



Wilkes Bar Seeks Special Term For Trial Of Tilley's

Prosecution And Defense Attorneys Join In Asking Governor To Call Court Session For June 18

North Wilkesboro, April 17.—Solicitor John R. Jones and the other members of the Wilkes Bar association are seeking a special term of Wilkes county Superior Court for the trial of the noted Tilley and Stanley cases. A petition has been forwarded to Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus at Raleigh, requesting him to call the special court term for Monday, June 18, by Attorney Eugene Trivette, president of the Wilkes Bar association and a member of Mrs. Luther Tilley's counsel.

The two cases were calendared for trial in the last week of the March term but after it was decided by Judge Warlick and counsel for state and defense that it would probably take more than one week to dispose of the two cases, the cases were continued and a special term was recommended.

In the Tilley case, five members of the Tilley family, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley, Luther and Clyde Tilley and Mrs. Luther Tilley, face indictments of first degree murder in connection with the mysterious death of Miss Leoda Childress, 20, at the home of W. W. Tilley on December 30. With the exception of Mrs. Luther Tilley, who was released under bond of \$2,500 in a habeas corpus proceeding recently, all of the defendants are in jail.

In the Stanley case Luther Tilley faces another indictment for first degree murder in connection with the death of Andrew Eldridge seven years ago in the Benham community, where the Childress murder took place. Indicted with Tilley is Winfield Stanley, who is said to have told of how "they" hanged young Eldridge in an attempt to scare him into not telling of their liquor manufacture activities.

The two cases are linked together in a most peculiar manner and have gained nation-wide attention.

Republicans Of Co. To Hold Mass Meet In Sparta May 3rd

A mass meeting of Republicans from every township in Alleghany county will be held in Sparta on Thursday, May 3, at 1 p. m. for the purpose of selecting the best available candidates to file for the various Alleghany county offices to be filled at the November election, according to C. W. Cook and T. W. Landreth, Chairman and Secretary, respectively of the Alleghany County Republican Executive committee.

All Republican voters, both men and women, as well as independent voters, are invited to attend the meeting and take part in the selection of the candidates.

A Republican county chairman and members of the county executive committee will also be chosen at this meeting, and any other business that may properly come before the meeting will be transacted, also.

Joseph M. Prevette, Republican nominee for Congress from this district, will deliver an address at the meeting on issues of the coming campaign, and perhaps, there will be other addresses.

Number Of Persons Bitten By Mad Dogs

Five persons in the Choate Ridge community, near Saddle Mountain, are reported to have been bitten by mad dogs last week within a period of two days. Among those said to have been bitten were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson, a person named Wright and an Andrews boy. The names of the others could not be learned.

Santford Martin To Address Seniors Of Nathans Creek "Hi"

Commencement exercises began Tuesday night at Nathans Creek high school, of which Prof. A. B. Hurt is principal, when the play, "Silas Smidge From Turnip Ridge," was presented by the Dramatic club. Last night an operetta, entitled "The Wedding Of The Flowers," was presented by the grades. Seventh grade diplomas and reading circle certificates were also awarded last night.

The fifth, sixth and seventh grades will present a pageant tonight, the title of which is "Our United States," and a play, "We Climb, Though The Rocks Be Rugged."

On Friday night, the Seniors will present a play, entitled "That's One On Bill."

The graduation exercises will be held on Saturday night and at this time the Literary address to the graduating class will be delivered by Dr. Santford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel. Dr. Martin is a man of wide reputation as a journalist and speaker.

Congressmen From N. C. Prominent In Washington Mon.

Doughton Busy Conferring In Regard To Revenue Bill. To Be News Center For Several Days

Washington, April 17.—Members of the National House of Representatives from North Carolina occupied very conspicuous places in the proceedings of the House yesterday.

Rep. Doughton was very busy in conference with his colleagues concerning the 1934-35 revenue bill, which is now in conference. President Roosevelt has given the conferees, headed by Doughton, a free hand in ironing out the wide differences that exist between the House and Senate bills.

The Senate has added a number of highly controversial amendments to the revenue bill and, as chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means committee, Doughton is expected to be a news center for a number of days.

Representative Doughton is scheduled to be in his home county of Alleghany on Monday night, April 30, to deliver the annual Literary address to the graduating class of Sparta high school.

Representative Bulwinkle took the floor yesterday morning and apologized to Dr. W. A. Wirt, the man who fears a revolution against the "social order," for intimating in the House last week

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Alleghany Student Is New Editor Of "The Rhododendron"

Many Alleghany county people will be interested to learn that Eugene C. Fender, of Whitehead, has recently been elected Organization Editor of the 1935 Appalachian College Annual, "The Rhododendron."

Mr. Fender is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fender of Whitehead, and is at present a junior at Appalachian State Teachers' college, Boone. He is president of the Alleghany Club, president of the Y. M. C. A., secretary of the Appalachian Literary Society, and secretary of the Democratic League.

Miss Berry Sees Need Of Funds For Road Maintenance

Charges Greensboro Man With Advocating Proposal That Would Wreck State Highway System

Raleigh, April 17.—Miss Harriet M. Berry, Secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads association, charges Clifford Frazier, Greensboro, with advocating a proposal which would wreck the state highway system on the altar of political ambition, and maintains that the state road maintenance fund is now far below the danger point.

Miss Berry's charges were made in reply to a speech made by Mr. Frazier before the Republican state convention, in which he advocated a flat \$5 license fee for all cars in the state.

Miss Berry analyzes Mr. Frazier's proposal in a statement to the press. Including a proposal by Jake Newell that the auto license fee be cut to \$3, she says, "the average price now charged for all motor vehicles is \$14.64. Mr. Frazier would cut this approximately to a third and Mr. Newell much more. The revenue derived from this source was approximately \$5,500,000; from gas tax \$14,500,000, totalling \$20,000,000 per annum."

Miss Berry enumerates the duties and responsibilities now imposed on the highway commission as: Maintenance of 10,430 miles of state highways; maintenance and betterment of 48,000 miles of county roads; care and use so far as possible of approximately 8,000 prisoners; engineering service for construction of federal aid projects or any new projects that may be authorized from federal state funds.

"The counties spent \$9,000,000 per year on the county system alone," Miss Berry continues. "The state considered adequate maintenance fund on 6,000 miles of state roads \$3,500,000."

"The legislature of 1933 reduced the maintenance fund for both state and county highways, care of the entire prison population, to \$7,500,000, less by \$1,500,000 than the counties used on the highways alone. The result in the last year has been that many of our expensive highways have lost rapidly in their surface values. For every dollar saved, I should say that the state has lost \$10 in the value of the roads. A continuance of this policy would, in three to five years, mean absolute disruption of our highway system and a dirt road would be a boulevard in comparison to broken down concrete and asphalt roads."

"For Mr. Frazier's information, I would say the amount of bonds issued by the state for highways amounted to \$115,000,000 instead of \$85,000,000 as he was quoted as saying. He is also reported to have advocated no more construction until the bonds are paid. With uninterrupted payment this will occur in 1965, 31 years hence. Perhaps Mr. Frazier has all the roads he needs in Guilford, but is he so unfair, having been served first, as to deprive his friends in Wilkes or Avery or Mitchell or Cherokee a like advantage? With an anticipated increase in revenue for 1934, we should be able to match federal aid and gradually extend road service to those who are now clamoring for it in each of the 100 counties."

"When all is said and done, Mr. Frazier, this is an economic question, not a political one, and the person or party responsible for bringing about such an unthinkable state of affairs would be regarded by this and future generations as public enemy No. 1, once the people came to realize that they had sold their birthright for a few paltry dollars."

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He will assume his new official duties as editor of the College Annual upon his return to Boone in September of this year.

Mr. Fender hopes to be able to have a superior annual for the coming year, with the aid of the other members of the Annual staff. Mr. Jesse Houck, of Danville, Va., was elected Editor and Chief of the staff.

FISHING SEASON IN COUNTY OPENS ON APRIL 15

R. D. Gentry, Alleghany county Game Warden, has announced the opening of the fishing season, on April 15, for any kind of fish with the exception of small-mouth bass.

Fishing licenses are on sale at the Sheriff's office in the Court House here and at Ben Reeves' store. County licenses cost \$1.10 and State licenses, \$2.10.

Motion To Direct Cannon Acquittal Denied By Gordon

McNeill And Fulton, After Impassioned Argument, Resume Task Of Presenting Defense Witnesses

Washington, April 17.—Justice Peyton Gordon today refused to direct a verdict of "not guilty" in the trial of Bishop James Cannon, Jr., and his former secretary, Miss Ada L. Burroughs. The refusal followed heated argument, including references to "the mangiest yellow dog on the meanest street in Washington" and charges of "common, garden-variety check-kiting."

Most of yesterday's court session was taken up in the hearing of testimony of E. J. Armbruster, accountant-detective of the Justice department, who appeared as the star witness for the prosecution.

His testimony, stripped to essentials, was to the effect that one official bank account of the bishop was overdrawn \$81 and that another had only about \$600 in it, when time came for Cannon to report to the House of Representatives clerk the expenditures of the anti-Smith Democratic committee.

The prosecution charged today that the Methodist churchmen and his co-defendant, Miss Burroughs, were guilty of conspiring to violate the corrupt practices act because they had engaged in a long series of "phony" deals in their 1928 campaign against election of Alfred E. Smith.

The defense countered with the assertion that not even a yellow dog could be convicted on such flimsy evidence as the government had presented. Counsel for the bishop and his ex-secretary therefore asked Justice Peyton Gordon to direct the jury to bring in a verdict of "not guilty."

After listening to nearly four hours of such argument and asking pointed questions from both sides, the justice ruled that the case was one for the jury to decide.

Government attorneys were jubilant. United States District Attorney Leslie C. Garnett fiddled with a patent combination bottle opener and corkscrew, which the Anti-Saloon League members in the court room eyed dubiously. Garnett's chief assistant, John L. Wilson, who has presented most of the evidence so far, smiled happily.

The defense attorneys, Robert H. McNeill and M. J. Fulton, who had almost shouted themselves hoarse in their impassioned arguments, resumed the prosaic task of presenting witnesses in favor of the churchman and the secretary who had served him 25 years.

First of these was J. C. Berkeley, Newport News, Va., lawyer, who told of his part in the anti-Smith campaign. The next witness, L. P. Powell, of Richmond, still was on the stand when court adjourned for the day. As a member of the Anti-Saloon League, he said he had worked against election of Smith.

The bishop and Miss Burroughs are expected to testify.

Grant Bauguss In Solicitor's Race

Grant Bauguss, West Jefferson attorney, announced his candidacy Saturday for the office of Solicitor of the eleventh Judicial district of North Carolina on the Republican ticket. The announcement came in the wake of Harry L. Fagg's withdrawal from the race "because of pressing litigation." Fagg was named a candidate for the office at the Republican Congressional and Judicial meeting held in Winston-Salem on Wednesday of last week.

Attorney Bauguss is a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

FORD AGAINST PRICE RISE

Detroit.—Henry Ford fears that the rising tide of retail prices will retard business recovery and expresses the belief that the "craze" to raise prices is the attempt by financial interests to slow up the resurgence of business.

Ford insists that the purpose of higher prices is to "kill off competition because lower prices were 'stimulating business.'"

Commencement At Piney Creek "Hi" To Open Tonight

Announcement has been made by Prof. L. K. Halsey, principal of Piney Creek high school, that commencement exercises, which will bring the 1933-34 term of the school to a close, will begin tonight at 7:30 o'clock when an operetta, "In the Land of Dreams Come True," and "Jumbo Jim," a short play by the grades, are presented.

Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, the graduating exercises will be held and the Literary address to the Seniors delivered by Hon. R. A. Doughton of Sparta.

Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock, the Seniors will present the play, "The Girl In The Fur Coat." These programs will end what is said to have been a very successful year for Piney Creek high school. During the term, new apparatus has been added to the Science, Home Economics and Agricultural departments and several hundred books have been added to the library. Many improvements have been made to the building and grounds besides the new brick-veneered gymnasium that is now under construction.

Fifty-Five Acres In Co. To Be Used For Relief Work

Land Already Plowed For Planting Of Potatoes And Corn. Will Be Operated By Relief Workers.

The Alleghany County Emergency Relief administration has announced that fifty-five acres of land have already been plowed in the county for the planting of potatoes and corn for relief purposes. This land is to be operated by relief workers of the county. State certified seed will be used in the way of an experiment and a portion of the potatoes will be stored next fall for seed in order to continue similar relief work in 1935, if necessary.

D. C. Duncan and E. W. Thompson, owners of the land upon which the work is to be done, will receive a share in whatever crops are produced. Another team of mules has recently been shipped from Georgia for work on this relief farm project.

On a recent trip to Raleigh, C. A. Miles, who has served as Alleghany County Relief administrator, obtained a promise that the recreation park and ball ground for Sparta, which was scheduled to be constructed under the CWA, will be completed under the Relief administration.

Va. Car. Seniors To Hear Sermon By Rev. A. C. Meadows

Rev. A. C. Meadows, pastor of the Galax Christian church, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon to the 1934 graduating class of Virginia-Carolina high school, Grassy Creek, of which Prof. F. C. Nye is principal, on Sunday afternoon, April 29, at 3 o'clock. The Virginia-Carolina commencement will begin on Friday night, April 27, at 8 o'clock when class exercises will be held. Miss Ada Wagg, of the Senior class has won the honor of being valedictorian of her class and Miss Gladys Sturgill, that of Salutatorian.

On Saturday night, April 28, at 8 o'clock, the Senior play, "The Clay's The Thing," will be presented. A small admission charge will be made for the play. Graduation exercises will take place on Monday night, April 30, at 8 o'clock and the Literary address will be delivered to the Seniors by Prof. Chappell Wilson, of the Appalachian State Teachers' college, Boone, N. C. The twenty-six members of the graduating class will receive their diplomas at this time and certificates will be awarded to seventh grade students having completed grammar grade work.

MUSIC CLASS TO BE PRESENTED IN RECITAL

Miss Lambert will present her music class of Sparta high school in an annual recital tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the recital.

Commencement At Sparta "Hi" Will Begin On April 27

Two Senior Plays To Be Outstanding Features. Baccalaureate Sermon By Dr. S. D. Gordon

Sparta high school commencement exercises will begin on Friday night, April 27, with the Senior play, "Marrying Margaret." This is a modern farce-comedy in three acts. In it, Harrison Hunter has been both father and mother to his three daughters. Leila and Winifred are nineteen and twenty-one years old, respectively. Both are ultra-modern and engaged to be married to two nice boys, brothers, just their own ages and just as modern. Margaret, the oldest sister is twenty-five. She is quite different from her sisters. She is very plain and matter-of-fact, uninterested in men or clothes. She is a confirmed bookworm. Mr. Hunter will not allow the youngest girls to marry until Margaret is married and men are never interested in plain Margaret, nor she in them. In all these eccentricities, she is aided and abetted by Aunt Harriet, a confirmed spinster. To marry off Margaret will be no easy task but Leila and Winifred decide to do just that very thing. They arrange a masquerade party in honor of Margaret's birthday and invite every eligible male available. In addition to this, they insert an advertisement in the newspaper for a husband for Margaret, little realizing into what deep water they would find themselves as a result. Aunt Harriet inserts an advertisement in the same paper for a man of all work. When the "handymen" and would-be husbands begin making applications, the situation becomes screamingly funny.

The would-be husbands are finally rounded up and induced to mask for the party, during which they are supposed to propose to Margaret.

Those responsible for the play say there is a way to find out if the scheme was a success and that the way is to see the play. For an evening of clean, unadulterated fun, they say anyone cannot go wrong in seeing "Marrying Margaret."

On Saturday night, April 28, at 8 o'clock, the second Senior play, "Introducing Susan," will be presented. This is the way it happens: Dick Heatherby, a young college professor, and his wife, Susan, quarrel. She leaves the house, threatening to go to Reno. This causes Dick great distress because his aunt Cordelia Quackenbush, who is a lecturer on the evils of divorce and who is also contributing materially to the upkeep of the Heatherby home, is coming. Dick cannot let the truth be known. He must have a wife. Buddy made a deal with Dick to pose as Susan. Dick also asks the cook and an ex-sweetheart to help him out. Auntie finally arrives and, to Dick's consternation, three Susan's appear. The real Susan returns and finds a house full of Susans and sweethearts.

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"If you would earn fame, let not the sun find you in bed."

- APRIL 16—Charlie Chaplin, greatest screen comedian, born 1889.
- 17—Sunbonnets worn with new style bathing suits, 1905.
- 18—Great earthquake and fire at San Francisco, 1906.
- 19—Shower of snails covers town of Tiffin, Ohio, 1889.
- 20—First Russian troops arrive on Western Front, 1916.
- 21—McGuffey starts his series of famous "readers," 1836.
- 22—Poison gas is first used in World war, 1915.