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Negro Gets 6 To 8 Years For Death Of 1-Year-Old Woman

Francis Kay Enters Plea Guilty Of Second Degree Murder On Wednesday.

NUMBER OF MINOR CASES DISPOSED OF BY COURT

Francis Kay, indicted for the murder of Helen Cherry, both colored, entered a plea guilty to second degree murder and was sentenced to prison for not less than 6 and more than 8 years yesterday afternoon by Judge Wilson of Newton, who is preparing the July term of mixed cases which convened here on Monday.

Helen Cherry are said to have had a fight around 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, June 26, near the railroad crossing near Brantley. Kay claimed that he did not know that the woman was when he knocked her down, and was reported at the time of the murder that the woman showed signs of having been severely beaten, which could have been attributed to the fall. Judge Warlick ordered the case to be tried at the Haywood County court, versus J. D. Kay, tax collector, for the town of Newton, to be tried as the first case on the docket for the September term of court which will be for cases only.

Judge Warlick in denying a motion for the case to be retired at the Haywood County court said that the court had virtually decided in favor of the plaintiff's case. It was stated in the opinion of the board of aldermen had a motion to dismiss an employee who is a constitutional officer and is being sued by the people.

Cases disposed of since the beginning of the term included the following: Hemphill, charged with violation of the prohibition law, was fined \$50 and the payment of costs.

Robeson, for driving drunk, was fined \$50 and the payment of costs.

Snyder, for driving under the influence of liquor, was fined \$50 and the payment of costs.

Moody, for violation of the prohibition law, was fined \$50 and the payment of costs.

Caldwell, for larceny, was fined \$50 and the payment of costs.

Reactor, for breaking and entering, was given a suspended sentence of two years.

Watts, for breaking and entering, was given two years of imprisonment.

Hannah, charged with two counts of first with assault with a dangerous weapon, was given a suspended sentence of two years.

Davis Passes And Ga. State Examinations

Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Davis, who has recently graduated from the course in dental surgery at the Atlanta Southern College, has been notified that he has passed the examination of both the North Carolina board and the Georgia board of dentistry.

Davis was graduated from the local high school in the fall of 1934, following which he spent two years at Davidson College. He finished a four-year course in dental surgery at the Atlanta Southern Dental Col-

lege.

He plans to remain in this section until July 20th.

Theo. McCracken Now At Toggery

M. Theodore McCracken, well known throughout Haywood, has accepted a position with The Toggery, in the men's department. For over 35 years Mr. McCracken was a merchant in Waynesville. He sold his stock last summer.

Mrs. B. Frank Davis and son, Carroll, spent the week-end in Asheville as the guest of relatives.

Two Stills Captured



This is the second 50-gallon copper still captured in the Balsam section within two weeks. Shown with one still is Constable A. W. Hyatt, who participated in both raids. One still and 19 barrels of beer was "cut down" in the Dark Ridge section, in Jackson County, near the Haywood line. Making this raid were Constable Hyatt, John Norton, a Federal Agent, Bob Jenkins, Carl Bryson and E. W. Hyatt. On July 5th, another 50-gallon outfit was taken, in the Ashe community. The raiders were Constable Hyatt, John Norton, Bob Jenkins, Carl Bryson and Standbury Jenkins.

William Ashe, 60-year-old Jackson county man, was arrested this week by John W. Edwards, chief deputy United States marshal, as he lay in his sickbed at his home near Willetts and charged with owning and operating an illegal still. Because of Ashe's condition, the deputy returned to Balsam and brought back with him George T. Knight, a justice of the peace, who walked through the rain and mud for three miles to set bond for Ashe. The magistrate fixed Ashe's bond at \$500, for his appearance at a preliminary hearing on July 22 before United States Commissioner W. T. Shelton in Waynesville.

Alcohol tax unit investigators said they found a still and several gallons of non-tax-paid whiskey within a hundred feet of the rear entrance of Ashe's home.

Business Firms To Close Friday For Unveiling

All business firms of the community will close from 4 to 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon, according to Noble Garrett, chairman of the merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce.

This recess from business is being taken at this hour so that all persons may attend the dedication of the marker to commemorate the Confederate veterans of Haywood County, which will be held on the court house grounds by the Haywood chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Only Twenty-Five Reservations Left For Farm Tour

Farmers On Out-Of-State Tour Will Leave Next Tuesday Morning

Seventy-five farmers have made application to join the second annual "out-of-the-state" farm tour to be made from this county under the sponsorship of the county farm agents, according to J. C. Lynn, farm agent.

Reservations had been made for a party of one hundred so there are still twenty-five places left, Mr. Lynn pointed out. The first twenty-five to sign up this week will be taken and have the advantage of the low rate of \$12.00 for the entire trip. Those making application after the hundred mark is passed will have to pay slightly more.

This week a letter is going out out from the county agent's office to the business men of the county asking them to join the farmers in the tour.

Plans are to make the trip by automobile, and the county farm agents are requesting that any person having a car that he can take on the trip to report at the office.

The party will leave here early Tuesday morning, the 16th and will return on the 19th. The tour will include a travel distance of approximately 1,000 miles, with four

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U. D. C. Chapter To Unveil Marker Friday Afternoon

Memorial On Court House Grounds Will Commemorate Confederate Veterans

The Haywood chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will dedicate a marker commemorating the Confederate veterans of Haywood County on the court house grounds at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon.

A number of prominent officials of the North Carolina division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy have been asked to attend the dedication, including Mrs. Lewis Emmett Fisher, of Asheville, state president of the N. C. division. Mrs. Fisher will be introduced by Miss Robena Miller, historian of the Haywood chapter.

Col. J. Harden Howell will make the principal address of the afternoon. The Rev. J. G. Huggin, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church, will give the invocation.

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Wild Boar Placed In Plott Balsam Wildlife Area

A pair of wild Russian boar, male and female, were placed yesterday in the Plott Balsam wild life area by G. C. Plott, county game and fish warden. Mr. Plott secured the animals from Graham county.

The Plott Balsam area, which comprises around 13,000 acres of land, is under the co-operative wild life farm game management. Last year E. L. Meadows, one of the six state biologists, is in charge of district number six, of which Haywood county is a part organized this area, which is owned by several persons, last year.

There are certain restrictions thrown around the area which both the owners and the public in general must regard, in cases where this program of wild life is sponsored by the state department of conservation and development.

During the year three deer from Fort Bragg, and thirty-three wild turkeys have been placed in the area. There are an abundance of bear and grouse, according to Mr. Plott.

County Tax Rate Remains At \$1.57, For \$487,671 Budget

Secretary Hardin Optimistic Over Present Outlook

Program Of National Defense, Greatest Ever Planned By Nation, Says Hardin

"Washington has been very tense, but the people have adjusted themselves to conditions and things are more settled now," said W. L. Hardin, secretary to Congressman Zebulon V. Weaver, yesterday to a representative of The Mountaineer.

Secretary Hardin arrived the first of the week to spend a short vacation here with his family. Mr. Hardin enjoys the distinction of being the dean of congressional secretaries in the capital, having served longer in this capacity than any other secretary.

"When the United States finishes its program of defense, the world will see a system undreamed of before, and no country will have anything that can compare with it," he said.

"Congress has appropriated sufficient funds, \$14,000,000,000 for national defense and the brainiest men in the country are making out the program. All industries are

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Waynesville's Tax Rate Will Remain \$1.70

Waynesville's tax rate for 1940 will remain at \$1.70 per hundred dollars, according to Mayor J. H. Way, yesterday.

The board has not officially adopted the 1940 budget, pending the annual audit, but the town officials have studied the financial needs and found that no changes in the rate will be made.

The town met all of their financial obligations during the current year, without having defaulted.

Fall Terms Will Start In Three County Schools

The schools of Bethel, Fines Creek, and Crabtree are scheduled to open for the fall term on Tuesday, July 30th, according to an announcement by Jack Messer, county superintendent of education. There are a few vacancies in the faculties of the schools, which are expected to be filled in the next week or two, it was learned yesterday.

Rotarians Urged To Seek Better Roads For Rural Haywood

Frank Davis Points Out That Rural Haywood Has Been Neglected

Working for better and more roads, in rural Haywood, the continuation of crippled children's work, and a community-wide beautification program were the three main objectives discussed by Rotarians here Friday in adopting projects for the coming year.

"Rural Haywood is behind on its roads," said Frank M. Davis, chairman of the rural-urban committee, in discussing the needs for getting rural Haywood out of the mud. Now that the main state and federal road projects are well underway, I think it is time to devote our attention and time in seeing that the secondary roads are improved," the county commissioner said. He also urged continued co-operation between farmer and business men.

In reporting on crippled children's work, Dr. C. N. Sisk and Jack Messer, pointed out that 20 children had received treatment at the weekly clinic held at the Haywood County Hospital by Dr. Dudley W. Smith, who has conducted them without charge. The treasurer's report showed a substantial balance for this work.

The beautification program will be under the direction of R. B. Davenport, and will embrace the county at large, in co-operation with the home demonstration clubs and 4-H club groups.

In a few brief remarks, J. C. Brown, who assumed office as president Friday, suggested that the club concentrate on a program of community beautification. "Not merely," he said, "planting trees and shrubs, which in itself is fine, but doesn't go far enough. I think we might work with the city planning board in at least recommending the removal or the improvement of some of the more or less unsightly spots from our landscape."

The new president also suggested (Continued on page 8)

Is There Room In Your Home For A Refugee Child?

The citizens of Waynesville are to be given a definite outlet for their sympathies for the Allies, according to Mrs. R. N. Barber, who has recently been appointed chairman to assist the Association of College Women of Asheville in finding homes for refugee European children in this community.

Mrs. Barber has applied for a girl and is urging those who would like to take a child in their home to communicate with her at once.

The preference as to age and sex will be recognized as far as possible in the placement of the children, says Mrs. Barber, but those making applications will have to abide by the various rules that are being worked out by those sponsoring the movement in America.

Dr. Thomas Stringfield has returned from a fishing trip to Georgetown, S. C.

1940 Haywood Budget Only 1,400 Above That Of Last Year, Report Shows

The county tax rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1st, 1940 and ending on June 30, 1941 will remain at \$1.57, the same as that of last year, it was learned yesterday from T. J. Cathey, county auditor.

The total budget has been set at \$489,104.89, only \$1,433.04 more than that of last year which was \$487,671.85. The budget was based on property valuation for Haywood County of \$23,000,000.

George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the county board of commissioners and R. T. Boyd and Frank M. Davis, members, with T. J. Cathey, auditor, have spent much time in working over the requests for appropriations asked by each county department in preparation of setting up the budget.

The laws of North Carolina require that the county commissioners provide sufficient funds to meet the operating expenses and obligations of the various departments of the county government as set forth by the heads of the work.

The budget of \$489,104.89 is made up of the following appropriations: General fund was set at \$46,270, with a tax rate of .15.

An appropriation of \$16,400 with a tax rate of .0575 was allowed for the poor fund.

The building fund was set at \$10,135 at a tax rate of .0325.

The county debt service was allowed \$110,982.62, with a tax rate of .4325.

Social Security and welfare was set at \$35,735.61, with tax rate of .1340.

Capital outlay was put at \$3,640, with tax rate of .0100.

County hospital appropriation was set at \$60,678.49 with an income from Duke Endowment Fund and other sources of revenue amounting to \$54,195.49 and a tax rate of .0391.

County schools were set a total budget of \$206,163.17, with a tax rate of .7144.

Murphy Branch Has Added Air-Condition Coach

On July the 3rd an air conditioned coach was put on the Murphy Branch of the Southern Railway—the first coach of its kind to ever make the run from Asheville to Murphy.

Since that date travel has noticeably increased, whether or not it has been due to the season is not known, but some of the train crew feel that the added comfort has attracted new passengers to travel by rail.

The car is kept at a temperature of 60 degrees and is cool and inviting in its fresh green paint and upholstery.

The car passes through here in the morning of one day and returns from Murphy at noon the next.

Soco Dance Team Return From Northern Trip

The Soco Gap Dance team has returned from a trip to New York and Boston. In the latter place they gave an exhibition at an entertainment at the Lighter estate, which was a prenuptial affair honoring a nephew of Henry Ford and his bride.

In New York they attended the World's Fair.

Manager Queen reports that the group enjoyed an unusually fine trip and that they were well received by the socialites of New England in their folk dance numbers.

Massie's Sale To Open Friday At 8

The summer clearance sale at Massie's Department Store will open Friday at eight o'clock, according to a two-page advertisement on pages 12 and 13 today. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Reece, owners of the store, have employed Everette Morrison, experienced merchandise man, as sales manager for the event.