

15 Liquor Cases Heard, 15 Defendants Are Convicted

Fines And Suspended Sentences Are Imposed

Many More Face Trial Saturday
By TOM WATKINS
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Bootleggers who attempted to compete with the ABC retail stores found the going rough today in County Recorder's Court when Judge Fred Hasty imposed fines and suspended sentences to insure road terms in the event of future convictions.

Several defendants, already unconvicted, were introduced today on various offenses, decided to take their chances with a Mecklenburg Superior Court jury.

All of the 15 defendants who were tried today were convicted in one case, with the degree of punishment was debated. Judge Hasty postponed further trial until tomorrow or Saturday.

The remaining 15 alleged illicit distillers are scheduled for trial in County Court Saturday, thirty-four last Summer as a special entry of the State Police Court.

ABC enforcement agents, and other officers, were introduced today, rounded up 87 men and women, the first since the ABC stores were opening since the ABC stores opened in September.

Agencies were of making purchases over a period of several months, identified the defendants and the amount of purchases made from them. The ABC stores were closed in a careful follow-up operation in the State Police Court.

Although State enforcement authorities, whose undercover agents obtained the evidence introduced today, testified, it was requested that their names not be made public. The names of the men are expected to participate in the trial.

Interested spectators today were Fred E. A. chairman of the ABC board, who sat with 50-odd men and women, including McRae Jr., of City Police Court.

The County courts in the County Court today were overflowing and chairs had to be brought in to take care of the crowd, and even this left 50 or more standing up around the walls.

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Later, with testimony had been presented, showing that a dwelling was used as a still, the State prosecutor, Judge Hasty inquired as to why padlocks would not be in place.

Replied the Solicitor: "That will be taken care of, your honor."

Undercover agents said they were not going to testify through their attorneys, said the "wig was up" and they would not sign affidavits before the Court.

AGENTS TESTIFY
Undercover agents said the general price for a pint from a bootlegger was 44 and that no difficulty was encountered in getting all they wanted.

Business by illicit dealers, they said, was not restricted to Saturdays and Sundays and holidays. The places also were frequented by persons to retail stores and to make sales.

Case when one or two cases continued, Judge Hasty got ready to retire. He said that the trials were set Dec. 8 and that defendants and their attorneys would be notified of unusual circumstances that would justify continuance of the trial.

Court agreed.
From 9 A. M. until noon the cases were held over. Judge Hasty said no other liquor cases would be tried this afternoon and he carried over until Saturday the remaining batch of defendants.

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Foreign Aid Bill Signed By Truman

Appropriations Still Debated
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman signed the \$597,000,000 emergency European aid bill today and was reported about ready with a \$16,000,000,000 long range European recovery program.

After disclosing that Mr. Truman will recommend to Congress that a new Government agency be created to handle the long-range program. They said he has virtually completed a message on the whole subject.

The message will be sent to Congress tomorrow or Friday. At the Capitol, various angles of the foreign aid question were under debate.

FUNDS DEBATED
On the House floor, the issue was an appropriation bill providing \$300,000,000 for winter relief to France, Italy and Austria.

In the Senate Appropriations Committee, the question was whether any money should be voted for to help China. That bill had before it Sen. Albert E. Wadsworth who made a China tour last Summer as a special entry of President Truman.

Wadsworth said he thought it "urgent" that Chiang Kai-Shek's Chinese Communist Government be recognized. He said he was another member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the question of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the question of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the question of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the question of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Sandy's Replacement
Charlotte Puppy Goes To Governor
By RALPH GIBSON
Charlotte News Staff Writer

"His name used to be Sammy, but I guess he'll have a new one after tonight," Mrs. W. C. Chastain said yesterday afternoon as she fashioned a big bow in the red ribbon around her four-month-old cocker spaniel's neck.

Sammy, with no way of knowing that he was a few hours away from becoming "first dog" of North Carolina, contemplated mistress with wild eyes and licked her hand.

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Case Nearing Climax
Satira Prosecutors Conclude Arguments
HAYANA (AP)—Public and private prosecutors concluded today their arguments against Patricia (Duffy) Schmidt, accused of killing her lover, John Lester, near Chicago, last April.

The Toledo, Ohio, dancer left the closed session of Anderson County Court protesting again over remarks of the prosecutors, who said that the jury should be instructed to find her guilty of the murder of her lover.

Weather
Fair and continued cold today, tonight and Thursday, except slightly warmer Thursday afternoon.
Temperature at 2 P. M. today 44-30
High and low last 24 hours 44-30
Sunset today 5:11
Sunrise tomorrow 7:18
See weather data on page 13-A

Decide Against Blocking It

Democrats Seek To Amend GOP Anti-Inflation Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Democratic Policy Committee today discarded proposals to try to block consideration of a Republican anti-inflation bill and decided instead to attempt to amend it.

Chairman Barkley (Ky.) told reporters the Senate Democratic leadership will offer amendments in an effort to carry out as much of President Truman's program as possible.

In this connection, Barkley said a price-wage control measure which he introduced yesterday will not be offered as an amendment.

Chairman Taft (Ohio) of the Senate Republican Policy Committee told reporters earlier that a bill he introduced, approved yesterday by the Banking Committee, will be brought before the Senate immediately.

In German Zones

U. S. Shoulders Additional Costs

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department announced today the United States and Britain have completed an agreement under which this country is expected to assume a greater share of occupation costs in the Anglo-American zones of Germany.

While details were withheld pending formal signing of the agreement later in the day, Government officials here said it provides that the U. S. will take on 75 per cent of the costs of the zones.

Distillers Ask Higher Limit
WASHINGTON (AP)—The distilling industry today rejected a Government proposal to limit grain consumption to 2,500 bushels monthly use of 3,000,000 bushels.

The plan adopted by the Board of Control on behalf of the Distillers Association today was to increase the limit to 3,000 bushels.

Report To Nation
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall will report to the nation by radio at 10 P. M. EST tonight on the results of his 20-day peace conference in London.

The State Department, in a report about 20 minutes over the Columbia radio, said the agreement would be issued tonight.

Movement Formally Launched

Liberal Forces Divided Over Wallace Third Party Candidacy

NEW YORK (AP)—A movement to nominate former Vice President Charles McNamara as an independent candidate in the 1948 election was formally launched today by the Progressive Citizens of America, a group of liberal Republicans.

Wallace was not available for comment today.

What Am I Saying!
By FRANK MORGAN

Alcohol... how many always tell us how he's had too much if he feels sophisticated but cannot spell words which confirm, my theory that dignity is one thing that cannot be preserved in alcohol.

Worked For Husband's NCEA Race, Court Told

Also Promoted Teacher Raise
LENOIR (AP)—A prosecution witness testified today that Mrs. R. L. Fritz Jr., who the State maintain had obtained \$621 for work at the Hudson School while her husband was principal, had spent much of her time during a seven-week period working in the school office in connection with his candidacy for president of the North Carolina Education Association.

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