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Sam Sprinkle Sent To Prison For 18 Years For Murder Of Scales

SURRY COURT STILL GRINDING AWAY ON CRIMINAL ACTIONS

Driver of School Bus Is Found Guilty of Reckless Driving

OTHER CASES TRIED

Sam Sprinkle, Surry county man, found guilty of second degree murder in Surry Superior court the latter part of last week, was sentenced Wednesday by Judge J. Will Pless to serve not more than 25, nor less than 18 years in state's prison at hard labor.

Sprinkle was charged with the shooting of Lawrence Scales, 25-year-old hosiery mill worker of Mt. Airy on March 3. He stated on the witness stand that while he was walking away from Scales, who had a stick in his hand, he grasped the gun in his pocket, causing it to accidentally fire the fatal bullet.

Archie Butler, 17-year-old driver of the school bus which was wrecked near Pilot Mountain several months ago injuring 33 children, was found guilty of reckless driving, the judge withholding sentence until later.

Dick Vanhoy, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, was given a suspended sentence of one year upon condition he pay damages and the court costs.

Due to the illness of Judge Pless, court was not held Monday, reconvening Tuesday morning. Due to the fact that the criminal docket remained congested, this week's term is not being devoted to civil cases as was at first planned.

Other cases disposed of were: Reece Hudspeth, driving while intoxicated, three months suspended sentence upon payment of fine of \$50 and costs. Driving license revoked for six months.

Walter Smith, abandonment, 12 months suspended sentence upon condition he contribute each month to the support of his wife.

Bruce Goodson vs. Alice Goodson, divorce upon separation grounds. Hattie Pike Cullers obtained a divorce from Lacy Cullers, and Jesse Gant a divorce from Ida Nance Gant upon the same grounds.

SAYS "GAMBLERS" ARE BACK OF BILL

Flannagan Tobacco Bill Attacked by Code Administrator

The Flannagan bill providing for government grading of leaf tobacco was characterized as an instrument through which "Wall street gamblers" seek to get their hands on the farmers' tobacco crop in a statement issued yesterday by J. C. Lanier of Greenville, leaf tobacco code administrator.

"So far, tobacco has escaped the manipulations and clutches of the Wall street gamblers," Mr. Lanier declared in his review of the proposed legislation.

The New York Tobacco Exchange came in for an attack. "This exchange," the administrator said, "cannot operate unless tobacco is government graded and therefore, this gambling outfit of which a former official of the Kentucky pool is now the chairman, is actively advocating the passage of the Flannagan grading bill, in order that they may fasten upon the farmers' tobacco crop the blighting hand of the gamblers and speculators and Wall street manipulators. It rapes the reason to believe that this crowd is advocating this bill because they love the farmer."

Mr. Lanier was formerly a tobacco specialist for the agricultural adjustment administration.

TO PRESENT RECITAL

The piano pupils of Mrs. Leo Hinshaw will be heard in a recital at Pleasant Hill church, Saturday evening, May 6 at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

ROOSEVELT SOUNDS OPTIMISTIC NOTE IN FIRESIDE TALK

Tells Nation How He Plans to Spend \$4,000,000,000 Fund

RELIEF ROLLS DOWN

Washington, April 28.—Sounding a new note of optimism, President Roosevelt tonight outlined his work-relief program to the nation in a speech pledging "no sectional, no political distinctions" in distributing the \$4,000,000,000 fund.

Speaking from the oval room of the White House in one of his fireside chats, the President said that "never since my inauguration in March 1933, have I felt so unmistakably the atmosphere of recovery."

He summoned all citizens to keep a watchful eye that the work program should be "the most efficient and cleanest example of public enterprise the world has ever seen," and laid down a six-pronged diagram of principles to govern the spending in his work program. Then Mr. Roosevelt enumerated a series of legislative proposals he expects Congress to enact at this session. Topping this list was his economic security legislation, which already has been passed by the house. The President said this measure was inextricably interwoven with the four billion dollar works program.

The other bills whose enactment he called for were those to extend and revise NRA; to do away with certain types of "unnecessary" utility holding companies; to broaden the interstate commerce commission and extend its regulation to busses and trucks; and to amend the federal reserve banking laws.

The chief executive said that for the first time in five years relief rolls had declined instead of increasing during the winter months and that they "are still declining."

PROMINENT WILKES MAN PASSES AWAY

Joseph T. Edwards Dies In Local Hospital Age of 91.

Joseph Thomas Edwards, 91, one of Wilkes county's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens passed away at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in this city Wednesday morning at 12:25, following a four months illness. His condition had been critical for the past several days.

The deceased was one of the few surviving Confederate veterans of the county, having served three years in the war between the states. He was a member of one of the most prominent families in the county and had long been identified with civic and church affairs in his community. He was for many years a member of the Ronda high school board and clerk of the Macedonia Baptist church, where he was a devout member.

In 1878 he was married to Miss Dorcas Virginia Petty, who passed away in June 1929. He is survived by the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Harvey Church, Ronda; Mrs. John Rickert Statesville; Mrs. W. W. Holland, Statesville; T. M.

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HOLD REVIVAL AT PILGRIM MISSION

Services Are To Begin Sunday and Continue Through May 26

A revival meeting will begin at the Pilgrim Mission Sunday, May 5th, and continue through May 26. Rev. J. W. Combs, pastor of the M. E. church of Troutman, will be the evangelist. Rev. Mr. Combs is an able speaker, and one of the outstanding ministers in his church. Special singing will be rendered each service. Services will be held each evening at 7:45 with three services on Sunday: 11:00 A. M., 2:30 P. M., and in the evening at 7:45.

A cordial invitation is extended to the people of Elkin, Jonesville and surrounding communities to attend the services.

The Circus Comes To Town Again



NEW YORK . . . Final proof that another open air season is here, is the arrival of the circus with animals and clowns. Two famous twins, the Woods boys, celebrated their third birthday by being presented to a real live clown, Edward Polidor, as shown above.

TEACHERS CHOSEN FOR NEXT SESSION

Walter R. Schaff Declines Re-election As Superintendent

At a meeting of the Elkin school board, held the latter part of last week, the entire staff of teachers now employed in the local school were re-elected for next year. However, due to the fact that he is planning to enter other work outside the school field, Walter R. Schaff, superintendent for the past three years, declined the re-election.

Although the board has received a number of applications for Mr. Schaff's position, it as yet has not made a decision, it is understood.

Mr. Schaff's decision not to serve here for another year comes in the nature of a real loss to the local school. He has proven a highly capable school official during his stay here and his work has been highly regarded by members of the school board as well as by school patrons. Energetic and a believer in efficiency, he has transformed local school machinery into a smooth running machine.

Mr. Schaff has also proven a valuable member of the Elkin Kiwanis club, having served as secretary since joining the club several years ago, and as program director up until a few months ago. His loss to the club will be hard to replace.

Members of the school staff re-elected at last week's meeting of the school board, and the grades they will teach during the next school year, follow:

High school: A. C. Hood, Elizabeth Anderson, Mary Virginia Barker, Emma Ellen Cooke, Sara McCracken.

Grammar grades: Josephine Paul, Bettie Allen, Ruth Eads, Elizabeth Harris, Mrs. Vena Harris, Flora Royall, Lucille Young.

Primary grades: Ola Angel, Norma Cawthon, Blanche Dixon, Mary Hendren, Margaret Lillard, Mrs. D. C. Martin.

STAGE IS SET FOR GOLDEN CROSS MEET

Annual Picnic To Be Held on Grounds at Local Hospital

The stage is all set for the annual Golden Cross picnic, which will be held today on the grounds at Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital. A luncheon will be served picnic style at 12:15, by the Woman's Auxiliary of the hospital. Preparations have been made to entertain approximately 500 guests, composed of ministers and laymen who are directors of Golden Cross in their respective localities.

The hospital, nurses' home and the newly completed home of Rev. L. B. Abernethy, director of the Golden Cross, will be open for inspection. The feature of the day's entertainment will be a complimentary showing at the Lyric theatre of "The Trail of a Circuit Rider."

HOWARD ROBERTS IS KILLED SUNDAY IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

Two Other Young Men Are Injured When Car Turns Over

LAST RITES MONDAY

Howard Roberts, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Roberts of the Kapps Mill community, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on the Mountain Park road late Saturday afternoon. Two other youths Charles Wallace, 18 son of Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Wallace, driver of the car, and Woodrow Gentry, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gentry, also received injuries in the accident.

The wreck occurred when the roadster in which the boys were riding failed to take a curve and turned over several times down a 15-foot embankment.

The boys were dragged from the wreckage by two men who arrived shortly after the mishap. Young Roberts died before a local ambulance reached the scene to remove the injured to the local hospital. The other youths were brought to the hospital suffering from cuts and bruises. Mr. Gentry was dismissed from the hospital Wednesday.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Roberts, of the Mitchell's River community, and the following brothers and sisters: George, Harold and Bert Roberts, and Mrs. Grady Lynch and Miss Velma Roberts.

Funeral services were held Monday morning from the Mountain Park Baptist church and interment was in the church cemetery.

WOULD SWAP BONDS FOR TOWN TAXES

Bill Also Would Have Tax Rate No Higher Than \$1.60

A bill to authorize the town of Elkin to accept its own bonds in payment of taxes and street assessments and relating to the tax rate in the town of Elkin, was introduced in the House of Representatives Monday, by Representative Henry Dobson and placed on the calendar for early action.

The text of the bill is as follows: "Section 1. That the town of Elkin a municipal corporation in Surry county, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to accept its own bonds in payment of past due taxes and in the payment of street assessments due or to become due, and the acts of the commissioners of said town heretofore made with respect to the acceptance of bonds are hereby validated.

"Sec. 2 That the total tax rate to be levied annually hereafter by the governing board of Elkin, Surry county, for all purposes whatsoever shall not exceed one dollar and sixty (\$1.60) on the one hundred dollars valuation of all real and personal property in said town; Provided however, that this shall not in any way effect the paving assessments heretofore or hereafter levied by said town for street and sidewalk improvements.

"Sec. 3 That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

"Sec. 4 That if any section or provision of this act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the courts, the same shall not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any part other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional or invalid.

"Sec. 5 That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

To Stage Minstrel Show Here May 16th

A minstrel show, to be staged under the auspices of the American Legion auxiliary, will be presented in the high school auditorium the night of Thursday, May 16.

The show will be local in every respect, and will be presented under the joint direction of Mrs. H. L. Johnson and Mrs. A. L. Griffith. Local people will take the different parts.

Rehearsal of the minstrel will get under way Friday night.

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