

# BUILDING ONCE PART OF NORTH CAROLINA LAW SCHOOL

Rough Boarded House Now Serves Ernest Walker As Store House For His Farm-Produced Some Notable Attorneys

The following with the original head, wording and all, follows.)

Up the North Fork of the Swannanoa river where the city water main crosses the stream to reach the intake a mile further up a small rough boarded house serves Ernest Walker as a store house for his farm. Weather beaten for sixty odd years by the winds and rains sweeping down from the overhanging masses of the Craggy and Potato Top, it attracts scant attention from visitors.

Yet not always was the little house an appendage to a farm, or did it serve as now to form a support for a chicken coop. Once, and up to the time of the Civil war, it was one of the buildings of a law school so noted that young men from all parts of Western North Carolina journeyed there for instruction. Not by rail, for there was no railway west of Salisbury, and not always by means so easy even as a rough stage ride because the roads up the mountain to the Swannanoa gap were not always travelable by wheeled vehicles. Some rode horseback, and some came on foot, it is said.

The school was that of Judge John L. Bailey, and its only rival was the Yadkin school of Chief Justice Pearson, of the state supreme court, father of Hon. Richmond Pearson of this city. Judge Bailey was a judge of the Superior

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There were many others of note from other parts of the state who became important factors in its courts and political history, but time has to a considerable extent caused their names to pass out of mind here.

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**WCSA HEARS REPORTS ON CONFERENCE**

At the meeting of the W. S. C. S. Tuesday evening in the Fellowship room of the Methodist church Mrs. George Moray, Mrs. Charles Fortune, Miss Lila Corbett, and Mrs. Thad McDonald gave interesting reports of various sessions of the Woman's Society of Christian Service conference at Junaluska held in June.

Mrs. R. E. Mumpower told of the activities of a rural worker at Sue Bennett college in Kentucky, where she is a hostess during the school year.

Miss Caroline Hall was in charge of the program.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. H. A. Kerlee and Mrs. M. C. Dickens, members of Circle 2.

Mrs. John Baumgartner, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, was a guest.

"Judge Bailey was one of the finest men North Carolina ever produced," said Judge J. H. Merrimon, "and it was an honor to the city to have a street named for him."

The Asheville school was perhaps even more of a success than when it was located in the little house on the farm. Among the men of note well known here who were its students were General Davidson, Melvin Carter, Judge J. H. Merrimon, Calvin McLeod, father of Norman and Lawrence McLeod, Captain Elbert Weaver, father of Congressman Weaver, Pink Welch, Judge W. B. Martin, for thirty years a judge at Norfolk, Va., Judge W. L. Norwood, of Waynesville, Washington King, professor of mathematics in the state university who is a national authority in certain branches, General Martin who won fame at the battle of Cherubusco in the Mexican war and at Drewry's Bluff in the Civil war.

"No brighter group of young men could be or was formed here at the time than this," said an Asheville man to whom this list of names was shown. Judge Bailey's son, William H. Bailey became attorney general of this state and was later prominent in Texas.

As recalled by General Davidson the Asheville school house was a long one story building which stood a little north of the Y. W. C. A. on Biltmore avenue. It was hardly more pretentious than the little house under the shadow of Craggy. "Possibly fine school buildings are not entirely essential to a good education," remarked a man who viewed the former school house.

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Conducted by Anne K. Sharp, Chairman, Creative Writing Group

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Green and red, then another and another, Crossing and re-crossing in the sky. A roaring sound is heard, ever nearer, ever louder. Then brilliant beams of white slash the night! Planes! Their roaring fills the darkness. Planes! Thank God, they are our own. Now, a sense of comfort in their sound To us—waiting in our hide-outs in the Black-Out. They are our own! But what—if they were not?

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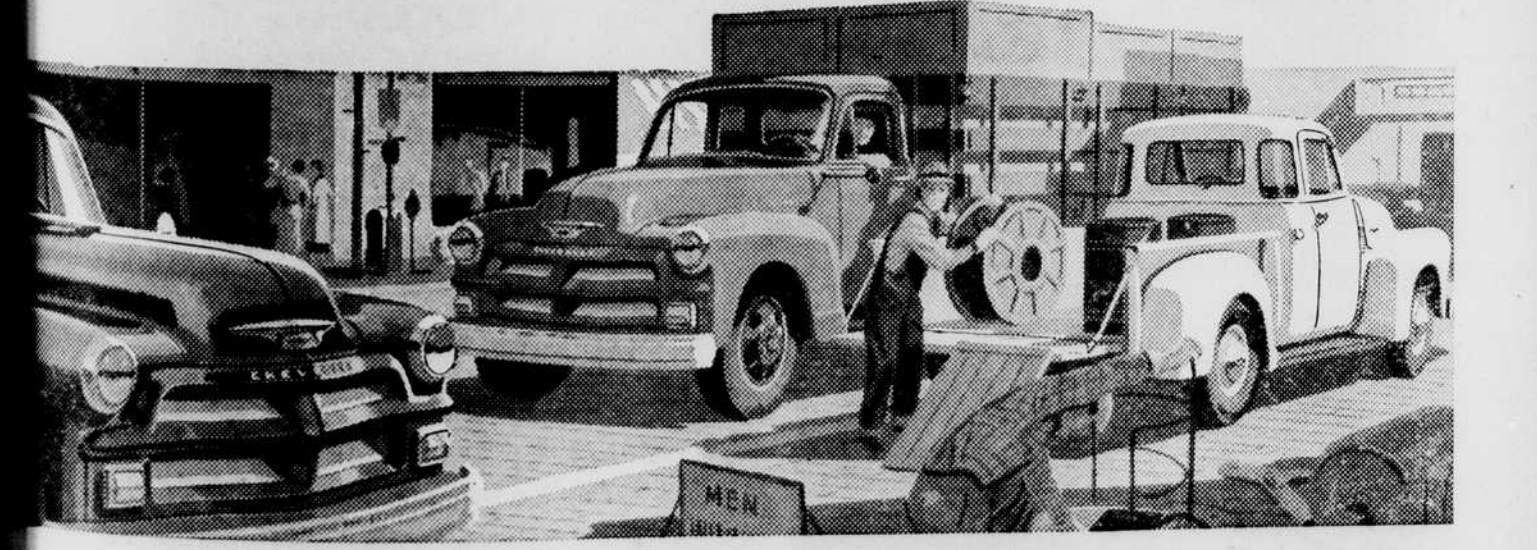
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