



To Defend Vogeler on Spying Charges

ATTORNEY for Robert A. Vogeler (right), International Telephone and Telegraph Co., official, Morris L. Ernst (above, left) is shown during a press interview in New York with William Vogeler, father of Robert. Ernst told newsmen that he was leaving at once for Europe, with or without a visa, in an attempt to defend his client who is being held in Budapest, Hungary, on spy charges. (International)



N. C. Maintains Traffic In Huge Road Program

Raleigh, N. C., March 1 — North Carolina's huge highway construction program is being carried out with minimum detour delay. Dr. Henry W. Jordan, State Highway Chairman, explained that proceeds from the \$200,000,000 road bond issues are being used exclusively for building and improving secondary roads, which are not generally used by tourists, and that the large-scale improvement program for primary routes financed from regular highway income, is largely "off-line" work. This consists of widening hard-surfacing and shoulders, which do not halt the flow of traffic. In cases where new road beds are being built, traffic is continu-

ing on the old road, and motorists encounter no delays. Because North Carolina has greatly expanded its secondary highway system, short detours can be arranged where they are absolutely necessary. The high quality of North Carolina's farm-to-market road system makes it possible to keep main-line traffic traveling continuously on good paved roads even when detours are necessary, Dr. Jordan said. Some \$50,000,000 of the \$200,000,000 bond issue has already been allocated for work on farm-to-market roads. At the same time the North Carolina Highway Commission has a \$70,000,000 annual budget for regular highway construction and maintenance.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fisher left last Wednesday for Shreveport, La., to visit Mrs. Fisher's brother, Mr. Lem McCracken, and Mrs. McCracken. They will also visit relatives in Texas. Mr. David M. Hall was in Raleigh the first of this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gentry and Mrs. Sally Lou Justice of Waynesville were guests during the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moody. Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Warren had as their dinner guest Monday evening, Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Elliott of Waynesville. Rev. Elliott is pastor of First Baptist church in Waynesville.

Mrs. Martin Cunningham and daughter, Carol, will return home the last of the week after a six-week visit with relatives in Fort Mill, S. C. Miss Marjorie Mills, sister of Mrs. Cunningham, will return with them for the weekend here.

Mrs. F. A. Adkins of Charlotte was a house guest last week of Mrs. J. C. Cannon.

Mr. S. W. Enloe, Miss Anne Enloe, and Mrs. Lillian Guddenrath returned Monday after a two weeks' stay in Clearwater and Miami, Fla.

Henry Bridges, State Auditor, and assistant, Henry L. Ferguson, of Raleigh, are spending a few days at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee.

T. N. Massie returned to his home here Tuesday after spending two months vacationing in Florida.

Miss Frances Bryson and cousin, Miss Annie Will Howard, of Dillard, Ga., returned Monday night after spending since Thursday visiting friends in Jacksonville and Tampa, Florida.

Mrs. John Sullins and little son, Glen Kenneth, left Saturday to spend some time in Erwin, Tenn. with Mrs. Sullins' mother, Mrs. G. C. Starr.

Miss Lucille Hunt will leave Friday to attend a State-wide school supervisors meeting in Raleigh. While there Miss Hunt will complete plans for the 8th grade students of Jackson county to visit Raleigh on April 27, 28, and 29; also the seniors of the county to visit on May 4, 5, and 6. The Sylva seniors will visit Washington instead of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Anderson have returned from a business trip in Birmingham, Alabama.

Senator Frank Graham visited with Mr. and Mrs. David Hal Jr. at their home last Sunday morning. Senator Graham was en route from Franklin, where he spoke the previous day at a public meeting, to Asheville to be guest speaker at a church laymen's meeting.

Smokey Says:



A burnt face produces no gun. You can't sell fire — why feed it? Rev. Charles McConnell of Cullowhee, and Miss Lucille Hunt, county school supervisor.

HIGHWAY PATROL GETS 53 NEW MEN AT GRADUATION

Kenneth Cameron Cowan, of Webster, was among the fifty-three student highway patrolmen who were graduated Friday, February 24, from the Institute of Government's Highway Patrol School in Chapel Hill. The school began January 16.

Thirty-five of the students, including Cowan, were assigned to vacant patrol posts and the remainder were placed on a reserve list to fill future vacancies.

The principal address during the ceremonies was delivered by Chancellor R. B. House of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Short talks were made by Department of Motor Vehicles, Col. C. R. Tolar, Patrol commander, and Major James R. Smith, Patrol executive officer, all of Raleigh.

Certificates of graduation from the Patrol school were presented to the student patrolmen by Clifford Pace, assistant director of the Institute, who was in charge of the school for the Institute. Immediately following graduation exercises, the 35 men assigned to troops were turned over to troop commanders for further instructions in connection with their assignments. Seven men will go to Capt. D. T. Lambert, Greenville, Troop A; eight to Capt. Lester Jones, Fayetteville, Troop B; 10 to Capt. W. B. Lentz, Greensboro, Troop C and commanding officer for the school; and 10 to Capt. C. A. Speed, Asheville, Troop D.

Too Late to Classify FOR SALE — One 1947 Dodge Pick-up Truck, one 1938 Buick Convertible. Both in excellent condition. See Carl Allman, Dillsboro, N. C. 40\*

Area Scout Executive To Start Work March 7

Miss Mildred Coetledge, Girl Scout Executive of the Nantahala Area of Girl Scouts, will arrive in Cullowhee on Sunday, March 5. She will begin her work in this area by making a talk in Highlands Tuesday night, March 7 for the Parent-Teacher Association of that area.

The men will be given a three-day leave of absence and will be sworn into office on March 1 at 10 a.m. in the Hall of the House of Representatives in Raleigh. Secretary of State Thad Eure will administer the oath of office.

N. C. Planetarium Has Easter Show

Chapel Hill, N. C.—More than 37,000 visitors saw the Christmas show at the University of North Carolina Planetarium. Director Roy K. Marshall announces another spectacular demonstration entitled EASTER, THE AWAKENING from March 14 through April 10.

Attend Scout Meet In Murphy

Saturday, February 25, Miss Nell Bond of Western Carolina Teachers college, Mrs. Gertrude Jennings of Cherokee, and Miss Lucille Hunt of Sylva attended a meeting of adults of Murphy who are interested in Girl Scouts and Scouting. They are reorganizing their troops and getting ready for their financial drive through March.

Grasshoppers, boll weevils, and European corn borers may cause U. S. farmers serious trouble in 1950, say entomologists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Weather conditions prevailing through the winter have been favorable to the insects in many areas and the three named may develop into outbreak status this summer.

Western Dist. Class B Tournament For Boys At Cullowhee

The Western District Class B Basketball Tournament will get underway in the Western Carolina Teachers College Gymnasium Thursday, March 2nd. The tournament is under the direction of L. J. "Hap" Perry and the proceeds will be used to send the winner to the State Class B tournament held at Duke University starting March 22nd.

Eight County Champions will battle it out to determine the team most likely to represent the Western section in State-wide competition. Cherokee and Robbinsville will draw the curtains on

Western Carolinas' first regional tournament at 2:30 Thursday. The Indians have been on the warpath several times during the basketball season and are drying the scalps of some of the best teams in this section on their belts. Robbinsville, the pride and joy of Graham County, could be just the team to make the Indians bite the dust in bitter defeat. Etowah, the current champs of the Class B High Schools of Henderson County, will take on the battling quintet of Hiwassee Dam at 4:00.

Thursday evening should provide the local fans with all the thrills that a "Dribble Classic" needs to be a rioting success. The two teams that battled each other to the finish in the Smoky Mountain Tournament will be fighting tooth and nail to get a crack at the other in the finals. Cullowhee, the current favorite, will take on Crabtree of Haywood in the closing contest of the evening, while Coach Frank Long's charges lock horns with Nantahala in after-supper game at 7:30.

The pairings for the tournament were made at random by the Athletic Committee of Western Carolina from numbers placed in a hat. Coach Tom Young supervise the drawing of lots and will act as host for the event.

The Class B Tournament for the Western District is being held for the first time at Cullowhee and could be made into an annual affair should the initial undertaking go off as scheduled.

Cherokee vs. Robbinsville—2:30 Thursday, March 2nd.

Etowah vs. Hiwassee Dam—4:00 Thursday, March 2nd.

Hayesville vs. Nantahala—7:30 Thursday, March 2nd.

Cullowhee vs. Crabtree — 9:00 Thursday, March 2nd.

Friday, March 3rd

Winner: Hayesville - Nantahala vs. Winner: Etowah - Hiwassee Dam 7:30.

Winner: Cullowhee - Crabtree vs. Winner: Cherokee - Robbinsville.

Saturday: March 4th

Championship Game — 8:00 p.m.

Derel Monteith To Compete In Legion District Essay Contest

Derel Monteith, who was judged winner in the annual American Legion sponsored essay contest held last Thursday, will represent Jackson county in the District contest to be held in Franklin tonight (Thursday) in Slagle Memorial building at 7:30 o'clock. W. Q. Grigg is chairman of the district contest.

Jackson county high school contestants, to which the contest was open, included Ann Mills of Glenville, Muriel Ashe of Cullowhee, Barbara Sue Sutton of Webster, and the winner, Derel Monteith of Sylva. Mr. John F. Corbin was chairman of the county contest. Judges were Prof. Farley of Western Carolina Teachers College,

American Association of University Women Spends Money For Community Services

The annual rummage sale sponsored by the American Association of University Women is the source of income for the branch's community services. This year the group voted to spend the proceeds from the sale as follows:

\$95.00 for overseas relief (\$55 for CARE packages, \$25 for School Packs - for school supplies for children in Europe and other war devastated countries, and \$15 for the CARE Book Coupons which make it possible for people in European countries to get magazine subscriptions).

\$50 for the Western North Carolina Girl Scout Council to go toward the salary of a Girl Scout Leader-Trainer for this area.

\$25.00 for books and magazines for the Bryson City colored school.

\$25.00 for the Swain County high school senior trip to Washington, D. C.

The group has limited funds but makes an effort each year to contribute something for outstanding community needs. As the A. A. U. W. is a part of a larger international organization and needs abroad are keenly felt it has been much interested in giving something for overseas relief as well.

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