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JULY TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT STILL IN SESSION

Bailey Draws Term in State Prison — Jury Recommend New Court House and Jail.

July term of Superior court in session with Judge T. J. Shaw of Greensboro presiding. The first part of the term was devoted to the trial of criminal cases, one of which was a capital, that of John Bailey charged with the killing of Jake Baxter in North Cove township on May 15th, 1920. Bailey escaped capture and for a long time his whereabouts were unknown. He was finally located and brought to Marion where he was lodged in the county jail several months ago. The trial attracted considerable attention and the court room was filled to capacity throughout the entire proceedings. The case was well contested from start to finish, but after the evidence had all been submitted and the lawyers had made their speeches pro and con, the jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict of manslaughter in the second degree. Sentence not to exceed twenty-five years was immediately imposed by the presiding judge.

The trial of W. C. Burgin, who was charged with the killing of R. E. Bradley in an automobile accident several months ago, resulted in a decision whereby Burgin is to pay the widow damages in the sum of \$500 and the costs of the court. The accident was an extremely unfortunate affair and one which engaged the sympathy of many people on both sides.

Press Duncan, charged with robbery and jail delivery, was sentenced to four years in the State penitentiary.

Barnett Lytle, for manufacturing whiskey, was fined \$1000 and sentenced to twelve months on the roads. George Biddix and John Clark, for manufacturing whiskey, were given a sentence of six months on the roads.

Clyde Corpening, larceny, sentenced to four months on the roads.

Will Crisp, disorderly conduct, fined \$60 and cost.

Bob Smith, transporting whiskey, sentenced to three months on the roads.

Vester Janes plead guilty to manufacturing whiskey and was required to pay the sum of \$200 as cost in court.

George and Jim Barnes, selling whiskey, fined \$25 and cost and sentenced to eight months on the roads.

John Whitener, manufacturing whiskey, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

W. H. Curtis, manufacturing whiskey, fined \$1000 and sentenced to six months in jail.

Linwood Young, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$60 and cost.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:

Non-suit was taken in the case of D. M. Gibson et al versus W. T. Britton, and Florence Taylor, Admx., versus A. Kauffman et al.

The case of C. M. Haney et al versus T. L. Epley and the case of Ed. Davis versus T. L. Epley were compromised.

The case of Marion Veneer and Panel Company versus G. M. Wilkinson resulted in judgment for plaintiff.

Divorce was granted in the case of David Ayers versus Minnie Ayers.

Grand Jury Report.

The grand jury completed its work last week and made the following report:

To his Honor Judge Shaw, presiding over the Superior court now convened in McDowell County, N. C., July term, 1921.

We, the Grand Jury, through committee duly appointed, do hereby make the following report and recommendations:

The committee visiting the county home find all the surroundings and sanitary conditions in as good shape

as could be expected under the conditions as they exist. We find that the inmates cottages need recovering and repairing, the water supply is inadequate and we recommend that water be put in, to-wit, a ram or a gravity line. We find a twelve year old bright girl that is not getting any schooling. All the inmates are well fed, well clothed and seemingly satisfied. We find fourteen inmates in the homes, and we think all are worthy of being in the home, but we do not approve of keeping bright, healthy children in the county home, and we recommend the county make arrangements whereby these bright young children can be placed in good christian homes and be educated.

The committee visiting the jail find same is being well kept and in good sanitary condition, the prisoners report that they are well fed and well cared for. We find the building in bad condition and unsafe for keeping prisoners; the rooms and cages are very small and are very much crowded with prisoners, there being no room to separate the white from the colored. We find the iron bars across many of the windows rusted off at the bottom; making it very easy for the prisoners to escape. We recommend that the county build a new modern jail at an early date.

The committee visiting the court house find the different offices kept in good condition. The Clerk of the Court's office was found in good condition as we were able to ascertain. The Clerk's office is badly in need of a larger safe to take care of the important books and papers.

We find the toilets in the toilet room are very much in need of automatic seats.

We recommend that the county build a new court house will all modern improvements at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. GILES, Foreman.

HOMES WANTED FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Miss Mary Greenlee, County Superintendent of Public Welfare, has received an appeal from the Children's Home Society of North Carolina at Greensboro to help locate families in McDowell who are likely to adopt one of their children. The object of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina is to place these dependent and neglected children in good homes where they will be given training, protection and environment necessary for their development into good citizens. The following is Superintendent John J. Phoenix's letter:

"We desire to secure your assistance in locating the people in your county who would likely adopt some of our children. At this time we have on hand about twenty boys, ranging in age from six months to twelve years.

"We are looking for the best homes for these boys, where they will receive public school education, religious training, and be accepted into the family as a member of same.

"Please look around your county carefully and we believe you will be able to recommend to us some homes for our boys.

"We would suggest that you have your county papers publish this statement and in that way you will likely reach many people who have homes without children."

If there is a family in McDowell who would like to adopt one of these boys it is requested that those interested call at Miss Greenlee's office for an application blank.

Cross Mill Beats Clinchfield Team.

The Cross Mill team won again from the fast Clinchfield team making the fifth shut out against this team. The score was 2 to 0. Features of the game were the pitching of Haney for Cross, and fielding of Murry and Hoover and hitting of Hamlet for Cross. The pitching of the Clinchfield twirler was good but he was badly supported.

See "THE GREAT REDEEMER."

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, July 18.—Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Allison of Hendersonville spent the week-end with Mrs. P. H. Mashburn.

Geo. E. Marshall left for Atlanta, Ga., on business.

John Artz of Middleboro, Ky., is home on a visit.

Miss Emily Mashburn, who is nursing at the Mission hospital, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mashburn.

Dr. J. B. Johnson was called to Tate Springs, Tenn., Friday by the illness of his father.

Miss Mae Jordan left Sunday for Sevier where she will teach school.

Miss Christine White is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Hyams.

Mrs. C. H. Burgin and daughter, Miss Evelyn, were in Asheville shopping, Monday.

Murray Tate of Marion was in town on business Monday.

Friends of Miss Foy Dell Tate will be glad to know that she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Snyder of Hickory were visitors here last week.

Mrs. J. M. Cannon and son, Charlie, were in Marion shopping last week.

Mrs. W. L. Grant spent Sunday in Glen Alpine with her sister, Mrs. Ross.

Harry Ditmore left last Thursday for Bryson City to join the base ball team.

Herman Vess, who is in the army, is visiting his mother, Mrs. John Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mackey spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. J. G. Burgin.

Mrs. J. S. Bradley was in Marion Friday.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, July 18.—School will open here this morning with Miss Anna Morris of Nealsville as teacher. We are expecting a good school this year.

Mrs. J. F. Foster has returned from Cliffside where she spent a few days with her father, L. L. Walker, who is in very feeble health at this time.

C. Y. Pyatt made a business trip to Shelby last Monday.

J. B. Walker was in Glen Alpine one day last week on business.

G. C. Dixon and Jasper Crotz of Rutherfordton have been in this community for several days on business.

Misses Callie Dixon and Hessie Waters of Marion spent a few days here last week with homefolks.

Miss Biddie Price was shopping in Marion last Friday.

Carl Cowan of Spindale spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ellington.

A number of the singing people from this neighborhood attended the Decoration services at Harmony Grove last Sunday.

L. G. Price made a business trip to Marion today.

Farmers are all about through with their work now and are making the best of these hot days in the shade.

MONTFORDS COVE

Union Mills, Rt. 1, July 18.—The revival meeting at the Cove Baptist church began yesterday with a good attendance.

Mrs. C. C. Nichols and children of Old Fort spent last week in the Cove visiting relatives.

Mr. Jolaway Harris and daughter of Rutherfordton are visiting in the Cove.

Aunt Mary Bradley has been right sick but is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wilkerson and little daughter, Louise, are spending this week with their parents.

Mrs. L. D. Hemphill has returned

from High Shoals where she has been spending some time with her son.

Aunt Nancy Mitchell has been ill but is better.

The farmers are hauling lots of tomatoes to market now and getting good prices for them.

There is little fruit in the Cove this year.

Melons are not looking very well. Our miller, Billie Bradley, says it began raining on dog days and will rain for forty days.

School opened at White Pine this morning with Miss Goodloe Haney as teacher.

BROAD RIVER

Black Mountain, July 16.—There was considerable damage done through this section Wednesday by the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stroud and little daughter Virginia, are visiting in Marion this week.

J. L. Greene and mother are visiting friends and relatives in Edneyville.

W. L. Nanney, I. V. Stroud and J. L. Greene made a business trip to Black Mountain, Wednesday.

Henry Greene is visiting relatives and friends at Bat Cave this week.

The friends and relatives of Mrs. Jane Hall will be glad to learn that she is improving rapidly.

NEBO.

Nebo, July 18.—The revival meeting which has been going on at the Methodist church closed last Wednesday night. A large number united with the church and much good was accomplished.

J. L. Padgett has been right sick for the past few days. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Willie Jarrett, of Dysartsville, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. Laura Harvey, and son, Dargen, of Chesnee, S. C., are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. W. J. Snipes.

Glen Snipes visited relatives at Dysartsville last week.

L. W. Bradley of Old Fort spent Sunday here.

Ralph Tate has been right sick but is improving.

Mrs. Rudisill and son and mother, Mrs. Glibert, were visitors here last week.

RED TOP

Red Top, July 16.—We are having a lot of rain these days, but crops are looking fine.

Marion Davis and Bert Ledbetter made a business trip to Forest City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Elliott made a trip to Old Fort Tuesday.

Billie Hudgins has been quite ill but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Elliott visited the latter's parents on Crooked Creek last week.

Mike Hall is recovering from a protracted illness.

A number of cattle in this section have died recently from black leg.

GARDIN

Gardin, July 18.—Mrs. L. O. Lawing and children of Marion visited homefolks here during the week.

J. B. Higgins made a business trip to Dysartsville last Monday.

Mrs. Julia Padgett is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Carswell.

James Morgan of Morganton spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Misses Mary and Ve Lee Wacaser have returned home from Morganton where they have been attending the summer school.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Huskins, July 18th, a daughter.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:

Maximum, 87 degrees; minimum, 64 degrees; rain, 1.52 inches; sunshine, per cent, .64.

See "THE GREAT REDEEMER."

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Governor Morrison and members of his family have gone to Asheville where he has rented a home to spend six weeks.

A contract has been closed for 300 car loads of North Carolina peaches grown in the sandhills of Richmond, Moore and Montgomery counties at approximately \$450,000. Peaches are now being shipped from various points in these counties in car loads.

Only nine bids, totalling \$17,800, were on hand Friday at noon when State Treasurer B. R. Lacy opened the offerings for \$8,372,500 North Carolina 5 per cent bonds for roads and institutional buildings, says the Raleigh News and Observer. These were par bids, were accepted and now the State Treasurer will make every effort to sell the remaining \$8,354,700 at private sale.

The North Carolina State Fair, which will be held at Raleigh, October 17-22, will hardly be recognized by its patrons and visitors as the management is expending this year more than \$30,000 in physical improvements and in increasing premiums to be offered in the various departments, according to Col. Joseph E. Pogue, secretary of the fair. "The premiums in livestock," continues Colonel Pogue, "alone amount to over \$10,000, which is an increase over 1920 of about 33 1-3 per cent."

SIGN POSTS FOR ALL STATE ROADS

North Carolina roads are going to have sign posts on them as soon as the district engineers get their maintenance plans into operation, and care of the roads will include maintenance of sign posts at every crossing that will give the wayfarer accurate and understandable information as to whither he is headed, how far it is, and if there are any detours to be made, the condition of the detour.

Orders to this effect have been issued to the district engineers by State Highway Engineer Charles M. Upham. The nine district men have been asked to submit to the chief their notions of what the signposts ought to look like, and from among the nine, one design will be selected and made standard for the whole State. Anywhere the traveler sees one of the signs, he will know that it is accurate and official.

With the constantly developing stream of automobile travel in North Carolina, the sign posts will be of invaluable help to the people of the State. No concerted effort has ever been made to properly mark roads, although some work in this direction has been made by counties. Largely it has been left to the whim of the local advertiser and as often as not sign posts get the traveler hopelessly lost.

Mile posts will be added to the roads as permanent construction progresses. The sign posts are for immediate use, and later the roads will be marked with a standard design of stone markers to give the mileage. Mr. Upham hopes to have the placing of sign posts well under way in the State before the first of September. Designs by engineers are to be submitted immediately, and after that they will be made in quantity lots.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laughridge was buried at noon last Friday, July 15th. The many friends of these splendid young people sorrow and sympathize with them in their disappointment and grief. Rev. J. T. Bowden accompanied the little body to the cemetery and there read suitable passages of Scripture and offered prayer.

Services at St. John's church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.