

County Commissioners Face Suit For Failing To Give Citizen Beer License

Judge Bobbitt To Hear Case In Waynesville 4 P. M. On February 7

The question of selling beer in Jackson county comes up again, this time in the form of a suit against the Board of County Commissioners. The suit has been filed in the Superior Court and papers served on Jennings A. Bryson, Ed Fisher and M. V. Breedlove, individual members of the board, and is to be heard before his Honor, Judge W. H. Bobbitt at Waynesville, on Friday afternoon, February 7 at 4 o'clock.

The plaintiff in the case alleges that he applied for licenses to sell beer in Jackson county, outside of Sylva, and that same were denied by the commissioners on the grounds that there is inadequate law enforcement agencies to provide necessary protection and order in the applied for area, the sheriff and his deputies could not be in the area of the outlet at all times for this protection, the board states.

For the past several years it has been the policy of the commissioners to refuse beer and wine licenses to permit the sale of these beverages in the county due to the excessive expense of providing protection in the outlet areas. However, if Judge Bobbitt rules against the board and in favor of the applicant for the licenses, directing that the licenses be issued, then it will be the Board's duty to issue the license.

U. D. C. SPONSORS LEE-JACKSON DAY PROGRAM AT SCHOOL

Members of the B. H. Cathey chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy sponsored a Lee-Jackson Day for students of the elementary school at the school auditorium Friday afternoon.

The program was opened by the song, "America," after which the audience joined in the Lord's Prayer. Four piano students of Mrs. Grover Wilkes played piano solos, using as their selections Southern airs. The students playing were, Joan Wilson, Dicky Wilson, Tommy Reed and Jimmy Stovall.

Mr. V. L. Cope, principal of the elementary school, introduced Professor R. L. Madison, who spoke on Lee and Jackson. Professor Madison, who is perhaps the most able man in the state to speak on Lee, having known him personally as a child. His father, Dr. Madison, was private physician to Robert E. Lee. Professor Madison related many events of his childhood when the great Southern leader was a visitor at their home.

The program was concluded by the Sylva Glee club under the direction of Miss Alice Weaver, again presenting several Southern numbers.

Sylva Merchants Will Elect Officers At Thursday Meeting

Members of the Sylva Merchants Association will hold their annual election of officers at a meeting to be held in the city hall Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting has been called by President Boyd Sossamon who states that the meeting is to be one of the most important of the year. President Sossamon also announced that plans will be mapped for the year's work. He urges all members, and those who would like to become members, to be present to cast their vote for men of their choice to head the organization, as well as to express their ideas of the work the Association should engage in during the year.

In reviewing the work of the past year President Sossamon feels that much has been accomplished, but "not nearly as much as we should have and could have accomplished had we all worked a little more conscientiously. Therefore, let's start this year off with

Wins Decorations



FOR "conspicuous aid to the people of Belgium and the government during the war," Mrs. Suzanne Silvercrucy Stevenson, sculptress, of East Norwalk, Conn., is decorated with the Order of the Crown of Belgium, the highest honor the Belgian government can give a woman. The presentation was made by her brother, Baron Silvercrucy, Belgian Ambassador, during ceremonial ceremonies at a hotel in New York City. (Intern...)

Crawfords Are 1st Prize Winners In FO Farm Program

The annual meeting of the Farm Ownership borrowers of Jackson county was held at the Glenville school on Wednesday, January 22. The theme of the meeting was Better Farming. This meeting is held each year for the purpose of reviewing the progress of farmers who have bought farms through the Farmers Home Administration.

Figures as revealed by records kept were presented to the group by William T. Brown, FHA supervisor. Many of the group have done outstanding work in farm and home improvement during the past year. Records revealed that farmers who have spent the major portion of their time on the farm and carried out a diversified farm program have gained most in net worth and lived better. W. A. Crawford of Erastus and Mrs. Crawford have done one of the best jobs of farming during 1946. They received the grand prize for outstanding achievement along this line.

The following figures were presented to the group as based on farm and family records for the past year.

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elect our officers and make our plans for the coming year." In announcing the meeting Mr. Sossamon stated that the Association will probably hold a banquet meeting at the time the new officers are installed.

Sylva Sport Center Purchased By A. P. Norton, Wiley Bryson

Announcement has been made of the purchase of the Sport Center by A. P. Norton and Wiley Bryson of Franklin. The former owner, E. D. Erby, has returned to his home in Charlotte.

Prior to coming to Sylva Mr. Norton and Mr. Parker operated a refreshment stand in Franklin, which business they will continue to manage.

The new owners state that they are well pleased with their establishment in Sylva and will continue with the same high standards as it has previously enjoyed.

OFFICERS OF LOCAL BANK RE-ELECTED FOR YEAR 1947

S. W. Enloe Named To Head Board Of Jackson County Bank

The annual stockholders meeting of the Jackson County Bank of Sylva, with branch office at Highlands, was held at Sylva on Tuesday, January 21, with S. W. Enloe, president, presiding.

R. L. Atriall, Executive Vice-President, presented and read the annual report to the stockholders. Mr. Atriall pointed out that the year 1946 was unusually good as reflected by the annual report which shows a rather substantial increase in earnings over the previous year. It was explained that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the bank held on December 10, a 10 per cent dividend was declared and paid to stockholders and that \$20,000 was added to the surplus account and \$25,000 was added to reserves for contingencies. The bank now has a capital fund of \$50,000 capital stock, \$70,000 surplus, \$50,000 reserves for contingencies and \$3,294 aggregating a total capital fund of \$173,294.

All old directors were elected and consist of the following: S. W. Enloe, E. L. McKee, R. W. Harris, E. P. Stillwell, R. L. Atriall, W. H. Snyder and D. D. Hooper.

Immediately following the stockholders meeting the new Board of Directors held a meeting and elected the officers, all officers being re-elected. They are: S. W. Enloe, president; E. L. McKee, chairman of the Board and 1st vice-president; R. W. Harris, 2nd vice-president; R. L. Atriall, executive vice-president and secretary; W. J. Fisher, cashier and assistant secretary; W. W. Bryson, assistant cashier; E. P. Stillwell, attorney.

The following committees were named: Loan and Executive committee, S. W. Enloe, E. L. McKee, E. P. Stillwell and R. L. Atriall; Examining committee, R. W. Harris, E. P. Stillwell and D. D. Hooper.

J. D. Meadows Succeeds Turpin At Prison Camp

Announcement has been made of the appointment of J. D. Meadows as superintendent of Prison Camp 1008, located on Highway 19 in Jackson county, just above the Swain line. Mr. Meadows, who has had six years' experience as camp steward, succeeds James A. Turpin, who has retired. Dave Sutton has been named as Camp Steward.

The camp, which is known as "Road camp" has ten guards and at the present time 77 prisoners. The highway work is done under the supervision of the district engineer, E. L. Curtis, who has charge of all highway work in six western counties, Swain, Jackson, Macon, Cherokee, Clay, and Haywood.

Herald Editor Attends Press Institute

J. A. Gray, editor and co-publisher of The Herald, accompanied by Mrs. Gray and son, Jimmy, attended the two-day meeting of the Twenty-Second Annual Newspaper Institute of North Carolina which convened in Chapel Hill Thursday night.

President Herbert Peele, of Elizabeth City, presided at the opening meeting Thursday night. The principal speaker was Bascom Timmons, Washington correspondent.

The newspaper people were given a luncheon Friday at noon as a courtesy of the University, and entertained at a banquet given by Duke University at Durham Friday evening. The final address was made by Sidney S. Alderman, General Counsel for the Southern Railway, who gave the high lights of the Nuernberg Trial, which he attended as a representative for the Government.

At the conclusion of the Duke meeting Governor Cherry presented a number of prizes and awards to several daily and weekly papers of the state.

The Jains, a religious sect of India, believe that the soul has colors, three good and three bad, indicating its character.

LEGION PROPOSES ORGANIZATION OF BASEBALL LEAGUE

Committee Appointed To Determine Costs For Junior And Senior Club

At the January meeting of the William E. Dillard Post 104 of the American Legion, held Friday evening at the Courthouse, plans were made and a committee appointed to investigate the possibility and the cost of organizing an American Legion junior and senior baseball club, the junior club to include members up to 16 and the senior club to be composed of members from 16 years up. Those to serve on this committee are W. L. Jones, W. L. Davis, and Paul Warren.

Commander L. H. Higdon presided over the routine business session, and D. M. Talent was named as representative of the local post to attend the state meeting of Legion officers which is being held in Durham this week.

Reports were given on the progress made by T. Walter Ashe, Veterans Service officer, in the case of a Jackson county veteran who was injured in North Africa, and whose identifying papers have been lost, preventing him from any claim to disability. Mr. Ashe has personally written affidavits and has sent them to men who served with the veteran in the engagement in which he was wounded. All possible effort is being made by the post to establish the claims of the veteran who at the present time is at the home of his father, completely unable to work. A collection of \$25.00 was taken at the meeting to assist the disabled veteran until the next meeting of the post which is scheduled for February 28.

Group Of Soil Experts Coming Here For Annual County Farm Meeting

Blaine Nicholson, chairman of the Jackson County Demonstration Farm Committee, announces that the regular annual meeting of the demonstration farm men and women of Jackson county will be held at the Courthouse on Wednesday, February 5, the meeting beginning at 10 a. m.

An excellent group of agricultural workers has been secured for this meeting. This group will consist of Dr. E. R. Collins, Agronomy; Dr. I. E. Miles, Soil Testing; Mr. W. W. Woodhouse, Experimental results with TVA phosphate and lime; and Mr. E. F. Goldston, Soils.

The demonstration farm committee feels that the Jackson county demonstration farmers are very fortunate in having this team of specialists to talk with them at their annual meeting, and they would like to urge all the farm men and women to attend this meeting and hear these fine speakers.

BILL ON GAME AND FISH TO HIT BOTH HOUSES THIS WEEK

One of the most controversial issues to be brought before the General Assembly this week is the proposal for a separation of the division of game and inland fisheries from the state department of conservation and development.

The bill is expected to hit both houses simultaneously early this week, probably following adjournment of the annual meeting of North Carolina State Wildlife association held in Raleigh for two days, Monday and Tuesday.

The Wildlife group, boasting a membership of over 20,000 hunters and anglers, claims that such a divorce in the department is the only way to provide the state with an "efficient wildlife program."

Motorists Must Have 1947 Tags By Feb. 1

One day remains in which motorists may purchase 1947 state license plates, it has been announced by the General Motor Company, sole agents for state tags in Jackson county. Motorists are reminded that 1946 tags expire at midnight Friday.

State Aid For Huge School Building Program Is Sought Following Commission Report

Marshall Stopover In Chicago



DELAYED IN CHICAGO by weather, Gen. George C. Marshall is interviewed by the press after his plane, from Burbank, Calif., was grounded. Wearing civilian clothes, Gen. Marshall had intended flying directly to Washington for swearing-in ceremonies as the new Secretary of State, succeeding James F. Byrnes. (International Soundphoto)

Only \$200,000 Set-Up For Jackson, Need Is For Much Larger Sum

North Carolina faces the "most colossal school building program undertaken in the state's history," a special legislative commission reported to the General Assembly on Monday, with building needs in Jackson county listed to cost \$290,000.

The commission suggested that the state should undertake a grants-in-aid program, to assist the school districts in financing their needs. Although construction of the buildings will be a long-range proposition, the commission recommended that state aid be given for a specified number of years and not be a continuing program.

The commission, of which D. Hudson Ramsey of Asheville is chairman, listed as a part of its report the needs of the various administrative units based on information furnished by local school authorities. The Jackson county need was said to have estimated its needs at \$260,000 for the county as a whole.

A Press release report from Raleigh states that the house is scheduled to get a bill this week for the establishment of a \$25,000,000 building fund to serve as grants-in-aid.

Chamber of Commerce Prepares Ballots For Directors Election

Felix Picklesimer, president of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that it had been decided at the meeting of the organization held last Friday night, to mail out ballots to every Chamber of Commerce member in good standing, for the purpose of electing new directors. These ballots must be returned by February 5. Three of the present group will be re-elected and six members chosen from a new list of names.

The nine acting members from which three will be elected are Harry Ferguson, Dr. Harold McGuire, Roscoe Poteet, Dr. W. A. Ashbrook, Mack Ashe, Roy Reed, Joe Popplewell, Everett Harris, and Felix Picklesimer. The new proposed names, from which six will be elected, are Keith Hinds, John Worth McDevitt, J. A. Gray,

W. C. Hennessee, Woody Hampton, Reg Enloe, Grayson Cope, Bill Enloe, Boyd Sossamon, Paul Kirk, Wayne Terrell, Don Cowan, Claude Campbell, H. J. Landis, David Cagle, C. C. Pettit, H. E. Monteith, and Ed Bangamer.

Dr. W. A. Ashbrook was named at the meeting as delegate to the group of WNCAC, who will go to Washington, D. C. February 7 to present Julius A. King, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, suggested programs for the future development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the completion of certain sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway. This invitation to the Western North Carolina Associated Communities was made possible through Congressman Monroe Redden.

Moore Will Hold First Court Term In Haywood Feb. 3

Dan K. Moore, Sylva attorney and elected State's Solicitor for the 20th Judicial District, which includes all counties of Haywood and West, will hold his first court in Waynesville beginning Monday, February 3. Solicitor Moore will move from Haywood to Jackson for his second court which convenes here Monday, February 17. Judge W. H. Bobbitt will preside at both court sessions.

Grace Moore, Famous Opera Singer, Killed In Airliner Crash

Among the fifty or more persons killed over the week-end in the airplane crashes in this country and abroad was Grace Moore, famous opera singer and native of Tennessee. Miss Moore died from injuries received when a Royal Dutch Airliner crashed and burned at its take-off from the Copenhagen, Denmark airport Sunday. The entire passenger list and crew of 22 persons lost their lives. Included in the passenger list was another famous personage, that of Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden. The airliner crashed to earth from an altitude of 150 feet as it appeared to lose speed in what, officials stated, was too steep a climb. It is also thought that over-load was another reason for the crash. Miss Moore's body will be returned to her native state of Tennessee and buried in Forest Hills cemetery at Chattanooga.

Democratic Freshmen Recognized In Congress

At a meeting of 23 first-termers headed by 12th District Rep. Monroe M. Redden, they were praised for their initiative and invited to participate in developing party strategy during the both congress.

Democratic congressmen have affirmed their intention of giving relatively free rein to Democratic freshmen in their efforts to fight off the restrictions of tradition and engage actively in the give and take of congressional procedure.

Jackson Had Six Forest Fires Burning Over 84 Acres In 1946

The following fire statistics were compiled from the fall fire season of 1946 by District 9 of the North Carolina Forest Service.

There is a total of 852,793 acres of forest land being protected by the NCFCS in the seven counties cooperating with the service for protection of private forest lands. Of this total acres being protected only 356 acres were burned over during the six months from July 1 to December 31, 1946. This was an average of 67.81 acres per fire. The data for each county is as follows:

Cherokee county had a total of 8 fires that burned over 15 acres. Two responsible persons were determined and both were required to make payments for suppression costs.

Graham county had a total of 6 fires burning over 51 acres. Three responsible persons were determined and two were required to make payments and the other was put on suspended sentence.

WAYNESVILLE STORE DAMAGED BY FIRE

A fire which started early Tuesday afternoon swept through the Garrett Furniture store on Main Street in Waynesville and damaged 22222 Burnett's cafe in the adjoining building in what local fire department officers termed one of the most costly in Waynesville's business district in history. The loss to the furniture store had not been estimated Tuesday night.

The blaze was discovered about 12:30 o'clock when an employe of the restaurant smelled smoke and went to the furniture store to investigate. A few seconds later flames broke through from the basement to the ground floor.

VANDERHOOVEN IS SPEAKER AT W.C.T.C.

Vanderhooven, retired executive of the Enka Corporation, was the speaker before the assembly of Western Carolina Teachers College assembly Tuesday afternoon at the college. His subject was "A Drop of Water." Mr. Vanderhooven showed the essentialness of water to all forms of life. He pointed out that the human brain is 85 per cent water and that the human body, as well as all other life, would soon perish without water.

One of Mr. Vanderhooven's audience stated, "Mr. Vanderhooven made a lovely thing of the little drop of water."

HAYWOOD COUNTY HAD 6 FIRES BURNING OVER 148 ACRES.

Jackson county had 6 fires burning over 84 acres.

Macon county had 4 fires burning over 9 acres.

Swain county had 3 fires burning over 49 acres.

Transylvania county had only one fire burning 1-4 acre.

The causes of the fires were due to smokers, causing 9, railroads 3, debris burning 5, and campers and hunters caused 11 fires making the total of 34.

The total damage of the fires to timber amounted to \$891.25 or an average of \$2.50 damage per acre. Due to the great amount of educational work and personal contacts by the county forest wardens has seemed to reduce the number of fires, and the assistance and cooperation of private citizens has also contributed greatly to the small number of acres burned. The county forest wardens and district

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