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MURDER CASE GOES TO JURY THURSDAY; TAL PETT SET FREE

Two Lawyers to Speak Thursday Morning in Completion of Hard-Fought Case

LOUIE WHITMIRE IS STATE'S STAR WITNESS

Whiskey Played An Important Role in Tragedy That Costs County Much

When court adjourned Wednesday evening, three lawyers had addressed the jury, two to complete the arguments Thursday morning, after which Judge Sink will deliver his charge, and then the fate of Arthur Pett, being tried for murder of Jesse Masters, will be in the hands of the jury. The trial started Monday morning, the jury being selected by noon, and much evidence was heard the first day. The following jury was named to hear the case:

W. H. Ledbetter, J. B. Huggins, Carl Allison, Frank Wilson, W. H. McKelvey, Lynch Moore, all farmers; Eugene Carter, carpenter; J. A. Schachner, manufacturer; Homer Israel, state highway employe; W. C. Morris, R. E. Mackey, employes of the Carr Lumber company; Anthony Trantham, merchant. Frank Woodfin, merchant, was selected as the 13th juror.

Louie Whitmire, himself tried and convicted of the murder of Jesse Masters at the December term of court in 1926, found guilty and sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment, and having served four years of this sentence, was paroled, was the state's first witness. Whitmire testified that he left home early on Sunday morning, August 15, 1926, in search of a drink of whiskey; that he started to Old Toxaway by the Blue Ridge road, and passed two men sitting on the side of the road, and two men in a car, not knowing at that time either one of the four men. A few minutes later he met Jesse Masters coming down the road. Jesse offered him a drink, and suggested that they walk back to where the car was parked and all drink together. This was done. The car left for South Carolina, with all four men in it, leaving the witness alone with Jesse Masters. Shortly thereafter they are joined by Arthur and Tal Pett. Masters suggested that they walk up a trail, out of sight of the road, and drink all they wanted to. They followed the trail to a little knoll, and just before being seated witness said Arthur Pett whispered to him and said that Jesse Masters had a roll of money. All were seated and began drinking. Shortly thereafter Arthur Pett and Masters engaged in a quarrel, both rising and a fight started. Witness said that Arthur Pett struck Masters in the head with a rock, knocking him down. As Masters

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CLUB ATTENDANCE IS ON THE UPGRADE

Attendance at the Brevard Kiwanis club has been exceptionally good during the past month, reports Secretary Charles Douglas. This Thursday's meeting of the club to be held at The England Home will be in charge of Jerry Jerome, scheduled to have charge at the last meeting, but who was called out of town on account of the death of a friend. Mr. Jerome is expected to deal with figures and statistics pertaining to the Town of Brevard.

Mrs. Harris, hostess, announces that she will serve a Christmas dinner of that regal bird, Turkey, at the luncheon today.

County Teachers Hear Address by Miss Camp, Educational Director

The county teachers met in regular session at the Brevard High school auditorium Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, with Prof. J. B. Jones presiding.

Miss Camp, a director in Western Carolina Teachers College, was introduced by Prof. Jones, after which she entered into an interesting and instructive talk on the resolutions adopted by the teachers at the Teachers meeting held in Asheville during October.

Miss Camp declared that North Carolina has one of the best school systems in America and that its high standard was due to the skill and experience of the teachers in its schools.

She urged the teachers to get the facts before the citizens of the county and to be active in all civic, social and religious affairs, as a citizen and as a teacher. She advised the method of mixing with the people of the county in order to uplift the standards in every manner possible. "Teachers should work diligently to raise the standard and general level of children in the schools to a higher, a better level of citizenship," Miss Camp firmly declared. She as-

THREE MEN HELD IN COUNTY JAIL AFTER SPECTACULAR RACE

Patton and Deputies Take Men Who Had Raced Through Three Counties

ONE FELLOW KNOCKS AT DOOR SHERIFF'S HOME

Men Were Wanted for Alleged Attempt at Hold-Up Below Marshall

Three men are being held in the Transylvania county jail and the fourth is being sought by Sheriff Patton's office, in connection with an alleged attempted highway robbery which occurred Tuesday near Hot Springs. The three men arrested gave their names as Archie MacPhail, Hammond, Ind., James Prime, Toledo, Ohio and Jacksonville, Fla., and Richard Cloud, Indianapolis, Ind. Two of the three were captured near Cedar Mountain, while the third was taken at the club house at Pisgah Forest, after having asked Mrs. T. E. Patton, Jr., wife of the sheriff, where he could find a hotel or lodging house.

According to information received here, the four men were pursuing another man on Highway 69, and the pursued man told a highway force working on the road five miles from Hot Springs that he was being pursued by four men in a Buick car, and that they were making effort to hold him up and rob him. He passed on, and directly the Buick car, it is said, approached the force of highway workers who had blocked the highway. After making threats against the members of the highway force, according to the reports, the men turned and fled back toward Asheville. Marshall officers, upon being informed of the alleged attempt at highway robbery, notified the Asheville authorities, who, in turn, called Sheriff Garren at Hendersonville. The Henderson county officers located the car and chased the men through Hendersonville. The Buick a Master Six, left the main highway and took the Green River route to Cedar Mountain.

Hendersonville officers had notified Sheriff Patton who, with his deputies and Chief of Police B. H. Freeman and several men who had volunteered their services, went to the Cedar Mountain section. Sheriff Patton, Chief Freeman, Deputy Tom Wood and Eck L. Sims arrived at the Green River road intersection just a few minutes before the car was seen to come in sight. Sheriff Patton and his assistants then took their stand in the middle of the road, and called upon the men to halt. Instead, the driver of the Buick backed the car into a field, turned around and hastened back down the road. Sheriff Patton and those with him were firing at the car, and one of the tires was punctured by the bullets. Soon thereafter the men left the car and took to the woods, with the officers in pursuit.

MacPhail was the first man taken. He is rather heavy and is unused to running up and down mountainsides. He soon gave it up and called to the officers, asking them not to shoot and he would come to them. He had about \$300 on his person when officers searched him. MacPhail was sent into town, and the chase for the others continued.

Soon after this capture Sheriff Patton and his assistants spied Prime and he also called upon the officers to permit him to come to them, asking them not to shoot him. Prime had the tidy sum of \$1,658 in his pockets, much of it being in one hundred dollar bills.

Search for the others continued for a time, and Sheriff Patton and his co-workers came into town for supper.

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Chairman Kizer Is Encouraged by Growing Interest in Charity Work

"Gratifying response has been received by the County Welfare Board during the early days of this week in their efforts to forward the drive for the needy of the county," Chairman A. H. Kizer announced Wednesday.

The most appreciative addition to the supply of clothing to be given to the needy during the cold winter months was the supply donated by students and faculty members of the Brevard Institute.

The students and faculty members sent the board an unusually large amount of clothing, all in good and serviceable condition for months to come. Leaders in the Welfare work expressed the opinion that the donors were sharing their own wardrobes

with needy persons and indeed making a tremendous sacrifice in giving choice and serviceable clothing for this benefit.

Many citizens have indicated their desire to aid in every manner possible in the work and many encouraging comments have been received the board members revealed early this week.

Chairman Kizer, announced that a meeting of the executive committee of the County Welfare Board would be called during the latter part of the week for the perfection of plans for a systematic drive, which will launch the movement into a scope of great benefit to needy families in this county.

STATE CALLS UPON COUNTIES FOR CASH

State Treasurer Nathan O'Berry is calling upon the 100 counties of the State to respond promptly with the portion of the tax collected of the 15-cent ad valorem levy and the \$1.50 on polls, pointing out that \$3,800,000 in teachers' salaries, nearly \$300,000 in Confederate pensions and several million dollars in interest and bond retirement funds are needed or will be required at once, and that the State Treasury is at a low point now.

The tax is due now, but payable at par during December and January, and the counties are required to send in State funds collected twice a month. Up to last week 75 counties had remitted a total of slightly less than a million dollars. The total estimated from the 15-cent tax is \$4,300,000.

The combined statement of the Auditor and Treasurer for November shows a general fund cash balance at the end of the month of \$2,374,554.97, after \$3,800,000 had been borrowed on revenue anticipation notes, requiring a six per cent interest rate, a few days before. The highway and other special funds showed a balance of \$6,174,760.08. These balances with obligated cash, showed a total cash balance in the Treasury of \$10,391,453.10.

SERVICE IMPROVED BY CHANGING ROUTE

Postmaster Roscoe L. Nicholson announced Monday morning that Brevard Route 2 has been changed in order to serve a larger number of citizens. The new change did not increase the mileage of the route.

The route formerly ran up the Davidson River road to Glazener's corner. The new route leaves the river road at Hedrick's store at Pisgah Forest and runs by the Davidson River cemetery, and continues to Glazener's corner.

This route serves from 15 to 18 additional families without inconveniencing any others.

Many of the new patrons of the route, were hearty in their expressions of gratitude to Postmaster Nicholson for enabling them to have mail route facilities. A committee from Pisgah Forest, also rendered valuable assistance in securing this new route.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS ON TUESDAY

The Christmas holidays will officially begin Tuesday afternoon, December 22 when the county schools will close their doors for a twelve day rest. School work will be resumed Monday, January 4.

A large number of collegians and teachers are expected in Brevard for the holidays.

MORE LETTERS TO SANTA

Several letters to Santa Claus were received at The Brevard News office Wednesday, too late for publication this week. They will be printed in next week's paper, and Santa will get them o. k.

MR. MONTIETH ILL

George W. Montieth, father of Mrs. James F. Barrett, is critically ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. J. O'Neal, Newport, Tenn. Mrs. Barrett is with her father at Newport.

ROSMAN WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Officers elected by the Rosman Camp Woodmen of the World for the ensuing year are, A. M. Paxton, past consul commander; W. E. McLean, consul commander; J. B. Henderson, Adviser Lieutenant; J. R. Raines, banker; A. M. White, financial secretary; L. B. McLean, escort; Dr. J. B. Wilkerson, physician; C. E. Leathers, watchman; W. I. Reese, sentry; W. A. Wilson, auditor 3 years. Rosman has an excellent camp and is doing good work.

A SON, IF YOU PLEASE

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Look-abil, on December 7, a son, and not a daughter, as the new arrival to the popular young couple was announced in The News last week.

\$2,677.50 PAID IN PENSIONS TUESDAY

RALEIGH, Dec. 16—Vouchers for a total of \$448,605 for 1,094 Confederate veterans, their widows and negro servants, all numbering 4,950, have been mailed out as the semi-annual pension fund by State Auditor Baxter Durham for distribution on Tuesday of this week by clerks of Superior Court in the 100 counties of the State.

The 1,094 veterans surviving get checks for \$182.50, or at the rate of \$1 a day for the half-year; the 530 class A widows receive checks for \$150; the class B widows, numbering 3,243, receive \$50 checks, while the 83 negro servants of veterans receive \$100 checks. The veterans receive a total of \$199,655; the class A widows \$79,500; the class B widows \$151,150, and the negro servants \$8,300. Auditor Durham's figures show.

The extent to which the thin gray line is getting thinner and grayer is shown by the fact that while only 1,094, an average of only slightly more than 10 to the county, are living today, five years ago at this date the number was 2,682 and eight years ago there were 4,111 veterans who had followed Lee and Jackson, the Auditor's records show.

Transylvania county now has 29 pensioners who receive a total of \$2,677.50 this week, including 7 Confederate veterans, receiving \$1,277.50; 22 Class A widows, receiving \$300; and no negro servants who accompanied their masters in their military service.

MRS. ENLOE'S DEATH CAUSE OF REGRET

Mrs. Ella Enloe, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. Duclous, Monday morning at 2 o'clock, was buried at the Glazener cemetery, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Paul Hartsell, pastor of Brevard Baptist church conducted the services, which were held at the home of Mrs. Duclous.

Surviving Mrs. Enloe are two daughters and two sons, Walter and Willis Enloe, and Mrs. J. Heath and Mrs. O. Duclous.

Pallbearers were Milan Nicholson, George Shuford, Fred Shuford, Gus Gillespie, Nate Norton and Jack Ashworth.

LITTLE RIVER SCHOOL TO HAVE EXERCISES

Christmas tree exercises will be held at the Little River school house Tuesday evening, December 22, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Principal H. P. Nicholson announced Monday. James F. Barrett, editor of The Brevard News, will be principal speaker of the evening.

It has also been announced that Mr. Barrett will teach Sunday School at the Little River church, Sunday morning, December 20.

MOUZON TO PREACH AT THE INSTITUTE

Supt. J. F. Winton of Brevard Institute announces that Bishop E. D. Mouzon of Charlotte, bishop of the Episcopal District embracing North Carolina Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has accepted the invitation to preach the commencement sermon for the graduating class next May 29.

It has been desired for several years to have Bishop Mouzon visit the Institute and the local church, but he is in such demand as a preacher and speaker that it is necessary to engage him several months in advance.

It is felt that his visit will be a great benefit to all the Methodist interests in this community.

CHURCH MORRIS TAKES POST ON THE NIGHT POLICE FORCE

Church Morris began his new duties as night policeman Sunday night, having been elected last week to this position by the town council. Jimmie Deaver has been returned to the work of supervising the watershed. Under the new line-up, Chief Freeman will be on duty during the day, with Mr. Morris at night, and Mr. Deaver in charge of the watershed.

ROAD CELEBRATION PLANS COMPLETED AT JOINT MEETING

Greenville Delegation Visits Brevard, and Committees Are Named

HIGH STATE OFFICIALS TO BE ON PROGRAM

Will Be Held On New Year's Day at Caesar's Head Hotel

Major Richard F. Watson, T. Charles Gower, Otis P. Mills, L. M. Glenn and Judson Chapman, a delegation representing the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, met Tuesday afternoon in Brevard with President Jerry Jerome and a committee which he had appointed, and worked out a program for the highway celebration to be held at Caesar's Head on New Year's Day.

A program committee was appointed, three from the Brevard Chamber of Commerce and three from the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, to arrange the program for the celebration. John M. Holmes, Judson Chapman and T. Charles Gower were named by the Greenville group, while President Jerome named James F. Barrett, Ralph H. Ramsey and J. M. Gaines from the local body to serve on the program committee.

Gov. O. Max Gardner, of North Carolina, and Gov. Ira Blackwood, of South Carolina, will be invited to attend the celebration. E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the North Carolina State Highway commission, and C. O. Hearon, chairman of the South Carolina Highway commission will be honor guests, according to plans outlined by the program committee.

Among other notables to be invited are Zebulon Weaver, North Carolina congressman, and Congressman McSwain, of South Carolina; United States Senator James F. Byrnes, and others.

Mayor Mann, of Greenville, and Mayor Ramsey, of Brevard, will be in charge of the day's entertainment of the guests. Major G. Heyward Mahon, Jr., will act as toastmaster. V. A. Floyd, the man responsible more than all others, it is said, for South Carolina's road program, will be an especially honored guest, as will Hon. B. E. Geer, in whose honor the Geer highway is named.

J. Paul Lucas, vice president of the Southern Public Utilities company, and Frank Poole, of Greenville, will be principal speakers of the day.

The celebration is being held to mark the completion of the Brevard-Greenville highway, a project for which many men of both states have long worked upon, and which is expected to mean much to this county and to Greenville. Opening the completed highway will bring Brevard and Greenville within an hour of one another.

A barbecue is to be enjoyed at the noon hour, the celebration to be held in the dining room of the hotel. Attendance will be by invitation, and tickets will be issued at early date for distribution.

Representing Brevard at Tuesday's meeting were: Jerry Jerome, president of the Chamber of Commerce; J. M. Gaines, vice president; Duncan MacDougall chairman of the Highway committee of the Chamber of Commerce; Henry Carrier, Randall W. Everett, R. H. Morrow, H. H. Patton, Mayor Ralph H. Ramsey, S. R. Joiner, S. B. Howard and James F. Barrett.

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Funds received for highway work during that period include \$115,000,000 in highway bonds; \$23,769,000 in Federal Aid; \$123,211,000 in license and gasoline tax; \$18,769,000 from county loans and \$12,430,000 as in donations from cities and towns which, less the \$6,000,000 county road funds of the past two years, included in the license and gasoline tax item, gives a total of \$282,025,000 received by the department in that time.

The difference between the \$282,025,000 received and the \$218,104,335.71 spent for construction and maintenance, nearly \$64,000,000, is accounted for by such items as \$42,000,000 for debt service, \$11,750,000 in repayments of county loans and city and town donations, \$8,000,000 in administration and general maintenance expenses, and other smaller items over the 10 years.

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FARM MOVEMENT IS GIVEN APPROVAL BY LEADING FARMERS

Asheville Papers Commended for Inaugurating the Movement Here

WILL MEAN MUCH TO AGRICULTURE IN W.N.C.

Large Delegation Going From Here Gives Good Report of Meeting

Transylvania county was well represented in the mass meeting at the Plaza Theatre, Asheville, Monday night, when farmers, farm agents, business men, editors and bankers from 18 mountain counties launched the Western North Carolina Farm movement which is designed to double the farm income of this section in the next ten years.

The meeting was enthusiastic and the Transylvania representatives reported that it was one of the most constructive steps that has been taken for the benefit of Western North Carolina for the past ten years.

The meeting was sponsored by The Asheville Citizen and The Asheville Times, the two great newspapers of Western North Carolina.

The principal speakers were: Frederick E. Murphy, publisher of The Minneapolis Tribune and Charles F. Collison, Agriculture editor of The Tribune. Charles A. Webb, president of The Citizen-Times presided.

The two principal speakers offered the suggestions and ideas to the large assemblage, that had been used and found successful in Minneapolis.

The speaker revealed that 22 important points, essential to the success of an agricultural section included:

1. Grow sufficient for our needs.
2. Model schedules of space allotment to crops and products on each farm, according to size and location. These are to assist those farmers who can't plan to best advantage.
3. Standardization of breeds and products, each county deciding its own.
4. Quality in everything.
5. Increase in cattle, poultry, sheep and hogs.
6. More and cheaper feed production.
7. Permanent pasture improvement.
8. Soil improvement.
9. Good seeds. Certified where possible.
10. Vegetable and trucking.
11. Cheaper production so the surplus can be shipped and sold outside. Educate farmers as to wholesale methods.
12. Urge consumer to consume

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RAINS OVER COUNTY HELP WATER SUPPLY

According to reports from various sections of the county coming to The News office since the heavy rains over the past week-end, the water supply which had become limited at some places, was much better.

In a number of instances, wells and springs and some of the smaller streams were practically dry. The French Broad river and other larger streams were reported to be bank full and overflowing Sunday night after the heavy rainfall.

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Year	Maintenance	Construction
1922	\$1,891,381.64	\$22,024,173.12
1923	3,169,459.42	14,408,889.33
1924	3,210,377.70	19,887,314.44
1925	3,234,166.38	40,308,081.30
1926	3,642,155.65	26,290,186.88
1927	3,478,111.82	14,216,705.47
1928	4,452,516.32	15,088,011.81
1929	4,061,963.01	10,999,971.29
1930	4,491,238.03	9,147,286.80
1931	4,030,995.23	10,576,244.82

Total \$5,657,364.95 \$218,104,335.71

The figures are for State roads only, up to June 30, last, when the State took over the county highways for construction and maintenance, on which extensive work has been done during the past five months.

Chairman Jeffress estimates that from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 more will have to be spent on State highways included in the Federal Aid system before these roads will be finally accepted, so the State can use Federal Aid on almost as roads it may select, and thus utilize the increased Federal Aid to be given the states during the next few years.