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SEND A YEAR IN ADVANCE OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

FORTY-NINTH HOME-COMING AT CULLOWHEE, OCTOBER 22ND

Albert Stewart To Go On Trial For Murder Monday

Bulletin

Solicitor John M. Queen is making preparations to place Albert Stewart on trial for his life, Monday morning, on the charge of the murder of Abe Stewart; and that is the course that will probably be followed unless the case takes another turn, over the week end.

Judge Alley ordered a special venire of fifty men drawn to report on Monday morning, and officers of the sheriff's department are busy serving the summonses.

Two murder trials still await action at this term of the court. Burl Moss stands indicted for the murder of Fred Pruett; and Albert Stewart is indicted for the murder of Abe Stewart. Both have been arraigned, and both cases grew out of the same transaction, when blazing shot-guns roared and broke the stillness of the Sunday night on July 10, last. When the shooting ceased, Abe Stewart and Ben Pruitt lay dead in the road, and Burl Moss, desperately wounded, was rushed to the hospital in Sylva.

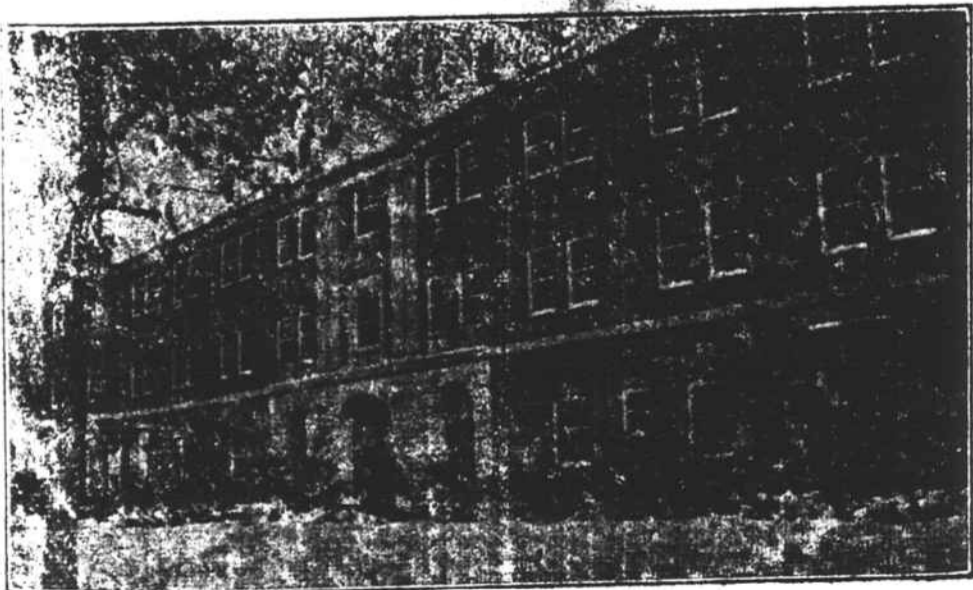
Albert Stewart was not mentioned in connection with the affair until the grand jury brought in a bill of indictment, this week, charging him with the murder of Abe Stewart.

While both deceased men were killed on the same occasion, Solicitor John M. Queen stated that he will try them separately.

The young man indicted this week is a son of Govan Stewart, of Mountain township.

The Solicitor intimated that he will begin one of the murder trials as soon as the case now pending is completed. John Coward is on trial on a charge of assault. He is alleged to have shot Reuben Stephens in the forehead, with a pistol, last summer. Stephens was brought to the hospital, where some bone and a small portion of his brain were removed, in an effort to save his life. The unusual operation was successful, and he was discharged, after spending some time in the hospital. He is now in court as a witness for the State.

REUBEN ROBERTSON HALL



Governor Clyde R. Hoey will speak at the High school auditorium at Cullowhee, at 2:30 in the afternoon, on Tuesday, October 25. The Governor will speak in behalf of the Democratic candidates, county, State, and national.

Governor Hoey is one of the most eloquent and popular Governors the State has had in recent years, and it is expected that a large crowd will be at Cullowhee to hear him.

The Governor will speak under the auspices of the Jackson County Democratic Executive Committee, and the Young Democratic Club, and they urge everybody in the county to be at Cullowhee to hear him.

DISTRICT P. T. A. MEETING AT SWANNANOVA, OCT. 11

The tenth annual conference of Parent-Teachers Associations of North Carolina District Number 1 will be held at Swannanoa school, on Friday of next week, October 21, beginning at 9:30 in the morning.

The theme of the meeting will be "Security for our Children"; and Dr. Frank Howard Richardson, author and lecturer, and Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, State P. T. A. President, will be the principal speakers.

Mrs. R. U. Sutton, local P. T. A. President, and other officials are hoping that a large delegation from Sylva will go the Swannanoa meeting.

REGISTRATION TO BEGIN SATURDAY FOR ELECTION

The registration books for the general election, to be held on November 8, will open on Saturday, October 15.

It will be unnecessary for any person who voted in the last general election two years ago, or in the June primary to reregister at this time, except in Canada. That township has been divided into two voting precincts, necessitating a complete new registration.

All persons who have moved into the county, have moved from one township, ward or voting precinct to another, or who have reached their majority since the last election must register, in order to be eligible to vote in November.

Fred Cope Draws Life Term In Hance Slaying

Fred Cope, young Willets man, was sentenced to serve the rest of his natural life in the State Prison, at hard labor, for the murder of Palmer Hance, on State Highway No. 10, near Willets, a few weeks ago. Cope entered a plea of guilty as necessary before the fact of murder in the first degree. In passing sentence, Judge Felix E. Alley, stated that a plea such as entered by Cope automatically carries with it a sentence to life imprisonment, from which there is little hope of pardon, reprieve, or reduction of sentence.

Cope was indicted by the grand jury, and brought into court and arraigned. He had no attorney, and Judge Alley appointed W. B. Sherrill and Dan K. Moore of the local bar to represent him. A venire of fifty men was ordered drawn and summoned, from which to draw a jury to try him for his life. The trial as scheduled to begin Thursday morning; but on Wednesday Cope came into court and tendered his plea.

It was promptly accepted, by the Solicitor, and Judge Alley pronounced the sentence; and in doing so he took occasion to compliment the solicitor and the defense attorneys upon having reached an agreement which, perhaps met the ends of justice, since Cope was giving the State the balance of his life. "The defense attorneys, by this action," he stated, "have saved the man they were appointed to represent from the possibility of execution in the gas chamber at Raleigh; and the solicitor was

evidently actuated by the promptings of mercy."

Since the plea carried with it the automatic life-time sentence, leaving no discretion with the Court, no evidence was offered by either the State or the defense. Hance was shot to death with a shot-gun, as he stood on the highway near the woodhouse of the Copes.

The young man who was sentenced to life time in prison, is a son of L. L. Cope of Willets. He is unmarried.

Hance lived in Scott's Creek township, and was also a single man. Philbert Brown and Rotha Massengale were convicted of an assault with deadly weapons, and were sentenced to serve six months on the roads.

Charlie Extine, assault with a deadly weapon, three months on the roads and an additional twelve months, suspended upon good behavior after serving the three month's sentence.

Harvey Hoyle, larceny, 8 months. Odell Bryson, colored, prohibition violation, 4 months.

Leddie McDonald, larceny, breaking and entering, 12 months.

Sterling Elders, operating automobile while intoxicated, 6 months.

John Huskey, operating automobile while intoxicated, 4 months.

Jess Arnold, prohibition violation, 6 months.

C. W. Parker, carrying concealed weapons, \$50 and costs.

E. V. Moss, operating automobile while intoxicated, \$50 and costs.

College Alumni Plans To Celebrate Building Program

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Revival services at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Ben Cook closed Thursday evening. Eleven persons united with the church and were baptized in Soco, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. E. Freeman, Mr. J. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Martin, Mr. P. H. Ferguson and family, Mrs. Jessie Cordell, Miss Jennie Cathey, Mrs. Annie Lizzie Terrell, and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Terrell attended the Quarterly Meeting at Whittied, Sunday.

Miss Edna Freeman of Asheville and Miss Bonnit Freeman of Candler are visiting their father, who is seriously ill.

Ms. Sam Garrison and children of Georgia and several other relatives visited Mr. D. L. Oxner last week. He seems to be slowly improving from a serious illness.

Mrs. Bailey and Rev. Harry Freeman, of Farmington, visited their brother, Mr. Will Freeman, last week. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Monteath called on Miss Annie Terrell, Monday.

The Forty-ninth Home-Coming Day celebration at Western Carolina Teachers College will be held on Saturday of next week, October 22; and it is anticipated that a large crowd of the alumni and friends of the college will be present.

The \$681,000 building program soon to be launched at the college has greatly increased the interest in the institution. And friends and alumni are jubilant over the prospects.

The program, which includes more building and equipment is one year than the college has had in all its previous years of service, was made possible by President Roosevelt's P. W. A. program, and the special session of the General Assembly, called in August, by Governor Hoey.

The Alumni Luncheon will be held at 12:30.

At 3:00 o'clock the football game between W. C. T. C., Coach James' Catamounts, and East Carolina will be called, at Townhouse Field.

The alumni reception and dance will be at 8:00 o'clock, in the evening.

PRESIDENT



H. T. HUNTER

WALTER E. MOORE



AERIAL VIEW OF WESTERN CAROLINA TEACHERS COLLEGE



COLE GARAND JUARY HEAD

The grand jury serving at this term of court is composed of Thomas A. Cox, foreman, Howell Crook, Geo. Hooper, W. J. Beck, T. J. Fowl, J. M. Shank, J. M. Smith, J. M. P. Pitts, C. S. ...

The grand jury carrying concealed weapons ...

TODAY and TOMORROW

EUROPE ... disturbances. It is hard for most Americans to figure out what lies back of the disturbances in Europe. There is no simple, single answer, but a great deal of opinion between nations on the Continent traces back to ancient racial hatreds. We think that we have a lot of racial friction in our own country, but we manage to live in peace with each other because we all speak the same language, wear the same clothes, and have the same ears. On the Continent, we are all on pretty much the same economic level; and we have learned, in 300 years of living together, to respect each other's rights and to ratify each other's racial distinctions. In Europe there is a much greater number of races, and each race tries to dominate the country in public affairs. The minority races insist upon their civic rights, and that

is where much trouble begins. There is no racial stock anywhere which is not represented among the European peoples, and the struggle for racial supremacy has been going on for thousands of years. It takes only a spark to start a conflagration when racial interests clash. MIXTURE In no European country are the people all of one race except, perhaps, in the Scandinavian countries bordering on the Baltic Sea. Italians vary from the pure blond types of northern Italy to the dark-skinned and Neapolitans of the South. Africa, Asia and the cold countries of the German north have mingled their blood with that of the Lombards, Venetians, Tuscans, Etruscans and other primitive racial strains to produce the modern Italian. France has a dozen different racial strains, imperfectly mingled, from the blond Normans to the dark Gascons. The people of Spain are more sharply differentiated, including the mysterious race of Basques on the shore of the Bay of Biscay. (Please turn to back page)