

JUDGE STACK RAPS RECKLESS DRIVERS

Says Entirely Too Much Whiskey Here; Scores Failure to Testify, Liquor Cases.

Judge A. M. Stack, presiding at the present term of superior court, is moving matters along swiftly, little time being lost in rapid handling of the long list of cases docketed for trial at this time. The number of cases handled on the first day was so great that Clerk Laughridge's office was open until nearly midnight entering the proceedings on the minutes.

Judge Stack made it clear in his charge to the grand jury that he believes in strict enforcement of the prohibition law and all other laws. He spoke vigorously of liquor law violations, saying it has become dangerous to drive on the highways, drunken drivers being a menace to the lives of innocent men and women and children. He added that he did not come to Marion on Sunday but waited until Monday lest he become a victim of drunken drivers on parade. When he said "there is entirely too much whiskey in Marion," it was pointed out by Solicitor Pless that the large number of cases having to do with liquor was evidence of efficiency on the part of the sheriff's office. Judge Stack deplored he said the attitude of the people who fail to testify in liquor cases, due to a lack of moral courage. In cases where witnesses or defendants fail to appear, he ordered their bonds forfeited at once.

The following cases were called Monday, disposition being made as indicated:

- Obe Miller, driving intoxicated, \$50 or 90 days; Henry Bright, transporting, 4 months; Thomas Hoyle, transporting, 90 days; Clarence Harris, possessing, 90 days; Herman Smith, driving intoxicated, \$50 or 4 months; John Lackey, driving intoxicated, \$50 or 90 days; Willis Goodson, possessing, 4 months; Ernest Browning, transporting, \$50 or 90 days; Walker Davis, theft of car, 12 to 18 months in penitentiary; George Taylor, breaking and entering, larceny, 12 months in penitentiary; Virgil Davis, transporting, \$25 or 60 days; G. T. Bennick, possessing, 4 months; Rufus Wallace, driving intoxicated, \$50; Prince Howell, non-support, 12 months, suspended if family supported; Roosevelt Lewis and Gaston Rhinehart, gambling, \$15 and \$10 respectively; Ray Huffman, driving intoxicated, \$50 or 90 days; Clifton Fortune, carrying concealed weapons, \$50 or 90 days; Andrew Gudger, transporting, 60 days; Lloyd Burnett, abandonment, 18 months suspended on support of family; D. B. Taylor, driving intoxicated, \$50; Ben Calhoun, driving intoxicated, 90 days; Earl Cochran, driving intoxicated, \$50.

Charlie McMahan, possessing, not pressed; judgment continued in these cases during good behavior: Fred Revis, larceny; J. W. Queen, possessing; Frank Hunter, larceny; Shuford Godfrey, reckless driving; C. T. Fincannon, carrying concealed weapons; John Boyce, reckless driving.

The following caoses, called Monday, defendants failed to appear: Parker Raby, driving intoxicated; Frank Waters, possessing; Charlie Huffman, possessing and transporting; Fred Withrow, possessing and transporting; Richard Logan, driving intoxicated; Tom Greene, manufacturing and selling home brew; Ransporting Carroll, possessing and transporting; Martin Bevins, assault on a female; Leonard Bailey, possessing; W. B. Walker, embezzlement; Kenneth Morgan, driving intoxicated; Andrew Whitesides, Earl Smith, C. J. Maynard, gambling; C. J. Maynard, running gambling house; Earl Smith, possessing.

NEW MEMBER, HEALTH BOARD

The election of Dr. P. D. Sinclair to a position on the county board of health was to comply with a recent change in the law requiring one dentist to be included in the membership. The board as now constituted includes the chairman of the county commissioners, J. L. Nichols; the superintendent of education, A. V. Nolan; Dr. J. F. Miller, Dr. D. M. McIntosh, and Dr. Sinclair.

AMERICAN LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1932

Post officers for another year were elected and delegates named to attend the State convention in July, at the monthly meeting of McDowell Post of the American Legion, held Tuesday night. Attendance at the meeting was much better than usual, and the work went forward in good spirit throughout.

Commander H. E. Noell, absent on official business, tendered his resignation in writing, giving as the reason for such action the practical certainty that he would be moved elsewhere at an early date. It was accepted, the post voting him the past commander's jewel and directing that suitable resolutions be prepared prior to next meeting. Adjutant McGimsey having submitted an excellent financial report, it was ordered that he be tendered the post's appreciation in resolutions to come before the next meeting. The resolutions committee, to act in both cases, includes past commanders present Tuesday night, J. W. Pless, Jr., chairman, Dr. D. H. Crawford, G. W. Giles, H. D. Hoover, J. K. Giles. A committee—H. D. Hoover, Dr. D. H. Crawford, A. R. Bradford—was named to negotiate for the coming of Lee's riding devices, in July. The membership of the post has reached the unprecedented total of 125.

The new officers elected to handle the post affairs for the year 1932 are: Dr. R. B. Butt, commander; M. M. Craig, vice-commander; J. H. Lewis, junior vice-commander; C. C. Bolch, adjutant; Dr. D. H. Crawford, finance officer; R. W. Proctor, service officer; G. W. Giles, guardianship officer; J. C. Davis, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. J. S. Lockaby, chaplain; C. B. Landis, historian; J. K. Giles, athletic officer; J. W. Pless, Jr., child welfare officer; H. D. Hoover, Americanism officer; J. P. Sisk, membership chairman; delegate to State convention, J. W. Pless, Jr., H. D. Hoover, and M. M. Craig.

REVIVAL AT NEBO

Rev. O. L. McGinnis, the pastor, announces the beginning of a revival at Nebo Baptist church next Monday, June 15. Rev. W. F. McMahan, of Cross Mill Baptist, will assist in the services.

Six Clubs Form League to Play Semi-Pro Ball

At a meeting held in the Hickory Daily Record office Monday night representatives of Cross Mill, Newton, Hickory, Shelby, Brookford, and Rhodhiss framed a constitution and formulated final plans for one of the fastest semi-pro baseball leagues since the old Blue Ridge days. It was decided to give it the name of Western North Carolina League. Two games per week are to be played, the winner of the first half playing the winner of the last half a five game series for the league championship.

Cross Mill has been strengthened somewhat by the addition of Louis Williams, who has returned from Oak Ridge, and the Murray brothers who need no introduction to the fans of Marion. The brand of ball played by the local team will depend largely on the kind of support given the team by the people of this city.

Play begins this week, the Cross Mill club playing two games with Shelby. The Thursday game will be played at Shelby, that team coming here for the opening game Saturday at 3:30.

W. R. CHAMBERS HEADS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mars Hill, May 28.—W. R. Chambers, prominent Marion lawyer, was elected president of the Mars Hill College alumni association at the annual alumni banquet Thursday evening.

Other officers elected are: Emory C. McCall, of Lenoir, vice-president; and Mrs. C. Whit Gaskins, of Asheville, secretary-treasurer.

Professor L. P. Elliott, of Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, was selected to make the alumni address next year.

At a meeting of the board of trustees Thursday morning, reports on the year's work at the college were heard. The trustees expressed themselves as well pleased with the year's achievements.

NOELL MAY CHANGE TO CHARLOTTE JOB

Seems to Be Choice of Commission for New Division Embracing 20 Counties.

H. E. Noell, for several years state highway engineer of the old eighth district with headquarters at Marion, will succeed J. B. Pridgen, recently elected city manager of Charlotte, as engineer in charge of the Charlotte district under the re-organized state highway commission. Official announcement of Mr. Noell's appointment to direct highway maintenance and construction activities in this territory is scheduled to be made at the meeting of the new state highway commission to be held in Raleigh next Thursday. He likely will begin his work here shortly thereafter, relieving Mr. Pridgen when the latter assumes his duties as city manager.

20 Counties in District

Mr. Noell will be one of the five engineers appointed by the commission to direct work in five districts being set up under the new plan of organization. In the Charlotte district will be approximately 20 counties. This district as well as the other four, will, in turn, be subdivided into five sub-districts of about four counties each, with an engineer in charge of each sub-district. In each of the four counties, forming a sub-district, will be stationed maintenance crews.

E. B. Jeffries, chairman of the state highway commission, called by The Observer over long distance telephone at Greensboro last night, said that the commission is making rapid progress in effecting an organization to take over the 50,000 or more miles of country roads added to the state system by the last legislature.

"By July 1," said Mr. Jeffries, "every mile of the highways in North Carolina will be under somebody's care. The commission's purpose is to keep all the roads, those now being added to the system as well as other all state state highways, up to a very high standard of maintenance; and we are developing the organization with that end in view."

Asked as to Mr. Noell, Mr. Jeffries said he had an excellent record with the commission as an engineer of unusually high qualifications and marked familiarity with highway work in North Carolina.—Charlotte Observer.

Eighth district offices yesterday were without definite information in regard to changes under the new system, and were unable to state whether offices would be maintained here. It has been suggested that the present eighth and ninth districts may be combined to make the new fifth. Whether headquarters would be here or in Asheville under that arrangement cannot be stated at this time.

KIWANIANS CONSIDER NEW COURT SYSTEM

The question of establishing a recorders court for McDowell county was discussed at the Kiwanis Club meeting last Tuesday. This matter has already received some consideration, having the support of a number of lawyers while others are of the opinion that it would not work well.

J. W. Winborne, D. S. Gardner, and J. W. Pless, Jr., took part in the discussion, with others. It was pointed out by some that such a court would make for economy as it would provide for the quick trial of petty offenders who at present may be confined in jail for months at the county's expense; experience of other counties was also cited as evidence of good results from such a court. On the other hand, it was thought by some that the county is too small in population to make the court pay, with other objections.

HOME BREWER BOTTLED

Friday morning Deputy Sheriff Ben E. Hendley, assisted by Constable Broad Robbins, placed Charlie Pressley, 25, in the jug charged with manufacturing home brew for sale. The officers raided Pressley's place at Sorrel Springs, they said, and found a five gallon container of the intoxicating fluid ready for bottling and distribution.

CLEAR CREEK MEET BEST OF THE YEAR

W. M. U. Elects Officers and Selects Harmony Grove as Place of Next Meeting.

A very fine meeting was the annual gathering of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Blue Ridge Association, which convened at the Clear Creek Baptist church Tuesday at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon. Delegates and visitors from most of the churches in the association were present in considerable numbers, and the meeting was described as one of the most inspiring held since the organization of the union. The State secretary, Mrs. Edna Harris, who attends all such meetings, said it was the best held in the State during the past year. Good reports were made from all the churches.

Mrs. J. L. Morgan presided at the meeting and was re-elected president for the ensuing year. Other officers elected were Mrs. J. E. Ingle, vice-president; Mrs. A. F. Wagner, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. D. Y. Allison, superintendent of young people's work. Harmony Grove Baptist church was selected as the place of meeting for 1932.

Although the all-day church gatherings in McDowell county have become famous for good dinners, the spread that was enjoyed under the oaks at Clear Creek last Tuesday was second to none ever seen in this section, plenty for all and the leftovers sufficient to feed many more.

Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor of the First church of Marion, Rev. J. E. Ingle, of Old Fort, O. L. McGinnis, pastor at Clinchfield, were present and assisted in the interesting program, which was given as follows:

- Hymn—Joy to the World.
- Watchword—That the world may know—John 17:23.
- Devotional—Mrs. A. F. Wagner.
- Welcome—Mrs. Ada Padgett.
- Response—Mrs. J. E. Ingle.
- Recognition of visitors and pastors.
- Roll call of churches.
- Report of officers.
- Home Mission Needs—Miss Ethel Ford.
- Solo—"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"—Mrs. T. A. Wilson.
- Foreign Mission Needs—Mrs. B. F. Bray.
- Appointment of committees.
- Afternoon Session
- Song—Revue us Again.
- Playlet—"Love Provides."
- W. M. U. Training School—Mrs. J. E. Ingle.
- Conference Period.
- The Missionary Education of Our Young People—Miss Ruth Tipton.
- Report of Committees.
- Song—Abide with Me.
- Adjourn.

MARION'S ANNUAL PAYROLL RUNS TO \$1,374,240.00

Secretary Kelley of the Chamber of Commerce has prepared for advertising purposes a statement of Marion's industries, giving the number of employes, payroll, production, and investment. The figures were compiled as of May 8, 1931. Annual payroll is \$1,374,240.

Following is a brief summary: 3 textile mills, 1750 employes and \$66,960 monthly payroll; 5 furniture factories, 425 employes, 23,700 monthly payroll; 5 hosiery mills, 474 and \$22,200; 1 box factory, 20 and \$1,000; 1 lumber manufactory, 26 and \$1,000; 1 bottling plant, 6 and 650. Total investment \$5,215,062.

Other assets are churches, newspapers, airport, hotels, county schools with enrollment of 4,948 and 133 teachers; city schools, 700 pupils and 28 teachers; and population in the city of 2,474; including suburbs, approximately 10,000; in the county approximately 20,000.

TRADER HORN

The picture "Trader Horn" which Marion Theatre will show next Monday and Tuesday, is one of the most remarkable productions that has ever been brought to the screen. The Metro-Goldwyn Film Co. kept a company of actors and photographers in the heart of Africa for more than a year taking the scenes of savage people and wild animals which are incorporated in this picture. Even if one is not a regular picture fan, this production will be found intensely interesting.

FAST SCHEDULE PREPARED FOR CAMP COVE ECHO

Camp Cove Echo for boys, owned by the local Kiwanis Club, will begin its second season June 21. This camp last year, as a project, met with such success that it will continue in operation.

Cove Echo is located in the midst of the Blue Ridge foothills which makes it ideal in all respects. The camp includes 149 acres of rugged mountain land and claims an unique feature in the absence of mosquitoes, flies and other similar insects. The grounds have been cleared of underbrush and all unsightly qualities.

An even hundred boys may be accommodated throughout the incoming season in the large, roomy and sanitary log cabins. On the campus will be found a large dining hall, lake fed by two mountain streams, an athletic field including tennis and basketball courts. There will also be room for baseball and football. The drinking water is piped from a covered cold spring high up on the mountain side and has been tested and found pure.

The camp will be under the general management of Superintendent Frank Richardson, with Hugh Beam, athletic director of the Marion high school, and B. C. Wilson of the Winston-Salem athletic department, in charge of activities. In addition to the instructors of last year, an expert in manual training and woodwork has been added. The camp personnel will also boast an Eagle Scout who will give expert instruction along this line.

The daily schedule will be: 7:00 a. m. reveille; 7:10, calisthenics; 7:20, morning dip; 7:45, breakfast; 8:15, inspection of cabins; 8:45, tennis, scouting, woodworking, and hobby club; 10:00, swimming instruction; 11:00, swimming period; 12:00, lunch; 12:30 p. m., rest period; 2:00, tennis and other sports; 4:30, swimming hour; 6:00 supper; 6:30, camp fire activities or hiking. This schedule will be varied at times to conform with other things on the program, such as long hikes, lectures and other events.

The camp is altruistic in that it is attempting to do something for the boyhood of the Carolinas. The charge will be one dollar per day per boy, for a period of two, four or six weeks.

Trustees Meet To Lay Plans Open Hospital

Crawford F. James announced yesterday that he will call a meeting of the trustees of the Marion General Hospital either Friday or Monday, at which plans now being formed will be laid before the board in the hope that the hospital may be opened in the near future.

This will be news of vast interest to the whole county. Citizens generally as well as members of the medical profession are keenly interested in the operation of the hospital. As the matter stands, a splendidly equipped plant that cost many thousands of dollars is lying idle while people of the county find it necessary to patronize other hospitals.

Mr. James, who has just returned after an absence of a week or two, was not in position, he said, to go into details respecting the plans, but said the whole matter will be worked out soon.

GOVERNOR'S WIFE TO AID HOFFMAN?

Declaring her belief in the innocence of Alfred E. Hoffman, labor organizer, who was convicted recently in a Pennsylvania court on charges of conspiracy, Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, wife of the governor of Pennsylvania, has announced she would engage an attorney to fight his appeal, friends of Hoffman in Marion said they learned Tuesday.

According to their statement, Mrs. Pinchot has said she would assist Hoffman in his appeal through both the Pennsylvania and United States supreme courts, if necessary.—Marion Correspondence, Asheville Citizen.

MISS BURTON'S RECITAL

The music pupils of Miss Julia Burton will be heard in their annual recital this, Thursday, evening, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium. There will be no admission charge.

DR. BRAY WELCOMED BY ALL CHURCHES

Union Service Sunday Night. Wadesboro Church Praises Work, Regrets Departure.

Presbyterians, Methodists, and Episcopalians joined with Baptists Sunday night to give a welcome to Dr. B. F. Bray, who at the morning hour preached his first sermon as pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion. W. R. Chambers, chairman of the Board of Deacons, presided. Rev. J. C. Story, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, welcomed Dr. Bray and his family on behalf of that church; Senator W. F. Wood spoke for the Methodist congregation. Dr. T. F. Marr was absent, attending a meeting of trustees of Duke University. Mr. Chambers in fitting terms presented to the audience Dr. Bray, who expressed the pleasure he felt at finding himself in the position, saying he came from a sense of duty and recognized the responsibility resting upon himself and the congregation.

At the morning service Dr. Bray preached on loyalty, basing his remarks on the story of the talents, as found in Matthew chapter twenty-five. He said to be called good and faithful is a very high honor, and urged his hearers to be true to God, to the church, to their friends, and to themselves.

The First Baptist church at Wadesboro adopted the following upon the acceptance of Dr. Bray's resignation as pastor:

1. That we keenly appreciate that during his ministry here he has frequently had to labor under difficulties and possibly disappointments, but we rejoice in the marvelous accomplishments which have been achieved under his leadership. Soon after the beginning of his ministry here, Dr. Bray inaugurated our church building program, and this building in which we are now worshipping stands to a large extent as a memorial to his labor and efforts. He not only put his mind and heart into the task of building this new church, but it also represents actual physical labor on his part. For a time at least he combined the elements of pastor, brick-mason and carpenter.

Dr. Bray has possessed business and executive ability far in excess of that usually attributed to members of the ministry. This has been demonstrated not only in our church building program, but also in the other financial activities of our church. He inaugurated the Budget System, placing the finances of our church on a business-like basis. He has introduced the system of keeping permanent records of all church activities and the making of quarterly reports showing the financial and spiritual status of the church. Under his leadership the spiritual life of the church has been quickened, and many have been added to the church.

2. That in Dr. Bray we have had the happy combination of preacher and pastor. In the pulpit he has preached the Word of God fearlessly and zealously. As a pastor he has given unselfishly of his time and talents to the service of this church and community. Few preachers have made more pastoral calls than he. He has shared with us our joys and sorrows.

3. That we desire to express our profound appreciation to Mrs. Bray for the able assistance which she has rendered Dr. Bray in serving this church and community. She has at all times manifested a keen interest in and has demonstrated a willingness to help in everything that tended toward the growth and development of this church, or for the welfare of this community. We especially desire to commend her for her capable and efficient leadership of the young people of our church and Sunday School. The impressions which she has made upon the lives of the young people with whom she has come in contact will survive as living memorials to her work here.

4. That it is with genuine sorrow and regret that we accede to the request of Dr. Bray and terminate the cordial and happy relationship that has existed between us for more than four years, and we wish to assure him and the members of his family that during the coming years there will be no abatement of our interest in or love for them.

Don't miss TRADER HORN, the biggest picture of the year. At Marion Theatre next Monday and Tuesday.