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Bits of Wisdom

Justice is that virtue of the soul which is distributive according to desert.

—Aristotle.

LEAS IN JAIL

Col. Luke Lea and his son, Luke Lea, Jr., both of Nashville, Tenn., were placed in the Buncombe county jail early Thursday morning, en route to Raleigh, where they were to be placed in state's prison to serve sentences for violation of the North Carolina banking laws in connection with the failure of the Central Bank and Trust company of Asheville. Luke Lea, Sr., is under a sentence of from six to 10 years, while his son has the option of paying a \$25,000 fine and the costs or of serving from two to six years.

INSULL, TOO

Samuel Insull, onetime utilities magnate who fled the country to escape prosecution in connection with alleged illegal financial manipulations, is back in Chicago, this time in a jail cell, instead of a sumptuous apartment or office. He was taken to Chicago Tuesday after his arrival at New York on extradition papers, honored by the Turkish government, and placed in jail in default of \$200,000 bond.

MELLON CLEARED

Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury under Harding, Coolidge and Hoover, was cleared Tuesday by a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh, Pa., of a charge of attempted evasion of \$716,144 in income taxes for the year 1931.

PROFITABLE PARTY

The birthday parties held in President Roosevelt's name last January were right profitable. Tonight the president is to receive a check for more than \$1,000,000, representing the net receipts of these parties. The money will be used for the benefit of the Warm Springs hospital for infantile paralysis victims.

STILL AT LARGE

John Dillinger, U. S. Public Enemy No. 1, was still at large Wednesday night.

CANNON WINS

A confidence vote of 269 to 170 accorded Bishop James Cannon, Jr., smashed a vigorous move in the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church to relegate the churchman to the sideline. The conference overrode a recommendation of its Episcopacy committee which voted for the superannuation of Cannon.

LETS NEW CONTRACTS

Temporary airmail contracts on 15 routes have been awarded by Postmaster-General James A. Farley, while others will be let soon.

UNVEIL BRYAN STATUE

A bronze figure of William Jennings Bryan the "Great Commoner," was unveiled in Washington last week, and was accepted by President Roosevelt on behalf of the nation. Joseph Daniels, Ambassador to Mexico, and president of the Bryan Memorial association, made the presentation address.

FAMOUS MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Rebecca Doughton, mother of Congressman R. L. Doughton, chairman of the powerful ways and means committee, and R. A. Doughton, long a public servant, passed away Thursday at her home in Allegheny county after a prolonged illness. She was 96 years of age. Funeral services were held at Laurel Springs Friday afternoon.

NEW ANTI-CRIME LAWS

Ten anti-crime bills, including one to permit the federal government to put a stiff price on the heads of criminals branded as public enemies, have been pushed through the house, at the instigation of Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings.

Abandoned Automobile Seized by Sheriff

An abandoned Ford V-8 sedan, almost new, was brought into Franklin by Sheriff Slagle last Friday afternoon and stored, pending discovery of the owner. The car, bearing a West Virginia 1933 license tag, was found in a clump of trees near the Black Bird filling station about 12 miles from Franklin on the Georgia road. Persons living in the vicinity reported to the sheriff that the car had been parked in the woods for a day and a night with its lights burning. Doors to the car were locked. The gasoline supply was about exhausted. Sheriff Slagle, who thinks the car might have been stolen and abandoned when the gasoline ran low, notified West Virginia authorities.

WEAVER DENIES PARK CHARGES

Declares Fees Paid Him as Title Attorney not Excessive

ANSWERS J. E. OWEN

Says He Had no Interest In Lands Bought For Park

A denial that attorney fees paid by the old state park commission for title or other legal work in connection with the acquisition of land for the Smoky Mountain National Park were excessive, or that any favoritism was shown in the acquisition of this land, has been received by The Press-Maconian from Congressman Zebulon Weaver.

Mr. Weaver's statement is in answer to campaign allegations and insinuations made by James E. Owen, one of his competitors for the Democratic nomination for representative from the eleventh congressional district.

The charges and insinuations which Mr. Weaver denies were made by Mr. Owen in campaign speeches and in a statement distributed to newspapers throughout the district. The Press-Maconian did not print any of these charges and insinuations because on their face they were patently misleading.

Sold No Land

It has been reported to this newspaper, however, that the insinuations against Mr. Weaver have gained some circulation in this county. The Press-Maconian, therefore, is glad to print the essence of Mr. Weaver's denial, in which he flatly declares:

"I never derived one cent of personal profit from the sale of any lands in the park area."

Mr. Weaver also explained that he had nothing to do with fixing the prices paid for land acquired for the park, his only duties relating purely to titles and legal work. A small interest he possessed in the Rainbow Fishing club property acquired for the park, Mr. Weaver donated outright to the park.

Fees Just

Concerning his connection with the old park board as title attorney, and fees paid him in this capacity, Mr. Weaver stated:

"These fees were honestly paid for services efficiently rendered. If any person is doubtful about their propriety, I would suggest that he consult either with the old park commission, the new park commission, or Mr. Arno B. Cammerer, now director of national parks, and during that period trustee for the Rockefeller Foundation, from which fund practically all expense of the park, including attorney's fees, were paid. The foundation audited the books of the park commission every six months. It was advertent to the amount and purpose of all attorneys' fees. All of the \$2,000,000 provided by the state of North Carolina was paid for the actual purchase of lands. Not one cent went to expenses of any kind. The federal government paid no part, and it was not expected to pay

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Franklin Rotary Club Wins Gold Cup

A delegation of 15 Franklin Rotarians returned home Tuesday night from the two-day annual conference of the 58th district of Rotary International, held in Hickory Monday and Tuesday, bringing with them the district governor's gold cup. This cup is awarded each year to the club in the district which has the best record of attendance and other achievements. The cup last year was won by the Sylva Rotary club.

NEW BUILDING IS UNDER WAY

Henry and Angel Lease Auto Service Station And Garage

The Triangle Service station at the corner of Main and Palmer streets and the adjoining lot, upon which a modern garage building is now under construction, has been leased by Frank L. Henry, Jr., and T. W. Angel, Jr.

The lease was obtained from W. C. Burrell and D. G. Stewart, the owners of the property.

Mr. Henry and Mr. Angel plan to operate a one-stop service station, offering motorists repair work and storage in addition to gasoline, oil and tires.

The new building is of brick and tile construction with floor dimensions of 55 by 65 feet. Mr. Burrell said it would represent an investment of approximately \$3,000. Work on the structure is being rushed in the hope of completing it May 20. The building will face Palmer street.

Time Extended

Corn-Hog Contracts May Still Be Obtained

The time for farmers to make applications for corn and hog reduction contracts has been extended until Tuesday, May 15, according to F. S. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent. Saturday, he said, is the deadline set for filing applications for crop loans on this year's crops.

SANDERS RESIGNS

Everett Sanders has tendered his resignation as chairman of the Republican National committee, and a meeting has been called for June 5 to elect a successor.

FOREST FIRES

Fanned by a brisk wind, forest fires swept over 200,000 acres in Wilkes and Allegheny counties last week, destroying 13 homes, and two persons were believed lost. Flames broke out in many places, and were soon beyond control.

Sheriff Slagle Captures 50-Gallon Still, His 72nd

A 50-gallon still was captured by Sheriff A. B. Slagle and his deputy, John Dills, early last Friday morning in the Coweta section.

It was the 72nd still brought in by Mr. Slagle or his deputies since he assumed office three and a half years ago, making a yearly average of slightly more than 20. While exact figures are not available as to the number of stills captured in other years, this is believed to be a record in Macon county.

The still had been in operation shortly before it was captured, but the operators escaped after having been warned by a watcher of the approach of the officers. Deputy Dills said when they came within about a quarter of a mile of the still they heard pistol shots from the top of a ridge, on the other side of which the still was located. On reaching the top of the ridge they found places where a sentry had been posted.

Operators of the still, after having been notified by the sentry's pistol shots, fled with the still cap and a quantity of liquor, but in

their haste they dropped the liquor, about nine gallons of it, which was found by the sheriff and confiscated. Approximately 200 gallons of mash was destroyed.

The sheriff took along his son, Charlie Slagle, who was anxious to see a still in operation.

County Leases Mica Mine To J. Frank Ray

A lease by the county to J. Frank Ray, Franklin lawyer and mica miner, of the old Bryson mica mine in Cowee township, sometimes known as the Faupel mine, was authorized at a meeting of the county commissioners Monday. Walter Gibson, chairman of the board, was empowered to sign the lease for the county, which came into possession of the mineral interests of the Bryson mine through foreclosure for delinquent taxes for 1925 and 1926.

The proposed lease provides for payment of a one-eighth royalty to the county and gives Mr. Ray an option to buy the property within one year at a price of \$1,000.

RURAL RELIEF PLAN LAUNCHED

New System Is Explained By Miss Davis, County Administrator

CASE LOAD REDUCED

County's Relief Allotment For Month of May Is \$3,500

BY RACHEL DAVIS

Macon County Relief Administrator The Macon Emergency Relief Administration began its new program of rural rehabilitation April 1. Under this new set-up, the people who desire relief are required to enter into a contract with the administration that they will raise all the food crops possible this summer in order that they may support themselves. The whole project is to get the people back on a self-supporting basis; therefore, direct relief is not to be given any more. Relief cases are urged to get work wherever possible in their own communities or on public works and not call for this help unless it cannot be secured in any other way. There are government loans which those who are able to put up collateral can secure. The administration is insisting on them using this, if possible. However, when every means has been used to secure aid or employment from every other source and it cannot be gotten, then the relief administration is to give the help simply on an advance basis and allow the people to work and pay for what has been loaned to them during the crop-making season.

When a person registers for relief a case investigation is made by one of the case workers before any are given. This is to be done monthly and emphasis is placed continually upon the relief cases becoming self-supporting just as soon as possible. If an individual is not able to work and earn what has been advanced to him, some other means will have to be used in giving him the aid he will need.

400 on Relief List

The case load for Macon county at this time is approximately 400, practically one-third of what it was this time last year. The administrator feels that with the aid of the case workers that much real constructive work can be done among our people. Those who are working as case workers for this county are: Mrs. F. M. Tessier, Franklin; Miss Annie Oliver, Otto, and Mrs. Gilmer A. Jones, director of women's work, is aiding in doing case work at the present. The Rev. S. R. Crockett, the farm and garden supervisor, will assist each family in getting the most possible from their farms and gardens. J. E. Lancaster is director of rehabilitation for the county.

County Gets \$3,500

The allotment for Macon county for the month of May is \$3,500, which will be used in assisting the families during their crop season and they will be given work on these projects as they are being approved so that they may be completed. Other projects will be started just as soon as possible. The whole program is purely on a relief basis and is for the help of relief cases only. The only projects which have been approved are the golf course and swimming pool at Franklin and the Macon county home. Work has already begun on the first and the county home project will continue perhaps the last of this week. These projects will not continue with the same personnel necessarily as those who were on the C. W. A. projects, and work will not be given to any one group to complete the project, but will be divided among the relief cases so that all may have a chance.

Regarding Placements

There has been a bit of misunderstanding about the various projects and who had charge of them. All N. R. A. projects, P. W. A. and Forest Service projects are (Continued on Page Four)

Commissioners Raise Ferdie Higdon's Pay

The salary of Ferdie Higdon, courthouse janitor, was raised from \$15 to \$20 a month by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday. A recommendation that Higdon's pay be raised to \$25 a month was made by the grand jury at the April term of court.

Primary Surprises Develop As Time for Filing Ends

An Open Letter

DR. W. A. ROGERS and MR. J. FRANK RAY, Gentlemen:—

The three of us are candidates in a friendly contest for the Democratic nomination for Representative of Macon County in the next General Assembly.

Because I am publisher and editor of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian, I am in position to broadcast to the voters my views on political issues. However, I do not wish to take undue advantage of this opportunity. In fairness to both of you, as my opponents in the primary, I extend to you the same privilege. You may state your opinions at any reasonable length and The Press-Maconian will be glad to print them absolutely free of charge.

In next week's issue I plan to publish my platform, setting forth my attitude on Taxes, Schools, Teachers' Salaries, Automobile License Fees, and Prohibition. I hope that both of you may see fit to announce your platforms at the same time. I will reserve space for them. Kindly do me the favor of submitting the copy on or before 9 a. m. Wednesday, May 16, so we will have time to set it in type.

A free expression of opinions by the candidates will be of material assistance to the Democratic voters in deciding whom they wish to nominate on June 2. Let us base this contest on the issues, not upon personalities.

Sincerely,
BLACKBURN W. JOHNSON.

BISHOP COMING HERE TUESDAY

Will Preach at Convocation To Be Held at St. Agnes Church

The spring meeting of the Asheville convocation of the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina will be held at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Franklin, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week with the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, new bishop of the diocese, among those present.

Bishop Gribbin is to preach the sermon at an evening service at 8 o'clock Tuesday night and to conduct meditations at services on Wednesday. It will be his first visit to Franklin since his consecration in January.

An invitation is extended to the general public to attend these services by the rector, the Rev. Frank Bloxham.

The convocation consists of the parishes of Asheville, Black Mountain, Waynesville, Canton, Henderson, (Continued on Page Four)

SPECIAL TERM OPENS JULY 9

Date Changed by Governor; Jurors Drawn by Commissioners

Date for the opening of a special term of Macon county superior court has been changed from June 4 to July 9 by an order of Governor Ehringhaus. A two-weeks term for the trial of civil cases only has been called. Jurors to serve at this term were drawn by the county commissioners Monday, as follows:

First week: J. T. Roane, Route 1; Alex Moore, City; J. R. Guyer, Route 3; Van Morgan, Kyle; J. C. Brown, Otto; J. H. Dills, Cullasaja; E. H. Southards, Route 1; W. S. Dills, Flats; Ralph Penland, City; A. C. Sanders, Prentiss; Alex Hopkins, Prentiss; T. A. Bateman, Kyle; W. H. Rowland, Kyle; John T. Henry, Ellijay; C. H. Fouts, Route 3; P. G. Dean, Fina; (Continued on Page Four)

Series of Joint Speakings Planned by Young Democrats

The Young People's Democratic clubs of Macon county are planning a series of meetings in various sections of the county at which Democratic candidates for county offices will be given an opportunity to speak.

Each candidate, according to John W. Edwards, county president of the Young Democratic organization, will be allowed to voice his opinions on election issues. The clubs, however, will not espouse the cause of any individual candidate, Mr. Edwards stated.

Hitherto, candidates speaking at Young Democratic meetings have had to confine their remarks to generalities, not being permitted to speak in behalf of their own candidates. It is a rule of the clubs to show no partiality as organizations in intra-party contests.

There has been considerable demand, however, Mr. Edwards said, for joint speakings, at which candidates would be free to express their views. In according to his demand, the clubs, he continued, will

show no partiality, as all of the candidates in the Democratic primary will be asked to speak and time will be divided between them equally.

Dates and places for these joint speakings have been tentatively set as follows: 8 p. m., Monday, May 21, Otto; 8 p. m., Wednesday, May 23, Holly Springs; 8 p. m., Friday, May 25, Slagle school; 2 p. m., Saturday, May 26, courthouse, Franklin; 8 p. m., Saturday, May 26, Cowee school; 8 p. m., Monday, May 28, Highlands school; 8 p. m., Wednesday, May 30, Ellijay school.

The Young Democrats are planning to hold a banquet and ball at Camp Tankeetah in the Patton Valley on Friday night, May 19, and the next day to hold their annual county convention for the election of officers. Several prominent speakers and political leaders are expected to be present.

The Franklin township Young Democratic club is to meet at 8 o'clock Friday night of this week in the courthouse.

George Mallonee Withdraws From Contest For Sheriff

3 IN SENATE RACE

V. A. Browning, Bryson City, Files as Opponent Of R. A. Patton

Who is running and who is not running for office in Macon county was settled Saturday, when the time expired for filing notices of candidacy with J. R. Morrison, county election board chairman.

The day brought forth several surprises, including both withdrawals and announcements of new candidates.

George Mallonee, who announced in last week's Press-Maconian, that he would seek the Democratic nomination for sheriff, changed his mind and did not qualify for entrance in the primary. This leaves the race for sheriff between the incumbent, A. B. Slagle, and a former sheriff, Alex Moore.

For Commissioner

Three more candidates came out for membership on the county board of commissioners. They were Frank Potts, prominent Highlands merchant and business man; C. A. (Nell) Bryson, of the Cowee section; and J. S. Gray, farmer of the Cartoogechaye section. This makes five in the race for the Democratic nomination for commissioner, from whom two are to be nominated. The others in this contest are C. F. Blaine and E. Tim Calloway.

For Senator

Last minute opposition developed for R. A. Patton, seeking renomination for state senator in the 33rd district. For a while it looked as though Mr. Patton would get the nomination by virtue of there being no other candidates; but two others tossed their hats into the ring before the time for filing expired. They were Vance A. Browning, well known clerk of the court in Swain county, and C. D. Mayfield, of Murphy. R. S. Jones, Franklin attorney, who had been talked of as a possible candidate for senator, did not file.

Cloer Backs Down

The Rev. George Cloer, who was nominated for representative in the recent Republican county convention, would not allow his name to be filed; nor would T. W. Angel, Sr., who was given the Republican nomination for coroner. The Republicans, however, filled these vacancies on their ticket, substituting R. F. Henry, Franklin police chief, for Mr. Cloer, and Alfred Williams for Mr. Angel.

Following is a complete list of candidates, both Democrats and Republicans, for county and legislative offices:

DEMOCRATS—Senator, 33rd district, V. A. Browning, R. A. Patton and C. D. Mayfield. Representative, W. A. Rogers, J. Frank Ray, Blackburn W. Johnson. Register of deeds, C. Tom Bryson. Clerk of court, Harley R. Cabe, Gilmer L. Crawford and Ervin W. Long. Sheriff, A. B. Slagle and Alex Moore. Chairman of county commissioners, Ed B. Byrd, Jim Raby and C. F. Moody. Commissioners, C. A. Bryson, Frank Potts, J. S. Gray, C. F. Blaine and E. Tim Calloway. Coroner, Charles M. Moore. Surveyor, John H. Dalton.

REPUBLICANS—Senator, Clyde H. Jarrett, of Andrews. Representative, R. F. Henry. Register of deeds, William Crawford. Clerk of court, George Dean. Sheriff, J. W. Hastings. Chairman of county commissioners, A. R. Higdon. County commissioners, C. W. Henderson, Craig Stepp, Coroner, Alfred Williams. Surveyor, Wayne Higdon.

As there is only one candidate for each Republican nomination, no Republican ballots will be printed.

7th Grade Exams Passed By 6 More Pupils

The names of six pupils who passed the seventh grade examination held April 21, but who were omitted from the list supplied The Press-Maconian for publication last week, were announced Friday by M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, as follows:

Mattie Pearl Raby, Frances Davenport, Louise Blaine, Wilma Curtis, Ethel Dills and Bernice De-weese.