

Order Halts Beer Vote Certification

HANNAH GIVEN 1 TO 3 YEARS, WIFE 6 MONTHS

Cases Against 2 Women Continued After Men's Escape

Floyd J. Hannah, pleading guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon in the shooting of his wife at their Ellijay home several months ago, was sentenced by Judge George B. Patton in superior court here this week to one to three years in State prison.

Mrs. Hannah also plead guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon and was given six months.

The cases that had been expected to highlight the criminal session of this term of court—the charges against two men and two women in connection with the robbery of three Highlands business houses—were continued until the December term. The men escaped from the Bryson City jail last Saturday. The women are held in jail here, and the \$500 bond of one was increased, on motion of Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., to \$5,000. The other is held under \$20,000 bond.

Nelson Jones, pleading guilty to aiding a prisoner to escape from the jail here several months ago, was given 12 months on the roads, suspended for two years on payment of \$50 and the costs and on condition he have nothing to do with whiskey.

Billy Woods, charged with throwing a deadly weapon into a vehicle and causing bodily injuries, failed to appear for trial. His \$100 bond was ordered forfeited and a capias was issued for him.

The criminal docket, which was marked by a large number of driving while drunk cases, was completed Tuesday afternoon and the grand jury discharged. Court officials said it probably would take the remainder of this week to complete the civil docket.

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Patton Presented Gifts At Opening Of Macon Court

Judge George B. Patton, presiding over his first term of superior court in his home county, was presented with two gifts at the opening of the August term of court here Monday morning.

After introductory remarks by Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., in which the solicitor commented on the high regard in which Judge Patton is held here and elsewhere, the judge was presented a handsome Parker 51 pen, the gift of the members of the Macon County bar. The presentation was made by J. H. Stockton.

The second gift was a desk plate, bearing the judge's name, which was made locally of native wood. The donors were Dr. Furman Angel, Ben Harrison, and Charles Waldrop. "I don't know whether to talk or to cry," Judge Patton said, after a moment's hesitation. He then expressed his appreciation.

Judge Patton is said to be the third Macon County man to sit on the superior court bench. The others were the late George A. Jones and the late T. J. Johnston.

DROP JEALOUSY, PATTON PLEADS

Judge, Charging Jury, Says United Effort Can Work Wonders

Judge George B. Patton, holding his first term of court in his home county, closed his charge to the Macon County grand jury Monday morning at the opening of the August term of superior court with a plea that Macon County people rid themselves of petty jealousies.

"I haven't found anywhere I have been in North Carolina a higher type of citizenship than we have in Macon County," he declared, "but there is one thing we ought to get out of our systems in Macon County; that is jealousy of each other. "We have made a lot of progress here, in spite of this jealousy, but we can make this county one of the garden spots of the world if our citizenship will get together and all put our shoulders to the wheel."

Prior to the opening of his charge, Judge Patton emphasized the importance of jury service, and when he had completed his remarks on that subject none of the 18 men drawn for the grand jury asked to be excused.

Judge Patton also expressed appreciation for the gift to the —Continued on Page Six

Men Held In Highlands Robberies Saw Out Of Jail

Floyd L. Phillips, alias James Floyd Philpott, and Bern Garland, facing trial at this term of Macon superior court for possession of burglary tools and breaking, entering, and robbing three business houses in Highlands, escaped from the jail in Bryson City at an early hour Saturday morning.

They had been taken to the Swain county jail for safekeeping.

They are said to have removed the commode in their second floor cell, went along the pipe to the furnace room, sawed the four bolts on the lock to the "run-around", and went from the "run-around" to the third floor, where they sawed two bars from a window. They escaped by using blankets to let themselves down to a drain pipe or electric light pole. An Indian trusty at the jail has been charged with smuggling hacksaw blades to the two men.

Men answering their description caught a bus to Asheville about 3 a. m. Saturday. Meanwhile, the cases against their wives, held in the jail here, were continued to the next term of court, and the bond of Mrs. Garland was increased from \$500 to \$5,000. The other three defendants' bonds previously had been set at \$20,000 each.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND DRIVE TO BEGIN SEPT. 15

Donations, As Tribute To Dead, Will Go To Education Fund

Plans for launching a drive September 15 to raise funds for the Macon County Memorial association fund were discussed at length by the local American Legion post at its monthly meeting Thursday night of last week.

A committee to assist in formulating plans for the campaign was named by Bob Sloan, who was appointed chairman of the drive at a previous meeting. Those placed on the committee are Don Allison, post commander, W. H. Finley, Gilmer A. Jones, Robert E. (Bob) Lee, and Mrs. Lon Dalton, representing the Legion Auxiliary. Henry W. Cabe is drive treasurer.

While \$14,000 has been set as the ultimate goal for this drive, chairman Sloan said it is hoped that at least \$3,500 can be raised by December 1. This sum would match the amount in the existing fund.

At present scholarships are available only to the descendants of veterans of World War I. With the consolidation of the two funds, the interest from the principal would be used to provide scholarship loans to any worthy young men and women of Macon County, with preference being given to the descendants of veterans of the two wars.

During the discussion of ways to raise the memorial fund, it was strongly stressed by all members present that the entire fund should come from direct contributions of persons who feel that this is a fitting memorial to those who gave their lives, or wish to pay tribute to the service rendered by the veterans. In view of this, it was agreed that the Legion will not sponsor any raffles or contests to raise money for this memorial.

Various plans for a send-off dinner meeting also were discussed.

George Gray Buried Here In Native Soil

The body of T. Sgt. George C. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Gray, of Franklin, Route 2, was lain to rest in native soil Tuesday afternoon.

Burial followed funeral services at the Franklin Presbyterian church with the Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Brendall, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, pastor of St. Agnes Episcopal church.

Following the 3 o'clock service, a military graveside service was conducted at the Franklin cemetery with Don Allison, commander of the Franklin post of the American Legion and Rev. Evans, post chaplain in charge. Honor guards were Owen Ammons and Horace Nolen with Bobby Porter and Arvil Parker serving as color bearers. Members of the post served as honorary escort and as members of the firing squad.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert Parker, Bruce Bryant, Robert Waldrop, Max Parrish, Harry Kinsland, W. P. Constance, Tom Setser, and Bill —Continued on Page Six—

County Home In Bad Shape, Grand Jury Reports; Cites Lack Of Space For Records

The bathroom at the county home is out of order, the floor of the upper porch is dangerously decayed, the roof leaks and the fire escape is dangerous, the Macon County grand jury reported to Judge George B. Patton in superior court Tuesday afternoon at the conclusion of its inspection of county offices and institutions.

Opening Of Franklin Area Schools Postponed 1 Week

The opening of the schools in the Franklin district, which had been tentatively set for September 2, has been postponed for one week—until Thursday, September 9.

The postponement was announced this week by County Supt. Guy L. Houk, following a conference with Dr. M. H. B. Michal, district health officer.

Since no new cases of polio have developed in this county in two weeks, Dr. Michal told Mr. Houk she felt it would be safe to go ahead and open on September 2 as planned. Out of an abundance of precaution, however, and for the reassurance of parents, she recommended that the start of the school year in the Franklin area be deferred for one week. (All but four of the county's schools are in the Franklin district.)

Since there has been no polio in the Nantahala community, the two schools in that district—Otter Creek and Kyle—will open on September 2 as scheduled, Mr. Houk said.

In Highlands, because of the importance of the tourist season there, it long has been a custom to open the school the day after Labor day, and that

3 Businesses In Franklin Change Hands

Three businesses here changed hands this week.

Lawrence Liner bought Dryman Feed and Grocery from Prelo Dryman, and took charge of the business Monday. It will be known in future as Liner Feed and Grocery.

Mr. Dryman purchased from Kenneth Bryant the H. and B. restaurant, which has been closed for several months. The new owner will reopen the Main street eating place in about three weeks.

And Rafe Teague bought the Franklin Service Station, at Palmer and Philips streets, from Erwin Patton, and will take charge September 1. The firm name will remain unchanged.

Saroyan Play To Be Given Next Monday

The Highlands Community Theatre, as its next production, will present William Saroyan's "The Beautiful People" next Monday (August 30). Performances are set for 3 and 8 p. m. at the school theatre.

Saroyan's drama is described as one "about pensions, mice, love, and homesickness; a family who believed, and who were able to make other people believe, that goodness is a coin for exchange more powerful than any coin minted by the government."

Tickets went on sale Monday at Wick's photographic studio. The play is directed by Fred Allen, who also appears in the cast.

Other players include Jack and Virginia Wilcox, well known to Community Theatre audiences; Maxie Wright, who starred in "The Corn is Green"; Ralph H. Mobra, also well known to Highlands audiences; Charles J. Wick, who will be remembered for his performance —Continued on Page Six

WILL BALLOT, BUT RESULT TO AWAIT HEARING

Matter Will Be Argued Before Judge Sink September 10

The special beer-wine election in Macon County will be held Saturday as scheduled, but a court order will prevent the county board of elections from certifying the election returns until a hearing on the matter has been held.

The restraining order was signed by Judge J. H. Clement in Wilkesboro yesterday (Wednesday) morning. It was issued upon a complaint filed by R. A. (Bob) Patton and A. B. O'Mo-hundro as citizens and taxpayers of this county. The order was presented to Judge Clement for signature by W. Roy Francis, Waynesville attorney.

The order sets the hearing on the matter for 2 p. m. September 10 in Robbinville before Judge H. Hoyle Sink. By coincidence, it was Judge Sink who signed the order that halted a scheduled beer-wine election here last February.

The plaintiffs were required to post bond of \$200 to protect the county against any loss.

The plaintiffs in the case allege an insufficient number of properly qualified voters on the petition upon which the county board of elections called the beer-wine vote.

Mr. Francis has obtained a similar court order as to next Tuesday's beer-wine election in Cherokee county.

At the election, voters will face two issues:

Whether beer shall or shall not continue to be sold legally in this county.

Whether wine sales shall or shall not be legal in this county. (While wine is now legal here, no one holds a license to sell it.)

The voters will ballot at the 12 regular polling places in the county.

The polls will be open the usual hours—from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Negro High Pupils To Be Sent By Bus To School At Sylva

The high school department of the Chapel (Negro) school here is being closed, and the Negro high school students of this community will be transported by bus to the Negro school at Sylva, it was announced this week by County Supt. Guy L. Houk.

Only six or eight Negroes attend high school here now, Mr. Houk said, explaining that it is cheaper for the state to transport that small a number to Sylva than to maintain a high school for them. They probably will be sent back and forth on the regular buses of the Smoky Mountain Stages.

G. L. Hines and his wife, Negro teachers here, will teach the elementary grade Negro children at the Chapel school.

PLAN HOME-COMING A home-coming program will be held at the Gold Mine church Sunday, it has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. A. T. Abbott.

SING IS CANCELED The regular fifth Sunday sing will not be held at the courthouse this month, due to the polio situation, it was announced by J. M. Raby, president.

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweeta Experiment station, follow:

Table with 4 columns: Day, High, Low, Prec. Wednesday 81 55 .00 Thursday 81 56 .06 Friday 83 50 .00 Saturday 82 50 .00 Sunday 83 59 .00 Monday 84 59 .00 Tuesday 84 58 .00 Wednesday 81 57 .00

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Do You Remember ...? (Looking backward through the files of The Press)

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Franklin high school commencing in this issue. The school will open on Saturday 5th with a fully equipped corps of teachers. The principal is Thomas Johnston, graduate of Emory college and has had one year's teaching experience. Miss Irene Weaver, graduate of Martha Washington college, has had several years' teaching experience. Miss Annie Weaver is a graduate of Peabody Normal college, Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. F. S. Johnston is a graduate of Wesleyan Female college. Miss Kate Robinson studied music at Asheville Female college.

25 YEARS AGO

At the meeting of the state highway officials and local citizens held Monday night, the question was asked by District Commissioner Stikeleather: Would the citizens of Macon County rather have the road to Bryson City or the road to Dillsboro hard surfaced first? Out of the twenty-five citizens present, all but two voted in favor of putting rock on the Dillsboro road first.

10 YEARS AGO

Two new courses will be offered to students in the Franklin high school this year, public speaking and Latin, it was announced by Prof. J. R. Wells, principal. Girls who wish to take up nursing as a vocation, and boys who wish to study medicine, law or pharmacy will find it to their advantage to take the Latin course. Also many colleges require Latin as a prerequisite course. The above courses are elective and are not required.