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Big Term Superior Court To Start Next Monday

Who promises to be one of the most important, most largely attended and busiest terms of Superior Court ever held in Jackson county, is scheduled to begin next Monday morning with Solicitor John M. (then prosecuting the docket for the State) if it not known for certain what judge will preside. Judge John H. Harwood was scheduled to hold the term but he is now off the bench, his commission having been suspended by Governor Gardner, at the request of Judge Harwood, pending dismissal of Judge Harwood from the courts of Wake county, on charges that Judge Harwood made threats and mutilations in the record in the case against his daughter, Miss Lola Harwood, charged with embezzling a sum of money from the State while she was working in the office of the commissioner of revenue.

The docket is exceptionally heavy, and it is believed that the entire two weeks will be consumed in the trial of the criminal docket.

There are five cases involving the violent taking of human life. The first homicide case ever to go to the courts from inside the limits of the town of Sylva is that in which Ray Fisher is charged with shooting Will Enslley to death at the plant of the Sylva Paperboard Company on the evening of November 25, last. Fisher, a school boy, was arrested on the night of the homicide, and was taken to jail in Asheville, where he is being held to await trial. Both men are permanently connected in this part of the county. Enslley was a locomotive engineer, and a hardworking citizen.

Jim Bowers is charged with the fatal shooting of Lucius Jones, on upper Caney Fork. The shooting occurred on Sunday afternoon, November 23, and Jones died in the hospital here on December 10.

Jim Bryson and Ansel Leopard are to be tried in connection with the death of Wiley Galloway, at Glensville last March. Galloway was struck in the head with a rock. Bryson is charged with the slaying, and the State alleges that Leopard is an accessory. The case was continued at the October term.

Another case that was brought over from the last term is that in which Jim Underwood is charged with slaying Cathie Stewart with a knife in Mountain township, on the last Sunday in June.

The fifth homicide case comes up from Qualla, and all the principals are Cherokee Indians. Willis Hornbuckle is charged with having shot William Hornbuckle to death on July 9.

Aside from the cases in which the State could ask for the death penalty, there are about sixty-five other cases on the criminal docket, ranging from misdemeanors to rather serious charges.

SCOTT'S CREEK CHURCH TO HOLD ROLL CALL

The Scott's Creek church has received the list of membership by transferring to a new book. We find several names on the old book, whose whereabouts we know nothing of. They have been held back for information, hoping to get in touch with them and ascertain their wish concerning their membership. There are also a few names that have been taken under whatever, pending letters from other churches. Their letters have not been turned in as yet. We will be glad to help those to get their letters so that they can be received into full fellowship. Hence, the fourth Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M., the church will meet in regular conference, at which time the revision committee will report and call the roll of the membership on the new list, and also the non-resident members. By this method we hope to get such information as will enable us to account for the entire present membership. An urgent request is hereby extended to all members to be present at this meeting, to answer to their names and to help us make any needed correction. The roll will be called both on Saturday and Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock. Church member, please be present or write the clerk, Mrs. Ethel Snyder, or the pastor, T. F. DEITZ.

NO MYSTERY IN MELLON'S APPOINTMENT—BOWERS

Washington, Feb. 17.—Concerning the transfer of Andrew W. Mellon from the Secretaryship of the Treasury to the Ambassadorship to Great Britain, Claude G. Bowers, noted political commentator, declares there is no mystery about it.

"To us, there is nothing surprising about it all," says Mr. Bowers. "We think now, precisely as we have thought for 11 years, that the mysterious appointment of Mr. Mellon to the Treasury was no mystery. He was not a trained statesman; he had not been a notably public-spirited citizen; he was not a prominent Republican leader and he had no political ambitions.

"He went into Mr. Harding's cabinet to look after the interest of the money power; to direct the course of government in the interest of the powerful few. That is the reason he was named on the demand of Penrose, that is the reason he was retained by Mr. Coolidge; and that is the reason, despite the mutual dislike of Mr. Hoover and Mr. Mellon, that he was retained by Mr. Hoover.

With the original appointment of Mr. Mellon to the treasury the 'invisible government' took on visibility.

TODAY and TOMORROW

Gold:

Not long ago I told in this column of a foolish millionaire who put a million dollars in gold into a safe-deposit box. Several persons have written to me saying my figures were wrong as to the size of the box it would take to hold so much gold. My banker friend who told me the story said that a box 17 1/2 inches square and 13 1/2 inches deep would hold a million in gold.

The superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office in New York gave me some corroborative figures. "A million dollars in gold bullion would occupy a piece of 4,752 cubic inches or 2 3/4 cubic feet," he said "and would weigh 3,316 pounds avoirdupois, or 1,58 tons. We weigh gold bars by grains, and an ounce of gold is a troy ounce, which contains 480 grains; but when we ship gold bars we weigh them, for freight purposes, in avoirdupois pounds, of 7,000 grains to the pound. It takes 25 8-10 grains of coin gold to make a dollar, so the 20 goldpiece, or double eagle, contains a little more than an ounce of coin gold and a little less than a troy ounce of pure gold."

Books:

This year there will be fewer books published, but they will be better books, the publishers say. For several years it has been possible for almost anybody to get a book published, whether the author knew how to write and had something to say, or not. The country was flooded with volumes from the pens of young writers whose ambitions outran their abilities, who had never taken the trouble to learn how to write and who, quite generally, were interested in nothing but hideeency.

The reading public is getting disgusted with books which reflect no emotions above the level of animalism, recognizes no Spiritual forces or values in life. Readers are turning back to the sound old classics. More young folk are reading Robinson Crusoe than have for years turned to that great book which ranks next to the Bible and Shakespeare in its enduring value as a source at once of entertainment and inspiration.

Ability:

I think we are coming toward the end of the time when incompetence could "put itself over" by blatant advertising of inferior products. People are not buying poor quality products now, and are not so ready to believe what plausible promoters tell them. It is going to be harder, for a few years at any rate, for swindlers to sell worthless stocks and bonds, and for self styled artists to palm off their so-called "modern" paintings

Cullowhee Tournament Starts Mar. 8

Cullowhee, Feb. 15.—Th annual High School Basketball Tournament will be held at Western Carolina Teachers College on March 3, 4, and 5, in which the following schools are invited to participate: Murphy, Andrews, Marble, Bryson City, Swalla, Whittier, Franklin, Sylva, Sylva Collegiate Institute, Waynesville, Glensville, Cullowhee, Webster, Rosman, Bre Hayesville, Ogeon, Leno, Robbinsville, Highlands, Cyle, Fines Creek, Bethel, and John's Creek.

The following members of the faculty are members of the Tournament Committee: Miss Alice Benton, chairman, general direction; P. L. Elliott, registration; Mrs. Lucy Posey, housing; Miss Nannie M. Tilley, publicity; and Miss Thelma Howell, finance.

Each school receiving an invitation to enter the tournament will be allowed to enter one girl's team or one boy's team or both. The following teams have won since 1925: 1925, Waynesville Girls, S. C. I. Boys; 1926, Iola Girls, Sylva Boys; 1927, Franklin Girls, Waynesville Boys; 1928, S. C. I. Girls, Hayesville Boys; 1929, Waynesville Girls, Waynesville Boys; 1930, Bethel Girls, Webster Boys; 1931, Bethel Girls, Almond Boys. Bethel girls won the cup last year, having been victorious two years in succession.

The girls will be cared for in the Moore Dormitory; the boys in Davies Hall and in the homes in the community. The following community homes have been opened for visiting players while they are here: Mrs. I. T. Hunter, Mrs. W. E. Bird, Mrs. D.H. Brown, Mrs. Carrie Bryson, Mrs. Mollie Fisher, Mrs. L. A. Ammon, Mrs. M. Q. Tuttle, Mrs. John Clayton, Mrs. Ed Norton, Mrs. Henschen Green, Mrs. Victor Brown, Mrs. Lillie Grindstaff, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. McGuire, and Mrs. Frank H. Brown.

and sculptures as real works of art. Ability is going to come into its own again. The principal trouble with the nation and the world today is that second rate and third rate men have been hailed as first raters and getting away with it.

Mortgages:

The safest investment in the world according to Joe Day, is a first mortgage up to not over 60 percent of its actual value, on an owner occupied dwelling house anywhere in the United States. Joseph P. Day, has sold more real estate than any other man ever sold, and he is also a director of the largest money lending institution in the world, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

The cities and towns of the nation are over built with business and apartment structures built to rent, says Joe Day, but there is a crying need for several million modern one family homes. There is plenty of money available to build them, but the need is for better ways of making that money available to the home owner at reasonable cost. That is coming, investors think, and soon.

Cope Given 5 to 7 Years

Tom Cope, Jackson county man, was convicted of manslaughter, last week, in Haywood court, in connection with the death of Frank Ruff, of Saunook, and was sentenced to five to seven years in State's prison by Judge A. M. Stack.

Ruff, who was 15 years of age, was killed early in 1931, on Highway No. 10, near Pleasant Balsam church, when struck by an automobile said to have been driven by Cope. Cope was placed on trial at a former term of court, but the jury failed to agree.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere appreciation of the kindnesses of our friends and neighbors during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. S. P. Wilkes and family.

Jackson Co. Girls in State Wide Contest

Of the five winners in the "Stewardship Contest", of the Asheville Division, Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, held in Waynesville, last Sunday afternoon, three were Jackson county girls. They are Miss Frankie Buchanan and Miss Mary Owens, of Webster, and Miss Carolyn Stillwell, of Cullowhee. These three young ladies will appear in the State-wide contest, to be held during the annual session of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina in Greensboro, next month.

The initial try-out of the contest, which is sponsored by the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, was held in the churches of the associations of the State, last fall, the winners in the church contests meeting in association-wide contests, later. The winners in the associational contests of the 16 associations comprising the Asheville Division were those who met in Waynesville last Sunday, and these five winners will go against the winners in the four other divisions of the State, in March.

Miss Buchanan represented the Young Woman's Auxiliary, Miss Owens the Intermediate Girls Auxiliary, and Miss Stillwell the Junior Girls Auxiliary.

POULTRY SPECIALIST HERE THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK

Mr. C. F. Parrish, Extension Poultry Specialist, will be with the County Agent, the first three days of next week, to discuss the care and management of poultry. Poultry is one of the few farm products that can be sold for cash. Also, poultry and poultry products have been as near the price of things the farmer has to buy as any commodity.

Meetings will be held at the following places to discuss poultry and the 5-10 year organized farm movement:

Federation Hatchery, Monday at 10 a. m.

G. C. Snyders Beta, Monday 2 P. M. Glenn Robinson's, Willits, Monday at 4 P. M.

P. H. Ferguson's, Whittier Tuesday 9 A. M.

Ed. Bamgarner's, Wilnot, Tuesday, 11 A. M.

Will Cowan's, Webster, Tuesday, 11 A. M.

R. C. Higdon's, Gay, Tuesday, 4 P. M.

E. C. Wike's, East Laporte, Wednesday, 9 A. M.

R. S. Green's, Cowarts, Wednesday 11 A. M.

J. R. Hooper's, Speedwell, Wednesday, 2 P. M.

It will be worth while for every farmer who can to attend one of these meetings.

INJURED ON TRAIN

Harry Leonard Crisp, 15, of Tennessee, Ga., suffered a severe injury to one of his feet, when it was caught between the couplings of box cars on the local railway yard, this afternoon. The youth was taken to the hospital, where he is receiving treatment.

Votes Off Special Tax

Balsam Grove school district, Caney Fork township, voted off the special school tax for the district, at a special election held on Tuesday of this week.

The vote to abolish the special tax was overwhelming, being slightly more than four to one.

The official tabulation gave For Special Tax 13

Against Special Tax 55

This decisive vote is taken by many observers as indicative of the tenor of the people regarding lowering taxation. The last session of the general Assembly effected a reduction in most of the counties. In the case of Jackson the rate is 32c lower than the previous year.

The special election in Balsam Grove district was called by the county commissioners, last month, upon petition of the voters of the district.

Eight Months Schools To Continue For Full Term

BALSAM

Isobel Coward, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Coward was taken to the Harris Community hospital in Sylva, Saturday, where she was operated on for appendicitis. She is recovering as nicely as could be expected.

Mr. Louis McCall was ordained deacon in the Baptist church here, Sunday.

Misses Etta Kinsland and Irene Raby, two of our teachers, spent last week end in their respective homes in Qualla. They were also guests of friends in Asheville Sunday before last.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Jones entertained the following guests with a radio party, Saturday evening: Rev. Ray Allen and daughters, Blanch and Ruth, and sons, Roy and Luch, Miss Leatherwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Foster. The guests also furnished good singing with organ accompaniment.

Qualla basket ball team played Balsam here, Wednesday afternoon. Score, Balsam 39, Qualla 9.

Mrs. Fred McKee and little daughter of Webster are visiting her mother, Mrs. Lona Green.

Our mountain peaks were covered with snow Sunday afternoon, and there was quite a little flurry mixed with rain, in the village.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Mr. E. L. McKee, of Whittier, came up Sunday, to see his mother.

Mrs. Maigie E. Sherrill and Miss Melie Sherrill visited friends here, this week.

Mr. G. W. Candler, of the railway mail service, was in town yesterday, the guest of Mr. J. W. McKee.

Mr. L. J. Smith returned Thursday from Charleston, S. C. where he has been on business, for some time.

The rare spectacle of the Aurora Borealis was observed Saturday night but its splendor was much obscured by heavy clouds, which is much to be regretted.

Gen Hampton is pushing the building of the stock law fence, and will have the territory closed in by the first of March. Everybody should try to be ready for it.

Misses Addie and Etta Wilson and Mr. Bowman Wilkes, of Big Ridge, returned from Asheville, Friday morning, and that evening, in company with Mr. Marcellus Buchanan, made the Democrat office a highly appreciated visit.

Cards are out announcing the marriage, at the home of her sister, Mrs. B. F. Curtis, at King's Park, Long Island, New York, of Miss Frances Baum to Mr. W. G. Perry, of Asheville, on Wednesday, Feb. 24. The many friends of Miss Frances in this community extend best wishes to the happy pair, in which the Democrat heartily joins.

Gov. Holt appointed George A. Shuford to the judgeship made vacant by the resignation of Judge James H. Merrimon. As the Democrat said before the appointment was made, it could not be more worthily bestowed.

Ex-Governor Alfred M. Scales died in Greensboro, Feb. 9, after a long and painful illness. During the war he commanded a brigade composed of the 13th, 16th, 22nd, 34th, and 38th North Carolina regiments. Since the war he served ten years in Congress, and four as governor of the State.

Albert Galatin, Democrat of Pennsylvania, had the longest term of service as Secretary of the Treasury, 12 year, serving under President Jefferson for two terms and under President Madison one term. Andrew W. Mellon, Republican of Pennsylvania, comes next with a term of 11 years. Three presidents served under Secretary Mellon.

The eight months schools of Jackson county will continue for the full eight months term, according to information from the office of the superintendent of schools. The State, under the McLean Act, of the last General Assembly, provides for the maintenance of the constitutional six months term in every school district in the State. The problem arose, in many counties, to as how the funds can be secured to continue the eight months schools for the full term. Taxes are slow coming in in most counties, and the problem of paying teachers for the extra two months has become an acute one.

In Jackson county the problem was solved by voluntary action on the part of the teachers, in agreeing to continue teaching for the extra two months, and waiting until tax collections are made to receive their pay.

The action of the teachers assures that every eight months school in the county will continue for the full term.

JACKSON FARMERS ARE TRYING LESPEDEZA

(By E. V. VESTAL, County Agent) Fourteen farmers have already purchased 1275 pounds of common Lespedeza (Japan Clover) and several more are panning to buy seed in the near future. These farmers, from Qualla to Caney Fork, realize that something must be done to bring back their worn out spots on the farm and to increase the grazing of their pastures, as well as to improve their cultivated land.

Twelve years experience in growing Lespedeza in Stanley county leads the Stanley Farmers Exchange to say the following:

"Lespedeza is being grown successfully on more than 95 per cent of the farms of our county, with a total of 30,000 acres annually. This is proof that it is worthy of a permanent place on every farm.

"Soil does not get too poor for Lespedeza to make a profitable growth. Lespedeza very seldom makes less than one ton vegetation, no matter how poor the soil. One crop of Lespedeza turned under will double the yield per acre of corn and other crops."

If Jackson farmers will sow Lespedeza in their small grain each February; sow their spots in pasture, and sow poor hillside, it will be only a short time until their land will be much improved.

On poor soils the common variety of Lespedeza is recommended, 25 pounds per acre. On soils not so poor Korean Lespedeza is good, 15 to 20 pounds per acre. Sow broadcast prior to March 1. The common variety is less expensive to seed and the seed can be "panned" and saved easily; while the Korean variety requires threshing.

The county agent will be glad to discuss Lespedeza with any one interested: Office hours, Saturday and Monday mornings.

QUALLA

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller Hall on February 8th a son, James Robert.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gunter on February 9th a son, Larry Weaver.

Mrs. L. L. Shaver, Mrs. J. W. Cathey and Miss Jennie Cathey visited at Sylva and Franklin last week.

Dean W. E. Bird of Cullowhee visited Qualla relatives Saturday.

One of our teachers, Mrs. Ruby Bamgarner visited her mother, Mrs. John Alley of Cullowhee, who has been ill.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes visited Mr. W. H. Cooper on her birthday, Feb. 11th. She was 93 years of age.

Mrs. J. C. Johnson, J. V. Hall, J. C. Gass, C. P. Shelton, L. L. Shaver and Miss Jennie Cathey called on Mrs. Miller Hall.

Miss Mary Emma Ferguson of Cullowhee school spent the week end at home.

Mrs. J. C. Johnson and Terry Joe Johnson spent Saturday night at Mr. Fred McLean's of Whittier.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Martin and Mrs. Jessie Martin of Governor's Island visited at Mr. W. C. Miller's.

Mrs. Rufus Johnson, Margaret and Nettie Mae Johnson of Deep Creek spent the week end at Mr. D. M. Shaler's.