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## JUDGE DEPLORES IDEA CRIME IS GETTING CAUGHT

**"Go After Representative Citizens," Harding Tells Grand Jury—Praise For Macon Citizenship.**

"Go after the representative citizens who are law violators. If you do your duty, you will break up some of this law breaking," Judge W. F. Harding of Charlotte, told the grand jury in his charge to that body here Monday morning at the opening of two weeks of Macon county superior court.

"Probably your leading citizens are drinking," he said, pointing out that 32 of the cases on the criminal docket were on charges of prohibition law violation. "If you didn't have folks above the average to drink it, you wouldn't have folks below the average to make it and sell it."

Judge Harding deplored what he said were two of the most dangerous tendencies in American life today. One, he said, is the notion that we have done no wrong if we don't get caught; the other, the tendency to disregard the oath administered to witnesses in the courts of the land.

Judge Harding especially urged the grand jury to bring in bills of indictment in cases where there was evidence of perjury; violating the compulsory school law; and in cases of selling cigarettes to boys under 17 years of age.

Macon county came in for unstinted praise from the jurist for the fact that not one of the first 18 men drawn for grand jury duty offered an objection. Grand jury duty, he said, may be "the finest service a man can render his state, a real God-fearing American service. I feel like congratulating the county that it has such a citizenship that not one of the first 18 men drawn for jury duty offered an excuse. It is unusual."

It is a custom today, Judge Harding said, for men to be divided into two classes; those below the average in intelligence, education and moral sense; and those above the average.

"We have had a notion that the man below the average is the law-breaker. It is a mistaken idea. He is the man who is doing what you and I set the example for."

People have a desire to see the laws enforced that do not interfere with their personal convenience or desires, Judge Harding declared; and he gave numerous examples. He mentioned the failure to observe the railroad crossing stop law. It is not the criminal who breaks this law, he declared, but the outstanding citizen. That citizen wonders why someone steals his chickens or his pig; he becomes indignant over it.

"He doesn't have to steal, but he sets the example for the man who does."

A banker, a deacon in his church and a leader in his community, Judge Harding said, recently deplored the failure of the courts to enforce the prohibition law, and wondered when it would be enforced. Judge Harding said he answered him that, when bankers ceased breaking the law against usury, probably it would be possible to dissuade the bootleggers from breaking the prohibition law.

"The same law that says thou shalt not sell liquor prohibits the lending of money at more than six percent," declared Judge Harding.

"It is the subtle influence of the respectable man" who violates the law that is responsible for the law breaking of the man unable to distinguish between the major and minor crimes. The idea that one may violate the laws that interfere with his personal convenience was characterized as the "most damnable propaganda."

"The man who obeys the laws, whether there is a policeman there or not, is the only 100 percent American."

"The world is growing better. Boys and girls of today are better than boys and girls of another generation. The younger generation is interpreting life differently from the way we did—that is all. We must so direct our courts and schools and churches to interpret life in terms of the day in which we live. I am for the boy and girl of today, so long as they obey the laws."

Much of the law violation of youthful offenders was attributed by the judge to the "romance of youth"—the desire to do something nobody else has done. "We must direct these impulses, and that will have to be done in the Sunday school, the prim-

## MAKING PLANS FOR ROAD MEET

**Notables of Two States to Attend—Invitations Extended Georgia Towns To Participate.**

Plans are rapidly being whipped into shape for the big highway celebration here September 15, when North Carolinians and Georgians will celebrate the opening of the Dillsboro-Franklin highway, the connecting link in the Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta highway.

The program as tentatively formed remains unchanged except as to details. The acceptances of other officials invited to speak here have been received. Among the number are Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, and J. G. Stikeleather, ninth district highway commissioner. Colonel Wade Harris of the Charlotte Observer has signified his intention of being present. The News and Observer and the Atlanta Constitution will each have representatives here it is understood, and other leading dailies are expected to be represented.

John N. Holder, highway commissioner of Georgia, and other Georgia officials have been invited to take part in the motorcade program.

The celebration, the committee states, has three principal objects: Establishment of acquaintance between the people of the sections covered by the Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta Highway; early hard surfacing of these sections of the Georgia highway not yet paved; and the formation of an inter-city organization of some kind to put and keep the route in the minds of the motorists of Eastern America, as the logical route from southeast to northwest.

The route from Atlanta to Asheville, via Franklin, it is pointed out, is not only 32 miles shorter than any other between Asheville and Atlanta; it is scenically one of the most remarkable in the Southern Highlands; and, passing, as it does, through Rabun Gap, the lowest place in the Blue Ridge, it is the logical way for travel from southeast to northwest, and vice versa, to pass.

The North Carolina celebration committee met here the latter part of last week with Mayor W. G. Mealer of Gainesville, and H. H. Estes, of the Piedmont Air Line highway association, and the details of the coming celebration were discussed with these Georgians, who promised their cooperation in bringing the Georgia delegations and officials. Since that time all the towns from Franklin to Cornelia have been personally visited and invitations extended officials and motorists to take part in the celebration and the motorcade from the State line to Asheville.

any department of the day school, and in the home."

The grand jury was advised not to waste time with minor cases of gambling; instances of a negro shooting craps, or a boy playing poker—"there is too much high class gambling by your otherwise respectable citizens. I don't mean to be personal to Franklin, but that is true of the State."

Like every visitor to Franklin and this county who formerly has come here via Dillsboro, Judge Harding commented upon the road from Dillsboro to Franklin, and declared that ten years ago, when he first came over it, he declared he would never travel it again—and he had not until Monday, when he found it "like a pavement on the best city streets."

In the course of his charge, Judge Harding repeated what he said he had stated in every court he had held for years—that he had yet to see a boy or girl offender who had attended Sunday school regularly, and whose father attended with him.

Of the cases on the docket when court opened, 32 were for violation of the prohibition law; 10 assault with deadly weapon; 8 carrying concealed weapons; 3 abandonment; 3 larceny; 2 driving a car without license, and one each of other offenses.

The eighteen grand jurors chosen were: R. M. Houston, George Williamson, J. M. Rhodes, J. R. Norris, J. M. Brown, A. R. Sanders, E. M. Harrison, T. G. Corbin, Oscar Carpenter, E. F. Horn, Burt Oliver, J. Q. Hedden, G. C. Smith, W. M. Cleveland, R. L. Hale, I. V. Ramsey, A. L. Leach, and Ray N. Moses. Mr. Moses was appointed foreman by Superior Court Clerk Frank L. Murray.

## CHAUTAUQUA TO OPEN THREE-DAY PROGRAM AUG. 30

**Jugo-Slavian Musicians To Open Three-Day Program—Six Lectures.**

The Radcliffe Chautauqua will open a three-day program here next Monday afternoon, when the Elias Tamuritza Serenaders, composed of four musicians from Jugo-Slavia will give a concert.

On the same afternoon, W. C. McCullough will deliver a lecture on "Untilled Corners." Mr. McCullough will open the evening performance Monday with a lecture. His subject at night will be "The Thinker." Following the evening lecture the Serenaders will appear again.

Jugo-Slavia, whence the serenaders come, is a little country lying on the Balkan Peninsula, east of Italy, south of Hungary, west of Roumania and Bulgaria, and north of Greece, with a population of about twelve million people. It is composed mostly of Serbs, Croates and Slovenes. Most of Jugo-Slavia was formerly a part of the old Austrian Empire, and its freedom was a direct result of the world war.

The Tamuritza has been the household musical instrument of the Jugo-Slavs for generations. It is something similar to our mandolin or guitar, but it has much more sweetness of tone, and is well adapted to orchestra work. It is said to have been invented by shepherds as they tended their flocks on the Balkan hills.

With Mr. Elias will be his two children, Martha and Charles, Jr., both graduates of high schools in this country, and very clever musicians and entertainers. Mr. Nickola Krzrnarich plays the Berdo, which corresponds to the string bass of American orchestras.

They will appear in their native costumes, and in addition to featuring their own native music, they will give many standard, popular and classical selections of our own music.

On Tuesday, August 31, the Theodore Knox concert party will appear at the afternoon and evening performances, and W. R. Cady will be the lecturer. Mr. Cady will discuss "Prodigal America" in the afternoon and his subject at night will be "The Craftsman."

On Wednesday, September 1, the last day of the chautauqua, the Dietrics will present mystery, magic and music. The lecturer will be Charles A. Herr. His subject at the afternoon performance will be "The Fireside," and at night he will discuss "The Dreamer."

Season tickets, that cost slightly more than admittance to three of the six performances, have already gone on sale. They may be procured at Smith's Drug Store, the Franklin Pharmacy or the Franklin Press office.

The performances will be given in a tent on the town lot, near the Baptist church, at 2:30 in the afternoon and 8:00 at night.

### Negro Revival

Methodism in Franklin among the colored people is still on the progressive march.

We are happy to say that we are holding service in our new church just one-half mile from the colored school building.

Sunday, August 29, the Rev. H. C. Gannaway, of Atlanta, Ga., will be with us to help us in our annual revival meeting. Brother Gannaway is at present a student in Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta. He is a strong gospel preacher and a wonderful singer. He is a member of "The Gammon Harmony Four." He has appeared before the leading white people of Atlanta. We invite you to hear him preach and sing.

Special seats will be arranged for our white friends who may wish to come out and hear the good old time spirituals.

J. B. MEEKINS, Minister.

### New Agent in Rabun

H. Y. Cook, of near Atlanta, has been employed as county agent for Rabun county, Georgia. He and County Agent Arrendale of this county, are making plans for cooperation of their two offices, and, as far as possible, of the farmers of the two counties, which adjoin, Mr. Arrendale said this week.

## FOREST SERVICE RECONSTRUCTING HIGHLANDS ROAD

Reconstruction by the Forest Service of the road from near Dillard to Highlands was begun last week, it was learned from R. W. Shields forest supervisor. It is planned to construct a good year-round road. Mr. Shields said.

The road starts about two miles from Dillard. On the first three miles a crushed rock surface road will be constructed. The remainder of the road will be put in condition, Mr. Shields said. The last six miles of the road at the Highlands end was reconstructed by the forest service some years ago.

A camp has already been built and work is underway. The road work which is expected to cost \$17,000 or \$18,000, will probably not be completed earlier than next spring.

## Attracted to Franklin by Pictures in Magazine

The scenery in and around Franklin, as pictured in Country Life in America, is so attractive that the city clerk of one of Florida's most fashionable resorts desires to spend his vacation here, according to a letter form him received by Frank L. Bryson, city clerk.

Since the letter was not written for publication, Mr. Bryson asked that the name of the writer not be published.

The letter follows: "I have been so impressed with pictures of scenery about Franklin, as contained in Country Life in America, that I am looking forward to seeing your town on my vacation the end of this month."

"I would appreciate your sending me any road maps or general information which your Board of Trade may have on hand."

## Republican Weekly to Be Established in Asheville

The "Blue Ridge Republican," a weekly organ for, and in the interests of the Republican party in Western North Carolina, will make its first appearance Friday, September 3, it has just been announced from Asheville, by Hubert F. Lee, Asheville newspaper man, who will be editor and publisher.

The new publication will take an active part in the congressional and county elections in the tenth district during the next two months, it is said. The paper will be of standard size, eight pages of eight columns each will be published every Friday in Asheville. Mr. Lee himself is heavily interested financially and states that the new venture is amply financed to become a permanent institution.

## Maxwell School Opened Monday

The Cartoogechaye Maxwell school opened last Monday, August 23.

The Poplar Cove school children are being brought down to the Cartoogechaye school this year by truck and the tenth and eleventh grade pupils in the community will be sent to the Franklin school.

Teachers this year are: Miss Inez McRae, Mount Vernon, Ga., principal; Miss Nannie Moore, of this county, assistant principal; Miss Amanda Slagle of this county, assistant in high school; and grammar grade teachers: Miss Margaret Dowdle of this county; and Misses Ruby and Mary Griffith of Liberty, S. C.

## Summer Trains to Be Taken Off September 6

The morning train out of Franklin and evening incoming train will be discontinued for the season after Sunday, September 5, according to an announcement received here this week from the Cornelia office of J. F. Gray, receiver for the Tallulah Falls Railway Company. This will leave only one incoming and one outgoing train for the town during the winter months, as has been the practice in the past.

"In accordance with authorization of Georgia Public Service Commission," the announcement reads, "Tallulah Falls Railway trains Nos. 3 and 4 will be discontinued after Sunday September 5, 1926."

## Mr. Ashe Unhurt

Friends of Oscar W. Ashe have learned with pleasure that he was unhurt when the train on which he was brakeman was wrecked near Lyle, Washington. A fireman was killed in the wreck and the engineer was injured.

## ACTING DEPUTY PALMER GUILTY LIQUOR CHARGE

**Jim Palmer Convicted of Violating Prohibition Law While Acting Deputy—No Sentence Passed.**

Jim Palmer, frequently acting deputy sheriff, was convicted of violating the prohibition laws by a jury in Macon county Superior Court Wednesday. At noon yesterday, (Thursday), Judge W. F. Harding, presiding, had not imposed sentence.

Palmer's conviction came as the sequel to the disappearance from a liquor car of a gallon of whiskey early in August. Palmer, as acting deputy sheriff, helped to capture the car. The gallon of liquor disappeared as the car was being taken to jail, testimony offered at the trial showed.

The case has excited wide attention and apparently gave the jury considerable trouble, as it got the case on Tuesday afternoon, and did not report a verdict until the following day.

Another case that created interest was that in which Joe Shultz was charged with resisting an officer, the charge growing out of an encounter he had on the streets here Tuesday night with R. M. Coffey, policeman. He drew six months.

The only other road sentences that had been imposed up to Thursday noon were those on Major Stanley, four months for possessing and transporting whiskey; and Joseph Young, who got sixty days for an assault on a woman.

Other cases disposed of follow: Fred Davis who pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon. He drew a fine of \$50 and the cost, and the pistol was ordered destroyed. Fred Arnold, retailing; not guilty. Wayne Walker and Isaac Gibson, possessing and transporting liquor, fines each of \$250 and the cost; the fines to be paid \$10 a month; and to show good behavior each month. Wayne Walker, carrying a concealed weapon, pleaded guilty, \$50 and cost.

Grey Meadows, seduction, judgment suspended on payment of the costs, the defendant having married the woman.

J. M. York, transporting and possessing liquor, \$250 and the cost, the fine to be paid \$10 per month. He must show good behavior each month.

J. P. Stanley, possessing and transporting liquor. Pleading guilty. A suspended sentence of eight months, and a fine of \$50 and the cost. He must show good behavior over a three-year period.

Charlie Kinsland, possessing and transporting whiskey; judgment suspended on payment of the cost.

Thad Tallent, store breaking. Suspended judgment on payment of the cost and \$30 to apply on the goods taken from G. C. Stamey. He must show good behavior over a two-year period.

W. L. Talley, transporting and possessing liquor, a six months road sentence suspended on payment of the cost, contingent upon his showing good behavior for two years.

Earl Crunkleton and Norman Reece pleaded guilty to transporting and possessing liquor. Crunkleton was fined \$50 and half the cost. Reece was let off with payment of half the cost; they must show good behavior for two years. In the same case, the charges against Joe Reece and C. E. Haney were non-suited at the solicitor's request.

Wiley Sellers and E. J. Buchanan, transporting and possessing, each \$50 and the cost.

Joe Hopper, Mice Hopper, and U. J. Holder, changing the mark of stock, not guilty.

Dewey Duffey, retailing, not guilty. Carrying concealed weapon, \$50 and the cost.

R. L. Williams, retailing, not guilty. Fred Hedden, drunkenness and carrying concealed weapon, \$75 and the cost.

General Byrd and Homer Taylor, an affray. Taylor, \$50 and the cost; Byrd, suspended on payment of the cost.

In the following cases, the defendants had plead guilty or been convicted, but sentence had not been passed:

John Tyler, drunkenness and retailing; Robert Hopkins retailing; Hubert Stanley, assault with a deadly weapon; Fred Stiwinters, assault with a deadly weapon; Charlie Southards, distilling.

A large number of cases were continued.