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Felix E. Alley Took Oath As Judge Before 150 People Saturday

NEW JUDGE WILL HOLD COURT IN ASHEVILLE 6TH

Expresses Appreciation Of The Many Letters Of Congratulation Received.

By W. C. ALLEN

Felix E. Alley, prominent Waynesville attorney, who last Wednesday was appointed by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus as judge of the Superior Court of the 20th judicial district to succeed the late Judge Walter E. Moore, took the oath of office at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the court room of the Haywood county courthouse here.

W. G. Byers, clerk of the Superior Court, presided at the ceremony, which was attended by about 150 persons. After Mr. Byers read the commission forwarded to Mr. Alley, by the governor, Mr. Alley took the three oaths required, one to support the constitution of the United States, another to support the constitution of the State, and the third which pertains to the duties of the judgeship. The oaths were administered by R. M. Leatherwood, Justice of the Peace.

In a short talk, Mr. Alley expressed his appreciation of the messages of congratulations received from many parts of the State, but he said that the messages he appreciated most of all were those by his home folks. He said that in assuming office, he wanted his friends to know that he is doing so with an open mind and wanted the counsel of his friends.

During the ceremony, a letter from Governor Ehringhaus, which accompanied the commission, was read. It follows:

"Dear Felix:
"Hereafter I promise to call you Judge, but for the present at least I want to address you in this familiar way, because I was quite sincere in telling you that it is one of the proudest and happiest moments of my life to tender you the enclosed commission.
"I know that you will bring to the office of Judge the highest in character and capacity, and I know that you will add fresh laurels to those which
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Over \$50 Received By Rotary Club For Scout Work In City

Play Sponsored By Rotary Club Is Termed A Success By Club Officials.

The Rotary Club cleared \$52.00 from the play, "Once in a Blue Moon" which was presented here twice last week, being sponsored by local Rotarians for the benefit of the young people's work, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts work in the city.

Approximately 150 people took part in the performances before two audiences that practically filled the auditorium to capacity. More would have attended except for the number of cases of sickness at this time.

Members of the club have expressed appreciation to the citizens of the city attending and those taking part in the play for the success of the play.

AN APPRECIATION

Editor The Mountaineer:

Please express to all the people of our community our appreciation for their hearty cooperation in putting over "Once in a Blue Moon." Our thanks are first to the 12 who composed the main characters of the play. They gave much time and effort. Mrs. Bowles and all other men, women and children did their part in a big way.

This is just another demonstration that the people of Waynesville know how to cooperate. The men of the Rotary Club deeply appreciate the response that the people gave to this undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

W. D. SMITH

President of Rotary Club

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There you will find in the column of letters to the editor some opinions and views worth reading from readers of this paper.

Revival Services At Presbyterian Church Going Fine

Large Crowds Attend Both Services Daily To Hear Rev. J. R. Williams.

The revival services which began at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning are drawing large crowds to both morning and evening services daily, with Rev. John R. Williams, of Atlanta, doing the preaching.

Rev. Mr. Williams is bringing forceful and inspiring messages at each of the services. He is preaching plain facts as found in the Bible.

The following subjects have been announced by the visiting preacher: Thursday morning, "Samaritan Woman."

Thursday evening, "Ye Must Be Born Again."

Friday morning, "Friendship With God."

Friday evening, "What God Expects of Youth Today."

Sunday morning, "(11 o'clock) "Program of Religion."

Sunday evening, "Holding On."

Monday morning, "I Shall Not Wait."

Monday evening, "You Can Be Saved If You Will."

Tuesday morning, "Heaven."

Tuesday evening, "The Prodigal Son."

All morning services at 10 o'clock except Sunday, service which begins at 11 o'clock. All evening services begin with the song service at 7:20 o'clock.

Ledger 103 Years Old, Found Near Hazelwood, Shows That Bacon, In 1829, Sold For 10c

Business Records Of H. Moore, Merchant-Blacksmith, Found Well Preserved.

One hundred years ago H. Moore, a merchant and blacksmith received more for his services and merchandise than those in the similar lines of business today, according to an old book which was found buried in a field near Hazelwood last spring while the field was being plowed.

The field is the property of Mrs. J. M. Cox, and the records are now the property of F. H. Parrish, of Allen-Siler Company, of Hazelwood.

There remain three sheets of the old ledger, one of the sheets having been used as a scrap book after being used for a ledger in 1829, 1830, 1831, and 1832, according to the list of items listed in the old book.

The part of the sheet containing the scrap book part is composed mostly of receipts and one long article about two columns long on "Home Canning." The article was written for a farm paper by Mary W. Early of Harwickville, Va.

Some of the accounts can be made out, while others cannot be read. Three of the names on the ledger sheet that are by accounts that cannot be made out are T. Williams, John Wright, and John Pacion. All three of these paid their accounts in full in January, 1832. The amounts of the accounts are covered with part of the scrap book.

On the reverse side it shows that Thomas Wright was charged \$4.00 for fixing and rimming one cart wheel. The same party was charged with 39 bolts at 12 1/2c each, and the adjustment of cart wheel tire, 50 cents.

The next account is that of John Byrd, who was charged with the following accounts: Sharpening one axe, 25c; sharpening 2 flukes, 20c; sharpening one Eagle, 60c; putting temper in steel of axe, 40c.

Thos. Byrd was charged with putting temper in steel of axe 50c; strapping 2 flukes, 80c; making bar and strapping wing of (next word blotted) 50c; one bridle bit, 20c; repairing clevis and bolts, 25c; and pointing plow, 25c.

Another page shows that Mr. Moore also ran a grocery store in 1829. On this page William Kelley is charged with the following: 10 1/2 pounds bacon, \$1.05; one side of bacon, 23c; 23 pounds, \$2.30; shoes and hat bought in Fayetteville, \$8.31; one side of bacon, 11 pounds, \$1.10; four pounds of coffee, \$1.00; 20 pounds of bacon, \$2.00; 16 1/2 pounds bacon, \$1.65; money used in Fayetteville, \$2.00; 16 pounds of pork at 8 cents, \$2.48; 35 pounds of pork at 8 cents, \$2.80; one hog weighing 96 pounds at 4 cents, \$3.84; eight pounds of salt, 8 cents.

Mr. Kelley's bill amounted to \$32.21 1/2 and was paid in full on the 17th day of January, 1830 with the following notation at the bottom of the account: "Settled with Wm. Kelley to the 17th of Jan., 1830, and received in full of all demands on account, H. Moore."

Oates Stevens had a plough point sharpened and strap bar of plough fixed for the sum of 55 cents.

Lewis Williams bought iron for a grindstone for \$1.50; 30 pounds of
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Howell Bill For Joint Sewerage Disposal Plant

Waynesville And Hazelwood Would Own Same Plant According To Bill.

Waynesville and Hazelwood would be authorized to establish, construct, and maintain a joint sewerage disposal plant under provisions of a bill now before the General Assembly.

The bill, introduced in the Lower House by Representative J. H. Howell, was referred to the committee on health. It states that the towns of Waynesville and Hazelwood shall have authority, by the adoption of a resolution agreeing thereto to be passed by the mayors and boards of Aldermen of the municipalities, to establish, construct and maintain a joint sewerage line or sewerage disposal plant, or the establishment of a joint sewerage line or disposal plant.

The municipalities determining upon such sewerage system would be authorized and given the same authority to issue bonds for the establishment and construction of the sewerage system as any municipal corporations now have under the general or special laws of North Carolina.

The bonds issued therefor, shall be issued jointly by said municipal corporations and a uniform tax rate levied in each of said municipal corporations in order to pay off and discharge the principal and interest of said bond in proportion to the tax valuation of the property in each of said municipal corporations.

Francis Introduces Bill Fixing Time To Redeem Realty

Senator Francis Spends Week-End In Waynesville, Returned Sunday.

Senator W. Roy Francis spent the week-end in the city, this being his first visit home since he went to the General Assembly early last month.

Senator Francis stated Saturday that he had several bills that he intended to present to the Assembly within the next few days provided state-wide bills were not disclosed, although it is known that he has one on tax foreclosures.

Senator Francis Friday introduced a bill in the upper branch of the general assembly to provide the time in which real estate sold for taxes or assessments may be redeemed in Haywood, Jackson, and Transylvania counties.

The bill, referred to the senate committee on finance, follows:

"Section 1. That the owner of, or the person having an interest in, any real estate sold under execution for taxes and assessments, by the officials of Haywood, Jackson, and Transylvania counties, and any municipality therein, shall have three (3) years from and after the date of such sale to redeem said real estate upon the payment of the taxes and penalties due thereon, together with six per cent interest on the amount involved; and provided further, that said owner or persons having an interest in said real estate pay the taxes accordingly to the county or municipality from the date of sale to the date of redemption.

"Section 2. That said parties referred to in paragraph one hereof shall be, and they are hereby allowed to pay to the proper officials of said counties and municipality, said amounts due, in installments of thirty-three and one-third (33-1/3) per cent each and receive receipt therefor.

"Section 3. That upon the entire payment being made, the county and municipal authorities are hereby directed, authorized, empowered and required to re-convey said real estate to the owner, or interested party."

He, and Representative Howell have been working on the bill relative to Haywood county's tax collector for sometime. This was passed last Friday by the Assembly. The salary of the tax collector was reduced from \$4500 to \$3500 and at the end of the present term of tax collector the sheriff of the county will have charge of collecting the taxes on a commission basis, receiving one-half of one per cent for the first \$100,000 and one per cent for the second \$100,000 and two per cent of the balance collected and turned over to the county.

Senator Francis returned to Raleigh Sunday night in time to reach Raleigh for Monday night session.

Mr. W. T. Denton, owner of Denton's Hardware Store, had to leave his place of business Wednesday at noon with the flu.

Four Murder Cases Will Be Tried In Crimminal Court

Survey Of Soco Gap Road Extension Is Now Being Pushed

Work Will Require Three Or Four Months, Seven Men On Job.

State highway engineers began last week a survey of the proposed extension of State Highway No. 293 from Soco Gap to Cherokee, capital of the Cherokee Indian reservation, a distance of 11 miles.

Starting at Soco Gap on Monday, the crew of seven men, in charge of R. S. Marsh, is working on a preliminary line from the point of beginning to Cherokee, selecting the principal points of scenic value along the route in order to see how near each one of them can be approached by the highway.

Mr. Marsh said that Soco Falls, a scenic place of much value, will be within 50 feet of the road when it is completed, according to the plan as it is included in the preliminary sketching.

The proposed Flat Creek tourist camp, which is scheduled to be the biggest high country tourist camp in the national park, is located on the map about six miles northeast of Soco Gap and will be reached by a road within the park area. The elevation of the camp site and Soco Gap is about the same, Mr. Marsh said. The average elevation at the proposed camp is 4340 feet.

Practically all of the proposed extension of Highway No. 293 is in Jackson county, Mr. Marsh said. Only about one-fourth of a mile of it, as it goes into Cherokee, will be in Swain county.

The distance saved from Waynesville to Bryson City by the new route will be seven miles, and the distance from Waynesville to Cherokee by the new route will be 12 miles nearer than the present route, Highway No. 10.

Mr. Marsh said that he will finish the survey for the extension through the Cherokee Indian reservation in from three to four months. At Cherokee, the extension will intersect with State Highway No. 107, which leads from Elia, on State Highway No. 10, to Newfound Gap on the North Carolina-Tennessee state line and in the heart of the Great Smokies.

Headquarters for the engineering crew are on the second floor of the Haywood county courthouse here. The maps and all information relative to the survey of the Soco Gap link from Dellwood to Soco Gap have been sent to the state highway commission at Raleigh, Mr. Marsh said. The survey from Dellwood to Soco Gap was completed several weeks ago.

Assessments On Streets Would Be Extended By Bill

Representative Howell Introduces Bill For Extension Of Payments.

Representative J. H. Howell is the author of a bill to extend the time for payment of municipal street assessments in Waynesville.

Referred to the committee on judiciary No. 2, it provides that the mayor and board of aldermen of Waynesville are authorized to readjust, any and all assessments for street improvements heretofore made in the town of Waynesville, or any balance which may be due thereon by any property owner, by dividing the total amount due thereon, with interest, into equal annual installments not exceeding 10, the first of the installments to become due and payable on October 1 next succeeding the passage of a resolution by the board of aldermen to readjust the assessments, and one installment to become due each year thereafter on the first day of October for the remaining successive years, as provided in the resolution; and upon such readjustment the time for the payment of said assessment shall be extended accordingly.

Quarterly Meeting Of Jonathan And Bethel Methodist Next Sunday

The first quarterly meetings for the Jonathan and Bethel Methodist Churches will be held next Sunday, February 5.

The presiding elder, Rev. L. B. Hayes, will preach at Shady Grove church at 11 o'clock and hold the business session of the conference immediately afterwards.

He will preach at Bethel at 7:30 o'clock and hold the business session after the regular church service.

TOM COPE TO BE TRIED IN COMING TERM OF COURT

Three Other Murder Cases Will Be Tried In Court Which Convenes Monday.

Instead of three murder cases to be tried in the February term of court, which convenes here Monday with Judge J. C. Clement, presiding, there will be four murder cases, according to Solicitor John M. Queen. The Tom Cope case has been sent back and will be tried this term of court. Cope is charged with manslaughter. He was found guilty in the February term of court last year, took an appeal and was granted a new trial.

Solicitor Queen told The Mountaineer that he would clear all four murder cases from the docket this term. No definite date has been set for trying either of the four cases, but it is expected that some will be called during the first few days after court convenes.

Solicitor Queen has been confined to his home with a slight attack of "flu" but stated Wednesday that he was expecting to be on hand Monday morning to begin clearing the heavy docket.

A number of smaller cases are on the docket pending trial.

The other three murder cases pending, State against Charlie Rose, negro, for the alleged slaying of William Ray during the first week of September, 1932, when Rose was being hunted for criminal assault for which he was convicted last December and sentenced to State's prison for from 10 to 15 years; State against Sam Blacklock and Claud Stamey, who are held for the alleged slaying of Tye Cathey in December; and State against D. H. Clark for the alleged slaying of Brady Grooms when the latter was struck by an automobile driven by Clark on the highway near Clyde last August. Besides these, there are a large number of other cases of minor importance.

The following is the list of jurors that were drawn at a recent session of the county commissioner's First week, Heaverlam, A. E. Thompson, W.
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Southern Railway Fails To Pay Taxes On February First

\$25,000 Is Due Haywood County, And About \$1,350,000 In State.

The Southern Railway System failed to pay their taxes in the state yesterday which amounted to about \$25,000 in Haywood county and \$1,350,000 in the state.

A. J. Maxwell, state revenue commissioner stated that he had been previously informed that the railroad company would not be able to meet its tax obligation in the state on the first of February.

Maxwell said Haddon Johnson, tax officer of the railroad system told him that the payments would not be made on time.

The railroad official related that "every possible effort to meet the taxes had been made but they could not be paid on February first."

Mr. Maxwell estimated that the average tax rate on railroads would be about \$1.50 per \$100 assessed valuation.

On this basis, with the railroad's assessed valuation of \$90,000,000 on the state's books, the delinquent taxes will be approximately, \$1,250,000.

J. L. Palmer Rested Better, Slightly Improved, Is Said

J. L. Palmer, who is seriously ill at his home here, was reported to have rested better Tuesday night, and his general condition slightly improved.

THE 4 MURDER CASES

That will be tried during the next two weeks of court here will be covered by The Mountaineer. Look for complete details in this paper.