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Records came to the spotlight at Statesville where a House Campaign Investigating Committee is checking absentee ballots of the 22nd election in the 9th District. Doing the work are H. H. Lemley of Fleetwood (left), chairman of the Ash County Board of Election, and William Murray of Washington, D. C. The committee moves to Boone today. (Photo by Max Tharpe).

9th District Inquiry

Blank Ballot Transfer Told

By NOEL YANCEY
BOONE — (AP) — A Republican told a Congressional committee today how a Democratic election judge arranged for him to get a supply of 500 blank ballots prior to the Nov. 2 general election. E. D. Cooke, former Watauga County sheriff and GOP county chairman, told the committee that the "purpose was for us to use them, to double vote them and go in on the strength of them. But I didn't use them."

Cooke said that instead he locked the ballots securely in a hardware store safe and that they are still there.

The ballots, however, were for county officers and the Congressional committee ruled that they had nothing to do with this inquiry into conduct of the Ninth District Congressional election. The five members of the committee

voiced three to two to strike Cooke's testimony from its records. Cooke's testimony came on the second day of hearings by the House Campaign Investigating Committee on alleged irregularities in the Ninth District race in which Democratic Rep. Hugh Q. Alexander defeated Republican William E. Stevens Jr. of Lenoir. As he took the stand, Cooke was asked by Committee Counsel Samuel Still to tell how he got possession of the blank ballots.

Cooke testified that O. O. Hagaman, Democratic judge in Beaver Dam township, "kept coming to see me." He said Hagaman "in-

ally asked if I could use 500 ballots."

Cooke said: "I told him I could, but not in the way he thought." He said he met Hagaman at a hardware store and designated a place for the ballots to be hidden, and returned later to find the ballots.

Rep. Boggs (D-La.) asked Cooke how he could have used the ballots.

"You couldn't without getting caught," said Cooke. "It's not the thing to do now."

In answer to questions of committee members, Cooke said:

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Crippled Watchmaker Wounds Self

Mountain Home Scene Of Tragedy

NEWLAND — (AP) — A crippled watchmaker shot and killed his wife and three small children early today and wounded himself critically in a bedroom of their mountain home.

Sheriff Fred Bannan said his preliminary investigation failed to disclose a motive.

Andrew W. Sparks, 34, jeweler and watchmaker who required crutches for walking, was taken to Grace Hospital at Banner Elk with a gunshot wound in the head.

Horster Olla, Sparks' father-in-law, received no response to his knock at the Sparks' dwelling this morning in the small community of Mississippi, near here. He peered into a bedroom and saw his 21-year-old daughter's body sprawled on the floor. She had been shot in the chest with a .22 rifle and had been stabbed seven times with a six-inch pocketknife.

On a bed lay the oldest child, Tora Iretta, 3½, shot behind the right ear and with a mangled right arm. In her crib lay Andrea Deanne, 1½, shot in the neck. And in a bassinet lay the baby, five-month-old Corlie Jean, who had been nursing a bottle when shot in the chin.

Beside a couch lay Sparks, who operated a small trailer shop near Cranberry Gap, Grace Hospital spokesmen said he had been under the care of a physician for several months because of a hip bone infection.

Mrs. Lottie Hicks, who lives near the Sparks, said she understood that Sparks had returned home last Sunday from the North Carolina Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Black Mountain.

Cook described Nationalist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as "the public enemy of the Chinese" and that if the United States does not withdraw all its forces from Formosa, the Formosa Strait and Penghu Islands "and persists in interfering in China's internal affairs by entering a mutual security treaty with the Chinese Nationalists."

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Many Citizens Impressed

Rotogravure Given Praise

Charlotte's captains of industry and business, the man on the street, the housewife in the home are heaping praise on The Charlotte News for the rotogravure section, "Charlotte, a Good Place to Live, a Good Place to Do Business."

Men in all walks of the city's business, civic, industrial and religious life were quick to praise the 72-page magazine as one of the greatest and most informative pieces of literature ever issued on Charlotte and the Piedmont Carolinas.

A copy of the magazine was included in each home-delivered newspaper yesterday. In addition, thousands were mailed to firms, organizations and individuals all over the nation.

Mayor Philip Van Every said the magazine was "another means of showing the great growth of a great city made up of great people."

"This is a fine illustration of what Charlotte is today and the promise it holds for tomorrow," said C. W. (Pat) Gilchrist, president of the Chamber of Commerce. "This is truly the finest presentation of modern day Charlotte I have ever seen."

Terrence Hemby, chairman of the board of the American Trust Co., echoed Mr. Gilchrist's sentiments, saying: "It is the finest presentation of our community I have ever seen."

Another banker, J. W. (Pat) Gilchrist, president of the Commercial National Bank, said the magazine was "most informative."

"It is not only informative to the people of Charlotte but it lets people in other parts of the state know what is taking place in Charlotte."

And he added that "it will let me a lot about Charlotte that I don't know."

Robert Patten, executive secretary of the Carolinas Branch Associated General Contractors, said, "It is an outstanding job of promoting Charlotte and the two Carolinas."

"It ought to bring a number of new customers to Charlotte," said Jobless Rise Below Normal.

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Cotton Crop Estimate Up

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Agricultural Department, in its final report of the year, today estimated this year's government-restricted cotton crop at 13,569,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

This estimate is 365,000 bales more than last month's forecast of 13,204,000 bales. It compares also with last year's crop of 16,465,000 bales and with the 10-year (1943-52) average of 12,448,000 bales.

This year's crop was grown under rigid federal planting allotments and marketing quotas designed to prevent the addition of more supplies to a top-heavy surplus. The goal of the control program had been about 12,000,000 bales. Similar controls have been proposed for next year's crop.

Supplementing this year's production is a carryover supply of 8,900,000 bales from past big crops. The acreage harvested, the yield per acre and the production, respectively, of upland cotton in the states included North Carolina 345,000 acres harvested, 316 pounds per acre and production 360,000 bales; South Carolina 820,000, 288 and 500,000.

Ginnings up to Dec. 1 this year and last, respectively, by states included North Carolina 268,337 and 454,497; South Carolina 508,681 and 689,352.

EVENING PRAYER

Great God and Father of mankind, forgive any weakness or sin that may keep us from the highest realization of Thy promises. Strengthen us with devotion, trust, and submission to Thee. In the blessed name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

OUR WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness today and tonight, with occasional light rain late this afternoon. Cloudy and cold with rain tomorrow.

Low temperature this morning, 21 degrees; low expected tonight, 23 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 28 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 42 degrees; high expected today, 40 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 45 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:18 a.m.; sunset, 5:11 p.m.
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Chou Demands U. S. Quit Formosa

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Sheppard Jury Hears Dentist

By RHELMAN MORIN
CLEVELAND — (AP) — Dr. Samuel Sheppard's dentist testified today that Sheppard's teeth were chipped when he examined them 11 days after the murder of Marilyn Sheppard.

A piece of a tooth, so far unidentified, was found beneath the bed where Sheppard's wife was beaten to death July 4. Dr. Sheppard is on trial for his life, accused of killing her.

Sheppard claims that he dragged away an unknown assailant in the bedroom, and that he was knocked unconscious there.

The dentist, Richard E. Cook, said he examined Sheppard's teeth July 15.

"The upper right cuspid and bicuspid were loose and chipped," he said.

Pieces of the teeth he estimated at 1/4 to 1/2 of an inch were missing and Dr. Sheppard's mouth still was lacerated, he reported.

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