

JUDGE OPENS COURT MONDAY WITH EXCELLENT JURY CHARGE

Eli Johnson Murder Trial Gets Under Way Wednesday; Big Crowd in Attendance for Opening

Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, opened his first court in this county Monday morning with an excellent charge to the jury. The attendance was exceptionally large on the opening day, due, probably to the bad weather that prohibited farm work.

The first two days of court were taken up with civil cases, during which time, Judge Pless demonstrated his ability to keep a firm hand on the matters before him and made a favorable impression on all those present.

Wednesday, the trial of Otis Parker, charged with the murder of Eli Johnson, was called. The morning was spent in picking the jury for the trial and the afternoon heard the witnesses for the state which included close relatives of the deceased.

Eli Johnson was shot from ambush during the month of September, 1934. He was a resident of the Green Valley community, and was 53 years old. He was returning to his home from the neighborhood store the morning he was shot. He lived seven days after the shooting. The prosecution has introduced evidence to show that Otis Parker was the murderer. The defense is seeking to clear Parker and to bring out that Johnson was not certain who held the fatal gun.

Solicitor Allan Gwyn, of Reidsville, is prosecuting the docket. Mr. Norman, of Winston-Salem, is acting as court stenographer, in lieu of Miss Lilly Leake, who is usually scheduled for this county.

Visiting attorneys during the week included: Gov. R. A. Doughton, R. Floyd Crouse, and S. B. Gambill, of Sparta; Senator W. R. Lovill and R. L. Ballou, of Boone; and Attorney Bethea, of Reidsville.

COMMENCEMENT BEGINS HEALING SPRINGS ON FRIDAY WITH PLAY

Reverent G. R. Stafford to Deliver Commencement Sermon; Class Exercises on April 19th

Commencement exercises will begin at Healing Springs High School Friday night, April 12, with the play "Where is Grandma?", and close on the night of Saturday, April 20, with the graduating exercises.

Rev. G. R. Stafford, of Jefferson, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, 14th. The commencement speaker has not been announced. On Thursday night, April 18, the grade operetta will be given, and on the following Friday, the class exercises will be held.

Prof. R. E. L. Plummer, principal, is looking forward to a successful commencement to crown a year of progress which has been continual since the foundation of the school which ranks with the best in the county. Mr. Plummer extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend these commencement exercises and at the same time to inspect the school building and the new gymnasium that has been recently built.

COMMENCEMENT AT GREEN VALLEY TO BEGIN APRIL 18

Speaker Yet to be Announced; "Where's Grandma" to be Given Friday Night, April 18

The Green Valley School commencement exercises will begin on Thursday night, April 18, at 7:30 with the primary and grammar grade programs, according to an announcement made recently by the principal, B. H. Duncan.

Prof. Duncan states that the past year has been a most successful and progressive one and invites the public to attend the closing exercises. Commencement speaker has not yet been chosen and will be announced later.

The district seventh grade graduation exercises will be held on April 19, at one-thirty in the afternoon.

The tenth grade will give their program at 2:30 the same afternoon. On Friday night, the high school play, "Where's Grandma", will be staged. Students in this production are: Phil Stewart, Eugene Eastridge, Quayle Barlow, Margaret Barlow, Blanche Eastridge, Rebecca Donnelly, Valeta Thomas, Ariene Osborne, and Nell Wilson.

WAYNICK "GUESSES" STATE ROADS WILL GET \$16,970,000 IN RELIEF MONEY

Chairman of Highway and Public Works Commission Had Hoped to Get 3 Million More

Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, said Saturday he had "hope" that North Carolina would get \$19,575,000 from the federal works relief bill for road construction and grade crossing elimination work but his "guess" was the state's share would be nearer \$16,970,000.

Waynick pointed out that the allocation to North Carolina of \$18,575,000, which was given out in Washington by Representative Cartwright, Democrat, Arkansas, is based on the fact that \$800,000,000 federal works relief bill is earmarked for highway and grade crossing work.

"The President has the power though to reduce those earmarkings by 20 per cent," Waynick said. "It is my hope that we will get \$12,105,000 for roads and \$7,470,000 for grade crossings; but it is my guess we will get about \$9,500,000 for roads and \$7,470,000 for the crossings."

The chairman said he took into consideration the fact that the President has "shown profound interest in grade crossing elimination but not so much interest in continuation of unmatched road funds, having once even said he did not want more unmatched fund."

NEW CHIEF NAVIGATOR



Rear Admiral Adolphus Andrews has been named chief of the bureau of navigation in the navy.

BOXING BOUT SCHEDULED AT FLEETWOOD GYM SATURDAY

Card Lists Many of the Best Known Fighters in County; For Benefit of High School

Prof. James A. Stanley has arranged for one of the best boxing bouts of the season which will be held at the Fleetwood High School gymnasium, Saturday night, April 13, beginning at eight o'clock. The proceeds will be used for the school and the public is cordially invited. An admission of twenty-five and thirty-five cents will be charged with ringside seats selling for fifty cents.

The card shows many of the favorite fighters in the county have promised to be present, and their performance in the past guarantees a most worthwhile evening.

The nine big fights scheduled are as follows:

- "Bo" Griggs, 160, Jefferson, vs. Glen McNeil, 160, Obids.
- Tdd Eller, 157, Jefferson, vs. John Rackley, 155, Lansing.
- Peck Davis, 138, Lansing, vs. Paul Davis, 140, Fleetwood.
- Fred Scott, 140, West Jefferson, vs. Kay Eller, 143, Clifton.
- Howard Woodruff, 135, Fleetwood, Bob Morgan, 135, West Jefferson.
- Ray Green, 135, Fleetwood, vs. Buddy Grayson, 128, West Jefferson.
- John Weaver, Jr., 135, West Jefferson, vs. Burley Church, 138, Oval.
- John Mac Pennington, 100, West Jefferson, vs. Virgie Howell, 95, Fleetwood.
- Bill Hughes, 95, Fleetwood, vs. Edwin Weaver, 95, West Jefferson.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give an Easter Supper in the basement of the Methodist church Tuesday night, April 16. The public is cordially invited to attend.

"Big Six" Who Guide Germany's Destiny



Adolf Hitler, accompanied by Germany's high military leaders. They constitute the "Big Six" of Germany and are the real rulers of the reich. Left to right, front row, Field Marshal Von Mackensen, Hitler and War Minister Von Blomberg. Rear row, General Fritsch, General Goering and Admiral Raeder.

SALES TAX QUESTION IS STILL UNDECIDED IN REVENUE BILL

BOWIE ANNOUNCES INTENTION OF OPPOSING BOB REYNOLDS

Ashe Solon Gives Statement to Daily Papers of Possible Plans for Year 1938

Tam C. Bowie, Ashe county representative in the General Assembly, has announced his possible plans for the year 1938 in opposing the junior North Carolina representative in the Senate of the United States, Robert Rice Reynolds. The announcement was made last week by the newspapers of the state after having conferred with Mr. Bowie.

While Senator Reynolds still has many staunch supporters in the state, the anti-Morrison spirit that swept him into office with an overwhelming majority two years ago, has visibly cooled.

Judge Bowie makes his announcement with the reservation that he does not know what the future will bring forth, but that this is the trend of his thoughts at present.

DESPERADO OF TEXAS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Raymond Hamilton, lieutenant of the late killer Clyde Barrow, was sentenced Monday to die May 10 for the slaying of Major Crowson, a guard at Eastman state prison farm in Texas.

Before passing sentence, District Judge S. W. Dean asked the desperado if he had anything to say.

"I was convicted on perjured evidence," Hamilton cried out. Then, braggart to the last, he added: "You did it because you could not hold me in the penitentiary."

The Eastman guard died in a blast of gunfire when Hamilton made a break in January, 1934, with guns cached for him by Barrow and his gun-girl, Bonnie Parker, both later slain by Louisiana possemen.

Hamilton was recaptured, only to escape nine months ago from death row in Huntsville, Texas.

THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILD OF W. E. MORETZ DROWNED

Child Missing for Over Hour Found Lodged in Brush at Mouth of New River, Dead

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moretz was found drowned last Wednesday afternoon at the mouth of the river near Todd. Exact circumstances of the child's death were not known.

She was last seen playing on the bridge across a creek directly in front of Cyrus Howell's home. Some other children, according to report, were with her. About thirty minutes later, she was missing, and about an hour and a half later, her body was found. It had been washed some hundred feet downstream and lodged in brush at the mouth of the river. It is thought that she must have fallen in while the other children were not on the bridge, or they would have given the alarm.

Mr. and Mrs. Moretz have only one other child, a daughter.

\$4,880,000,000 TO BE SPENT TO PUT 3,500,000 MEN TO WORK

SNOW FALLS ON PEACH, CHERRY, AND PEAR TREES IN FULL BLOOM HERE

As Tornado Sweeps Over South, Ashe County Has Cold Spell in Middle of Early Spring Weather

Old heads have been shaking, ominously since the trees began to put out here several weeks before their usual time, and "I told you so" could be heard on every hand Monday morning when it was found that snow and sleet had covered the county during the preceding night. It is said, however, that unless a more severe cold wave strikes the county, the fruit trees now in full bloom will not be hurt. Pears, plums, peaches, and cherry are blooming.

Thirty-four persons were dead and more than 100 injured in the wake of tornadoes which swept over Louisiana, Mississippi, Tex, Alabama and Florida Sunday and Monday.

In McLean county, Kentucky, more than 100 families along the Green river fled from the homes as the river rose eight feet above flood stage. At Rumsey, Ky., four of the 60 families who evacuated river side homes moved into the school house, one family was living in the courthouse.

The Mississippi tornado, splintered the town of Gloster with a population of 1,500, and left 12 known dead.

LOEB FEVER MACHINE



This machine uses short radio waves to produce fever in the body of a patient, a treatment that has met with considerable success in treating certain diseases.

MUCH INTEREST CENTERS ON EDUCATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Nathans Creek High School Meeting Place for Ashe County Grammar School Contestants

Interest in the county-wide scholastic tournament that was inaugurated last year has doubled this year, according to County Superintendent Hash, who has been checking up on reports from the various schools where the district preliminaries were held last Friday. In some instances, so many relatives and friends of the contestants attended the district meetings that it looked like a commencement day rather than a tournament of educational prowess.

Finals in the county-wide tournament will be held at Nathans Creek, Saturday, at which time the winners in the districts will come together. Names of the district winners as well as county winners will be carried in the paper next week.

Between six and seven hundred students are expected to be present at Nathans Creek. It is understood that the Home Economics department will serve a hot lunch to those who wish to eat on the grounds. A small charge will be made for the lunch.

GRASSY CREEK F. F. A.'s TO STAGE MINSTREL SHOW

The Grassy Creek Future Farmers of America will stage a minstrel show Saturday night, April 13, at the Virginia-Carolina High School auditorium. The admission of fifteen and twenty-five cents will go toward the help of the F. F. A. chapter.

The public is invited to attend this entertainment of more than two hours of wholesome fun and entertainment.

President Signs Long Delayed Work Bill in Effort to End Depression

A few strokes of President Roosevelt's pen on the \$4,880,000,000 work relief bill Monday set in motion use of history's largest lump sum appropriation to put 3,500,000 men to work and end the depression.

The bill was sent to Jacksonville, Fla., by courier after being enacted by congress in a 75-day battle. Mr. Roosevelt signed it as he sped northward, refreshed and rested from his fishing trip in Caribbean waters, to attend the funeral of his cousin, Warren Delano Robbins, in New York. Robbins, minister to Canada, died Sunday of pneumonia.

Immediately after signing the bill, the President signed two allocations from the amount appropriated under the new law.

The first allocated \$125,000,000 to the administrator of the Federal Emergency Relief administration, in order that relief may not stop.

The long delay in the senate has made necessary the transfer of many millions of dollars previously allocated to highly useful, permanent projects to immediate emergency relief work, the President indicated. This money came from the recovery act appropriation of 1933. Many of the projects which have been canceled because of this cannot now be continued under the terms of the new law.

The second allocation under the new law for \$30,000,000 is a continuation of the emergency conservation work, the maintenance of the Civilian Conservation corps camps, also \$842,000 for continuation of conservation and other work on tribal or other Indian reservation lands.

On his return to Washington the President is expected to make public detailed plans for putting the huge fund into operation. Mr. Roosevelt himself will direct the spending, and indications are that three officials will divide the task of actual administration—PWA Administrator Harold L. Ickes, Under Secretary of Agriculture Rexford G. Tugwell, and Relief Administrator Hary L. Hopkins.

FEDERAL JURY FOR TERM OF COURT IN MONTH OF MAY

The following jury from this county and Alleghany has been drawn for May term of Federal court to convene May 20th in Wilkesboro: Alleghany County

Van F. Miller, of Laurel Springs, Route 1, W. Carl Irwin, of Stratford, W. J. Wyatt, of Piney Creek, A. L. Richardson, of Whitehead, Charles A. Doughton of Sparta, Greely F. Choate, of Sparta, R. F. D. 1, Jones Waddell, of Scottsville, Ranson L. Hendrix, of Eunice, R. F. D. 1.

Ashe County
Austin Houck, of Tod, Cleve Hurley, of Grassy Creek, Frank Farmer, of Whitetop, Va., R. F. D., T. R. Miller, of Husk, Chas. L. Johnson, of Creston, M. W. Blevins, of Grassy Creek, Oscar Elliott, of Creston, Will H. Jones, of Warrensville, E. E. Trivette, of West Jefferson, W. T. A. Jones, of Toliver, Clarence F. Greer, of Bina, John Howell, of Crumpler, Fred Blevins, of West Jefferson, Wert Blevins, of Jefferson, W. A. Graybeal, Lansing, T. S. Pennington, of Fig.—The North Wilkesboro Hustler.

MEMORIAL TO LATE REV. W. R. SAVAGE TO BE SOUGHT

Flowers from the garden of the late beloved W. R. Savage will be sold from the Episcopal Mission House at Glendale Springs during the spring and early summer in order to raise funds for the erection of a bronze tablet in honor of the man who was known throughout the county as a lover of flowers.

This offer is made through Miss Florence Basom, who is living at the Mission House. She will sell roots and plants of roses, lilacs, phlox, Scotch broom, and many other flowers that should add an attractive bit to the yard or flower garden. It has been suggested that this will also give the friends of Mr. Savage a chance to have a memory spot for him growing in their own gardens. Those interested are invited to drive out to the Mission House and see Miss Basom.