About 1,500 miles of roads have been approved by the highway commission and the work on some of these will be started at once. In many cases the counties have already begun work on these roads, and the commission will merely furnish money or material for its part of the work.

W. N. Hefner, of Nebo, was in town Tuesday.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, July 14.—The many friends of Mrs. Rachel Turner will regret to learn of her death which occurred on Thursday, July 10. Mrs. Turner was in her 79th year and was a consistent member of the Baptist church. She was the mother of six children, three of whom survive. They are: Mrs. H. D. Smith, Mrs. John Poteet and E. D. Turner. Her husband also survives. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. C. Story and interment made at Chapel Hill burying ground. The family have our heart-felt sympathy.

G. P. Poteet is very sick at his home at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Syncox of Columbia, S. C., attended the funeral of the latter's grandmother, Mrs. Turner, last week. Mrs. J. H. Barnes and children spent Sunday in Nebo.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, July 14.—T. E. Satterwhite has returned from Marion where he has been under treatment and we are glad to state his health is improving.

The Baptist revival will begin the 4th Sunday in this month. Rev. Bennett expects to do the preaching.

Miss Annie Cowan has gone to Water Valley, Miss., to spend quite awhile with her brother, John B. Cowan.

Eugene Upton and Clyde Duval have returned home from overseas.

Will Landis has gone to Detroit, Mich., to accept a position.

The Methodist revival will begin Friday night before the second Sunday in August.

Corn crops do not look very well. May be a half of a crop.

We hope the threshers will visit this community soon. Wheat is not good, but it will have to be threshed.

Ernest Satterwhite, James C. Goforth, and Festus Carswell made a business trip to Marion last Thursday.

HANKINS

Hankins, July 15.—J. W. Hall of Spruce Pine visited his mother here during the week.

Misses Cora and Donnie Hall of Dysartsville spent a few days here with their sister during the week.

Joe Hall spent the week-end in Canton, N. C.

Lester Erwin left Tuesday for Canton, Ohio, where he has accepted a position.

Virgil Morgan made a business trip to Canton last week.

Rev. Erwin will begin a revival meeting at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited to attend the services.

Long Termers Pardoned.

Tom Young, of McDowell county, serving thirty years for murder in the second degree, has been granted a conditional pardon. In pardoning Moore the governor gives the following reasons for his action:

"This defendant has now served eleven years, is a Class A man, and is a model prisoner in every respect. The evidence shows that at the time of the commission of the offense Young was drunk, and the next day did not know anything about it. All the present county officials of McDowell county, and the ex-officials who were in office at the time this case was tried, write strong letters in behalf of this prisoner as does also the solicitor who prosecuted. The trial judge is dead. For these reasons a conditional pardon is granted."

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will give a play, "Pleasure Sought," at the graded school house Thursday night, July 24. A small admission fee of 10c and 20c will be charged. Proceeds will go to a very worthy cause.

E. J. Harbison Elected Principal of Nebo High School.

Mr. E. J. Harbison, of Burke county, has been elected principal of the Nebo High School. Mr. Harbison is a graduate of Trinity College and is a successful school man. For four years he was head of the department of education at Davenport College. The people of Nebo consider themselves fortunate in securing the services of such an able man and are looking forward to the coming year as the greatest in the history of the Nebo school.

The State Department of Education has established a course in teacher-training at the Nebo school for the teachers of this section. This course will be supervised by the State Board of Examiners and Institute Conductors. This new feature of school work at Nebo will add considerably to the standing of the Nebo school. It will also make it possible for the teachers of McDowell and adjoining counties to take an approved course in teacher-training at home.

Mr. Harbison has already moved to the Nebo school and entered upon his duties. It is his plan to make a thorough canvass of the county to enroll as many students as the school can accommodate. He will begin his canvass in a few days. Students desiring to enter the Nebo school should communicate with Mr. Harbison at Nebo.

Miss Hettie B. Rochelle to Head Glenwood School.

Miss Hettie B. Rochelle, of Durham, N. C., an A. B. graduate of the State College for Women of Greensboro, and an A. M. graduate of Columbia University, has been elected principal of Glenwood High School. Miss Rochelle comes to McDowell county with high recommendations. She was superintendent of the La Grange system of graded schools last year, rendering a very superior grade of service. The chairman of the school board at this place recommends her in the highest terms.

Miss Rochelle is at present in New York taking a special course in school work. She will report for duty immediately after the closing of the summer school.

The people of Glenwood are greatly interested in the school work in their district. They feel they have been very fortunate in their choice of a principal and corps of teachers. They are expecting great things as a result of the forward steps they have taken for better educational facilities in their community.

Beside Miss Rochelle the following teachers have been elected at the Glenwood school: Miss Pearl Teter, Morganton; Miss Elsie Stacy, Nebo; Miss Maggie Byrd, Nealsville; Miss Mattie Tate, Greenlee, and Miss Bessie Raburn, Nealsville.

Marriages.

The following persons were married at the Presbyterian manse recently: Rev. J. C. Story officiating: July 3rd, Mr. Alvin McGee, of Ashford, and Miss Mary Laws, of Old Fort. July 5th, Mr. Joseph Smith, of Morganton, and Miss Mary Baker, of Marion. July 13th, Mr. R. E. Greene, of Morganton, and Miss Vivian Simpson, of Glen Alpine.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Ringling Brothers circus will show in Asheville on October 24.

The North Carolina Postmasters' association will hold its annual meeting at Wrightsville Beach, Wilmington, on August 15 and 16.

The North Carolina Historical Commission has elected Henry M. Lonon legislative reference librarian to succeed the late W. S. Wilson.

Catawba county voted Saturday on a road bond issue of half million and the bonds were lost by about 200 votes. Various factors contributed to the defeat.

J. M. Ray, general of the Fourth brigade, North Carolina division, United Confederate Veterans, announces the appointment of John J. Mackey of Asheville as his assistant adjutant general and chief of staff, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. The order is to take effect at once.

Representative Weaver of the Tenth district asks Congress to award Julius McClure of Cherokee county the sum of \$5,000 for the loss of an arm, McClure having been crippled in a battle with the Jim Rose gang of army deserters, draft evaders and outlaws, while assisting in the capture of the desperadoes.

A company of Asheville men, representatives of the board of trade, Merchants' association, Rotary club and others have secured an option on the Mount Mitchell railway, which is not running this year, and they will attempt to form a stock company to purchase the road, so that it can be continued as a passenger carrying road. The road goes to the top of the mountain, the highest point east of Pike's peak.

True bills for murder have been returned against John P. Snyder and Geo. McClure, who killed Claude Buchanan recently, at Waynesville. It is alleged that Buchanan, who was killed on the premises of Mrs. Chas. Snyder, a widow and relative of J. P. Snyder, had persisted in trying to force his company on Mrs. Snyder against her will. The killing aroused much feeling and the accused, who are held without bail, may be taken to Buncombe jail for safe-keeping.

To set at rest rumors that he was not whole-heartedly supporting Cam. Morrison for the Democratic nomination for Governor, Senator Simmons announces that he is supporting the Charlotte man to the best of his skill and ability, or words to that effect, and will continue so to do. Mr. Morrison deserves the honor Senator Simmons thinks, because of conspicuous services to his party and the State and because of his fitness for the position; and saying which, the Senator asserts, he is disparaging the claims of no other candidate.

Dr. Dean H. Crawford has received notice that he successfully passed the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners and will be granted State license to practice.