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COUNTY BOARD DRAWS JURORS

Superior Court Convenes Nov. 19 with Judge Pless Presiding

The jury list for the November term of Macon county superior court, which is scheduled to convene November 19 for a two weeks mixed term, with Judge J. Will Pless presiding, was drawn by the county board of commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday.

The commissioners also considered several other matters. They voted to increase from 60 to 75 cents a day the allowanec to the jailor, John Dills, for boarding prisoners in the county jail. This action was taken, it was explained, in view of the higher costs of groceries and meats.

Renew Contract

The board renewed for another year its contract with Lester Southard, county home superintendent, with the exception of one change. The contract was revised by striking out the clause providing that the superintendent furnish caskets for persons dying while inmates of the home. In the future the county will supply caskets when necessary. This will obviate the possible necessity of inmates of the home having to assist in building their own coffins.

Jury List

Following is the jury list for the November court term:

Jim Elmore, Franklin; C. S. Bryson, West's Mill; W. L. Setser, Route 1; Walter Dalton, Leatherman; B. H. Seagle, Otto; John W. Murray, West's Mill; F. A. Edwards, Highlands; W. M. Early, Star Route; E. N. Cabe, Route 2; Joe Beasley, Dillard Route 1; W. H. Watkins, Etna; G. G. Sanders, Route 2; John M. Moore, Franklin; Ray Penland, Franklin; J. L. Justice, Route 2; Carl Morgan, Stiles; H. E. Waldroop, Route 1; J. E. Crisp, Cullasaja; J. B. Watts, Prentiss; Henry Dotson, Route 1; Ellsworth Ledford, Route 2; Phil Crane, Scaly; Robert Bennett, Iotla; Lawton Keener, Highlands; Frank Wilson, Flats; F. E. Cunningham, Route 3; W. H. Conley, Cullasaja; R. M. McGaha, Stiles; Lawrence Moffitt, Route 2; A. C. Patterson, Route 2; E. A. Dowdle, Franklin; Jess Conley, Franklin; J. E. Bryson, Cullasaja; N. G. Davis, Route 1; L. B. Phillips, Franklin; J W. Frady, Route 3; Roy Arnold, Cullasaja; G. W. Ledford, Prentiss; Mack Fulton, Highlands; George L. Buchanan, Route 4; J. W. Roper, Franklin; R. P. Waldroop, Route 2; J. W. Hastings, Franklin; Luther Shepherd, Leatherman; S. T. Phillips, Franklin; Joe Webb, Highlands; E. A. Williamson, Route 1; G. M. Cruse, Route 1; F. S. Oliver, Route 1; Ed Kerr, Route 4; L. F. McCall, Gneiss; J. H. Flowers, Leatherman; I. V. Ramey, Route 3; P. G. Holland, Cullasaja

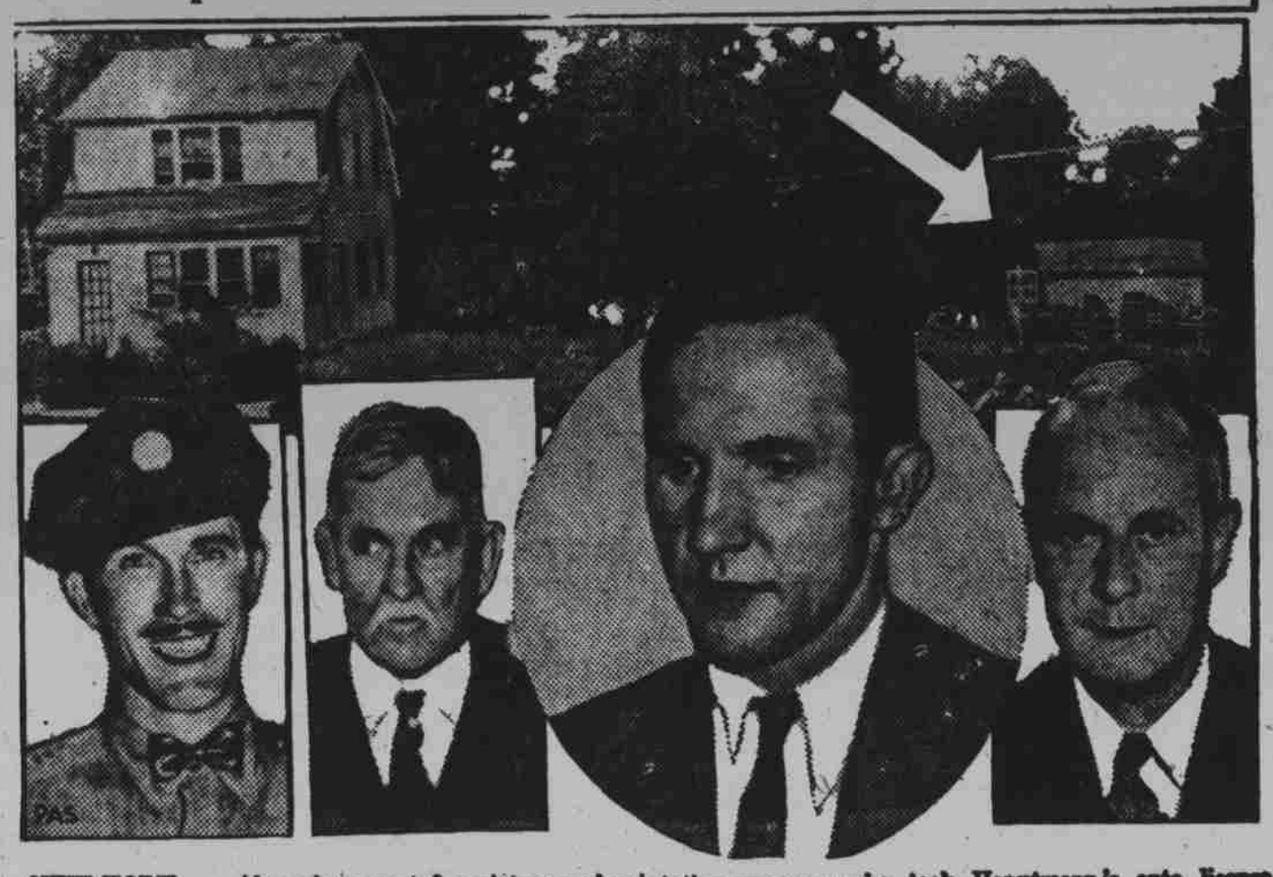
Rev. E. R. Eller Back From Hospital

The Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the First Baptist church of Franklin, who has been undergoing treatment at the Baptist state hospital at Winston-Salem for the past two weeks, returned to his home here Wednesday. His condition was reported to be much improved.

Cattle Prices Higher At Third Auction

Eighty-odd head of cattle were sold at an auction at the Franklin stockyards near the depot Wednesday at prices ranging considerably higher than those paid at two previous sales this fall. Some of the cattle brought as high as five dollars a hundred pounds. The sale was conducted by R. A. Patton and Bob Davis. Complete figures on the sale were not available Thursday morning.

Principals and Scene in Uncovering of Lindbergh Ransom Money



NEW YORK . . . Above is presented a picture review of the uncovering of $13,750 of the Lindbergh $50,000 ransom money and the arrest of the German carpenter, Bruno Richard Hauptmann, in connection with the crime. . . . Above, the Hauptmann home on the outskirts of New York City. Arrow points to garage where money was hid. . . . Below, left to right; Walter Lyle, gasoline station manager who took Hauptmann's auto license number when tendered a $10 gold certificate in payment for gasoline, later resulting in arrest of Hauptmann. (Second) Dr. John F. Condon, the famous "Jafsie" who aided Col. Lindbergh in turning over the $50,000 ransom money. (Circle) Bruno R. Hauptmann. (Right) James M. Fawcett, New York attorney retained to represent Hauptmann by the carpenter's wife.

FUNERAL HELD FOR W. B. BROWN

Well Known Clark's Chapel Man Stricken by Heart Attack

Funeral services for William Bedford Brown, 65, were held at Clark's Chapel Methodist church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. B. W. Lefler, pastor, in charge, assisted by the Rev. H. C. Freeman, of Clyde, former pastor, and the Rev. A. A. Angel of Franklin.

Mr. Brown died at his home in the Clark's Chapel community at noon Friday from a sudden heart attack. He was a member of the Methodist church and a member of the Millshoal Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, who had charge of the services at the grave.

The deceased is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Bessie Brown; three sons, Wiley and Robert, at home; and Jack Brown, of Asheville; three brothers, J. M. Brown, of Franklin; Tom Brown, of Senaca, S. C., and Charles P. Brown, of the South Hominy section of Buncombe county; and one grandson.

3 Escape

Convicts Gain Freedom From Local Camp

Three prisoners who escaped Monday afternoon from the state convict camp near Franklin were still at large Thursday morning.

The three men gained their freedom by sawing through window bars in the new brick barracks building and digging their way under the wire fencing which serves as a stockade. They made their get-away about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, it was learned from other prisoners. The three who escaped were James Carey, of South Carolina, serving a three-year sentence; James Cavernell, 25, of Chatham county, serving a five to seven-year sentence; and James Messick, serving a three to seven-year sentence.

These men, with several others, claimed to be sick Monday morning and were allowed to remain in the barracks instead of going to the roads to work. The other prisoners declined to join in the flight to freedom.

Plan Campaign

Young Democrats To Sponsor Meetings

An intensive campaign of public meetings in every section of the county has been planned by the Young People's Democratic clubs in furtherance of the election of the full Democratic ticket in the forthcoming November election.

A schedule made public this week calls for two meetings each weekday night, starting next Monday and continuing through November 3. Each meeting will be sponsored by a community Young Democratic club and it is planned to have at least two speakers at each meeting, it was stated. A number of well known men in the county, as well as the Democratic candidates for county offices, have volunteered to take part in the campaign.

Following is a list of the public meetings for next week:

October 8—Slagle school, Patton school.

October 9—Holly Springs school, Higdonville school.

October 10—Etna school, Hickory Knoll school.

October 11—Kyle school, Liberty school.

October 12 — Highlands school, Bleecher school.

October 13—Cowee school, Mulberry school.

Chinese Play To Be Given Sunday Night

A Chinese play will be given at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night at the Franklin Methodist church.

The play, "No Lantern for Wu Lee," will be presented by members of the juniors and intermediate departments of the church school. The play is built around the family of a wealthy merchant, and certain unusual events which took place on the evening of the beautiful "Feast of Lanterns." There is a kidnapping scene with plenty of action and excitement.

Following is the cast of characters:

Lee Hong Chow, a wealthy merchant—Henry Cabe, Jr.; Yong Soo Kow, his wife—Mildred Roper; Sin Yin, the old grandfather—Jack Tessier; See Noi, the old nurse—Sara Conley; Git Fah Din, the oldest son and heir—Wilburn Conley; Wu Lee Chang, the second son—Dorothy Sloan; Daughters of the family—Mary Evelyn Angel, Martha Rice, Lane Porter, Catherine Long, Helen Edwards, Helen Wurst; Suey, a stupid servant—Virginia Tessier; Ching, leader of the bandits, George Tessier; Lee Soo, a robber—Richard Sloan; Ting Ching, a robber—George Hunnicutt; Dr. Pearson, an American medical missionary—Eugene Furr; Servants—Beatrice Davenport, Douglas Haig; Policemen—Harold Sloan, Kenneth Cabe; Passers-by—Kenneth Conley, Betty Ann Ray.

EXPECT 2,500 AT BARBECUE

Hoey and Weaver To Speak At Democratic Rally In Franklin

John W. Edwards, chairman of the Young Democratic clubs of the 11th congressional district, announced Wednesday that plans were complete for the district rally and free barbecue to be held here Saturday of this week. Congressman Zebulon Weaver, of Asheville, and Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, known as "North Carolina's silver-tongued orator," have definitely accepted invitations to speak at the rally, Senator Robert R. Reynolds, who accepted a similar invitation several weeks ago, has since notified Mr. Edwards that, on account of the illness of his wife, it is doubtful that he will be able to attend.

Preparations have been made to feed 2,500 people at the barbecue, it was announced. Large quantities of beef, mutton and pork have been donated for the purpose by various Democratic candidates and by Young Democratic clubs in the district. Scores of persons from other counties in the district are expected to be present.

Mr. Edwards said that many Democratic nominees from other counties, as well as all of them in this county, had indicated their intention of attending the rally, which will open at 11 o'clock in the morning with an address by Mr. Hoey, who is regarded as a likely candidate for governor two years hence. Dinner will be served at 1 o'clock and at 2 o'clock Congressman Weaver is scheduled to speak. He will be followed by Vance A. Browning, of Bryson City, Democratic nominee for the state senate in this district. All other Democratic candidates present will be introduced to the crowd and given an opportunity to say, "Howdy."

The rally and barbecue will be held on the edge of the field back of the Franklin school.

SITE CHOSEN FOR BUILDING

Engineer Now Making Survey For New Federal Structure

Announcement of selection of the former Alex Moore property on East Main street as the site for Franklin's federal building was received late last Thursday afternoon from authorities in Washington by T. W. Porter, Franklin postmaster, and on Saturday a government engineer arrived here to make a surve of the lot and gather data preparatory to drawing plans for the building.

The engineer, William T. Brown, is expected to remain in Franklin the rest of this week. He was reported to have remarked that the federal building probably would have ground dimensions of 63 by 72 feet. A two-sory structure, with basement, will be built, it is understood, the postoffice occupying the ground floor and basement and the headquarters offices of the Nantahala National Forest being on the second floor. It was also said that a driveway for use of mail trucks and rural carriers probably would be built around the lot.

Transfer of the property, which now belongs to the Town of Franklin, has not been made. The price bid by the town and accepted by the government was $4,000 for a site measuring 105 feet on Main street and running back 155 feet, about half way to Palmer street.

Mr. Brown was quoted as expressing doubt whether work on the building could be commenced before spring. He pointed out that after his report has been submitted and plans drawn, an invitation for bids must be advertised for 30 days. By the time this has been done, he opined, winter weather will have set in.

A sum of $71,000 has been allocated for purchase of a site and construction on the federal building. As the site is priced at $4,000, funds available for construction of the building will be approximately $67,000.

Better Housing Drive Planned Here

A. R. Higdon, Franklin hardware dealer, was elected general chairman of a Better Housing committee for Franklin at a meeting Thursday morning in the Macon theatre attended by a number of Franklin business men.

The meeting opened with a screen presentation explaining the purposes and workings of the National Housing Act. Immediately afterwards Scott Raedecker, who is directing the Better Housing campaign in Asheville, made a short address emphasizing the opportunity offered by the national housing act for financing home repairs and improvements, speeding business recovery and bettering living conditions in a community.

The committee headed by Mr. Higdon plans to launch a drive in Macon county to familiarize the public with the housing act and how to obtain credit under its terms for making necessary repairs, improvements and additions to their homes.

Presbyterian Women To Hold Conference Here

Representatives from the Auxiliaries of the Presbyterian churches in Swain, Cherokee, Clay and Macon counties will gather in the Presbyterian church, Franklin, on Monday morning at 10 o'clock for a one-day group conference Mrs. R. S. Eskridge, of the Andrews Auxiliary, is the leader of the group.

Tithing and missions will be stressed throughout the conference.

The ladies of the Franklin Auxiliary will serve lunch at noon.