

Declared On Chicken Thieves In Ratcliff Cove

Up In Arms Over Robbery Of Hen Houses. Thieves Warned.

People of Ratcliff Cove have been so afraid of chicken thieves that they have taken to carrying guns...

Is This The Hardest Hit Man In The State

One of the inspectors of the State Board of Public Welfare relates that the most discouraged man he has heard talk about the depression was the one who told him the following tale of woe:

JONATHAN'S CREEK

Rev. V. R. Masters preached a very interesting sermon at Shady Grove Methodist church Sunday. The school at Rock Hill, under the leadership of Mr. Jule Boyd, is closing a very successful school year this week.

Special Term Of Civil Court Will Convene Monday

Judge G. V. Cowper Will Preside. 58 Cases On Docket, 7 Motions.

A special term of civil court will convene here Monday morning, April 18, with Hon. Judge G. V. Cowper, presiding. The docket for this term has 58 cases scheduled and 7 cases on the motion calendar which is set for Saturday, April 23.

In connection with the regular scheduled cases the Haywood County Bar Association gave out the following statement: "All unadjudicated cases may be called at the convenience of the court and bar."

The cases, as arranged in the calendar are as follows: Monday, April 18th. T. C. Allen vs. John Evans; Geo. H. Ward vs. Love B. Gilmer; Cora L. Smathers vs. Vesta Axley, et al.; Storm Iross vs. C. V. Bell; J. A. Cornwell & Son vs. T. L. Gwyn; A. W. Colledge vs. Minco, Inc & J. J. Nichols; R. B. Campbell, trading as Haywood Garage vs. C. V. Howell; Claude Freeman, Inf vs. Pious Bros., & J. C. Crye; Hardy Sparks vs. J. M. Long & Lowry Weaver; Ruth Elizabeth Crossman vs. Amadeus Behr.

Tuesday, April 19th. Chas. M. Perry, Receiver vs. Sluder Garrett Co.; Mary E. Peacock vs. J. Webster Derrick; Champion Bank & Trust Co. vs. Mrs. J. P. Duval, B. B. Reed, et al.; James Mull vs. Cole Sutton; Artie E. Cagle vs. Jessie Cagle; Marvin Dotson vs. American Enka Corp.; Amy Eliza Huff, Adm. vs. L. C. Cooper; Robert Huff, B. N. F. vs. L. L. Cape; D. F. Mathis vs. T. Cope & L. L. Cape.

Wednesday, April 20th. I. A. Miller vs. Mrs. Hugh A. Lowe; V. H. Ferguson vs. Hub Caldwell; Joseph Cope vs. H. L. Limer, et al.; Standard Oil Co. of La. vs. D. V. Phillips, et al.; Ruth Baker, et al. vs. Insured Mutual Corp., et al.

Thursday, April 21st. Troy Crawford, B. N. F. vs. Horace R. Wolfe; H. L. Morgan vs. C. T. Francis & J. A. Kinshand; Frigidaria Corp. vs. Frank Bell; Frigidaria Corp. vs. H. S. Bell; Frigidaria Corp. vs. C. V. Bell; B. G. Bingham vs. O. M. Hampton, et al.

Friday, April 22nd. Geo. B. Hall, trading as Blue Ridge Farm Co. vs. Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.; W. S. Smathers vs. Town of Canton; J. D. Mackey vs. D. C. Bingham; Lizzie Lenoir vs. Enoch Lenoir.

Saturday, April 23rd. Fidelity & Deposit Co. vs. Jas. R. Thomas; Mrs. Sally Quzenberry vs. First National Bank of Durham, trustee, et al.; Ralph W. Davis, et al. vs. Union Mortgage Co.; W. C. Williams vs. Ron M. Lumber & Timber Co.; Champion Fire Co. vs. Luther West, J. W. K. Hawk, Jas. Bryson and Ben Goodson; Lockwood Sharp, et al. vs. Wm. Sheffield; Jerry Limer, trading as Junaluska Supply Co. vs. L. M. Welch and Mrs. Jessie Welch.

Monday, April 25th. Haywood Coopera Co. vs. C. A. Black & Leta Black; Sam W. Snyder vs. A. A. Johnson; W. B. Noland vs. V. B. Shelburn, et al.; Independence Indemnity Co. vs. Phillips Construction Co.; Ernest L. Rhodes & Co. vs. Suz W. Beckwith.

Tuesday, April 26th. J. S. Fulbright, et ux. vs. Carolina Power & Light Co.; Millard Howell vs. J. M. Palmer; L. D. Bradley vs. C. W. Moody, et al.; J. B. Bradshaw, et ux. vs. Carolina Power & Light Co.; W. T. Denton, Agent vs. W. C. McCracken; Citizens Bank & Trust Co. vs. Hester L. Ferguson; Champion Bank & Trust Co. vs. Hester L. Ferguson.

Wednesday, April 27th. Blanche F. Medford vs. Dr. W. H. Limer & Carrie Limer; Fred M. Hoglen vs. W. B. Hoglen; Citizens Bank & Trust Co. vs. J. W. Killian; J. Y. Davis, et al. vs. Carolina Power & Light Co.; Phillips Construction Co. vs. American Surety Co. of N. Y.; Lily C. Harbeck vs. F. W. Woolworth Corp.

Thursday, April 28th. Christ A. George vs. Security Life & Trust Co.; Citizens Bank & Trust Co. vs. J. W. Carpenter, et al.; S. J. Moody vs. C. E. Ray's Sons; Mrs. E. V. Holland vs. John B. Holland; Mrs. S. R. Felmet vs. Minico, Inc.

The jurors for the special term are as follows:

First Week: Beaverdam: P. A. Buckner, N. J. Worley, Bob Gossett, J. F. Paxton, J. L. Reeves, Clyde; J. B. Medford, T. A. Cathey, Crabtree; L. L. Best, W. R. Messer. Fines Creek: Robert Green, Zeb Ferguson, John James, Ivy Hill; Murray Ferguson, Albert Cowell, Jonathan; C. L. Leatherwood, Pigeon; C. M. Chambers, Way Mease, Rufus Harbin, East Fork; D. H. Pless, Iron Duff; Will Bryson, Waynesville; Paul Walker, M. H. Gaddis, J. R. Love, Lesley Moody, H. L. Limer, Homer Platt.

Second Week: Beaverdam: Frank Smathers, Hubert Reno, Clyde; Alden Turpin, Glenn Brown, Cecil; George Inman, Fines Creek; C. B. McCary, Ivy Hill; Bea Massey, Jonathan; Ed Owen, Pigeon; T. J. Cathey, East Fork; F. R. Green, Iron Duff; J. B. Bradshaw, Waynesville; Lane Arrington, Horace Duckett, Vaughn Platt, Harley Francis, Roy Campbell, James F. Davis, W. R. Medford.

The calendar, in full, will be published in this paper next week.

FOR SALE—Household furniture including living room suit, 8 piece dining suit, range, cabinet three bureaus, perfection oil stove with oven, bed room furniture. E. L. Edmonds, 302 Boundary Street. 1p

FOR SALE—Hatching eggs from blood tested, State accredited flocks. White Rocks and Barred Plymouth Rocks. B. J. Sloan, Waynesville, N. C. 4 15-31p

Ascension Day Will Be Observed May 5, Here

At a recent meeting of the pastors, Revs. H. W. Bacon, R. P. Waack, W. O. Goode, L. B. Hayes, and Albert New it was unanimously decided to observe the Festival of Christ's Ascension into Heaven with a service in which all the ministers of the city will take part.

The Festival of Ascension Day (Ascension Day) will be observed exactly forty days after Easter, on Friday, May 5, at 10:00 a. m. at the Protestant Episcopal church.

Although one of our five pastors is unavailable, the four who are present gathered before of Fr. Mason to attend this Ascension Day service.

Dr. J. R. McCracken, the Enment Commander of the Knights Templar, presiding, the Mountaineer reporter that the members of the community will be most happy to accept the invitation and forming a procession at the Masonic Temple at 7:00 p. m. will attend the service in the picture hall uniform of Knights of the Temple.

The members of the three other Masonic bodies will follow the Sir Knights in the line of March.

It is expected that this will be one of the largest and most impressive services ever held in Waynesville.

The general public are both invited and urged to attend. Remember the date and mark on your calendar, Thursday, May 5th, at 8 p. m.

Asheville Plays Here Thursday Afternoon

The Waynesville High School baseball team has three games scheduled for this week. The Asheville high game was slated for Wednesday, but on account of illness of the Asheville players the game was postponed until Thursday at 3:45 on the local diamond.

On Friday the Mountaineers journey over to Hendersonville to seek revenge for the game the Hendersonville Bear Cats took from the locals a few weeks ago.

On Saturday the locals will again leave home and go to Sylva to meet the strong nine there.

Coach Weatherly has been giving his boys some tough workouts and reports them in good condition and confident of adding at least two games to the "win" column this week.

More than 75,000 pounds of lespedeza has been planted in Alamance County this spring in continuing the battle campaign started some years ago.

Fines Creek Senior Play Postponed Because Of Sickness

Sickness in the senior class of Fines Creek prevented them from giving their play last Friday night. In order that the people would not be disappointed it was arranged Friday to give the recitation and declamation contest that evening. Six girls and four boys spoke in the contest. The contestants were, first girls: Katherine Greene, Marguerite Clark, Mae Baldwin, Lucile Walker, Hilda Fisher, and Ruth Medford. Miss Marguerite Clark won the medal. Miss Katherine Greene was a close second. Second boys: Sam McCracken, Robert Kirkpatrick, Jack Clark, and Robert Ferguson. Mr. McCracken won the medal. Mr. Jack Clark was a close second.

The medals awarded were five dollar bills. The judges were Mr. Walker, Mr. Alley, and Mrs. Davis of Waynesville.

Rev. L. B. Hayes rendered a most interesting baccalaureate sermon Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock to a large congregation.

Average Pay Of Teachers In State Now \$551 Per Year

The same number of teachers taught 710,000 pupils in North Carolina's public school this year that were engaged back in 1924-25 in instruction. 396,211 pupils, statistics and estimates made public by the State Department of Education disclosed.

The State Department's figures show that 22,341 teachers were on the payroll for the 1931-32 session, which compares with 24,792 teachers in the peak year of 1928-29. The increase in the teacher load in the 1931-32 year over the number of teachers shown to 22,341. The average teacherload in that year was 28.1 pupils.

This year the teacher load average has been placed at 31.6 as compared to 26.1 in 1924-25. The average salary for the six months' term just ended was \$551.54 and the total for the 22,341 teachers, \$12,316,199.

Planning to raise more cows and hogs, Shuford Burris of Stanley County first prepared a three-acre pasture to which he is now adding a five-acre tract. He is sowing this to lespedeza, Kentucky Blue grass, spencer grass, lespedeza and white Dutch clover.

Night Driving Becoming More Dangerous, Says Carolina Motor President

Special to The Mountaineer

That night driving is becoming more prevalent and therefore more dangerous, is the opinion of Coleman W. Roberts, president of the Carolina Motor Club points out, calling attention to glaring headlights.

Nearly 53 of every 100 persons killed in the year 1930 were involved in accidents that occurred in daylight. Mr. Roberts said. Five out of 100 were killed in accidents between light and dusk and 42 in each 100 occurred at night. Percentage of accidents of a non-fatal nature are slightly different and the ratio is the same. For the year 1931 the percentage of each is slightly higher.

About 90 per cent of the persons killed or injured in motor vehicle accidents were victims of vehicles in apparently good mechanical condition, therefore, there remain three chief causes to study, he says. "First, the driver, and statistics show the majority of the drivers were experienced drivers for a year or more. Second, road conditions and generally throughout our country roads are good. In the Carolinas highways are excellent. Road conditions may be eliminated along with lack of skill of drivers. Third, is the light condition under which the vehicle is operated and a trip on any highway at night will convince the most experienced driver that our lighting system is open to improvement and it must come for no little share of the responsibility for the rising toll of accidents.

"Good lights—lights that will not glare and blind the approaching motorists are desirable and recognized as one of the greatest safety essentials of motoring. No greater standard grips a driver than to make a glaring headlight, or headlights, usually must drive from 50 to 250 feet blind, guiding the vehicle by instinct. To provide safety, preserve life and property, this blinding glare must be eliminated."

What Is A Bladder Physic?

A medicine that works on the bladder as castor oil on the bowels. Drives out impurities and excess acids, causes irritation which results in urinating at night, frequent desire, burning, leg pains and backache. Bladder Physic (5 gr. Tablets) is a pleasant bladder physic.

Get a 25c test box from your druggist. After four days if not relieved go back and get your money. You will feel good after this cleansing, get your regular sleep.—Waynesville Pharmacy.

Manufacturer Sees Better Times Ahead

The optimistic expressions of the manufacturer in the wake of Governor's recent appeal to North Carolina to become "land-minded," in our State and invest in the land has come from S. Clay, president of the R. J. Reynolds Co.

Mr. Williams based his opinion on the general tendency of the land and its products toward normal business conditions.

Mr. Williams said, "that out of the abnormal low prices property there will come such a demand for home purchasing that the price of home owners in North Carolina will be greatly increased to the benefit of all concerned."

Mr. Williams pointed out that the progressive citizens of the state are taking advantage of current low prices to purchase land on a better basis for the future.

Mr. Williams continued, "that there is real opportunity in real estate prices. Any group of people, or by straining a point in position to make the necessary payment on the purchase of a desirable home in sufficient to meet the wishes of almost any person but fractions of their market prices a few years ago, course," Mr. Williams explained, "so because a smaller percentage of people have the money with which to purchase now. But that only the advantage that one can arrange for purchase now for himself by buying on a better basis."

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Music Contest Will Be Held Saturday

On next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the annual music contest for the Waynesville District of high schools will take place at the high school auditorium. This serves as an elimination contest for the state contest to be held in Greensboro later in the spring.

This district includes Waynesville, Canton, and Bryson City with Mr. Paul Frye as chairman. About twenty-three contestants from these three cities will take part on Saturday's program and the winning school will go to Greensboro.

This is the second year that Waynesville High School has taken part in the contest and it is a great advantage to the young musicians. The program Saturday morning should be of interest to all music lovers and it is hoped that a large attendance will be present.

Mr. Walter Van Brock, instrumental instructor of Asheville High School, will act as adjudicator for the contest.

Black Locust Good For Farm Crops

From a field which had been abandoned eleven years before and was receded by black locust trees, William C. Mason of the Brasstown community of Clay county cut \$90 worth of fence post from one acre and left enough sprouts from which to cut another crop in a few years.

Mr. Mason reported this experience to R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College, when Mr. Graeber recently held a forest meeting in the county. Mr. Mason said he had also sold \$75 worth of post from another area of less than an acre.

"Throughout the mountain section, there are no doubt many other farmers who could give similar experiences with black locust as a source of farm income," says Mr. Graeber. "The trees are sold as fence posts, highway posts, cross arm and pin billets. When one acre gives a return of \$80 in eleven years, though we allow half of this to cover the cost of harvest and delivery, there is still a net income of \$45 or \$4.09 an acre per year for the 11-year periods. With land valued at \$30 an acre and a tax rate of \$1, the tax would amount to 39 cents an acre annually."

This would mean a net return of \$3.79 an acre from the black locust trees, which is an interest rate of 12.5 per cent on the land valued at \$30 an acre, says Graeber.

Another thing to remember is that the black locust is a legume, a soil building tree, which will add fertility to eroded spots and rebuild the land so that in time it might be used for other crops. It does this while producing a crop of fence posts.

Farmers in other parts of the State will have about the same experience with other kinds of trees, says Mr. Graeber though trees like pine, oaks and the like are not soil builders.

Advertisement for Kurfees Paint featuring a large illustration of a paint can and brush. Text includes: 'A BETTER JOB and MONEY SAVED', 'With today's low prices for good paint, you can do a first class job at the old price for a poor one. We sell only the best paints at the lowest prices.', 'WE HAVE A KURFEES PAINT For Every Purpose', 'For Houses For Woodwork Washable Paints', 'For Floors For Radiators Quick Enamels', 'After Selling This Paint for 16 Years We Don't Hesitate To Guarantee Satisfaction', 'A FULL LINE OF BRUSHES—ALL SIZES—AT NEW LOW PRICES', 'PEOPLE'S SUPPLY CO. (FORMERLY HYATT & CO.) Phone 43 At The Depot', 'FOR YOUR GARDEN NEEDS Bulk Garden Seeds Garden Tools Field Seeds Fertilizers All Kind of Spraying Material Insecticides'