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REDUCE COURT EXPENSES

There is one item of expense in North Carolina which stands in sore need of reduction about which very little is heard. It is the cost of courts.

In opening Forsyth Superior Court, Judge Thomas J. Shaw deplored the large number of grand jurors now used, saying nine or twelve would be sufficient and save time.

There is no good reason why a jury should be composed of twelve members. Six would serve just as well as the present number.

The Bar Association has much to say about judicial reform, but rarely presents any concrete plan that would reduce court expenses.

The above editorial appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer recently, and since Haywood county has just had a term of criminal court it seems most fitting to bring to mind a few facts about court costs.

We were impressed by the remark made by Judge H. Hoyle Sink about the jury system. Judge Sink said that when he was a lawyer he was often led to believe that the present jury system was all wrong, but since he had gone on the bench he was becoming convinced daily that it was the best method after all.

We would like to see the suggestion made by the News and Observer tried, but it seems to us that as long as the dockets are being overloaded with cases that the trend is toward an increase in court expenses instead of a decrease.

A \$120,000 BIBLE

An idea of the amazing amount of money represented by literary and art treasures brought to America during the recent years may be suggested by the price of \$120,000 paid by an American collector for a Gutenberg bible, printed at Mainz, Germany, on the world's first printing press.

This is said to be the highest price ever paid for a single book, but within a few years it may bring a great deal more. A similar bible sold for only \$2,500 about 80 years ago.

When J. P. Morgan, the elder, died in 1913, his art treasures were valued at close to \$100,000,000. His manuscripts included the originals of nine novels by Sir Walter Scott, Dickens' "The Christmas Carol," Thackeray's "Vanity Fair" and many works by Keats, Poe, Whittier, Longfellow and others.

The late Henry Huntington left a collection for which he had paid about twenty millions. The finest collection of Shakespeare's works in existence is in the Folger library in Brooklyn.

Europeans have long deplored the acquisition of their library and art treasures by Americans, but so long as they are highly prized by our wealthy men, they will continue to come to our shores.

ADVERTISING FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY THAT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BOUGHT

Few weeks pass that The Mountaineer does not have something to say about advertising this county to the outside world. As there are several ways in which a community may be effectively advertised, we have not mentioned all the methods, but one of the best ways, which has been mentioned before, is illustrated by the article which we trust you read last week in this column—Dr. Poe's version of mountain farming.

Dr. Poe was invited here to speak at a group meeting of the civic clubs of the county. He accepted the invitation to speak and also to speak at the community fair at Bethel. He was so enthused over the conditions he found in this county that he devoted a page in his magazine about Haywood County. Money could not have bought that space, and besides it would not have been nearly as effective.

So, once more, we suggest, urge, and request that more stress be given to letting the world know about us. What did Dr. Poe's visit cost—nothing. What was it worth—untold thousands. Some day we'll realize that this was true. Why not get others to come here at our invitation so that they may go out and tell the world of the county.

JUDGE SINK'S COMPLIMENT

Last week Judge H. Hoyle Sink passed a compliment to Haywood county citizens that we feel is worthy of mention again in this column, for seldom does a judge praise a thousand people who are attending a murder trial or some other capital offense case for the manner in which they acted while attending the trial or trials, as the case was here.

A judge studies human nature and can readily see the good and bad traits of a people even when they are not being tried before him. Expressions on an audience's faces tell what they are thinking about and have in their hearts, and with this in mind to have a judge make the complimentary remarks that Judge Sink made, speaks most highly for the citizens of the county.

Judge Sink termed the audience as acting refined and dignified and exceedingly quiet, thus portraying all the traits of a most cultured audience.

We would have expected a politician to say that, but coming from a judge it means much more, because it is not their nature to pass out flowers very often to their audiences.

THE NEW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The new board of county commissioners took charge of the county affairs last Monday week like veterans. There was no elaborate ceremony to mark the beginning of their administration except for the fact that they got right down to business, without hesitation.

During the campaigns in June and November all three members of the board made their campaign on economy for the county, and no longer had they been in office than a few hours when an investigation was underway to find the cause of certain county expenses. Of course, it will take some few weeks to get things going their way.

The new board has changed the old policy of providing for the poor and is cooperating with the county welfare officer instead of handling all cases themselves. The board is furnishing materials and tools for many different projects in the county on public improvements and the labor is being hired from the federal aid funds that were acquired by the county, thus the county is getting projects improved and construction without cost for labor and at the same time caring for the needy of the county. This is a real service to the needy of the county and the board is to be commended for the immediate action they took in this matter and the refusal to follow the dole system to care for the needy.

Under the new policy put into force by the board, Haywood county taxpayers will be saved money, and certainly the people that have been getting donations from the county will find that they must now give some work in return for the money received.

If the new board accomplishes nothing more during their administration other than to see that these policies are kept in force they will have rendered to Haywood County a greater service than the citizens of the county can possibly ever repay.

Let us do our part to cooperate with the new board and by helping them, we are in turn helping ourselves.

24 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

Letters to Santa Claus From the Little Folks: I want you to bring me some books, some games and a little doll, some sewing wax. I am a little girl in the second grade. Some candy, nuts, figs, oranges. You know, Sara Thomas.

I want you to bring me a pair of steel roller skates and some fire crackers and all kinds of fire works. Tom Lee.

I want you to bring me some candy and a toy train. I want you to bring me a magic lantern and some steel roller skates and a steam engine. Paul Queen.

Mrs. Ida Orr, of Tennessee, arrived last week and is spending some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ferguson.

Mr. Ernest Withers is in Charlotte this week looking up data about building and loan associations.

Miss Lillian Demerest entertained in honor of Messrs. Robert and Will Smathers on last Saturday night. The reception room was one of brilliancy and beauty and no efforts were spared on the part of the hostess to make the guests have a delightful time.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Perry and Mr. David Miller of Lenoir, S. C. will arrive next week to spend Christmas with their father, Mr. C. W. Miller.

Miss Lucile Satterthwaite, who is a student at Sweet Briar College, Virginia, has returned home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Sherman of St. Paul, Minn. is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. John Steadlers.

Dr. Grace Bowles will return this week from an extended visit to relatives in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ehringhaus To Be Inaugurated

At Noon On Thursday, January 5

Inauguration Will Be Simple. Quiet Affairs; Grand Ball Will Be Staged That Night.

John C. B. Ehringhaus, Governor of North Carolina at noon January 5, the day following the opening of the 1933 general assembly, in a ceremony marked by quiet and simplicity and, in keeping with the times, economy, held in the Raleigh Memorial auditorium.

In contrast to the simple swearing in of Governor-elect Ehringhaus and the other state officials at noon, will be a grand and brilliant inaugural ball at the same auditorium that night, sponsored by the Raleigh Junior League, with Mrs. George Ross Potts as general chairman. One of the features of the evening will be the twin daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ehringhaus, Miss Matilda and Houghton Ehringhaus, followed by the grand march, which will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Ehringhaus.

With the inauguration and the ball out of the way, Governor Ehringhaus will devote his energies to the task before him, getting his message to the General Assembly at once, so that they can begin its law making without the usual delay and marking time for a week or two, pending the inauguration. Plans for the inauguration will be worked out by the Governor-elect, Governor Gardner and committees from Senate and House. The House committee will have to be named by the candidate for house speaker, including Rezinah, Harry Martin and R. Green Church, which should be a simple accomplishment. Lieutenant Governor A. B. Graham will name the Senate committee.

Governor-elect Ehringhaus, in sitting in on the advisory board, commission's hearings, and will probably assist in forming the budget requests to be approved by that body for presentation to the General Assembly. As director of the budget and chairman of the commission, he will have power to make any changes he may desire, before the report is made to the Legislature. His message will outline his policies and purposes early in the session. Now will the former operation for poisons have to be performed on the governor-elect. The attacks were not from the appendix of which always show he has very little, but from kidney colic, which yields to simple treatment. The shadow of the knife over him has passed, much to his relief and that of his friends.

Black Bears Roam In Smoky Mt. Park

It Will Not Be Necessary To Restock, Says Head Of Faunal Survey

The bear found in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are black bears. E. V. Komarek, head of the Great Smoky Mountains Faunal Survey, of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, says that these bears are fairly plentiful. Judging from the tracks he has seen, sufficiently plentiful, he thinks that no restocking of bear in the Park will be necessary. While fishing under state license, rules and regulations is allowed in the Park, no hunting is allowed, thus the Park becomes a great game refuge, so bears and other animals will be protected. The bear is a shy animal, has to be hunted to be found in the Smokies, though occasionally, a rare sight, though, is seen from the highways and

Do You Know Your County Officials? EDWIN HAYNES, Register of Deeds

Edwin McCracken Haynes, who assumed the duties of Register of Deeds of this county on the fifth of 1932, is perhaps the youngest official ever to hold office in this county, for he is a few days younger than the youngest in the state.

Haynes was born in Crabtree in 1908. His father was the late John A. Haynes and his mother before her marriage Miss Annie McCracken.

The young official attended elementary and high school in this township and was most popular among the students. He was president of the Junior and Senior classes and winner of a declamation medal offered by the U. D. C. He graduated from Waynesville high school in 1926.

In the fall, after graduating from high school here, he entered Mars Hill college where he resumed his education until 1928. While in Mars Hill his popularity followed him there and he was made president of the Philomathian Literary Society, was alternate, inter-collegiate debater, business manager of the college publication and the college annual. He was also president of the B. Y. P. U. organization of the college.

In the fall of '28 he entered Wake Forest School of Law remained there until the summer of '29. While at Wake Forest he was secretary of the Ezanlian Literary Society.

In July of 1929, Mr. Haynes' father, Claude A. Haynes who was clerk of Superior court, was taken ill, and Edwin was appointed clerk. In October he was named assistant clerk of Superior Court and managed that office until W. G. Byers took office in December 1930. He was appointed deputy clerk under Mr. Byers at the

time and remained in the office of the clerk until he was sworn in as Register of Deeds on December 5, 1932.

Mr. Haynes led the poll of 7 candidates in the June Primary for the office which he now holds. In the primary he received almost twice as many votes as his nearest competitor.

In the November election he received 1,008 votes, which was among the highest number ever to be given to any candidate.

Mr. Haynes is an usher of the First Baptist Church of this city of which he is a member. He is also a member of the Junior Order.

By virtue of his office, he is secretary of the county commissioners.

TOWN SLASHES FINE FOR 'DRUNKS' TO \$1.00

Zanesville, O.—It costs only one dollar and costs now to be drunk in Zanesville.

The fine used to be \$10 and cost—\$19—but authorities reduced the fine in the hope that more people accused for intoxication would choose to pay the small fine rather than go to jail.

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The City Repair Shop

Over Ruth Ray's Beauty Shop MAIN STREET

HOW ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S SHOES?

Get out last year's school shoes and send them to us and we'll return them to you good as new, and the cost will be very small. Don't wait until cold weather sets in—send them today.

Next To Western Union Telegraph Office THE CHAMPION SHOE SHOP

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Do you think the story of Santa Claus ought to be discouraged? Answer: No! The spirit of unselfish giving is one of the noblest traits of man!



Keep right on telling the story of Santa Claus to the children and try to believe in it yourself if you can. It won't hurt you a little bit. But now that you have forgotten to purchase a present for Uncle George or Aunt Jane or somebody else, pause and reflect upon the fact that at this store you can purchase some thoroughly dependable comfort-giving article that will make a most acceptable Xmas gift.

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