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Many Cases Come Before Superior Court

31 Cases Are Acted On By Grand Jury, Mikeal Is Foreman

Recommendations Made For Improvement Of Courthouse, Other Properties

The grand jury this week heard 31 cases, continued one, failed to find a true bill in two cases and returned a true bill in a total of 28.

In addition to this, the group after making surveys and examinations, made a number of suggestions for improvement of conditions of the courthouse and some other county properties.

The walls of the county agent's offices were recommended for repair as was the chimney. It was also recommended that the courtroom be repainted and some other repairs made on the courthouse. Work on some of the floors and the roof of the county home were recommended for repair.

An examination of the jail revealed that the inmates were being well fed and cared for but some repair work in plastering as well as stove pipes was recommended. It was also found that the mattresses were in poor condition and it was recommended that these be replaced.

E. R. Mikael served as foreman of the grand jury and others serving with him included Charlie Woods, Camie Calhoun, Tom Scott, J. B. Sexton, Frank Hoosier, D. D. Eller, Alex Bare, Leo Ham, Everett Bare, Richard Johnston, John Bare, Raymond S. Scott, Hilt Lyalls, Clarence Greer, T. Vernon Osborne, Millard Dancy, Carl Blevins.

Fleetwood Will Give Play, Sat.

To Be Presented By The Junior Class In The High School Gymnasium

The junior class of Fleetwood high school will present a comedy, "Peter Beware" at the high school gymnasium Saturday night at eight o'clock.

The comedy will be presented in three acts and the cast of characters is as follows: Eunice Rogers, a socially ambitious woman. Exine Phillips: Archie Rogers, her husband, D. C. Owens; Tim Weatherly, a distant cousin of Eunice's. Rex Hardin: Flo Mobsley, the Roger's maid. Muriel Owens: Peter Barrett, Eunice's half brother. Charles Fletcher: Sam Disney, a friend of Peter. Charles Hardin: Clara Witt, a professional model, Lucy Church; Evelyn Bronson, an ex-deb. Polly Bard: Jan Monsell, an outdoor girl. Fay Vannoy: Owen Williams, a theatrical agent. Talmadge Kimberlin: Melinda Holland, Archie's niece. Naomi Bare; and Miss Jones, a New York stenographer. Minnie Woods.

Amateur Hour To Be Given Wed.

An amateur program will be given at the Riverview high school gymnasium at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m. it was announced here this week.

Prizes will be awarded to the three best contestants on the program. Other contestants appearing on the program will be given prizes also.

The public is cordially invited to attend for an evening of fun.

Methodists To Have Rally Sun.

The Methodist ministers and laymen of the Methodist churches of Ashe county will meet for a county rally at the Jefferson Methodist church on Sunday at 3:00 p. m., it was announced here this week.

Dr. J. H. Armbrust and other interesting speakers will take part on the program, it was stated.

All ministers and laymen are urged to attend this meeting.

School Committees Named By County Board Of Education

BOARD CHAIRMAN



L. P. Colvard, chairman of the new county board of education.

Red Cross Still Short Of Drive Quota Of \$2330

\$1774.77 Reported Raised Yesterday; \$555.23 Needed Yet

Reports yesterday afternoon revealed that a total of \$1,774.77 has been raised on the county's Red Cross drive quota of \$2,330, leaving \$555.23 yet to be raised. Churches and other groups and individuals that have contributions that have not been turned in are urged to do so without further delay.

Contributions not previously published include the following: Irene D. Cox, Qualls Motor Co., \$10.00 each.

Staggs Creek School, L. K. Halsey, E. R. Duvall, J. A. Dickson, Mrs. B. C. Waddell, Ruth McNeill, Mrs. Ed C. Eller, \$5.00 each.

Irene Dixon, B. E. Sturgill, Peak Creek School, \$3.00 each. Phleat Fender, Lester Young, T. C. Handy, Lillie B. Perry, A. A. Perry, \$2.00 each. E. A. Ashley, Arthur Weaver, Mrs. E. R. Duvall, Mrs. Walter Halsey, Mrs. Garvey Blevins, Dug Darrel Hart, \$1.00 each.

REV. PAUL PHIPPS TO CONDUCT SERVICE

Rev. Paul Phipps will conduct the service at the Valley Home Baptist church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week.

The Lewis quartet will also be present. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Reports Reveal Nearly 3,000 Are Examined By Draft Board

The local draft board which officially ended the first of this month, along with others throughout the country, inducted more than 1800 men from the time it was opened October 16, 1940. Sam Davis, clerk, who is now in the process of liquidating the files for official closing on April 30, reported this week. Reports further show that there were around 3,000 physical examinations given.

Serving as members of the board during that time were Wade E. Vannoy, John W. Luke, E. D. Barr, J. C. Goodman, Dave Harless, Bruce Bowlin, Q. H. Ashley and S. W. James. R. L. Ballou served as government appeal agent.

Sam L. Davis served as clerk of the board until he went into service with the marine corps when Mrs. Marie W. Yelanjian took over his duties. Mr. Davis resumed his position as clerk when he returned from service.

Representatives From Many Districts Demonstrate Interest In Selections

At the first regular meeting of the Ashe county Board of Education, Friday, following the organization meeting on Monday, school committeemen for the various districts were named.

The large delegations from the various sections were indicative of the interest shown by the people in the selection of their school officials. In some cases the number of the board members was increased.

Those named by the board included the following:

District 1—Jefferson, Roy Badger, Ira T. Johnston, L. B. Tyson, Emmet Stanley, Tom Duncan. Orion—Fred Colvard, E. M. Jenkins, Lee Lambert. Glendale Springs—Mrs. Tom Boyd, Don Bare, Evert Lyalls. Big Ridge—Allen Miller. District 2, Riverview — Todd Price, G. D. Wilson, Thomas H. Sutherland.

Rich Hill—E. W. Sapp; Rye Cove, Preston Wilson; Mill Creek, Walter Roland; Hemlock, Bill Cox; Rash, F. S. Owens; Roaring Fork, Arthur Oliver; Ashland, Charlie Johnson; Parker, Vinson Lewis.

Green Valley, E. E. Stuart, Vick Thomas. Rock Creek, W. M. Sutherland. Otis Price, King Roark. Sutherland, Fred Sutherland. John D. Sutherland.

District 3, Lansing, S. N. Baldwin, Mrs. Ed C. Eller, Bergwin Carter, Kyle Baldwin, J. O. Blevins.

Flatwoods, Fred Wallace. Staggs Creek, John Woods. John Henry Miller, Paul Miller. (Continued on Page 4)

Spelling Contest To Be Held Apr. 22

Ashe County Winner Will Go To Winston-Salem On May 3

Winners in the preliminaries of the various school districts will meet at the court house at Jefferson, next Tuesday at 10:00 a. m., to compete for the county winner in the spelling bee, it was announced by B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools.

This contest is being held in connection with the annual event sponsored by the Journal-Sentinel of Winston-Salem, for this section of the State. The county winner will compete with others in Winston-Salem, May 3. The winner in this contest will be given a free trip to Washington to enter the national contest, it was explained.

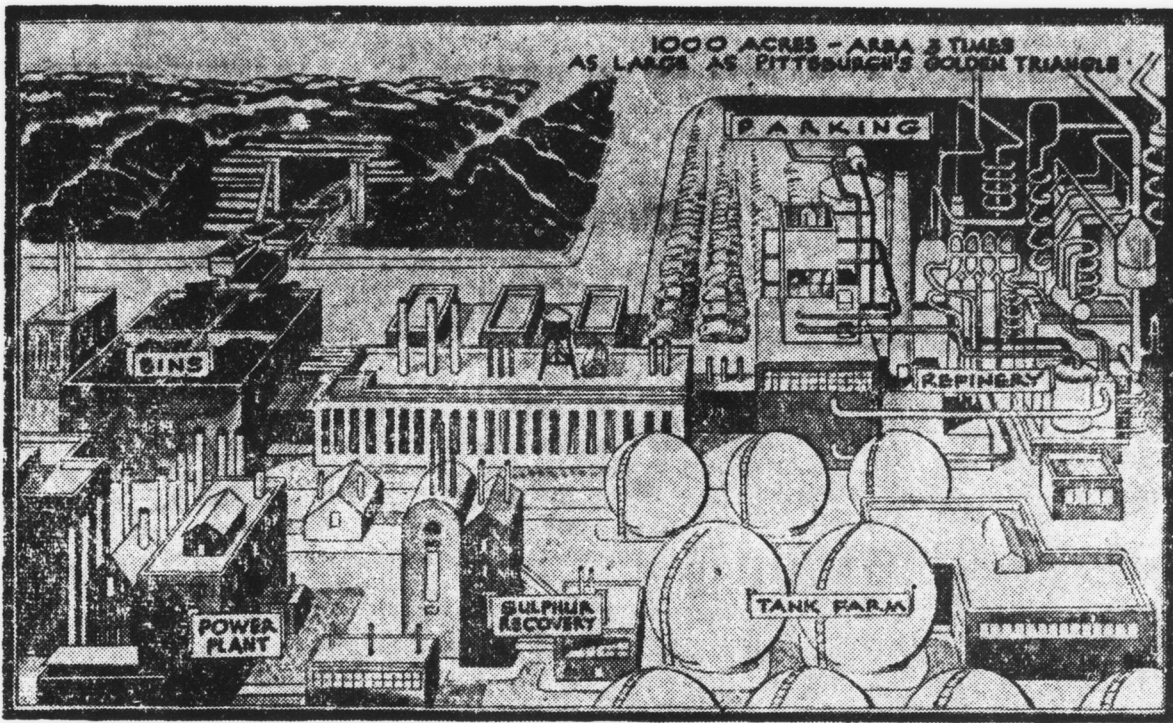
Legion Spelling Bee Held Wed.

Hundreds of children from Ashe county schools, along with parents and others, gathered at the courthouse last night for the annual American Legion spelling contest.

Winners were not available in time for publication this week but will be announced in this paper next week.

J. B. Hash, principal of Jefferson high school, was chairman of this event, in which much interest was shown.

Plans Underway To Convert Raw Coal Into High-Test Gas



A project which is expected to start within two years where in a mammoth plant will convert 6,600,000 tons of raw coal annually into huge quantities of high-heat household and industrial gas and high test gasoline will be erected at Pittsburgh at a cost of \$120,000,000. Photo is an artist's conception of the proposed plant.

Committee Will Work On Plans For Agriculture

Aim Of Group Is To Secure Vocational Agricultural Teachers In County

Plans to secure needed vocational agricultural teachers for Ashe county high schools were discussed at a meeting at the courthouse last week called by the A. C. E. when a county-wide committee was named.

Those named on the committee were A. B. Hurt, incoming superintendent of schools; H. D. Quisenberry, county agent; W. B. Austin, member of the State Board of Agriculture; P. G. Wright, representing the American Legion; Sam Davis, representing the VFW; Joe Garvey, representing the ACE; Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, editor of The Skyland Post.

It was announced by Upton Blevins that the committee would be called together by H. D. Quisenberry within the near future for further plans. It is expected that local committees will be in the various districts, to assist in activating the campaign for establishing vocational agricultural departments in high schools of the county.

Fishing Season Opened Tuesday With Many On Job

Spring Weather Proved Too Much Of Temptation To Local Fishermen

The trout season, which officially opened on Tuesday proved an unfortunate one for the fish, but a lucky one for most fishermen as many reported catching the limit.

The spring weather proved too much of a temptation for a large number of the business people here, who left their posts of duty to go fishing. Amos Wagoner, Jr., of Ashe Hardware reported a lucky day, with his limit without much trouble.

Walter Edminsten, district game protector, announced this week that under authority of the board of conservation and development, South Fork of New River will remain open for fishing the year around. North Fork of New River has been designated as a spawning area, and will be closed from junction with South Fork up to Sharpe's Falls Dam from May 1 to June 30, both dates inclusive.

BIRTHS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Little, of Renick, W. Va., announce the birth of twin girls, Marolyn Elaine and Carolyn Jane, at the Greenbrier Valley hospital, Roncove, W. Va., on April 3. Mrs. Little is the former Miss Eva Maloney.

Rape Case Now Underway; Draw Special Jury

Court Expected To Continue Throughout This Week Or Longer

Occupying the spotlight of the court yesterday was the case of Fielding Petty, Jr., Earl Severt, and James Gambill, charged with rape. The grand jury found probable cause in this case on Tuesday and a special venire of 100 men was drawn from which to select the jury for this case.

Much of the day yesterday was taken up with the selection of the jury. Those chosen to serve on the case are Conley Harless, A. R. Kilby, S. A. Hamby, Robert L. Cox, W. E. Phillips, Q. R. Little, Ed Speaks, M. W. Little, S. A. Miller, Forrest McMillan, Lester Eller, and Charlie McMillan.

The case got underway in the afternoon and the State introduced Marie Handy as a witness as well as A. J. Blevins before whom the preliminary hearing was held and Beulah Cockerham, stenographer, who made the records in the preliminary hearing.

The defense put Fielding Petty, Jr., on the stand as its first witness. He admitted his relations with the girl and also admitted that he had been drinking. The case is expected to be concluded today.

The next major case scheduled for trial during this term of court is that of Mrs. Daryl Bare, charged with manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of Guy Bare, last August. Because of this it is expected that court will continue through this week at least. There is also a possibility that it might be continued into next week.

Monday was a busy day with a number of divorce cases disposed of as well as many minor criminal cases tried.

Divorces were granted to the following:

Logene E. Walter vs. Dalson Walter; Georgia Choate vs. Charles Choate; Warren Jones vs. Margaret Jones; Fannie Collins vs. Clyde Collins; Frank Farmer, Jr., vs. Helen Farmer; Albert L. Neaves vs. Frances Neaves; E. R. Davis vs. Hattie Davis; Cicero Brooks vs. Vena Brooks.

Milt Miller, charged with op-

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Training School For Drivers Of School Buses Will Be Held At Jefferson April 22, 23, 24

Baseball Group To Meet April 25 To Plan Season

Several Teams Represented At Meeting Here On Tuesday Night

At a meeting of baseball fans and players on Tuesday night, the group discussed tentative plans for the organization of a league and decided to meet again on Friday, April 25 before perfecting plans. Dan Campbell was named temporary secretary and W. L. Hughes, president.

Representatives from West Jefferson, Lansing, Helton, East Jefferson, Nathan's Creek, Laurel Springs, Scottville, all of Ashe county, and Rich Hill, in Alleghany, were present.

Lansing, Helton and Rich Hill reported teams already organized. Representatives of the other communities are to report on April 25 relative to teams in order to make plans for the season.

School Equipment Sale Brings \$965

The sale of some buses no longer in use and other motor equipment no longer used, was disposed of at auction on Tuesday morning for \$965. Officials said they were highly pleased with the results of the sale.

Some Firms Cut Prices After President Truman's Request

New York—A few new price reductions, led by one company's cut in anthracite quotations to dealers, broke through Tuesday's discussion of whether business could heed President Truman's plea for lower prices.

The Glen Alden Coal company at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., cut anthracite 20 to 45 cents a ton to retailers, who did not indicate immediately if they would pass the savings on to consumers. Anthracite trade sources said the company, first to take such action, was resuming a prewar seasonal custom of summer price cuts to keep coal moving from the colliery and production going in the slow months.

E. W. Edwards & Son cut prices in its department stores in Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, New York, "convinced that the public has stopped buying and that, to avert a depression, business generally must make price cuts."

A New York department store,

Principals Urged To Have All Prospective Drivers Present For Training

It was announced this week by B. H. Duncan, superintendent of schools, that the training classes for school bus drivers and all prospective drivers would be held at the Jefferson school April 22, 23, 24, opening at 9:30 a. m. on Tuesday, April 22.

C. I. Yelton, of the highway safety division will be in charge of the training and all school principals are expected to have all drivers and prospective drivers for the coming school year attend, in order that they may be qualified. Due to the fact a large number of children in this county are transported to and from school it is necessary to have a sufficient number of trained drivers before the schools open each year, it was pointed out.

Patton Editor Of College Paper

William Patton, son of Mrs. W. M. Patton, of Lansing, has recently been elected as associate editor of the National News, the school paper of the National Business College at Roanoke, Va., where he is a student.

Mr. Patton, who also is quite active in sports, played on the varsity basketball team. This team had the honor of winning the championship title for the City league in Roanoke.

Rites Held For Mrs. Emma Jones

Well Known Ashe County Woman Buried At Warrensville Sunday

Last rites for Mrs. Emma George Jones, well-known Ashe county woman, were held at the Warrensville Methodist church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Interment was in the Warrensville cemetery with Revs. J. R. Short, W. C. Eastridge, A. C. Ashley and R. C. Ashley officiating.

Mrs. Jones died of a heart attack at her home in Warrensville last Thursday at the age of 89 years.

She was born in Jonesville, the daughter of the late Rueben Wilder George and Hannah Louise George. She was graduated from Cokesbury Academy at Jonesville, and was teacher of Dramatic Arts at Fairview college where she met and married her husband the late William H. Jones, then president of the college.

She is survived by three children, Howard George Jones, of Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs. Claudia Jones Johnson and J. Paul Jones, both of Warrensville; and one sister, Mrs. Samantha Myers, of Yadkinville.

COMMITTEE TO START RE-EVALUATION APR. 21

As a continued meeting of the board of Aldermen of the town of West Jefferson, last Wednesday plans were discussed and Walter Tucker was named along with Dean McMillan and Edward Osborne, on the committee. Tucker replaces B. B. Graybeal, who was unable to serve.

The committee plans to start work next Monday, it was stated.