

Corsey Brown Pleads Guilty In Hoxit Murder Case, Sentenced To Serve 15 to 20 Years In Prison

McCall And Frady Draw Prison Terms, Court Recesses Until Monday

With Judge William H. Bobbit of Charlotte on the bench the February term of Jackson County Superior Court convened Monday morning, with reckless and drunk driving cases occupying most of the day Monday and Tuesday.

Dan K. Moore, newly-elected solicitor for the district, made his first scheduled appearance here at this term. He will hold his next scheduled court in Bryson City, beginning March 3.

The case of most interest tried at this term was that of Corsey Brown, charged with the murder of Eulas Hoxit. Brown was arraigned in court Monday afternoon and through his attorneys a special venire was requested. Judge Bobbit directed Sheriff Middleton to summons 75 men, from sections of the county other than Canada Township, to appear in court Wednesday morning. When the case was called Wednesday morning, Brown plead guilty to second degree murder and the special jury was dismissed. Attorneys presented evidence in the case in order for Judge Bobbit to determine the degree of penalty. At the completion of presenting the evidence the judgment of the court was that Brown must serve not less than 15 years nor more than 20 years in state prison at Raleigh. Evidence showed that Brown and Hoxit, both drinking, engaged in an argument whereupon Brown went to his home, secured a shot gun, and killed Hoxit as he sat in his car on the roadside. The killing occurred near Tuckaseegee on Sunday, June 10, of last year. George Ward of Asheville, M. V. Higdon and A. A. Rice represented the defendant.

Other defendants drawing state prison terms were: VOLLIE McCall for breaking, entering, and carrying away goods from various summer homes in the Cashiers community. He was sentenced to serve four years. McCall was arrested by Sheriff Middleton and deputies about two weeks ago. The breaking took place at various times during the fall and winter.

Conrad Frady was sentenced to serve two years in state prison on charges of breaking, entering, and larceny.

Other cases disposed of were: Robert McMahan, abandonment, \$100 and cost, and \$25 per month to children's support; Hallie Smith, abandonment, 12 months suspended on payment of cost and \$25 each month to support of children; Herman Mitchell, reckless driving, \$10 and cost; Elmer Franklin, driving after licenses revoked, 90 days on roads; John C. Cope, transporting, \$100 and cost, 6 months suspended sentence, not to drive motor vehicle.

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Judge Bobbit Instructs County Board To Issue Beer License

Holding that it was not in the discretion of the Jackson county board of commissioners to refuse to issue a permit to sell beer, Judge W. H. Bobbit, of Charlotte, presiding over the February term of Jackson Superior court, in a writ of mandamus issued Monday afternoon instructed the board to issue a license to Dave Parris. The board complied with the Judge's instructions by issuing Mr. Parris a permit to sell beer to be consumed off the premises.

Mr. Parris had brought action against the board of commissioners in an effort to obtain an off-the-premises beer license after having been denied such a license by the board.

The hearing was held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon before Judge Bobbit with a well filled court room of Jackson county citizens present whose sentiments were with the commissioners. Attorney C. C. Buchanan stated the case for the board and told the Judge that the sentiment of Jackson county was overwhelmingly against the

sale of beer in the town and county. Judge Bobbit said that he considered beer and wine an abomination but that there is now no law under which the board can refuse to issue the license and that he would have to instruct them to do so.

Await His Decision



SUPERIOR COURT Judge Walter C. Hendrix is shown as he arrived at the Henry County Court, McDonough, Ga., to open hearings to determine who shall be governor of Georgia. The plea of Lt. Gov. M. E. Thompson, who is asking for an injunction to prevent Herman Talmadge from exercising his executive authority, will be given a hearing there.

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WILDLIFE MEASURE GETS HOUSE BACKING

Backers of the Wildlife bill, which would separate the division of Game and Inland Fisheries from the department of Conservation and Development, are pleased with the support the measure has received in the committee, which voted 35 to 9 in favor of the separation. Amendments were adopted to strike out a \$7,500 salary limitation for the head of the wildlife resources commission and leave that to the Governor and council of state; would give the proposed new commission no authority over stream pollution; and eliminate the requirement that the commissioners have "formal" training.

DISTRICT SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD AT WHITTIER

One of the largest Scout Courts of Honor to be held in the Smoky Mountain District was held Thursday evening, February 13, at the Whittier School in Whittier. Hugh Monteith, district advancement chairman presided. The Tenderfoot candlelight investiture ceremony was conducted by W. C. Wall, Scout field executive of Asheville.

The following Sylva boys were inducted into Scouting as Tenderfoots: Bobby Blackwell, Lambert Hooper, Jerry Dillard, Roy Dillard and Layne Hooper.

The rank of Second Class Scout was presented to Kenneth Sutton and Bobby Robinson of Troop 1, Sylva.

John D. Alsop of Franklin presented the following merit badges to Sylva Scouts: Neil Wilson, First Aid; Dick Barkley, Home Repairs and Reading; Franklin Fricks, Reading; Jimmy Bales, Stamp Collecting; Tommy Ferguson, Swimming and Home Repairs; Charles Stillwell, Conservation and Animal Industry; E. P. Stillwell, Jr., Home Repairs; Derel Monteith, Scholarship.

Winfred Ashe of Troop 14, Cullowhee, was presented the rank of Star Scout by W. E. Ensor of Cherokee.

In addition to the thirty Scouts attending from Sylva, the following adult leaders and friends were present: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bales, Dr. W. P. McGuire, Walt Jones, W. C. Hennessy, Hugh Monteith, Claude Campbell, and Dennis Barkley.

March 31 Is Deadline For Enlistment Of Disabled Veterans

The deadline for partially disabled combat wounded veterans of World War II to apply for enlistment in the New Regular Army in the grade held at the time they were discharged has been extended from January 31, 1947 to March 31, 1947, according to a statement issued this morning by Lt. Thomas H. Suidam, commanding officer of the Asheville Sub-Station of the Army Recruiting Service, located at the Post Office building.

The new directive authorizes the enlistment of certain of these partially disabled combat wounded veterans in military occupation specialties, which call for duty they can perform despite their disability. The extension of the deadline, states Lt. Suidam, gives many of these men, who were not aware of the offer of the Army to consider them for enlistment, the opportunity of submitting their applications now.

The lieutenant further stated that partially disabled combat wounded men, whose last service was in the capacity of an officer or warrant officer, will be enlisted in the grade of First or Master Sergeant, provided their application for enlistment is filed on or before March 31.

Effective on and after April 1, it will be necessary for partially disabled combat wounded men to apply for enlistment within 20 days from the date of discharge (last day of terminal leave is considered day of discharge) in order to retain the grade they earned in the Army of the United States. The same holds true with officers and warrant officers. Effective on and after April 1, they must apply for enlistment within 20 days of the date of their last day of terminal leave in order to be enlisted in the first grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Skene and small son of Celina, Tenn. spent the week-end in Sylva, visiting Mrs. Skene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Dillard. They were accompanied to Celina by Mrs. Elizabeth Davis.

A Tribute To Winecoff Fire Victim



The new four room rock house shown above stands today at Cullowhee as a tribute to the memory of Bill Bryson, who perished last December in the Atlanta Winecoff hotel tragedy.

Because of the love and generosity of Bill's brothers and neighbors, his widow and small daughters will be as secure as human hands can make them.

Carson and Wayne Bryson would not let their grief over the loss of their brother underwrite the fact that Bill had left behind a responsibility, so they went to work. Mrs. Bryson, the former Miss Vera Timmons of Greenwood, S. C., who herself had lost both parents, early made clear her preference of remaining in Cullowhee, where she might rear her daughters near their grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Bryson, dietician at Western Carolina Teachers College.

There was a vacant lot in Cullowhee where once had stood the Bryson homestead, (it burned several years ago) and there the new home began.

The day following the funeral ground was broken on the lot that Bill had once designated as being the site where he would someday like to build a home. When Cullowhee community found out what was being done, offers of help and material poured in to the brothers.

Approximately 600 man hours of work were donated, and the rock for the home was given by T. W. Reed of Lake Sapphire. Hauling of the rock was given by L. H. Higdon of Cullowhee. The rock work was done by Carson Bryson and Will Buchanan. Flooring and roofing for the new home was donated by Holmes Bryson of Asheville and Dr. E. J. Bryson of Liberty, S. C., both uncles of Bill. The framing was done by a group of young men from Cullowhee, and working side by side with Carson has been L. N. Long, J. H. Long, and Boyd Buchanan.

In actual money value the house could be appraised at close to \$4500 but no price could be placed on the value of the other things which have helped to make up the home of Vera Bryson and her small daughters, Sue Ann, 4 and Sherry 2.

The house is ready for occupancy and Sherry and Sue Ann can become a part of the community in which their dad grew up. They can learn of his twenty months naval record and the eight years he spent as a driver for the Smoky Mountain Trailways bus company. They can attend his same school in Cullowhee and grow up with the neighbors who loved Bill Bryson and who will help to keep his memory very bright for them.

Founders' Day Observed By Dillsboro PTA

On Tuesday afternoon, February 11, the Dillsboro Parent-Teacher association observed Founders' Day with a fitting program. Mrs. Tommy Keever presided during the business hour. It was reported that the electric refrigerator bought for the lunch room had arrived.

Mrs. T. D. Slagle and Mrs. Wayne Terrell told of the work of the association for fifty years as this year, the Golden Jubilee, is being celebrated. Miss Evelyn Sherrill and Miss Hicks Wilson gave the history of the two founders, Mrs. Burney and Mrs. Hurst.

Taking part in the candle lighting ceremony were Mrs. John B. Ensley, Mrs. Tommy Keever, Mrs. Relis Sutton, Mrs. Claude Queen, Mrs. Claude Jacobs, and Mrs. M. B. Madison.

Mrs. Madison's and Miss Sherrill's rooms tied for having the most parents present and each room received \$1.00.

Ginger bread, sauce, and coffee were served in the lunch room.

HOB MONTEITH HURT IN BLAST AT MEAD

Mr. Hob Monteith, employee of the Mead Corporation, was burned about the face and hands while working around the coal elevator Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. An explosion in the elevator, caused by the collection of gas and dust, blew flames over Mr. Monteith. His injuries were not of a serious nature and he is reported to be getting along nicely.

The accident happened the day before the Company was awarded the George H. Mead Safety Trophy for their record of having completed 229 days without a lost-time accident. Before the accident Tuesday the company had made a record of 233 days without an accident.

Miss Chris Rucker has returned to her home in Shelby after spending the week-end with Mrs. T. O. Wilson and family.

John Corbin has returned to Clemson College after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Corbin, over the week-end.

Mrs. Buchanan Talks On Racial Problems

Mrs. C. C. Buchanan, librarian at Western Carolina Teachers College, was guest speaker at the Sylva Woman's club at the February meeting which was held Tuesday night with Mrs. Harry Ferguson, hostess to the group.

Mrs. Buchanan's address dealt with the racial problem as it affects the individual of this area today. She stressed the necessity of women securing adequate information and becoming personally responsible for the issues at stake. She suggested ways that progress might be made locally.

Mrs. Buchanan stated that "As Christian women we can solve nothing by ignoring the fact that we are faced with a problem and do nothing about it."

A short business meeting, presided over by the president, Miss Hicks Wilson, preceded Mrs. Buchanan's talk.

The hostess served a sweet course and coffee to the guests.

HAZEL HEARD BY SYLVA ROTARIANS

Francis J. Hazel, attorney and director of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and projects chairman of the Western North Carolina Communities Association, spoke to the Sylva Rotary club at its dinner meeting Tuesday evening. Mr. Hazel discussed at length the effort the association is making to have the Park Commission make certain developments in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, especially on the North Carolina side, and also the completion of the Parkway. Mr. Hazel headed the North Carolina delegation which appeared before Secretary Krug in Washington on February 7 to present their program.

EXCAVATION BEGUN ON FERGUSON LOT

Excavation began this week on the lot belonging to Harry Ferguson and adjacent to Massie Furniture Co. building. A power shovel has been moving dirt during the days that the weather permitted. Mr. Ferguson plans to erect a large business building on the site when building permits are released.

Sylva Mead Firm Given G.H. Mead Safety Trophy At Public Ceremony

VALUE OF HEALTH PROGRAM PRESENTED IN FILM AND TALK

Students of the Sylva elementary and high schools were shown a health film at their regular chapel program Tuesday morning. The program was presented by the Jackson county health department and through the courtesy of the North Carolina Forestry Service.

The film dealt briefly with the work being done, particularly in the preventive field of medicine, by the health departments of the states. Particular stress was placed on venereal diseases and communicable diseases of childhood and the necessity of immunization of children. A fictitious family was chosen and it was shown how a family could be aided by public health service daily. Figures in graph form were shown, picturing the decline of loss of lives through work done by these health departments.

Following the film Mrs. Alma McCracken, district health nurse, addressed the group and explained in part the work being done by the local department and by county sanitarian, Charles Thomas.

The same film was shown Tuesday afternoon at Cullowhee for the high school students and members of the college.

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICERS MEET AT DILLSBORO

American Legion Service officers for the district of Bluncombe, Henderson and counties west, held an all-day meeting at Jarrett Springs hotel at Dillsboro Wednesday. The meeting was presided over by District Service Officer Richard S. Hulme, of Bluncombe county, who also led the group discussion. Richard L. Davis, State Service Officer, of Winston-Salem, was present for the meeting. A general review of the problems of veterans and how the service officers might be of greater service to them was discussed. Walter Ashe, Jackson County Service Officer, represented the county at the meeting.

Lunch was served the group in the hotel dining room.

Beta H. D. Club Meets

The Beta Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Fred Williams Wednesday afternoon with nine members present. The president, Mrs. B. E. Harris, presided during the business hour. The club voted to give \$10 to "The March of Dimes."

Mrs. Helen Sosamon gave a demonstration on making rolls.

Home Economic Department At Sylva High Gets New Equipment

With the arrival of new electrical equipment, which is expected in the immediate future, the Home Economics department of the Sylva high school will be brought up to four unit kitchens which will accommodate four to five girls each.

Miss Louise Henson, head of the Home Economics department, stated that the new equipment, which consists of two stoves, a refrigerator, a hot water heater, a sink and an electric roaster, has been ordered since early fall. The purchase was made possible by Westinghouse Electric Company, who offered to sell the school the electric appliances at less than half the original purchase price, as an advertisement for their products.

At the present time the Home Economics department is housed in the upstairs of the Agricultural building, having moved to that location last fall. Equipment is inadequate for a full time program for foods. The majority of the work offered is in sewing and in food theory. Four sewing machines are now in use and Miss Henson stated

Company Has Good Safety Record For Six Month Period

The Sylva Division of the Mead Corporation was presented the George H. Mead annual safety trophy at a program held at the Ritz Theatre Wednesday afternoon. The award was made in behalf of Mead executives by George W. Haper of Chillicothe, Ohio, Safety Director for Mead Organization. Acceptance for the Sylva Division was made by Paul Ellis, general manager.

The trophy, which is given annually in recognition of the plant with the best safety record, was won in 1946 by the Sylva Division for their splendid record of 8.6 annual frequency, the plant having operated the past six months period accident free.

Mayor H. Gibson opened the program with prayer. Mr. Ellis welcomed the large group present and read a congratulatory telegram from T. W. Fernald, vice-president of the company, whose illness prevented him from being present. Mr. Ellis presented H. S. Baucem of Raleigh, a safety director of the North Carolina Industrial Commission. Mr. Baucem spoke briefly on the necessity of daily safety habits and accident prevention. This is Mr. Baucem's second visit to Sylva, having been here in August when he taught a six weeks safety program to employees of Mead Corporation.

H. E. Wehr, assistant to Mr. Fernald, introduced Mr. Harper, who warmly congratulated the men on their safety program and record for 1946. Mr. Harper stated that there were 13 entrants in the Mead Safety contest which runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year, and that by winning this award they become eligible for the National Paper Safety contest. He also stated that beginning this year Mead would be entered in the south-wide Paper Safety contest. He pointed out that most accidents in an industrial plant are not due to machinery but to the human element and that the safety program must first be begun in the home before it can be carried into the plant. He urged that constant thought be given to safe thinking and planning. In conclusion he presented the trophy and stated that the winning represented close cooperation in all departments of the organization.

The trophy, a large shield of wood and gold, remains permanently in the possession of the division winning it three years in succession.

Twenty men of the Sylva Division were recognized for their personal safety records. They were presented awards by L. E.

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Sylva Elementary School Raises \$54.48 For Polio

Mrs. Emily Tompkins' first grade of the Sylva elementary school led in the 1947 polio fund drive for the school. Funds in the amount of \$54.48 were raised and deposited in the Jackson County Bank on January 31, according to an announcement made by V. L. Cope, principal of the school.

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