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Criminal Court Recessed At Noon Today; Convenes Again Monday Morning

Two Other Murder Cases Still Pending Before Court

BULLETIN

Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., said at press time that there is a strong possibility that the case of Hollis Sutton, charged with the slaying of Elmer Ball near Mt. Sterling in January, would be called late Monday or early Tuesday morning.

Judge H. Hoyle Sink adjourned court shortly before noon today until Monday morning.

Solicitor Thad D. Bryson, Jr., made no statement as to when the remaining two murder cases would be called. He said that neither case had been continued, which meant that either or both cases could be called next week. It was learned from one lawyer, that the defense in one of the cases "are all ready for trial."

Court disposed of many cases from the crowded docket this week, and Wednesday saw the grand jury return two true bills in two murder cases, shortly before the regular jury returned a verdict of not guilty for Joseph Casty Warren, 32, who was charged with killing David Underwood last August.

The trial began Tuesday, and it was brought out, with Warren testifying in his behalf, the same account of the events leading to the fatal killing of Underwood, that Warren told minutes after the shooting.

The all-male jury, was out one hour and 28 minutes on Wednesday afternoon, following a 45-minute charge by Judge Sink. There were nearly 500 spectators in the court room at the time the jury returned, and they broke into applause as jury foreman Henry Seaman announced: "The verdict is not guilty."

Judge Sink rapped for order. Warren told of Underwood coming to his home twice on the night (See Court—Page 6)

McElroy Warns Against Night Parking At Lake

Night parkers at Lake Junaluska were warned today against the practice by Everett McElroy, deputy sheriff and police chief at the lake, who said that violators may be arrested and prosecuted in court.

McElroy said that residents at Lake Junaluska have made a number of complaints lately about persons parking on the lake grounds at night. He pointed out that all property in the lake area is private.

Observations In Criminal Court

By W. C. MEDFORD

One of the largest, most orderly and attentive crowds we have ever seen in a court room has been in attendance here this week. Judge Sink was so impressed that he took occasion Tuesday morning to compliment the folks—and he has given us permission to quote:

"In all my 27 years on the bench," said he, "I have never seen a more orderly or attentive court crowd, to be so large like this one. I always think this speaks well for the citizenship of a community."

Far more women attend court now than back even 25 years ago—and they seem to enjoy it fully as much as the men.

The coffee and candy bars, recently placed in the court house hall seem to be pretty well patronized. But at least one fellow was disappointed.

"I set that little gadget whir hit said, coffee with cream and sugar, but hit didn't give me a bit o' sugar." Here he smacked his lips and said, "Purty fair coffee though."

Candidates are being talked more now—as is usual by February term of court. "They begin to bloom out in the winter only to get killed in the early summer," said some one.

Credit Where Credit Is Due For the last few terms of court we've been noticing improvements along three different lines: All of these, while pertaining to "Court house society" and behaviour, we think make a fairly good cross-index for the country. Here are our observations.

1st. Folks who attend are generally coming out better dressed and cleaner in appearance.

2nd. We feel quite sure there is not as much tobacco chewing and careless spitting around the court house.

3rd. Last (but not least), the rest rooms are being kept cleaner.

The judge's charge in the Warren case lasted 45 minutes—and it was a very plain charge. The jury was out an hour and 10 minutes.

When the jury returned its verdict ("not guilty") there was considerable applause before the judge could rap for order. Judge Sink told the audience that it was all right to applaud in a picture show, at a political speaking, etc., but not in a court room during court.

It looks today like an early adjournment.

County Farmers Must Report Wheat Acreage

Acreage to be planted in wheat in Haywood County this year must be reported because of a new federal law, A. W. Ferguson, ASC (PMA) manager said today.

The county Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation office is now sending out postal cards so that farmers can specify the number of acres they intend to plant in wheat this year—or state that they will not plant any wheat on their land.

These reports are to be made in connection with the Secretary of Agriculture's placing of market quotas on the 1954 wheat crop, Mr. Ferguson explained.

Vehicles Collide At Allens Creek

Both drivers escaped injury in an accident on the Allen's Creek road this morning when a truck driven by Arnold Houston Ramsey, 26, of Candler, Route 2, collided with a car driven by Paul Everett Gaddis, 26, of Allen's Creek.

Cpl. Pritchard Smith of the State Highway Patrol said that the accident occurred when Gaddis attempted to pass Ramsey's truck as the latter started to make a left-hand turn into a private driveway. The force of the collision caused the truck to overturn.

Ramsey was charged with failure to signal for a turn, while Gaddis was cited for exceeding a safe speed. Damage to both vehicles was estimated at \$75.



GLENN W. BROWN (left) named by the Waynesville Jaycees as the town's "Most Outstanding Young Man of 1953" at a Distinguished Service Awards banquet Monday night at the Elks Club, is recognized by Gene Ochsenreiter of Asheville, state president of the Jaycees. (Mountaineer Photo.)

Meeting Set For Tobacco Adjustments

"Relationship adjustments" in tobacco acreage allotments will be made at a meeting at 10 a. m. Friday in the draft board office in the courthouse, A. W. Ferguson, ASC (PMA) manager, has disclosed.

A number of other matters pertaining to production of burley tobacco will be discussed at the meeting of ASC county committee men, Mr. Ferguson said.

Haywood County's burley allotment has been cut 8 1/3 per cent from last year—from 1,501.8 acres to 1,388.7 acres, plus an additional (See Meeting Set—Page 6)

Clyde Firemen Halt Blaze At Hipps Residence

Clyde firemen were on the scene in 10 minutes at 5:45 p. m. Wednesday to answer a call from the Bill Hipps farm on Highway 19-23, a half mile from the Clyde town limits, where a blaze was started from a defective flue.

No appreciable damage was caused by fire, but some property damage occurred as firemen had to chop into ceilings and windows to get at the flames.

The firemen used their 165-gallon booster tank to fight the fire. Fire Chief Larry H. Cagle praised the cooperation and coordination of his volunteer firemen in halting the blaze before it had gained headway.

Haywood Democrats Will Discuss Changing State Senator Plan To 4 Years

Haywood Democrats will gather here Saturday night to hear Brandon Hodges, former State Treasurer, in a kick-off meeting before the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner which will be held in Raleigh the 13th.

Charles B. McCrary, county chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, will preside.

Immediately after the meeting, 28 members of the executive committee will go into executive session, and discuss the matter of making the term of state senator a four-year term instead of two as it is now. The agreement now is that Haywood and Henderson counties alternate every other term in naming a State Senator from this district. Many political leaders here felt that it would be to the advantage of the district and the candidates to serve two terms in the General Assembly instead of making a change after each term.

Mr. McCrary said that political leaders in Henderson favor the move, and had requested that Haywood take action as soon as possible on the matter. The final decision is expected to be made (See Democrats—Page 6)

Glenn W. Brown Named 'Most Outstanding' In 1953

Tax Listing To Be Resumed At Courthouse

Listing of Waynesville Township taxes in the courthouses, which has been suspended this week due to the grand jury's meeting in the commissioners' room, will be resumed Friday, according to Mrs. Mildred Bryson, tax collector and supervisor.

Tax lists in the rural areas will be working at their homes this weekend, Mrs. Bryson said.

The announcement of the DSA winner was made by Gene Ochsenreiter of Asheville, Jaycees state president.

Mr. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Brown of Clyde, attended Clyde High School and was graduated from Wake Forest Law School. He is now a member of the Morgan and Ward law firm.

He is also president of the Haywood County Bar Association, chairman of the county Board of Elections, chairman of the board of deacons at the First Baptist Church, member of the church choir, organizer for the Young Democrat Clubs in the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th congressional districts, and past president of the Haywood County YDC. He is also a member of the Waynesville Lions Club.

Mr. Brown is married to the former Evelyn Davis of Sylva. He has one brother, Howell, who is serving with the Air Force at Craig Air Base, Selma, Ala., and one sister, Mrs. Alvin McKinnish of Clyde. His father is a retired merchant, now engaged in farming at Clyde.

Following the DSA banquet, which was attended by about 50 Jaycees and their wives from Waynesville, Asheville, Black Mountain, Brevard, Hendersonville and Franklin, a district meeting was held, with Banks Finger, Jaycees district vice president, presiding.

During their business session, members of the Junior Chamber, voted to endorse the construction of a television tower on Mt. Pisgah.

The production will be in charge of Bruce Tonks of Marion, a professional director who has put on similar shows in many parts of the South. He studied theatre in New York City for three years at the Dramatics Workshop and has been active in off-Broadway shows and summer stock for the past six years.

Jaycees met with Mr. Tonks Wednesday night to discuss preliminary plans for the minstrel production Rehearsals will be held at 123 Main St., in the building formerly occupied by the James Furniture Co.

Mr. Burgin also announced that a baby contest will be held in conjunction with the minstrel show. (See Jaycees—Page 6)

Hazelwood Wins In State Contest

Community Wins \$100 For Projects Staged During 1953

(See Other Story on Pg. 4)

Hazelwood received honorable mention and \$100 in the 1953 Finer-Carolina Contest, sponsored by the Carolina Power and Light Company.

Hazelwood was one of the four Western North Carolina towns to get the honorable place and cash. Others were Weaverville, Spruce Pine and Swannanoa.

The contest winners were announced yesterday in Raleigh.

The placing Hazelwood made last year, will inspire an already enthusiastic group who voted last month to enter the 1954 contest, with Paul Bryson, and Mrs. Clyde Fisher, general chairmen.

The 1953 program was led by A. P. Ledbetter, with Mrs. Claude N. Allen in charge of the women's division. The program centered around the building, and outfitting the playground just back of the school, and the conversion of a small house into furnished headquarters for the Scouts. The program also sponsored the Little League baseball teams, and the western division tournament.

Other projects included church attendance; church plant improvements, street paving, and sidewalks, street markers.

The Boosters Club, and the Auxiliary of the Club, the Boosterettes, are the leaders in carrying on the projects of the community in the contests.

The projects for 1954 are now being discussed and will be announced soon, according to Chairman Bryson.

The prize money will be used for further community improvement projects.

Justice Is Swift For Tennessean

Justice frequently moves slower than a crippled snail, but it was not long in coming for William H. (Judd) Brown, of Cosby, Tenn.

Brown was arrested by Highway Patrolmen Harold Dayton of Waynesville and Sam Sanford of Sylva on a variety of charges at 2:15 p. m. Tuesday.

He was given a preliminary hearing on Wednesday morning before Justice of the Peace J. J. Ferguson, who bound him over to Superior Court. This morning, his case was heard by Judge H. Hoyle Sink, who sentenced the Tennessean to three months in jail.

He was charged with: driving drunk, speeding 90 miles an hour, driving without an operator's license, driving without a vehicle registration, and "temporary" auto larceny. (He had borrowed the car from a friend and had not returned it.)

The two patrolmen gave chase in their cruiser for three miles before overtaking the speeding car. Two men and a woman with Brown were charged with public drunkenness.

Halt For Sleep Puts Michigan Youth In Jail

Sleeping in Clyde cost Eugene Peter Bankowski, 19, of Detroit, Mich., his freedom Wednesday morning when he was arrested on an auto theft charge by Highway Patrolman W. R. Wooten.

Acting on a tip, Patrolman Wooten halted Bankowski just as he prepared to leave a spot near the home of J. Tom Leatherwood where he had pulled off the road after driving from Johnson City, Tenn.

Wooten said that the car, a 1950 Ford convertible, was stolen from the campus of East Tennessee State Teachers College. It was owned by Lawrence Range.

The teen-ager told the patrolman that he had hitchhiked from Detroit to Johnson City, where he stole the car and drove to Clyde where he became drowsy and had to pull off the road.

The case will be investigated by the FBI since Bankowski crossed a state line in coming from Johnson City. He is now being held in the Canton town jail.



OUT OF RACE—Joe Palmer announced from an Asheville hospital today, that he would not be a candidate for reelection as representative to the General Assembly. Mr. Palmer served in the 1953 session.

Palmer Will Not Be In House Race

Joe Palmer, representative of Haywood County in the 1953 General Assembly, told The Mountaineer today that he would not seek reelection to the Assembly in the May Democratic Primary.

Mr. Palmer entered the Victoria Hospital, Asheville, on Monday, for treatment to his back, which has been giving him trouble for the past several years. He was reported at the hospital as being comfortable and being some better from his recent attack.

Mr. Palmer said he appreciated the interest shown by his many friends in asking that he be a candidate for reelection, but he felt that the personal sacrifice in time and money was not worthwhile this time.

"I have the farm and dairy that need me, and by the time I take time out for the campaign, and then, if successful in being elected, the time out for attending the General Assembly, I would find again, that the results were a large financial loss to me and my family."

"I enjoyed the 1953 session, and as I went into the campaign in the spring of 1952, felt I would like to represent Haywood for a number of sessions. I made many friends in Raleigh, and found I had a large number of ardent supporters in Haywood. And while I shall miss the campaign, I feel that under circumstances, it will be to my advantage not to seek reelection, and put the time on my dairy and farm."

Many political leaders had concluded that Mr. Palmer would be a candidate for reelection, although he had kept his plans to himself.

His decision and announcement throws the field wide open to any candidates who have the desire to make the race.

The American Heritage Group of Waynesville will continue its discussion on education at a meeting in the Park Commission office in the Masonic Temple at 7:30 p. m. Friday.

Reading for the meeting will be Chapter 11 in Comma's "Living Ideas in America" according to Miss Margaret Johnston, Haywood County librarian.

The discussion Friday will be in charge of William Medford.

Heritage Group Will Discuss Education Friday

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood

(TO DATE)
Killed . . . 0
Injured . . . 2

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

Decision Due Soon On Tower

A decision on whether to permit the construction of a television tower atop famed Mt. Pisgah may be announced this weekend or early next week, according to press reports.

Don J. Morriss, supervisor of North Carolina National Forests, said Wednesday that a decision probably would be reached in three or four days.

He said that findings obtained yesterday's day-long public hearing on the question will be studied by the hearing officer, Anton B. West, and a recommendation forwarded to Richard E. McArdle, chief of the United States Forest Service.

McArdle then will notify Pisgah officials of the Forest Service decision.

These Forest Service electronics engineers, who have been testing WNC peaks as possible alternate sites, were to report their findings by telephone to Washington today.

An all-day hearing at the Buncombe County courtroom Tuesday, approximately 50 opponents and proponents argued over the feasibility of placing a TV tower on the western Carolina landmark.

Opponents of the proposal contended that the area around Mt. Pisgah would be commercialized and suggested that the tower be located on other mountain peaks.

Among the major alternate sites mentioned was Haywood County's Crabtree Mountain which is about 5,360 feet high, and Doggett Knob, 20 miles northwest of Asheville.

Either the Mt. Pisgah site or the one on Crabtree Mountain would give owners of television stations in Haywood County good reception.

Among those at the hearing (See TV Tower—Page 6)

State Probation Officer Addresses Kiwanis Club

A state probation officer, Herby A. McGlamery, told the Kiwanis Club Tuesday night that of 100 parolees he has known, none ever active in church work any kind and only two ever belonged to the Boy Scouts.

Mr. McGlamery made this statement to emphasize the importance of promoting youth activities to keep young people from idleness and possibly drifting into crime.

The probation officer spoke on the Kiwanis program arranged by Charles Edwards, chairman of the club's vocational guidance committee.

Mr. McGlamery, the parole board's representative in seven Western Carolina counties, including Haywood, said that recent parole records show that 2,531 men were first offenders, 786 were second offenders, 36 were fifth offenders and one had been charged with crimes 16 times. The last-named man, however, was successfully rehabilitated and is now a respectable citizen, the speaker explained.

In the age groups, 563 parolees were 16 years old, 373 were 18, 189 were 21 and 380 were from 30 to 34.

In respect to education, 172 had no schooling, 1,136 had from six to nine years of schooling, and eight were college graduates.

Some 2,210 were single, 1, 148 married, 175 widowed, and 214 divorced.

Among offenses charged were 614 for breaking and entering and larceny, 441 for assault with a deadly weapon, and 155 for auto theft.

Mr. McGlamery asserted that businessmen in Haywood County have been the most cooperative of any in seven WNC counties in helping place parolees in jobs to give them a new chance in life.

He also praised the Kiwanis Club for its work in youth activities, and urged that the organization expand its present program to aid more young people.

Kiwanians also inducted a new member—Lewis C. Rouser, agent for the White Cross insurance plan, who was welcomed into the club by Hooper Alexander.



WARMER

Thursday, partly cloudy, windy and cooler. Friday, fair and warm.

Official Waynesville temperature compiled by the State Test Farm.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
54	17	—	—
58	41	—	—
53	34	05	—