

3 PRISONERS BREAK FROM JAIL

YOUNGER BOYS LEAVE MAXWELL

Transferred to Mountain Orphanage Near Black Mountain

OLDER BOYS REMAIN

Mrs. Hayne Arthur Writes Deploping Closing Of Institution

A group of the younger boys at the Maxwell Farm Home, ordered closed by the Asheville Presbytery, were taken to Black Mountain Thursday to be placed in the Mountain orphanage. Older boys at the home, those who are students at the Franklin high school, will be permitted to remain until the end of the school session before being transferred.

A supper in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Crockett, with the boys of the Maxwell Home as special guests, was given last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waldrop. The spread was given by the good people of the community as a token of their esteem for the Crocketts and their interest in the Maxwell boys.

A letter by Mrs. Hayne Arthur, of the Cartoogechaye community, deploring the decision of the Presbytery to close Maxwell, appeared in the "People's Forum" of the Asheville Citizen Wednesday. Her letter, which voices the attitude of many Macon county people, follows:

Editor of The Citizen:
The closing of the Maxwell Farm Home by the Asheville Presbytery has caused so much high feeling among the typical mountaineers in this section that I, as one of the typical, wish to express some of this feeling through your paper. I think it needless to say that the whole community is pained and some greatly surprised at final action of the members of The Asheville Presbytery who have worked so zealously to bring about the closing of this worthy institution. From earliest memories I have been taught to believe that right will always prevail but this is a case where my reason and my knowledge of conditions here throw out of balance my lifelong training.

Mr. and Mrs. Slagle gave the land for Maxwell Farm Home to the Asheville Presbytery as a memorial to their little son. The Presbytery could not accept the property unless it was given without restrictions. They knew however that the wishes of Mr. and Mrs. Slagle were that the Presbytery was to make a home where worthy unfortunate boys could have Christian training under competent leaders. They gave in good faith and their gift was accepted in good faith by the Asheville Presbytery at that time. The Asheville Presbytery has not kept faith with Mr. and Mrs. Slagle. One would think that a sacred wish would surely be respected in our churches and among our most exalted leaders. Also our ideals have been shattered and our beliefs and our faith are left in chaos.

Since the news came to us here (where we have prayed and waited for good tidings) that Maxwell was gone Mrs. Slagle has been in the minds and hearts of everyone. Her case reminds me of a great scene in that wonderful picture of the Ten Commandments. This scene was where a deceitful son was building a beautiful building and the mother was watching with such infinite pride and joy the building take form and grow. The son however, was not using first class material and at last when the trusting mother thought the handsome structure nearly complete it collapsed. There was great confusion. Stones were crushed down upon each other and debris was thrown everywhere. When confusion cleared away and the son began looking things over, in the midst of the ruins of his mother's cherished dreams he found her lifeless body. Life crushed out by the one she had trusted. Only one of Mrs. Slagle's faith could still smile and say my faith looks up to Thee.

Mr. Crockett and his family too have the full confidence and sympathy of every one. To many of (Continued on page six)

Judge Harwood, Daughter Sentenced to Penitentiary After Dramatic Confession

Miss Lola Harwood, a former employe of the state revenue department, and her father, former Judge John H. Harwood, of Bryson City, have entered upon the service of their sentences in State's Prison, Raleigh—she for the embezzlement of \$4,823 in state funds and he for the mutilation of official records in her case.

Judge Harwood and his daughter went on trial in Wake County Superior court at Raleigh last Friday morning, following a postponement from Thursday. A 13-man jury was selected for the trial, which the state expected to last 10 days. During the luncheon recess Judge Harwood broke down and said he could not perjure himself.

Wanted To Save Lola
"I realize that a defense in Lola's behalf could not be made without me going on the stand," Harwood told presiding Judge W. A. Devin, whose duty it became to pass judgment upon a fellow judge.

"To carry out my purpose would have meant that I would have to

perjure myself," he continued. "I did wrong. I am glad I had the courage to determine not to go on the stand and swear falsely.

Tears came to the former jurist's eyes as he told how "Lola was the only thing in the world I had to look forward to."

Daughter Weeps
Miss Harwood cried profusely while her mother, also weeping, and her father, stoical, attempted to soothe her—their only child. Miss Harwood, who is 26 years old, was charged with having taken funds from the revenue department while she was employed as a license clerk. Her counsel said she lost the money while playing the stock market with a man to whom she was engaged to be married.

R. A. Doughton, former revenue commissioner and a former chairman of the state highway commission, made an impassioned appeal for Judge Harwood and his daughter. It was Doughton who recommended to former Governor A. W. McLean that Harwood be

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NORVELL SEEKS TO BE SENATOR

Murphy Attorney Declares Tax Relief Is Most Imperative

Edmund B. Norvell, well known Murphy attorney, has announced his candidacy for the office of state senator from the 33rd district, subject to the Democratic primary in June. The district includes Macon, Cherokee, Graham, Clay and Swain counties.

While visiting in Franklin Tuesday and Wednesday Mr. Norvell said that if he is elected to the state senate he will devote his principal attention to tax relief and economy in government.

"The people of this district just can't pay our present high taxes," Mr. Norvell said. "We have got to have some relief or many of our farmers will lose their land."

Mr. Norvell said he represented no special interests save those of the voters and taxpayers of the district and that if he is elected he will go to Raleigh "untrammelled and seeking only to serve the public."

Legislative business is nothing new to Mr. Norvell, although he has never been a member of the General Assembly. But for 22 years he was employed as chief clerk of the enrolling department of the legislature, responsible for handling all bills introduced.

R. A. Patton of Macon county also is a candidate for state senator in the Democratic primary. The Rev. A. S. Solesbee, also of Macon, has entered the contest for the Republicans. Kelly Bennet, of Bryson City, incumbent, has not announced whether he will seek the office again.

J. R. MORRISON HEADS BOARD

Made Chairman of Election Body; Registrars Are Appointed

J. R. Morrison was elected chairman of the Macon county board of elections and T. S. Munday, secretary, at a meeting of the board Saturday. Fred Higdon is the third member of the board.

Registrars and judges for the June primary and the general election to be held in the fall were announced by the board as follows: Franklin: Fred Arnold, registrar; E. W. Long, and Alfred R. Higdon, judges.

Millshoal: Logan A. Berry, registrar; Jerry R. Franklin and Ad Kinsland, judges.

Ellijay: Wille Henry, registrar; Charles Moore and John Corbin, judges.

Sugar Fork, Alex Shook, registrar; A. B. Potts and Charlie W. Henderson, judges.

Highlands: W. A. Bryson, registrar; Roy Phillips and R. H. Munger, judges.

Flats: Oden Penland, registrar; Earl Dryman and Marshall Burnett, judges.

Smith's Bridge, J. M. Cabe, registrar; John Norton and R. C. Patterson, judges.

Franklin's Official Health Now Improved

Franklin's town officials are improving in health, thank you, after concurrent spells of this, that and the other malady.

Mayor George Patton, who has been seriously ill for about two months, is still not his old self but he has recovered sufficiently to get about a little. Sunday his friends were glad to see him riding about town in an automobile.

Police Chief Bob Henry fell victim to influenza and was confined to bed for a week, but he's out again and apparently as stout and active as ever.

George Dean, town clerk, is able to be in his office now after nearly a week's illness with tonsillitis. He hopes to be strong enough in a few days to launch a drive to collect delinquent town taxes.

TWO CONVICTED IN FIRE CASES

Suspended Sentences Given Wiley Zachary and Harry Edwards

Tried in separate cases, Wiley Zachary and Harry Edwards were convicted in Macon county superior court Wednesday of setting fire to their woods without notifying neighbors and taking proper precautions to prevent the flames from spreading to adjoining property. Each was sentenced by Judge A. M. Stack to 90 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of a \$50 fine and costs provided they abided in the future by the state forest fire law.

Mr. Zachary was accused of setting fire to his property on Trillemont without notifying headquarters of the Nantahala National Forest, which adjoins his property near the ridge. Forest officials reported that the fire spread to government land and burned over a small area before it was brought under control.

Edwards was charged with setting out a fire on Iotla.

Aquone Girl Held As Witness Against Woman

The probation officer of the juvenile court of Dearborn, Mich., is holding Hazel Maybelle Tothorow, 15, daughter of G. T. Tothorow, farmer, of Aquone, as witness in connection with the arrest of Mrs. Eva Byrd Barenkoff, 22, according to a telegram received by the father.

The message was sent to Mr. Tothorow in care of Professor M. D. Billings, of Franklin. The message also asked Mr. Tothorow if he would bear the expense of his daughter's trip home after the trial of Mrs. Barenkoff.

The message answers the question of the whereabouts of the Tothorow girl. The father expected his daughter home several days ago, and when she did not arrive he communicated with Dearborn police, asking them to find out where she was.

The girl was missing for a week before the father learned that she was in Dearborn, where, according to advices received from police there, she was taken by Mrs. Barenkoff on promises of obtaining work for her. She and Mrs. Barenkoff left Andrews a number of days ago.

Chief Asks Cooperation To Cut Town Light Bill

A request that residents of Franklin report all street lights which are not burning was made Wednesday by Police Chief R. F. Henry.

Chief Henry believes that if the public will cooperate with him in this matter the town will have better street lighting service and a smaller electric light bill each month. He reported finding 15 street lights not burning on a recent tour of inspection.

The town has a contract with the Northwest Carolina Util-

Belton Waldrop, Held for Murder, And 2 Others Flee

GRAND JURY'S REPORT FILED

Prisoners Make Complaint Of Insufficient Food And Dirty Beds

A complaint by some of the prisoners in the county jail that they were insufficiently fed and that their bed clothing was unclean was contained in the report of the grand jury for the April term of superior court which was handed to Judge A. M. Stack, presiding, Wednesday by J. R. Morrison, foreman of the jury.

The grand jury's report also contained a recommendation for improvement of the sanitary conditions of the men's toilet in the courthouse.

Judge's Charge

Judge Stack, in addressing the grand jury at the opening of court Monday morning, called especial attention to the increasing number of highway accidents and the widespread disregard of the prohibition laws. He said that it was high time that all good people give their active support to the enforcement of the law. Reckless driving and drunken driving have become so common, the jurist said, that automobile fatalities in North Carolina now average two a day.

"The tragedy of the whole thing," he continued, "is the indifference of good people. They seem to care little as long as it is the other fellow who's hurt or killed. It is time the good people of this country organize to support the law. The gangsters and criminals are organized."

Judge Stack also urged that the school board have its attorney investigate forfeited bonds to the end that these might be collected and applied on the school fund.

Grand Jury's Report

Following is the report of the grand jury:
"Hon. A. M. Stack, judge presiding:
"The grand jury for the April term of criminal court submit the following report.

"We have considered all bills coming before us, and disposed of all matters except five bills continued for lack of evidence.

"We find all the justices of the peace for Macon county have made a satisfactory report since last term of criminal court.

"We find only five administrators and executors who have failed to make a report, and they have been notified to file report immediately.

"We know of no minors without general or testamentary guardians.

"Grand jurors visited offices in courthouse and found records well kept. We recommend that some improvements be made on the men's toilet as it is not in a sanitary condition.

"Grand jurors visited the jail, and some prisoners complained they did not have sufficient food, also that some of the beds need washing as we found pillows very dirty.

"Grand jurors visited the County Home, and found everything in (Continued on page six)

Saw Through Bars on Window Of Cell on Second Floor

BLOODHOUNDS FAIL

Four Other Prisoners in Cell Refuse To Join In Escape

Belton Waldrop, 17, indicted for murder, and two other prisoners escaped from the Macon county jail about 9 o'clock Wednesday night after sawing through the iron bars of a window in their cell on the second floor. Three other prisoners in the cell refused to join in the escape.

Those who fled with Waldrop were Bede Mack, of the Nantahala section, who had been found guilty of receiving stolen goods in connection with a housebreaking and larceny case, and Roy Mason, of the Nantahala section, who was under sentence of six months on the roads for hog-stealing.

Escape Discovered

Jailor Edwards discovered their escape when he went to the cell on the southwest corner of the second floor to make up their beds for the night. The other prisoners remaining in the cell told them that Waldrop, Mack and Mason had fled only a few minutes before.

The bars in the window had previously been cut and welded back together. It was a comparatively easy job to saw them at one end with a hack saw and break them where they had been welded.

About two feet from the window is the wall of an old wooden barn. The prisoners escaped by elbowing themselves down through this crevice.

Bloodhounds Fail

Bloodhounds were brought here from Brevard in an attempt to trace the escaped trio, but the dogs soon lost their trail. Thursday morning the men were still at large and there were few clues as to their whereabouts.

The Waldrop youth was charged with the fatal stabbing of his half uncle, James Burch, 23, at their home on Cartoogechaye in January. Burch died two days after he was taken to the hospital.

It was reported that Waldrop and Burch quarreled over a minor matter and that Burch struck his nephew with a razor strap. Waldrop then took a Barlow knife from his pocket and stabbed Burch in the back while they were scuffling.

Trial Begun

Trial of Waldrop began in superior court Wednesday but Judge A. M. Stack continued the case until Thursday in order that more witnesses could be brought into court.

Those who were in the cell with Waldrop, Mason and Mack who did not take advantage of the opportunity to escape were Bill Angel, held under a suspended sentence for carrying concealed weapons until he could pay fine and costs; John Cole, sentenced for one year for a criminal operation; Newt Browning, serving sentence for drunkenness, and Ralph Fowler, held under a suspended sentence of four months until payment of costs and fine in a prohibition case.

Probe Consul's Slaying

Italian officials are aiding the police of Springfield, Ill., in probing the Saturday night murder of Consul John M. Picco, cut down by shotgun fire from three assailants.

Deadly Quake in China

Details are just trickling into the outer world concerning a deadly earthquake on April 6, which killed several thousands in the Hupeh province of China, in the Yangtze valley.

NEWS SUMMARY

A Survey of State and National Events Concisely Told in Brief Up-to-Date News Reports

Justice Kills Self

Tom Justice, 32, former paper mill employe of Canton, sought by Haywood county officers for five days for the murder of Mrs. Alice Cook, his mother-in-law, shot himself through the head at dawn Wednesday and died two hours later without regaining consciousness. After evading officers since Friday, Justice sat down on a bank in the yard of Vinson Haynes, about eight miles from Canton, put a .38 calibre pistol to his head and pulled the trigger. Haynes, rushing into the yard, found the dying man and notified officers.

JAMES NOMINATED

Crawford L. James, textile manufacturer of Marion, was named the Republican candidate for congress from the new 11th district at the G. O. P. convention held in Canton Wednesday. It took four ballots to select Mr. James. McKinley Edwards, Bryson City, and James F. Barrett, Brevard, were other aspirants for the nomination. Guy Higgs, Canton, and Col. Charles J. Harris, Dillsboro, were elected delegates to the Republican national convention in Chicago in June. James F. Barrett was named presidential elector. Sam L. Franks, of Franklin, was made a member of the state executive committee.

Grove Park Inn Brings \$525,000

Grove Park inn, Asheville resort hotel, was sold under receivership on Monday for \$525,000 to a firm representing second mortgage holders. The sale is subject to confirmation of the court.

LEGIONNAIRES FAVOR BONUS

Returns from the Legion round-up meetings held in almost every post in the state, Monday night, indicate that a majority of the posts and the Legion members favor an immediate payment of the bonus in cash.

Continue Election Contest

By vote of nine to eight, the senate committee on elections, voted Saturday to continue the Pritchard-Bailey contest over the senatorial election in North Carolina in 1930, and to ask the senate for funds to make an investigation.

GEORGIA SENATOR DIES

William J. Harris, senator from Georgia since 1918, died Monday at Washington from heart failure. He was 64.

Favor U. S. Control of Buses

Gradual formation of a federal code governing bus and truck transportation was recommended to the Interstate Commerce Commission, Monday, by a committee which has made a five-year study of the subject.

Return Kidnaped Girl

After a vain effort through a Catholic priest to effect a ransom payment, kidnapers on Sunday abandoned Hilda Brodsky, nine, on a Philadelphia street. She had been kidnaped on Friday in Wilmington, Del.

Southern Railway Deficit

Decline in general business and competition of trucks, waterways (Continued on page six)

Dedication of Baptist Church To Be Held May 1

The first Sunday in May will bring to pass an event which has been long dreamed of and hoped for by the members of the First Baptist church. This event will be the dedication of the church. The church is extending a cordial invitation to everybody to attend this service. The people from all the churches of the county and all former pastors, members and friends are urged to be present and make the occasion a Home-Coming Day.

The Rev. A. J. Smith, of Goldsboro, will preach at the morning service and the Rev. W. W. Marr, of Hickory, will deliver the sermon during the evening hour.

"The Baptist church here represents years of struggles, hopes and dreams on the part of her members and former pastors," commented the present pastor, the Rev. E. R. Eller. "Many have lived and died with the dream yet unfulfilled. But, as our Master has said, 'One sower and another reapeth.' This is the case with those of us who have recently come to enjoy the blessings of this splendid church. We are reaping the blessings of those who hoped and dreamed in others days. When we as a church dedicate the house of worship to God for His glory, let us also dedicate our lives to His glory."