

BRYSON BROS. NOW IN RALEIGH

Convicted of Second Degree Murder in Death of Chief Carringer

FEAR MOB VIOLENCE

Walter Receives 30 Years; Younger Brother 15 in State Prison

Walter Bryson and Casey Bryson, brothers, convicted Sunday in Macon county, of the murder of Police Chief Mack Carringer, of Murphy, Monday occupied cells in the state prison of Raleigh. They were rushed there from Asheville Sunday night as a result of a threat of mob violence.

Tried in Franklin because of feeling against them in Murphy, the two men were rushed to Asheville immediately after sentence was passed Sunday morning. Threats from Cherokee county individuals made authorities deem it wise to send the brothers on to Raleigh at once since both announced they would not appeal their case. Buncombe county deputies took the prisoners to Raleigh.

The two brothers were convicted of second degree murder in the Murphy shooting Sunday morning, Judge Cameron F. MacRae, of Asheville, presiding, gave Walter Bryson the limit, 30 years in the state prison, and sentenced his younger brother to 15 years in prison.

Immediately following their sentence, the two Bryson brothers were brought to the Buncombe county jail by Macon county officers for safe keeping. Trial had been held in Franklin because of the feeling against the men in Murphy and Cherokee county.

Sent on at Once

The two were placed on the thirteenth floor of the courthouse in Asheville in one of the special cells. Only a few hours after they were brought here, Judge MacRae telephoned Sheriff Jesse James Bailey that he had received numerous reports of a plan of mob violence against the brothers because they had not received a first degree verdict and death sentence. He instructed the sheriff to send the men on to the state prison at once.

One of the department's fast automobiles was made ready and the North Carolina county license plates exchanged for New York plates to throw off possible pursuers.

The two prisoners were handcuffed and leg chained together and Deputy Sheriffs R. H. Luther, Don Davis, and W. A. Shuford were delegated to take them to the prison. The car left Asheville at 7:15 o'clock Sunday night.

The shooting in which the two brothers were convicted occurred October 7.

Telephoned Chief

B. C. Lindermann, merchant and postmaster, at Coker Creek, Tenn., that night was held up, tied, and his store and post office rifled of receipts. He managed to free himself and telephoned Chief of Police Mack Carringer, of Murphy, that the hold up men were headed in that direction.

The police chief, with Tobe Fain, night policeman, and George Leatherwood and Bert Savage, deputies, drove out on the highway a short distance from Murphy and awaited the approach of the hold up men.

After some time, the car in which the hold-up men were riding, approached and passed that of the officers. It went up the road a distance and then stopped. The officers followed and found one of the men working on the lights of the car. Carringer and Leatherwood and Savage

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PEACH BLOSSOMS AND JUNE APPLES ON THANKSGIVING

Mr. D. D. Rice brought a healthy looking bunch of peach blossoms, broken from a tree near Iotla, into the Press office Monday.

The warm weather last week caused the peach trees to get the seasons confused.

However the snow that is already on the ground, with still more falling, will be enough to convince the peach tree that "Old Man Winter" has made his appearance.

This reminds the writer of eating June apples on the fifteenth of last November. Hail beat the first crop off in the spring causing the trees to bear a second crop.

MACON'S BANKS NOT AFFECTED

Macon county's three banks, the Bank of Franklin, the Citizens Bank, both located at Franklin, and the Highlands Bank, of Highlands, were not affected by the closing of 14 banking institutions of Western North Carolina, according to officials.

Around \$50,000 was displayed in the Citizens Bank last Saturday as a means to increase the confidence of its patrons.

Ashear's Sale Great Success

The great removal sale at Joe Ashear's store is now going full blast. Goods are moving fast, and lots of 'em too. Joe says he is bringing out goods from shelves that had not been touched prior to this sale. And also states that the success of the sale is far beyond his expectation. Bargains are to be found from one end of his store to the other. The sale closes December 22.

Joe expects to move to his new store near Perry's drug store within about thirty days. There he will be in better quarters, have a new stock of goods, and will be in better position to serve public wants in every kind of wearing apparel.

During the past twenty years Mr. Ashear has been serving the people of this and surrounding territory in a satisfactory manner. He bases his success on fairness and square dealing. Joe believes that a satisfied customer is a good advertisement.

Union Service Thanksgiving

A union Thanksgiving service will be held on Thanksgiving Day at the Presbyterian church at 10:00 o'clock. All the churches in town will participate in this service.

Rev. G. Clifton Ervin will have charge of the worship. His sermon theme will be, "Do We Have Any Cause for Thanksgiving?"

A union choir will sing at this service. Every one in the community is urged to attend. It will not last longer than one hour.

Civil Docket

The criminal docket was finished last week and the civil docket was taken up Monday morning and the following cases disposed of up to time of going to press:

Sanders Vs. Stockton, judgment for defendant.

Stockton Vs. Lenoir, judgment of non-suit.

SCHOOLS CLOSE TWO DAYS

The Franklin schools will close Thursday and Friday in celebration of Thanksgiving, according to Prof. G. L. Houk, principal.

Y. T. H. F. CLUB IS ORGANIZED

National Organization of Over 30,000 Members in 35 States

OFFICERS ELECTED

Becomes Unit of Local High School Agricultural Department

Last Thursday the members of the vocational agriculture class, under the direction of their instructor, met and organized what is known as the Young Tar Heel Farmers club.

The official name of this national organization is Future Farmers of America. The state branch is designated as the North Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America. North Carolina gives the name of Young Tar Heel Farmers to its association.

The official Future Farmers colors are gold and national blue. The background of national blue has been found to be the ideal color combination.

The emblem of the Future Farmer of America is made up of four symbols—the owl, the plow, the rising sun and a cross section of an ear of corn—surmounted by the American eagle. The owl is symbolic of wisdom and knowledge; the plow is the symbol of labor; the rising sun is emblematic of the new day that will dawn when all farmers are the product of vocational agricultural schools, and have learned to co-operate; the cross section of an ear of corn is indicative of the scope of the organization, as is the American eagle.

Future Farmer's Creed

The Future Farmer's Creed—I believe in the beauty of God's open country; that life out of doors and in touch with the earth is the natural life of man. I believe that work is work wherever we find it, but that work with Nature is most inspiring, and challenging. I believe that the dignity of labor depends not so much upon what you do, as upon how you do it; that opportunity comes to a boy on the farm as often as to a boy in the city; that life on the farm may be full, happy and free, and that a prosperous agriculture is essential to our national welfare; that my success depends not upon my location, but upon myself, not upon my dreams, but what I actually do, not upon luck but upon pluck. I believe in working when I work and in playing when I play; in giving and demanding a square deal in every act of life.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, George Stewart; vice-president, Sexton Vinson; secretary, Wiley Waldroop; treasurer, Roger Dalton; reporter, Harry Cunningham.

Committees:

1. Committees on program for regular meeting—Don Henderson, Robert Saunders, Bryant McClure.
2. Committee for good attendance—Harold Stewart, Robert Morgan, Willard Dean.
3. Committee to work out annual program of work—Norman West, Clint Byrd, Jeff Enloe.

The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To promote vocational education in agriculture in the public schools of the United States.
2. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
3. To create and nurture a love of country life.
4. To encourage recreational and educational activities for students in vocational agriculture.
5. To promote thrift.

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BUZZARD DONS COW-BELL AND FLYS IN CIRCLE

We are accustomed to hearing fish stories, but hearing of a buzzard "sporting" a bell is something unusual.

However, one Lake Shope and his brother, Quince, of near Prentiss, report having heard a bell ringing and ringing while the two were plowing.

The boys undertook to locate the bell, and looking all around they didn't see anything that could have been causing the disturbance. So they looked up—probably with the expectation of calling in higher power—seeing a buzzard flying over with a bell tied around its neck.

Lake popped a whip and the buzzard began to fly in circles over the boys, and thus ends the unusual story.

BRYSON BOYS GET PRISON SENTENCE

The trial of Walter and Casey Bryson for the murder of Chief-of-Police Mack Carringer was begun here last Thursday morning.

A special venire of 100 men were drawn from the jury box and summoned to appear in court Thursday morning. Three of the jurors were chosen from the regular panel; the other nine were chosen from the special venire.

The state and prisoners were ably represented by counsel. The case was given to the jury late Saturday afternoon. A verdict of second degree murder was returned against both defendants.

Walter Bryson was given a sentence of 30 years and Casey 15 years in the state prison.

CAR WRECKS ON WAY TO PRISON

While on his way to Raleigh to place Sam Green and Dan Stafford in prison who were sentenced in Macon county superior court last week by Judge MacRae for not less than 2 years nor more than five in prison, on charges of stealing a cow, Sheriff Ingram, accompanied by Roy Cunningham, last Sunday night while going around a curve wrecked one of the wheels of his car, according to reports received here.

The sheriff sent to Franklin for another car before going on to Raleigh. No one was injured, it was said.

Annual Rate of Increase in Current Operating Costs of Schools Decrease

RALEIGH, Nov. 24.—The annual rate of increase in the current operating costs of the public schools is less for the last two school years for which figures are available than for any previous year during the past decade, according to the current issue of State School Facts, monthly publication of the Department of Public Instruction.

The increase in current expenses for 1928-29 amounted to \$1,380,845.45 or 4.9 per cent, and was next to the lowest increase record of 4.0 per cent made in 1927-28. The current cost of operating the public schools in 1920-21 showed an increase of 40.8 per cent over that of 1919-20. In 1921-22 the amount of annual increase in current expense decreased to 15.3 per cent. The next year, 1922-23, there was a 11.1 per cent increase in current expense, which percentage dropped to 10.6 per cent in 1923-24.

WOMAN LOST IN WHITESIDE COVE

Mrs. P. C. Henson Disappears Monday But Returns Tuesday

DOGS FAIL IN SEARCH

Fear Increased By Snow-Storm Caused By High Winds

According to reports received here, Mrs. P. C. Henson, of Cullowhee, disappeared in Whiteside Cove, at the base of Whiteside mountain, near Highlands, Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Fear was expressed of her safety because of a snow-storm that was made by severe winds.

Bloodhounds were brought from Brevard to aid in the search, but failed to trail her, it was said.

Mrs. Henson has been in ill health for some months and had been visiting her mother in the Cashiers Valley section.

Rev. Tom Hawkins disappeared last spring near the place that Mrs. Henson was lost.

Mrs. Henson is reported to have been found Tuesday morning.

People's Market In New Quarters

People's Market, owned and operated by Mr. Cecil Pendergrass, is moving into the Scott Griffin hotel building next to Perry's Drug store this week.

The market is modernly equipped throughout, and the public will find their needs in high quality meats and fancy groceries at all times.

According to the management a larger and better stock of fruits and vegetables will be carried in the future.

Alex Moore Bids For Corn-Growing Record

Some weeks ago Sam Sweatman came into the Press office with four ears of corn weighing five and one-half pounds. But Alex Moore, one of Macon's thriftiest farmers, wasn't satisfied at letting Mr. Sweatman "walk away" with the corn-growing record, so he brought four ears in to be displayed along with Mr. Sweatman's.

Mr. Moore's four ears weighs five and one-fourth pounds, while Mr. Sweatman's only weighs four pounds and 3 ounces after drying thoroughly.

Mr. Moore says he has about 1000 bushels of the same grade of corn that he brought to this office.

In 1924-25 there was a still further decrease in the percentage increase in current expense, this time to 10.2 per cent. The following year, 1925-26, current expense increased 8.5 per cent; and in 1926-27 it made a 12 per cent increase. The increase in current expense in 1927-28 was approximately \$1,000,000, or four per cent. In 1928-29 there was an increase of five per cent in current expense.

The average cost of current expenditure per pupil enrolled, according to School Facts, is \$32.67 for the state as a whole. This represents an increase in both rural and charter schools. In 1919-20, the first year of the operation of the six months school term, the average annual expenditure per rural child enrolled was \$11.62, or less than half of the present expenditure of \$32.67. The average per pupil expenditure in charter schools, on the other hand, was \$22.26 in 1919-20, whereas now it is \$44.50.