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Five Sentences Imposed In Superior Court Here

Two Boys Who Broke in Stamey's Store go to Juvenile Court, Another to Roads 6 Months.

Judge Webb's well-known proclivity to slap road sentences on violators of the Prohibition law came into full play Thursday afternoon, when nearly every person appearing before him in whiskey cases received a term to serve on the county roads. The criminal docket was finished Thursday afternoon, so far as was possible, with the conviction of three negro boys on a charge of breaking and entering.

Besides the trial of Charlie Bumgardner, the high light in Wednesday's and Thursday's dockets were as follows:

Luther Pruitt was declared not guilty of a charge of possessing and transporting liquor. It developed that he had carried three negroes from Backsburg to Kings Mountain, who were in a more or less intoxicated condition, but the jury held that this was insufficient evidence to find him connected with the beverages.

Mattie Bradford, of Rutherford county, was also acquitted of the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Precedents cited by her attorney, C. B. McBrayer, indicated that under the circumstances in her case, she was justified in carrying the pistol in her pocket.

Church Jackson, charged with the possession of a pint of liquor, was found guilty by the jury, and the court fined him \$10 and costs. Julius Gamble, Blaine Hollifield, Bart Wall and McSwain, indicted under the same warrant, were acquitted.

In the last case of the afternoon, three negro boys, Willis Odom, Eli Odom and Jacob Clements, were charged with breaking and entering the store of Stamey Co., and stealing therefrom a quantity of merchandise as well as about \$65 in cash. The three of them pled guilty, but their lawyer, B. T. Falls, showed the court that two of them were under age and consequently outside the jurisdiction of the court. Hence Willis Odom was given a sentence of 6 months in the county jail, and the other two were sentenced to appear before the Judge of the Juvenile Court, Geo. P. Webb, Saturday.

Sentences Imposed
Judge Webb also found time to impose five sentences, besides the ones mentioned above, during the course of his afternoon's work, of which the four-months sojourn in the county jail given to Charlie Bumgardner attracted the most interest. Mr. Hoey, counsel for the defense, brought out that the jury's decision, in accordance with the instructions of the court, had been rendered on a technicality, and that there was no evidence to show that the defendant was guilty of any criminal intention. The sentence imposed by Judge Webb is the lightest that the law permits for an offense of this kind.

Wash Harlow, convicted of manufacturing intoxicating beverages, was sentenced to three months on the roads of No. 6 township, despite the plea for a suspended sentence made by his counsel. His offense occurred two years ago.

Forest Chapman received three months for embezzlement, while Clarence Bostic, convicted of possessing materials for the manufacture of liquor, was fined \$100 and costs, and placed under a \$200 bond for good behavior during a period of 18 months.

Clyde Beatty, charged with F. and A. was fined \$75 and costs, and likewise placed under a good behavior bond.

Many cases were continued due to the absence of witnesses, and for other causes. However, the docket was considerably lightened during the four days which have been given to the criminal cases thus far.

Auto Values Larger Than That Of Schools

S. H. Hobby, Jr., of the department of Rural school economics says the investment in automobiles in Cleveland county last year was \$4,690,400, while the value of school property was only \$642,000. In the state at large the investment in automobiles is four and a half times as much as the value of school property. Mr. Hobby's figures appear in a recent issue of the University News Letter.

The table is based on the value of school property in 1925 as reported by the state superintendent of public instruction, and the number of automobiles as recently reported by the state department of revenue. Automobiles are figured at \$800 each, the figure of the National Automobile Chamber of commerce.

Mrs. Drennon of Birmingham, Ala., will arrive the latter part of the week, and spend the week-end at Cleveland Springs Hotel with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Webb.

Eye Burned Out By Lighted Cigarette

A lighted cigarette between the lips of a friend with whom he was scuffling, will cause Franklin Williams to lose the sight of his left eye, according to the father, Forrest Williams who lives on N. Washington street, Shelby. Franklin Williams is about 18 years of age and a namesake of his grandfather, J. Franklin Williams, now living near Elizabeth church east of Shelby, who was for a number of years the popular clerk of court in Cleveland county.

Young Williams is living at High Point and a few days ago while scuffling with a friend who had a lighted cigarette between his lips, the friend in the scuffle drew Williams close to his body and the burning end of the cigarette punched in the young fellow's eye. It was with no malice or intention on the part of his playing companion that the cigarette struck Williams in the eye. Young Williams has been receiving the attention of the best eye specialists, but the sight of the eye will be lost entirely.

WILL ADVERTISE TOWNS JOINTLY

Six Shelby Men Attend Western Carolina Chamber of Commerce Meeting At Lenior

J. C. Newton, secretary of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, Wm. Lineberger, W. C. Harris, Paul Webb, Mal Spangler and Max Washburn, attended on Wednesday a meeting in Lenior of the Western North Carolina Federation of Chambers of Commerce. Ways and means were discussed of bringing the attractions of the different sections of the Western portion of the state before the national public.

President C. P. Rogers, of Hendersonville, presided. F. Roger Miller of Asheville, occupied the position of secretary for the organization, which includes in its membership representatives of Chambers of Commerce in practically every city in the mountain section. The sessions began at 11 o'clock and terminated at 4 p. m., when a motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce at Hickory to hold the next meeting of the organization in that city.

The federation accepted the report made by G. A. Abbott, of Marion, who headed a committee investigating the feasibility of advertising the western part of the State through the medium of a letter head which will be used in common by the Chamber of Commerce and the business firms of the section. This report was referred to a committee.

A report submitted by F. Q. Boyer, of Asheville, on the "loop tour" idea was unanimously endorsed by the body. Mr. Boyer's committee showed that it was possible to, at a moderate cost, publish a map of the entire area, which could be used by each chamber of commerce in advertising the scenic values of its own section.

Former Shelby Clerk Tries Suicide At Winston Salem

Lee R. Hamrick Swallowed Poison Trying to End His Life. Was Still Living This Morning.

Lee Roy Hamrick, manager of the furniture department of Gilmer's Shelby store, up until about eight weeks ago when he went to High Point and later to Winston-Salem to become book-keeper for his brother, a wholesale tobacco and candy merchant of Winston-Salem, tried to end his life there Thursday when he swallowed a quantity of poison. By receiving prompt medical attention at a hospital to which he was rushed soon after taking the poison, it is thought that he will recover, although his condition is said to be quite serious. Reports this morning from the hospital state that he is still living.

Relatives state that he gave as his reason for trying suicide that he was discouraged over his work. It is known that he is a good salesman but book-keeping was a hard job to tackle and

DR. BOYER TALKS ON CHAPPEL CASE

Never Any Question About Innocence Of Dr. Ashley Chappell He Says

Dr. H. K. Boyer, Shelby minister, who defended Rev. Dr. Ashley Chappell in his recent ecclesiastical trial and who is spending a few days at the Grove Park Inn, made a brief comment on the trial of Dr. Chappell this week.

"There was never any question about the innocence of Dr. Chappell," he said, "but the case was a difficult one to handle. I cannot speak highly enough of the assistance given me by Wallace Davis, J. W. Haynes, of Asheville, and the Rev. Mr. Mangum, of Waynesville, in getting at the bottom of things. We had sheaves of evidence that we did not even introduce at the trial.

"The trial was tense, but clean cut and there was no particular reason why press representatives should have been excluded from it. Dr. Chappell's innocence was so obvious that I do not believe charges would have ever been preferred against him had it not been for certain intra-church factional complications." Dr. and Mrs. Boyer are in Asheville until Thursday.

Prominent Lawndale Farmer Married 25th

Mr. Bulo C. Hicks, prominent farmer of Lawndale and Miss Cordia Ledford were happily married Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Rev. John Green at Fallston. The bride was a resident of Cherryville, but originally from this county and a cousin of Mr. Hicks' first wife. She is a woman of unusual qualities, while Mr. Hicks is one of the leading farmers and churchmen near Lawndale where they are making their home. In a short while they will make a trip through the mountains of Western Carolina, after which they will reside at the handsome Hicks home near Palm Tree church. Both have a host of friends who wish them every happiness through life.

School Pupils May Work Off Conditions

To Editor of The Star.

I should like to call to the attention of high school students the advantages of the summer school which is now in progress at the high school building, or can work off conditions or make up failures in two subjects. This might enable you to take the next grade instead of being a repeater. If you plan to play football or expect to take part in other forms of athletics, you must have passed the previous year's work. This rule will be obeyed. The summer school offers you an opportunity to make up what you need. We can give any high school subject. Any student who is behind in credit is urged to enter at once. School work is done only in the forenoon. The tuition is the same as last year.

I solicit the cooperation of patrons and friends in helping me to maintain the high standard set by your former and very efficient principal, Mr. J. H. Grigg. I am yours for service.

A. C. LOVELACE.

MARIAH BEATS PHILBECK

The Mariah and Philbeck ball teams played at Mariah last Saturday with a score of ten to one in favor of Mariah. The best feature of the game was a home run by Arlo Devenny, second baseman.

CROWNED QUEEN AT THE COTTON BALL



Miss Betty Suttle, of Shelby.

Miss Betty Suttle, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Suttle is shown here in her cotton dress, made from the fleecy staple on which the South largely depends. At the Cotton Ball, this pretty girl and her home-made cotton dress won first prize and she was crowned "Queen". The purpose of the ball was to prove that pretty dresses can be made of cotton materials and the fact was proven to the hundreds who looked on the ball at Cleveland Springs hotel.

Would Improve County Home If New One Is Not Built

Grand Jury Commends L. A. Cabaniss Who is Soon to Retire as Keeper of County Home.

The Grand Jury for the present term of Superior Court in Cleveland county made their regular report to Judge Webb Wednesday afternoon, breaking into the trial of Luke Pruitt for that purpose. The Jury, following out the instructions given them by the Judge Monday morning, gave a report, through committees, on the various county institutions, including the Jail, County Home, Courthouse and grounds and the Convict Camp. They found all these to be in excellent order, so far as present conditions would permit, but recommended several changes, notably the laying of a new floor at the County Home, if the Commissioners find it impossible to construct a new building within the next two or three years.

Their report, as delivered by the foreman, W. J. Moss, and read by Judge Webb to the court room gathering, is as follows:

To His Honor, J. L. Webb, Judge presiding at the July term Cleveland County Superior Court:

We, the Grand Jurors for this term, wish to report that we have disposed of all matters coming before us and have inspected the different County Institutions by committee.

We found the County Jail in excellent condition. It is well kept and sanitary in every respect. We recommend that a steel wire fence be placed around the south east corner of the Jail House yard, leaving the jail at the boiler room and extending around to the garage. We also recommend that the front yard be sown in grass. We find the County Home in good condition with a few exceptions. We are greatly pleased with the way it is being kept. The inmates are well fed and cared for. We also find the buildings well kept. We see the need of a new County Home, but if the Commissioners can not see fit to have a new home built within the next two or three years, we recommend that a new floor be laid in the present Home as soon as possible. We find the Stock and Crops of this Institution in good condition. We wish to commend Mr. L. A. Cabaniss for his efforts put forth in caring for this institution, and we regret to learn of his resignation.

The Committee that inspected the No. Six Chain-gang Camp reported it to be in a sanitary condition.

We find the County Court House offices and Grounds well kept and in excellent condition.

Respectfully submitted this the 28th day of July, 1926.

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

COLONIAL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED NO PERSONALS

Unlike the great journals of today, the early papers of America were but little concerned with local news. In fact, it was long before any of them thought of saying anything about such matters of home interest as deaths, births, or weddings.

But one day an editor had a brilliant idea. Once every month he would print notices of births, burials, and other matters of local concern. No sooner conceived than done! But he made one trifling omission in carrying out his innovation.

Of course he could not be so bold as to actually print names; and so his news stories, when they appeared, were in this illuminating style: "Drowned, accidentally, in the river, a man."—Stephen Cole, in The International Book Review.

NURSES LEFT TRAIL OF WOE

Union Republican.

Two nurses visited Burlington, one day the past week, distributing samples of a laxative chewing gum, and with hundreds of their packages falling into the hands of youngsters left behind them a trail of woe and "tummy ache."

Despite the fact that when giving out a sample they would enjoin the recipient to "take it home to mother, it will make you sick," the husky appetites of scores did not resist the "sugar coat" that robbed two grains of phenolphthalein, and they "smacked" their lips over one, two, three, four, or a dozen wads of gum.

It would not have been so bad, one of the kids sorely lamented the next day if the samples had come along during the school days, because in each overdose would have been a vacation period.

Kings Mountain Youth Who Killed Wife, Given 4 Mos.

Pedestrian Runs Into Mrs. Irma Wallace Car

Folks Run Over Cars as Well as Cars Run Over Folks. Negro Damages Motor Car.

Horace Greely's advice to aspiring young reporters concerning the news value of a dog biting a man has nothing on the story emanating from Mrs. Irma Wallace, Cleveland's home economic demonstrator. She claims for her Chevrolet the unique distinction of being run over by a pedestrian.

According to Mrs. Wallace, the incident happened in Barber's Junction, this state, through which metropolis she found it necessary to detour in her return from Virginia. She had stopped her car behind a long line of others, waiting for a freight train to clear the road in front, and on her left, only a short distance away, was a loading platform at the side of a mill fronting the narrow street. Suddenly a negro man burst from the door, running, jumped off the platform, and being unable to stop, crashed full into the front of Mrs. Wallace's car, bending her light to one side, and denting the fender slightly. Then to the surprise of the occupant of the car, he walked calmly around to the side, lifted his hat, and said, "Jes' go right ahead, lady; I aint hurt a bit." Mrs. Wallace described herself as being little surprised and frightened, but intensely amused at the incident, and claims that she is really afraid to drive if pedestrians are going to make a habit of retaliating thus on the unfortunate owners of cars.

The star was unable to learn whether or not the man had been arrested for reckless walking.

Crippled Children Are Taught A Trade

Three in the County Are Asked to Meet the County Welfare Officer Saturday.

How many crippled children are there in Cleveland county who wish to be taught some trade whereby they can earn their own living? Already the Federal government under its vocational rehabilitation system is teaching several cripples a trade whereby they can become independent wage earners and Mr. J. B. Smith, county welfare officer asks that Ethel Wright R-1, Lattimore, Everett Bridges R-6 Shelby and James Grigg, Lawndale meet him in his office in Shelby Saturday July 31st at 9 a. m. when Mr. H. C. Corpening of the vocational rehabilitation department will be present, investigate the cases and make some recommendations whereby these children may be taught a trade so they might earn their own livelihood.

If there are other crippled children in the county, Mr. Smith would be glad to have them come to Shelby on Saturday and meet Mr. Corpening. The Federal government has a fund set aside for this purpose and makes arrangements whereby cripples may be taught a trade and receive an allowance for board and lodging and other necessary expenses while they are learning. One Cleveland county youth is being taught telegraphy for which he is well suited and while he is receiving instruction which necessarily takes him away from home, he is receiving enough from the government to pay all necessary expenses. Those who know of other crippled children in the county whose future station in life could be improved by the knowledge of some trade or profession would do well to send such children to Mr. Smith while this representative is here.

New Cotton Bale Brings 80c Pound

Spirited bidding on the floor of the New York cotton exchange after the close of trading Wednesday featured the auction of the first bale of the South Atlantic new crop cotton, which was knocked down to Paul Pflieger for 80 cents a pound, or \$400. Bidding started at 50 cents a pound and rapidly advanced. The proceeds of the sale will be given to New York city charities and the bale will be shipped to Liverpool where it will be re-auctioned for charity. The cotton was grown in Webster, Fla.

Mrs. Ab. Poston and Clay Poston, are visiting relatives in Georgia this week.

Mr. Fred Costner of Monroe, spent Sunday here with Mr. Yan Weathers on S. DeKalb street.

Misses Katherine and Margaret Bowling are visiting relatives at Cliffside for a few days.

Found Guilty of Manslaughter Testified in His Defense That Killing Was Accidental

Charlie Bumgardner, Kings Mountain youth, charged with killing his young wife last March, was found guilty of manslaughter at this term of court and given a sentence of four months by Judge J. L. Webb. The decision of the jury was accompanied by a recommendation for mercy, hence the light punishment.

The verdict came as a surprise to the majority of attendants in the court room, the consensus of opinion having been that the boy would be acquitted of the charge. Clyde R. Hoey was attorney for the defense, while acting Solicitor C. E. Cowan was the prosecution lawyer.

No sensational developments marked the case, which proceeded largely as had been expected from the newspaper stories and other accounts of the affair. Solicitor Cowan's introduction of the death-bed statement of the girl herself, obtained while she was in the hospital in Gastonia by two legal representatives of the state, was probably the high-light of the trial, and it was noticed that both the defense and prosecution made substantial use of this testimony.

Beyond the death-bed statement, outstanding witnesses for the state were Mrs. Ham, mother of the dead girl, who was the only eye-witness of the killing, Mr. Ham, Mrs. Bumgardner's father, and Willie Ham, her brother. The defense succeeded in materially discrediting the testimony of the girl's mother, introducing many witnesses to show that she was a victim of the dope habit and that consequently she was irresponsible. These same witnesses also testified to the good character of the defendant, as well as to minor aspects of the killing. Whitney Wells, chief of police in Kings Mountain, took the stand and told of getting two different stories from Mrs. Ham, in the first of which she denied all knowledge of the shooting. Another legal battle centered about the attitude of Bumgardner after the accident, the prosecution claiming that he displayed no solicitude for the victim, while the defense maintained that he did everything possible to save her life.

Plead Accident
Climax in the defense testimony was reached late Wednesday afternoon, when Bumgardner himself took the stand, and under the questioning of his lawyer told his story. He said that his pistol had been borrowed by another boy three weeks before, and had only been returned to him when he went to work at the mill Friday night before the killing. He returned home a few minutes after 6 Saturday morning, hung up his overcoat and took the pistol out of his pocket, not knowing that it was loaded. After playing with it for a while, putting it in his mouth and snapping it, he and his wife had a playful scuffle over its possession, which culminated in the shooting of the girl in the right side. As will be remembered, she died several days afterwards in a Gastonia hospital. Solicitor Cowan, in cross examination, was unable to materially shake his testimony, which corroborated essentially that which developed in the reading of the victim's death-bed statement.

Arguments by counsel were completed early Thursday morning, and the jury took the case after being charged by Judge Webb, their decision apparently hinging on their interpretation of "wanton carelessness." They were out only about 30 or 40 minutes.

Indications from the counsel for the defendant were that there is no likelihood of an appeal, in view of the fact that the decision was accompanied by a recommendation for mercy, showing that the conviction was on technical grounds.

Anniversary Sale At Best Furniture

In celebration of his fifteenth year in the furniture business in Shelby, Mr. John M. Best will inaugurate an August clearance sale which begins Monday. During the sale he offers a sweeping reduction of twenty percent on the entire stock. A large advertisement in this issue gives prices on many items in the large store. Mr. Best has had a phenomenal success since coming to Shelby and today his store occupies a double-store space in the Royster building with a full second story and a warehouse or two. All of his available space is filled to capacity and the store is a credit to a town much larger than Shelby. Since going into the new Royster building he has ample room for display and carries some of the best advertised brands of furniture and household goods. The sale offers an unusual opportunity to buy at a big saving and many will no doubt take advantage of it.