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WILKES BAR REGRETS THE DEATH CALDWELL LAWYER

Judge and Visiting Attorneys Take Part With Association in Appropriate Services to the Deceased Attorneys

The Wilkes County Bar Association, the presiding judge and visiting lawyers have adopted resolutions of respect to Capt. Edmund Jones and Moses N. Harshaw, members of the Caldwell Bar Association, both of whom have died during the past few weeks.

A copy of the resolutions, with a letter from Attorney F. B. Hendren of Wilkesboro, follows:

At the request of the Wilkes County Bar Association, I am herewith sending you copy of resolutions adopted in respect to Capt. Edmund Jones and Moses N. Harshaw, respectively, with the request that you publish same.

The association, with visiting attorneys, met this afternoon for the purpose of taking appropriate action in regard to the death of these two lawyers, who in former years were in the habit of attending our court. Judge Harding presided. Appropriate remarks were made by John R. Jones, C. C. Gilreath, F. B. Hendren, F. A. Linney, Johnson J. Hayes and J. H. Burke. The presiding judge likewise spoke in the highest terms of these men and ordered that a page on the minute docket of the court be dedicated to these memorials respectively and that they be spread thereon in appropriate form.

Yours truly,
F. B. HENDREN.

In Memoriam of Capt. Edmund Jones

Capt. Edmund Jones, the oldest and one of the most distinguished of the members of the bar of our neighboring county of Caldwell, died at his home in Lenoir early last month.

Capt. Jones was born of a distinguished line of ancestry in the Happy Valley about three-quarters of a century ago. His ancestors were prominently connected with the early history of the county, being one of the pioneer families to settle in the valley of the Yadkin.

At the early age of 10 he volunteered into the Confederate army and served with gallantry and dis-

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DEMOCRATS ELECT DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION

The Democratic county convention was held in the court house Saturday, with a good representation of Democrats from over the county. W. C. Newland was called to the chair and presided over the convention, with D. W. Turner acting as secretary.

The following named were duly elected as delegates to attend the State convention at Raleigh today (April 8): W. D. Jones, W. C. Newland, H. W. Courtney, A. W. Dula, Lawrence Wakefield, Mark Squires, J. L. Nelson, J. G. Ballew, J. C. Seagle, B. B. Hayes, J. Z. Bush and Clarence Moore.

On motion of Lawrence Wakefield all Democrats who desired to go to Raleigh should sit as delegates.

The same delegates were named to attend the congressional convention.

On motion of Mark Squires the chairman of the executive committee of the county was instructed to appoint such delegates as he saw fit to attend the senatorial convention when called.

WOMAN FOR OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER

By nominating Mrs. Sadie Jordan Schoolfield of Greensboro for the position of county treasurer, the county convention of the Guilford Republicans established a precedent, as Mrs. Schoolfield is the first woman to ever offer for one of the county offices and the second woman in North Carolina to become an avowed candidate for any office in this State. The honor of being the first woman candidate for public office goes to Mrs. Mary Settle Harpe of Greensboro, who received the nomination for State superintendent of public instruction by the late convention of the Republican party some time ago.

BISHOP HORNER WILL ATTEND LONDON MEETING

Bishop J. M. Horner, Episcopal bishop of the Asheville district, will attend the Lambeth conference of the American Communion which will be held in London, England, from July 2 to Aug. 7. This conference is held once every decade, and the one this year will probably be the most important ever held by the Episcopal Church. It will be attended by all the American and English bishops, who comprise the Anglican Communion, as well as the missionary bishops of Africa, South America, Australia and Asia.

TO GIVE CLEAN BILLS TO EX-CONFEDERATES

Senator Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, has introduced a joint resolution which would authorize the secretary of the navy to correct the public records and grant honorable discharge to 136 men, all of whom are now dead, who left the Federal navy during the war between the States to enter the Confederate service. Senator Harrison said the records show that these men were dismissed, although others were granted honorable discharges. The resolution was referred to the naval committee.

SHORES DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID, DIES IMMEDIATELY

Committed Suicide Rather Than Serve Sentence on the Roads; Was Convicted in November for Immoral Conduct

Rather than serve a sentence on the roads, Jim Shores yesterday drank a one-ounce bottle of carbolic acid as he was being taken into the county jail, and died ten minutes later. Shores was convicted at the November term of court on the charge of immoral conduct. At that time judgment was suspended on the payment of costs and he was released on promise of good behavior. Some time since November court, however, again began immoral relations with the woman in the case, Neta Kirby, and the two left Lenoir together. They were arrested in Hickory and brought back to Lenoir to await the action of the court.

Shores was in the custody of Deputy Carroll Tolbert of Collettsville and had just been taken from the court, where a sentence of twelve months on the roads had been imposed upon him. They had started up the steps of the jail when Deputy Tolbert noticed the prisoner put his hand to his mouth. The officer said he thought the man was putting a chew of tobacco into his mouth. A moment later he saw the prisoner drop a bottle and stagger. The officer picked up the bottle and saw that it was labeled with the deadly poison. One-tenth of the contents would have killed the man, but he had taken the whole amount. Dr. A. A. Kent and Dr. C. L. Wilson were summoned within a few minutes and reached the jail before the man died, but it was impossible to save his life. He refused to take an antidote.

After Shores' death became known it was learned that he had made several remarks that he would never be taken to the roads, and that if he was given a road sentence he had something in his pocket that would end it. It is said that he even displayed the bottle of carbolic acid at a saw mill at which he worked prior to coming into court and said that he expected to kill himself if he was given a sentence. It seems that he had prepared for this act and picked a time to drink it just before he was to be placed in a cell and searched.

OTEEEN HOSPITAL IS SEVERELY INDICTED IN REPORT

Finding that the food served at army hospital No. 19, Oteen, N. C., near Asheville, has been poor; that guards have not at all times been courteous in their treatment of sick soldiers there; that there has been a growing discontent among the tubercular patients over mess hall conditions, and that the mess officer in charge should be relieved, the inspector-general of the army has made his report on the investigation at Oteen. This report does not sustain all of the charges made by soldiers, who telegraphed Senators Simmons and Overman and other Senators, demanding a civilian inquiry.

Soldiers who telegraphed Senators and Congressmen are declared to have violated army regulations, but since the year sick men "and in a measure not responsible for their acts, disciplinary action is not recommended," says the report.

Coming from the army itself, the entire report is a rather severe arraignment of affairs at Oteen and shows that from the use of manufactured milk and dirty dishes, to the presence of cockroaches, there is much room for improvement.

A STARTLING STATEMENT BY PROMINENT PHYSICIAN

At a recent meeting of the American Public Health Association in New York, Dr. W. S. Rankin, the president, made some startling statements with reference to the physical and mental health of the population of this country. Of the 110,000,000 citizens of this country, 45,000,000 are physically imperfect; 15,000,000 die annually; 3,000,000 are in bed all the time; 1,000,000 have tuberculosis, 2,500,000 contract venereal diseases each year, from two to three million are cases of hookworm and malaria. Only 37,500,000 are fairly healthy and 19,500,000 are in full vigor. With all our vaunted support of higher educational institutions it is interesting, perhaps surprising, to find that there are more persons in the insane asylums in this country than in all the colleges and universities. It is also estimated that the former cost more to maintain than do the latter.

FORMING "OVERALL CLUBS" TO COMBAT LIVING COSTS

To combat the high cost of clothing "overall clubs" are being organized throughout Florida, according to reports. A club already organized in Tampa has several hundred members, including many business men.

Visiting Attorneys

Among the visiting attorneys here during the present term of court are W. A. Self of Hickory, J. H. Burke of Taylorsville, A. A. Whitener of Hickory, I. T. Avery of Morganton and George Wilson of Gastonia.

Teachers' Examination 13th and 14th

The State examination for teachers' certificates will be held on the 13th and 14th instant in the office of the county superintendent. This examination is of special importance to all teachers holding certificates below the elementary grade.

Y. D. MOORE, Co. Supt.

A Correction

In a recent issue of the News-Topic the price of the Overland sedan was placed in the advertisement of the Overland touring car. The price for the touring car should have been \$1,095. The sedan is priced at \$1,695. The roadster and coupe are \$1,095 also. These prices are for the cars delivered in Lenoir.

DELAWARE FAILS TO RATIFY; LOOKING TO LOUISIANA

The lower house of the Mississippi general assembly last week, by a vote of 94 to 23, refused to ratify the Federal woman suffrage amendment, which the Senate had previously favored. One member arose and shouted, "I would rather die and go to Hades than vote for woman suffrage."

Gov. Holcomb of Connecticut declines to call a special session of the legislature to vote on the suffrage amendment. The Delaware legislature last week defeated ratification of the woman suffrage amendment. After the vote was announced there was great cheering among the men and women opponents of equal suffrage. Anti-suffrage members were surrounded by enthusiastic women who showered them with congratulations and red roses, while suffragists, wearing the yellow daffodil, sadly walked from the chamber, some of them in tears, it is stated.

When informed of this action Gov. Rickett, who recently announced that he would ask the North Carolina legislature to ratify the suffrage amendment, said he would not call the special session of the general assembly to meet earlier than the time when the tax commission is ready to make its report on valuation, which is expected to be made early in July.

The action of the Ohio legislature in ratifying the Federal suffrage amendment will be submitted to a referendum of the voters at the general election in November under a State constitutional provision unless the United States Supreme Court holds invalid such a referendum provision. The Ohio suffrage case is now before the Supreme Court for decision. State courts have upheld the validity of the State constitutional referendum provision.

The advocates of woman suffrage are now looking to Louisiana for ratification at the meeting of the legislature, which convenes May 10.

EX-SERVICE MEN URGED TO RECORD DISCHARGE PAPERS

The national commander of the American Legion has sent the following bulletin to all State departments and posts of the legion:

"Department adjutants are urged to instruct their department historians on the advisability of all ex-service men officially recording their discharge papers with the recorder of their county. The desirability and importance of every member of the American Legion conforming with this suggestion is evidenced by the many instances in which claims are made where the discharge papers are either lost or destroyed. To provide for this emergency the department historian should make all necessary inquiries and obtain full information incidental to recording them from the offices of the county recorder.

"It would be well to bring to bear upon the minds of our comrades that the official form of discharge is an instrument that cannot be duplicated, although it may be possible to obtain a form in lieu thereof; that, although it may not be held with any particular pride today, there will come a time with increasing years when a considerable amount of sentiment will center around the discharge paper."

Wilson Alone Controls the Troops on the Rhine

President Wilson informed the House last week in response to a resolution of inquiry that American troops on the Rhine still were controlled by the terms of the armistice and were subject only to his orders as commander in chief of the army. Field Marshal Foch of France, the President said, has no jurisdiction over the troops nor are they in any way controlled by the decisions of the allied Rhineland commission, which makes ordinances and rules for the governing of the territory policed by the allied armies of occupation.

Maj.-Gen. Allen, commanding the American troops, the President wrote, has authority to police the territory under his control, to preserve order and "to repel any attack which may be made upon him."

Boy Scouts Organize

A camp of Boy Scouts has been organized here, with John R. Ingle scout master, and Wm. F. Schell, assistant scout master. Three patrols have been formed, as follows: First, "Beaver," with Lee F. Tuttle, leader, and Harry Isbell, assistant leader, and the following boys as members: Lee F. Tuttle, Harry Isbell, Preston Bost, Davis Tuttle, Reece Corpening, Ned McMillan and Alfred Kent. Second patrol, "Crow," Charlie Warlick, leader; William Kent, assistant leader; members, Charlie Warlick, William Kent, Mart Dickson, Tom Moore, Clyde Helton, Charlie Beard, Raphael Wilson and Jay Warlick. Third patrol, Ernest Moore, leader; Jack Matheson, assistant leader; members, Ernest Moore, Jack Matheson, Locks Hanks, Hampton Mallard, Walter Oxford, Claude Bush and Edwin Tate.

Edwin Tate was elected scout scribe.

The scout council is made up of Rev. A. A. McLean, Horace Sisk and A. A. Blackwelder.

Whitener Spoke Tuesday

A. A. Whitener, prominent Republican of Catawba county, spoke here in the court house Tuesday during the noon recess. State Chairman F. A. Linney of Boone was also booked for a speech, but he was unable to reach Lenoir. Mr. Whitener was introduced by E. F. Wakefield.

Snow at Blowing Rock

The ground was covered with snow at Blowing Rock Tuesday morning, said Mr. W. H. Moore, who lives near Blowing Rock, when here yesterday. The thermometer was down to about 18 degrees, he said. Mr. Moore also said that he did not believe the apple crop was injured, but that the peach crop might be partly killed.

Saturday Banking Hours

Beginning Saturday, April 10, the undersigned banks will be open one hour in the evening, from 8 until 9 o'clock, on Saturdays. Patrons are requested to observe this hour.

BANK OF LENOIR, FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

WILL TELL OF ARMENIAN TROUBLES

Mrs. Isaac M. Yonan, who, with her husband, is touring America and giving first-hand information about the troubles of the Armenians, will lecture here at the Presbyterian church Sunday night at the union services. The services will begin at 7:30.

Mrs. Yonan, with her husband, has lived in Armenia during the past few years and has seen the brutalities of the Turks in their effort to kill out the Armenian people as a race.

Every person who can possibly attend the Sunday night's services should do so.

SOME PROBABLE CAUSES OF HIGH COST OF LIVING

Users of gingham will be delighted to know that a stock dividend of 100 per cent to shareholders of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company has been recommended by the trustees.

And at a meeting of the board of directors of the Belton Cotton Mills, Greenville, S. C., decision was reached to declare a 100 per cent stock dividend, subject to the approval of the stockholders.

Two brief news items recently came over the telegraph wire on the same day, and when placed side by side were, to many people, especially interesting. One was to the effect that a certain oil company was expected to declare a 400 per cent stock dividend, and that, in addition, each stockholder would be permitted to buy one new share, at \$100, for each old one held. The old shares are now quoted at about \$850, having gone to that figure from a par value of \$100. Such an enhancement of value, together with the rapidly increasing price of gasoline, has led to the introduction in Congress of a resolution asking for an investigation of the operations of the leading oil companies of the United States, and this fact formed the substance of the second item. Combined, the paragraphs at least make the "flivver" owners, and other, speculate and ruminate, and may cause some of them to fulminate.

It may also interest the public to learn that a New England shoe company last year that it made the year before the increase in sales being only 22 per cent.

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Will Hold Memorial Exercises at May Term

Memorial exercises in honor of Capt. Edmund Jones and Moses N. Harshaw, who died recently, will be held May 18, during the May term of court. W. C. Newland, Lawrence Wakefield and Mark Squires have been appointed a committee to draft appropriate resolutions.

MARCH WAS RECORD MONTH FOR PAYING OFF DEBT

A reduction of \$750,600,000 in the national debt—more than double the amount by which the debt was lowered in any previous month—was accomplished during March, the treasury reported last Friday night. The national debt now stands at \$24,698,000,000.

Officials said the record could not be used as a basis for forecasting further monthly reductions. They regarded it as "sound evidence" of the success of the treasury program for financing the post-war period when government expenditures still continue to run high.

Caldwell High Schools Debate Tomorrow Night

Oak Hill and Hudson, Hickory, Morganton and Lenoir—Morganton Sends a Negative Team to Lenoir

Caldwell county high schools taking part in the State-wide debate will have their first triangular try-out Friday night. Lenoir high school sends Eugene Adams and James Dula to Hickory to uphold the negative side of the question, while Morganton sends a negative team to Lenoir to appear against Verne Blackwelder and Miss Virginia Seehorn.

Oak Hill and Hudson high schools will contest with each other at both Oak Hill and Hudson. Oak Hill sends James Andrews and Claude Andrews to Hudson to present the negative side of the question against Toy Bolick and Mabel Conley, Hudson debaters. At the same time Hudson sends Estelle Johnson and Mae Bolick to Oak Hill to argue the negative side against Oak Hill's affirmative debaters, Bertha Andrews and Lucy Austin.

Lutheran Church Services Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock; subject, "The Witness of God." No evening service. The public is cordially invited to worship with us.

News has been received here that Dr. Lovett of the Globe has improved greatly during the past short while. He, with his daughter, Miss Rethia, have been visiting other members of the family in Avery county.

BOONE VISITED BY HEAVY SNOWSTORM ON MONDAY

Striking Carpenters Do Not Stop Work on Mayview Development; Other Interesting News from Watauga

(By J. M. Downum)

Boone was visited by a heavy snowstorm and flurry Monday, but the storm did not continue for a great while. Easter weather has been unusually cold.

There has been a strike among the carpenters at work on the Mayview estate at Blowing Rock, which enterprise is under the management of Mr. Alexander of Charlotte. Other carpenters have been secured, however, and the work on the beautiful estate is moving on.

Mr. John C. Brown, who lived east of Boone, died on March 30. He was one of Watauga's most worthy citizens and deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved ones. He was stricken with paralysis some days before his death and never rallied, but gradually grew weaker till the end came.

The influenza has died out in Boone and community, but there are now a few cases of smallpox in the vicinity. Vaccination is being resorted to, however, and it is hoped that the disease will not spread.

Several families from the vicinity of Boone are leaving for Ohio, where they will buy property and settle. Among them are Messrs. Adam Hodges, Rom Lovell and others. The community regrets to see them leave, but wishes them well in their new home.

The second quarterly conference for the Boone church was held at the Methodist church last Friday night, Presiding Elder Poovey presiding. The reports of the pastor were very encouraging, especially in regard to the proposed new church building. He reported that more than \$10,000 had been secured in Boone, and the limit is not yet reached. The building committee, which is proving itself quite efficient, was given authority by the conference to build. The contract has been let to Mr. Bob Campbell of Lenoir, who will proceed with the work at the earliest possible date and push the building to completion at the earliest possible time. The general and conference extension boards are expected to assist in the building, and when completed the building is expected to cost \$25,000.

Miss Allye Henry Penn, who has been teacher of voice and piano in Russellville College, Kentucky, has given up her work for the remaining part of the spring term to be with her mother, Mrs. W. C. Coffey.

Other Cases Disposed Of

Reuben Swanson, carrying concealed weapon, \$40 fine and costs.

Oscar Sides, assault with deadly weapon, \$20 fine and costs.

Bud Wilson, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Greer Green, forcible trespass, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

John Minton, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 fine and costs.

Fred Moore, larceny, 15 months on the roads.

Drew Witherspoon and Quince Horton, affray, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jack Bumgarner, affray, not guilty.

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Ella White Epley, bigamy, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

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Metta Kirby, fornication and adultery, 12 months on the roads.

Willard West, assault with deadly weapon, four months on the roads.

George Correll, resisting officer, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

HOLLAND MAY KEEP WILHELM

A dispatch from London says the allied powers have accepted Holland's last note regarding the former German emperor, which refused for the second time to deliver the former emperor to the allies for trial. The note declared, however, that the Dutch government would take all necessary precautions to minimize the liberty of Wilhelm and prevent him from endangering the world's peace. The communication stated that precautions to this end would be taken "on the spot." It was assumed that this meant that a close guard over the former emperor and a strict censorship would be instituted at Doorn.

ARMENIANS STILL BEING MURDERED BY TURKS

Tartars recently massacred 17,000 Armenians within the boundaries of the new Armenian state at the instigation of the Young Turks in the Azerbaijan government, according to Ashbishop Kholn, an Armenian from Erivan, who has arrived in London to confer on behalf of the Armenian republic with allied authorities regarding the situation in Armenia. Estimates of casualties in the massacres at Marash last month, sent to Constantinople by Americans, place the loss of life at about 8,000 Armenians. During the disorders 150 Turks were killed.

COURT FINISHED CRIMINAL DOCKET YESTERDAY A. M.

Solicitor Quashed Indictments in F. and A. Cases Following Jury Verdict of Not Guilty in the Case Against Alf Miller

The criminal docket in Superior Court was completed yesterday shortly before the noon recess with the passing of sentence on a number of persons who had been found guilty.

Charlie Bumgarner was given four months in two cases, one case for carrying a concealed weapon and the other for assault with a deadly weapon on his brother, Jack Bumgarner. He will be taken to the Gaston county roads.

Eibert McCary, who was up on a charge of assault on his wife, was given six months in jail, but upon motion of his counsel proceedings will be instituted to his mental condition examined. In this case evidence was introduced to show that the man had lived a peaceful life until a few years ago. For several years he would become violent at times and has mistreated his wife. During this term of court the solicitor informed Judge Adams that McCary had taken ratings from his wife and clothing and wraps from his daughter. Judge Adams instructed the clerk to hold an investigation when such proceedings were instituted by McCary's attorney. His sentence will be contingent upon the outcome of this investigation.

One of the most pathetic scenes in the court was the plea of Mrs. R. T. Auton in behalf of her husband and son, who were found guilty on the charge of assault. Whiskey drinking had brought trouble into the family, according to the evidence, and, as usual, the wife bore the brunt. Some time last fall, the time of the occurrence of this assault, Mrs. Auton went a neighbor's, Mr. J. J. Roberts, to seek protection. As a result the assault followed. Mr. Auton was fined one-third of the costs in the case and was placed under bond to appear at each criminal term of court during the next two years and prove his good behavior. The son was fined \$50 and taxed with one-third of the costs, while Mr. Roberts was assessed with the other third of the costs.

Dick Malone, a colored boy, will either pay a fine of \$50 and costs or serve a sentence of six months on the roads for carrying a concealed weapon.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Alf Miller, a young business man of Lenoir, on the charge of maintaining a house for immoral purposes. This was the case before Mayor Lenoir several days ago in which the defendant was bound over to court. When this verdict was brought in by the jury Solicitor Huffman quashed the indictments against other defendants bound over from the mayor's court on charges of immoral conduct.

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