

## HARRISON GOES ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE IN SUPERIOR COURT

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slain man, with her baby in her lap. The Hinkles have five daughters, the eldest being 12 years of age, while the youngest was a babe in arms when the father met his death. Mrs. Hinkle was seated by the private counsel, Ralph R. Fisher, who is associated with Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr., in the prosecution.

Superior court got away to a good start Monday morning, when the court was organized, the grand jury selected, the charge given by Judge Cameron F. McKee, and one of the biggest cases on the criminal docket tried, the men found guilty, and sentenced to the state penitentiary, all before adjournment for the noon-hour.

Garfield and Herman Metcalf, brothers, of Greenville county, S. C., were tried for stealing cooper wire from the Hoosier Engineering company, plead guilty and sentenced to not less than 18 months each in the state penitentiary. It will be recalled that this theft was committed at Davidson River, when the heavy copper wires strung by the Hoosier Engineering company for the Carolina Power & Light company, were cut from the lines swinging between the big towers at that point.

Sheriff Patton's office was highly complimented upon the manner in which the Metcalf boys were traced and captured. The theft was committed in the night, the wire hauled away in a truck, and the detection of the guilty men was no easy matter.

### Pless Shows Strain

Solicitor J. Will Pless, Jr., arrived at the court room ready for prosecuting the criminal docket here, although he showed something of the strain he has been under in the McDowell court for the past several weeks, engaged in many cases growing out of recent labor troubles there.

### The Grand Jury

With Otto Alexander chosen as foreman, the grand jury drawn Monday in Superior Court consisted of the following, in addition to Mr. Alexander:

E. R. Bishop, John Maxwell, Warren Fisher, G. T. Frady, Vol McCrary, T. A. English, Carr Owen, L. P. Wilson, C. C. Yongue, John Perry, W. L. Aiken, J. P. Bowen, Fred Fisher, Frank Woodfin, Field Powell, Leon Hubbard, Grover Neely.

Streeter Fisher was named special officer for the grand jury.

### Quartet Imprisoned

Clarence Stamey, Leonard Fanning, Clarence Clee and Jesse Shadrick, plead guilty Monday afternoon in Superior court to the charge of second degree burglary, and Stamey was given two years in the state penitentiary. The other three men received six months each on the chain gang. These men were held on a charge of breaking into the Lyday Filling station at Davidson River. The second degree burglary charge was lodged because sleeping quarters were maintained in the filling station building. These sentences made the first day's court proceedings end with three men being sent to the penitentiary and three to the chain gang.

### Cleared in Arson

Grady Galloway and Milford Moore, charged with burning a house on Diamond Creek, belonging to Ernest Paxton, were dismissed after the evidence had been submitted. The case was not allowed to go to the jury.

Carl Galloway was found guilty of assault by shooting into a home. Sentence has not as yet been pronounced upon Mr. Galloway.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Wood is court officer, and T. T. Loftis is assisting Clerk of the Court Roland Owen. A. Emerson Eve, of Asheville, is court reporter.

## JAPANESE NOVELTIES ON DISPLAY AT PLUMMER'S

Announcement is made by the Plummer company that Rev. and Mrs. Vernon A. Crawford, former citizens of this town who are now in the mission field of Japan, have personally selected a lot of hand painted Japanese novelties and shipped them to the Plummer store. These articles will be on display at Plummer's store this Saturday, and an invitation is extended all people to inspect these articles.

Mr. Crawford was pastor of the Brevard Presbyterian church for many years, while Mrs. Crawford was a teacher in the public schools. In selecting the articles in Japan, Mrs. Crawford wrote that she was selecting such things as she felt confident the women of Brevard and Transylvania county would appreciate as Christmas presents.

## MISS SHIPMAN SUFFERS VERY PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Miss Annie Shipman, the efficient and popular cashier of the Brevard Banking company, suffered a painful accident last Saturday when she sprained her back while replacing some trays in use at the bank. She was taken to her home and placed under medical care, and is now reported to be resting fairly comfortably. It is thought it will probably be a week or ten days before she is able to resume her duties at the bank.

One of the fellows in the accounting department of one of the larger branches went to his tailor.

"I've brought that last pair of trousers to be resented. You know I sit a lot."

Tailor—"Yes, and I hope you've brought the bill to be receipted, too. You know, I've stood a lot."

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR RIVER WORK

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year to year as a result of the condition of the river.

The following were named as committees to work on each project adopted in the program of activity:

The French Broad river: James F. Jarrett, Jerry Jerome and T. G. Miller.

Assumption by government of a portion of the county's bonded indebtedness: Jas S. Bromfield, A. H. Houston and Fred Johnson.

Appropriation for Postoffice Building: R. L. Nicholson, Fred Miller and Dr. Chas L. Newland.

On Highways: Wm. E. Breese, Thos. H. Shipman and O. L. Erwin. Swain County Farmers: C. C. Yongue, J. W. Smith and Willis Brittain.

As to the river proposition, in which it is hoped to have the government clear the river of all the old jetties which have caused so much damage along the miles of ten bottom lands through which the river flows, Henderson and Buncombe counties are to join in the request for the necessary appropriation. T. A. English, master of the big land-owners in the valley, started this movement several weeks ago in a letter published in The Brevard News. Mr. English has done much work on the matter, having prepared and circulated petitions which will be used in laying the claim before the government.

Several years the Federal government took nearly one hundred thousand acres of land in this county, converting it into the Pisgah National Forest. Government land is not taxable, hence the losses incurred in county revenue in this action have been heavy, and are borne by the balance of the property in the county. The government is to be urged to assume a proportionate share of the county's bonded indebtedness to make up for this loss in revenue, which will automatically reduce the taxes on the balance of the property in the county.

The town feels that its postoffice business is sufficiently large to justify the erection of a postoffice building here, and much work has already been done along this line of activity and public improvement.

With the Federal government urging the construction of highways as a means of improving business conditions and creating activity, coupled with the fact that the federal government this week allocated one and three-quarters millions of dollars to this state for building, it is believed that the state highway authorities will see the justice of Transylvania's claims, and pave the Caesar's Head and Picketts highways. This plan is to be pushed with vim. The Big Mellon interests have purchased thousands of acres of farming and mountain land in Swain county, while the Great Smoky Mountain National Park has planned to add many other thousands of acres of land in the adjoining counties to the national playgrounds. This means that hundreds of farmers are seeking new homes. Georgia is getting the bulk of these North Carolinians now. Transylvania county is making effort to interest these people in this county, and bring additional farmers to this section.

Taken as a whole, it is the most ambitious program ever adopted by the local Chamber of Commerce or the town of Brevard. Each project, it happens, is equally important with the others, and the community has an unusually fine opportunity to see each one of the proposed plans materialize. It would mean the solution to this county's problems, and of direct benefit to every man, woman and child in the county. Little petty, selfish, hateful, contrary, seditiousness cannot have any place in this program, for the men interested in these movements realize the importance of reviving business conditions here, to the end that farmers may have a chance to pay their taxes and live, and that business men may avert bankruptcy. When such conditions as these now facing the citizens of this community exist, the man who would hinder any movement for the betterment of such conditions would be looked upon as a traitor to the community, and would make a hard bed for himself. The men of this community are intensely in earnest, and through their concerted, enthusiastic and intelligent efforts, better conditions are to be created for everyone in the entire county.

## DAVIS GLAZENER'S LONG SERVICE TO BE REWARDED

Davis Glazener, mail carrier on route No. 2 out of Brevard, will finish his 23rd consecutive year as rural mail carrier this Christmas. Patrons on the route served by Mr. Glazener have whispered it about that many Christmas presents of one kind and another will be given to Mr. Glazener this year, in token of the keen appreciation for his careful work in delivering mail to the people.

## LIBRARY TO REMAIN OPEN ALL MONTH OF DECEMBER

Announcement is made by officials of the U. D. C. Library that the library will be open every afternoon during the remainder of December for the purpose of getting in all books overdue or left at homes and boarding houses during the summer season. While getting ready for Christmas every one is requested to look through their book cases, and either send in to the library or phone No. 13, and the librarian will call for the books. No overdue charges will be made on these books.

## SANTA CLAUS CAME AND TOOK THE TOWN

Santa Claus came to Brevard Wednesday noon, and hundreds of children were greeted by the happy old man. He arrived on a float, direct from Denton's Store, in Asheville, and was met at the square by Mayor T. W. Whitmire, who gave him a most cordial welcome address. The truck upon which the float was moved, was parked on the square and the children of the county who had come to town, and all the school children, passed by in file and were given the glad hand and a present from Santa.

The Boy Scouts again proved their great worth by assisting the officers in directing traffic during the hour, and in taking care of the hundreds of children who had come to see Santa.

## NEGRO SCHOOLS MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—There has been a rapid increase in the number of Negro children going to and graduating from the public high schools of the state, according to facts assembled by the State Department of Public Instruction and given out at a recent conference of representatives of both white and colored institutions of higher learning on Negro Education held in Raleigh.

Last year, 1928-29, a total of 13,251 negro boys and girls were enrolled in public high schools, and 3,003 in private high schools, a grand total of 16,254 negro children in high school. Five years ago, 1923-24, there were only 4,715 negro children enrolled in public high schools and 2,652 in private high schools. Thus, in a five-year period there has been an increase of 181 per cent or 8,539 children.

The enrollment by grades in the public high schools for 1928-29 was as follows: eighth grade, 5,465; ninth grade, 3,489; tenth grade, 2,417; and eleventh grade, 1,880.

Not only are negro children attending high schools in larger numbers, as the facts show, but they are also graduating from these same high schools in increasing numbers. There were over 1,000 more graduates of public high schools in 1928-29 than there were in 1923-24. The compilation of figures issued at this conference in Raleigh showed that there were 380 negro graduates of public high schools in 1923-24, whereas in 1928-29 there were 1,848. In addition, there were 591 graduates of private institutions giving high school instruction, making in all a total of 2,075 graduates of negro high schools.

## NEW CULLOWHEE TERM

Cullowhee, Nov. 30.—Registration Day for Western Carolina Teachers College will be December 12 at which time approximately twenty-five or thirty new students will be added to the present enrollment.

Quite a number of applications have already been received from teachers who are completing work in short-term schools some time before the first of January, also students coming from the distant parts of the state find it rather expensive to report to Western Carolina Teachers College for the opening of the winter quarter and then return home for the holidays. Therefore arrangements have been made by the Curriculum Committee to consider requests from students desiring to enter after the Christmas holidays. Students with requests granted will be allowed to register January 2nd, but will be required to complete assignments given during their absences.

There was a young lady named Mollie, Who ran like the deuce for the trolley.

To her zeal she proved martyr, For snap went her—shoestrings; And of mortification died Mollie.

Forney (who has just gone around in 112)—"Well, how do you like my game."

Caddie—"I suppose it's all right, but I still prefer golf."

MAYBE IT SHOULD BE "SENTS" Stenographer—"Hc wja spell sense?"

Employer—"Dollars and cents or horse sense?"

Stenographer—"Well, like 'I ain't seen him sense'."

Teacher—Jimmy, define and give an example of heredity.

Jimmy—It means that—that if your grandfather didn't have no children your father wouldn't have none either—and neither would you.

NOW, WE ASK YOU Somebody has sent the editor this one: I'm wise to the ways of the traffic cop.

But not to the ways of Sue. When her eyes say "Go" and her lips say "Stop"

What is a chap to do?

What are you going to do? Say, boy, if you are growing that old and helpless send us Sue's telephone number.

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## REPORTS IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITION OF MRS. SHELDON RED CROSS DRIVE GOES OVER THE TOP

T. H. Galloway has returned from Washington, Ga., where he was called several days ago because of the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. Garnet Sheldon, formerly Miss Anna May Galloway, of this town. Mr. Galloway expressed hope of his daughter's recovery despite the serious condition in which he found her upon his arrival in Washington. Each day marks some improvement in the young woman's condition. Her host of friends here will be relieved at this announcement.

The Lady—Has anybody ever offered you work?

The Tramp—Only once, lady. Apart from that I've met with nothing but kindness.

"Over the top" is the word given by Rev. R. L. Alexander in speaking of the close of the Red Cross Roll Call, which started here on Armistice Day. Chairman Alexander was loud in his praise of Brevard and Transylvania county, asserting that he had never before witnessed such concerted action in a public measure.

School children were given special praise by Mr. Alexander for their part in making the Roll Call a great success. Many memberships came in voluntarily, Mr. Alexander said.

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