

First Veterans' Day Observance Is November 11

Climax of American Legion Week will be observance of the nation's first Veterans' Day, November 11, when Armistice Day, Constitution Day, Citizenship Day and I Am an American Day will be rolled into one.

In Kings Mountain, Post 155 has a radio program scheduled on Veterans Day over WKMT, from 10:15 to 10:30 a. m.

Officials of Post 155 have requested all business and industrial establishments, schools, and homes to fly the American Flag on next Thursday.

An impressive feature of Veterans' Day will be the American Legion's cooperation with the U. S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization in arranging for the naturalization in Federal Courts of every state of more than 50,000 aliens who have earned and are seeking the privilege of citizenship. American Legion cooperation was requested by Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr.

Walker Child Dies Following Burns

Funeral services were held Sunday for Beverly Walker, three and half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Walker, of Burlington Mill, who died at Kings Mountain hospital Friday from complications following burns suffered September 12.

The child was reported by her grandmother to have accidentally ignited her clothing while striking

Korean Terminal Eligibility Set

July 27, 1953 is the official cut-off date for eligibility for American Legion membership stemming out of active service in the Korean War period.

The terminal date was set by the 36th National Convention of The American Legion in Washington, D. C., by the adoption of Resolution 162. On this basis, the Charter of The American Legion will again be amended by the Congress to set forth the Korean War eligibility period as being from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. This fixed the cessation of hostilities in Korea as the cut-off date just as in the case for World Wars I and II.

The national judge advocate of The American Legion has issued the following ruling in respect to Resolution 162, Mr. Bennett said:

"Those who served at some time between the period June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953, and who have received an honorable discharge or who continue to serve honorably following the latter date, are eligible for American Legion membership.

"A person who did not go into the service until after July 27, 1953, would not be eligible.

"However, if any applicant has been accepted for membership up to service which commenced after July 27, 1953, he may be retained as a member until his present membership card expires, but his membership should not be renewed as he is not eligible."

Wilson matches in the yard at the Wilson residence.

Dr. Kenneth McGill said Tuesday, the child, who had been admitted to the hospital for skin grafts and dressings, evidently died after a blood clot broke and entered the lungs. The blood clot, Dr. McGill said, had formed under a burned area or either a portion of the body from which skin had been removed for grafting.

The services were conducted by Rev. Flay Payne and the Rev. E. J. Gaffney, of Gaffney, S. C. Burial was in High Shoals cemetery in Rutherford County.

She is survived, in addition to her parents, by two brothers, Larry and Randy; and three sisters, Theresa, Sandra Kay, and Brenda.

Tomblin Gets Suspension

In a 30-minute session of City Recorder's court Monday afternoon William Tomblin, 22, drew a four months suspended sentence after entering a plea of nolo contendere to charges of destroying personal property and resisting arrest.

Tomblin's road sentence was suspended on condition that he make reimbursements for window lights broken, be of good behavior for six months, pay \$15 fine and costs of court.

The defendant, along with Jimmy and Dean Coleman, also has a larceny charge pending in Gaston county. The three youths allegedly stole chickens around August 20, from Paul Mauney's farm just outside of city limits on Gastonia Highway. Warren Ellison and B. P. Cook were arresting officers.

Harold D. Bumgardner, 21, who entered a plea of not guilty to a speeding charge, was found guilty by Judge Jack White and received a 30-day road sentence, suspended on condition that he pay a \$5 fine and costs of court.

Officer Warren Ellison stated that the defendant's car was clocked at a speed of 70 miles per hour on the York road by he and Officer B. P. Cook.

The defendant stated he was unaware the officers were giving chase.

Two defendants were found guilty of public drunkenness.

One capias was issued and one case was continued for defendants also charged with public drunkenness.

Consumption of cigarettes in 1953 fell a little below 1952, the first decline in several years.

Sanitarian Officer Issues Warning

Thomas Strickland, senior sanitarian officer with Cleveland County Health Department, reports that the department has received numerous complaints from persons who have had septic tanks cleaned by "fly-by-night" cleaners only stay a few days in each community usually have a little vacuum-type pump mounted on a pick-up truck with a tank. In order to secure the job of cleaning a septic tank, he further stated, the septic tank owner is shown the hard grease layer and is told by the men that the septic tank will give trouble in the next few days. The men, he further continued, pull the water from the tank and often charge as much as a new installation.

Mr. Strickland advises that any time work is done on a septic tank, the owner should call the health department before the job is completed, and, in order to insure a correct job, always get a permit from the department before payment is made.

The following three steps to determine if a septic tank needs cleaning are recommended, he said:

1) Uncover inlet compartment of septic tank. Use a garden hose and push through the hard grease layer on top.

2) Measure the depth of the liquid under the grease by letting the hoe down until it meets something fairly solid. This is sludge.

3) Push hoe through sludge to bottom of tank. Now you know the depth of the sludge and the depth of the tank. Remember if the sludge is 2 feet deep or more, or if the liquid is less than two feet deep, your tank needs cleaning out.

Suspended Sentences Given Three As Results of Turkey Ridge Fracas

GASTONIA — When Ellmanay Cureton, 30-year-old Negro mother of three children, took the stand in Gaston superior court Wednesday shortly after noon it looked for a few moments as if the court would be in for a hard time.

There was a little trouble about the spelling of her first name and the pronunciation of her last. But the real trouble came when Solicitor Basil L. Whittener tried, through questions to her, to pin down the place of occurrence of the shotgun and rifle rhu barb which had landed eight Negroes in jail at the same time last August 28.

It went something like this: "Now where did all this shooting take place?" asked the solicitor.

"At my house," replied the girl. "Well, where is your house?" "On my brother's farm."

"What I'm trying to find out, Ellmanay, is where the shooting happened."

"Oh, in my yard mostly."

"All right. Where is your yard?"

"Behind the house."

Suddenly then, with the combined efforts of the solicitor and Judge Frank M. Armstrong, the presiding jurist, she got the idea and blurted out the answer.

Or almost out. It got caught in her bubblegum, and a few more questions, with a request that she remove the refreshment, and the prosecution was on its way.

There were two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, four of assault on a female without the intention, one of assault with a deadly weapon and a peace warrant to dispose of from the Lake Montona road ruckus.

Whittener, Audrey Powell and O. A. Warren, the last two representing four defendants each, settled down to the task ahead.

It turned out that Ellmanay did a fine job. After only a few minutes during which she told who had which gun and was shooting in which direction, five defendants were found innocent and three others entered pleas of guilty to assault with a deadly weapon.

And that was the end of the case, except the sentencing of Tom Freeman, Richard Freeman, and Isaac Crank, Ellmanay's brother, to 12 months each. The sentences were suspended, however, on condition that the trio chip in one-third each on the court costs and the doctor and hospital bills of the witness.

That was the part that no one in the courtroom laughed at. During the firing, which she said started over Lucille McGill's

threat to burn her home, Ellmanay had received about 30 pellets in her back and had had to stay in the hospital for five or six days.

Rufus Crank, David Freeman, and Buford Byrd were found innocent of assault with a deadly weapon on a female; Ellmanay herself was cleared of the assault with a deadly weapon charge; and Lucille McGill was cleared of the peace warrant accusation that she threatened burning the house.

Major William E. Brandon, former Marine recruiting officer for North Carolina, is the assistant Naval Attache at Helsinki, Finland.

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