

## BANKING SITUATION HERE CLEARS

### Deposit & Savings Bank Opens For Business; Audit of Bank of North Wilkesboro Is Completed

Deposits in Bank Yesterday Exceeded All Expectations, It Was Reported; Auditor Carrying Bank of North Wilkesboro Report To Raleigh

#### PEOPLE HAVE FAITH, CONFIDENCE

Banks To Be Even Safer Than Ever Before By Reason of Holiday; No Withdrawals of Consequence At D. & S. On Open-Day Yesterday

The banking situation here is rapidly clearing and within a few days normal banking service will be rendered by the county's two banking institutions, it was predicted this morning.

The Deposit and Savings Bank opened yesterday morning following the banking holiday and a business rush greeted this first evidence of the rapidly clearing situation.

An audit of the records of the Bank of North Wilkesboro was completed yesterday afternoon by J. B. Rogers and company, auditing firm of Statesville, and the auditors left late in the afternoon for Statesville, carrying with them their report which Mr. Rogers will take to Raleigh today. This report will be turned over to Guernsey P. Hood, commissioner of banks, for examination. After it is considered by Mr. Hood and the state banking department, the local bank will be advised of the necessary steps to take for re-opening.

Deposits at the Deposit and Savings bank yesterday exceeded all expectations, it was learned last evening. The bank personnel was kept busy throughout the day receiving deposits and until late last night with clerical work connected with the receipts.

An interesting sidelight on the opening day was the fact that there was only one withdrawal, the gentleman who asked for a small sum of money stating that he needed it to buy some seed and fertilizer with which to begin his spring planting. The money was spent with a local firm which re-deposited the money today.

There was every evidence during the day that the people of the county have the utmost faith and confidence. The opinion prevails locally that the banking holiday proclaimed by President Roosevelt and Governor Ehringhaus has resulted in reorganizations and readjustments which will place banking on a safer and sounder basis than ever before. The banks which are open are operating on an unrestricted basis, the money of depositors being available upon demand.

Delay in reopenings have been due in most cases to the care with which the state banking department has scrutinized reports of the various banks. Each report has been carefully investigated and special attention has been given every item listed thereon. The time required to complete the check of the audits has been longer than was expected, but the department is progressing nicely with its work.

Bank officials last night expressed confidence that normal banking service with both banks opening and transacting business just as before the holiday is only a matter of a few days. Authority to open the Deposit and Savings bank without restrictions of any nature was granted Monday night when all readjustments were completed.

Banks throughout the state have gained added strength during the banking holiday and the people have accepted the situation in the finest sort of spirit. Developments are taking place rapidly with the brightest prospects for a return to full service within a brief period.

### Slate For Board of Education Is Changed; New Men In Omnibus Bill

The omnibus bill, now in the sub-committee of the committee on education, contains the names of three new men for membership on the Wilkes county board of education, according to word received from Raleigh yesterday afternoon.

T. S. Miller, R. L. Hickerson and Mack Moore are listed in

the omnibus bill for the county board instead of C. O. McNeill, R. R. Church and D. F. Shepherd. The latter three were high men in the primary for endorsement as members and their names were sent to Raleigh by the county chairman of the Democratic party in accordance with the primary vote.

### Rev. Joe H. Armbrust To Speak At Banquet of Athletic Association

To Fill Engagement of Coach J. F. Miller of State College

R. V. Day, coach of athletics at Wilkesboro high school, received a telegram this week from J. F. Miller, head of the department of physical education at State College, advising that he would be unable to fill his engagement at the banquet of the athletic association tonight (Thursday) and Rev. J. H. Armbrust, versatile after-dinner speaker, has been secured to deliver an address.

The banquet will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Wilkesboro high school building. The twenty-five boys and girls who earned letters in football and basketball this year will be entertained. Among the guests

will be members of the Wilkesboro school board and one parent of each girl or boy who earned a letter.

Awarding of letters to the boys and girls will be a feature of the program.

### Wilkesboro Woman's Club To Meet Friday

The Wilkesboro Woman's Club will meet tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Sandwich Shoppe. Mesdames A. R. Gray, Hugh Cranor and Warner Miller will be hostesses.

Washington, March 20.—The treasury "revealed today it had to pay only 1.83 per cent for its recent sale of 91-day treasury bills, as compared with 4.26 per cent for a similar issue offered March 6.

## Cowles Court Bill Gets Committee Approval

William Phillips



William Phillips, new Under-Secretary of State in the Roosevelt cabinet, assistant to Secretary of State, Cordell Hull. Mr. Phillips was in attendance at the first meeting of the cabinet as pertaining to the financial crisis.

### FALSE RUMOR SPREAD HERE

Rumor of Irregularities in Welfare Office Unfounded, Says Mr. Ezell

#### ISSUES STATEMENT

Rumors which have been circulated regarding the management of the office of Mrs. Valerio Belle Foster, county superintendent of welfare, are "wholly without foundation," Wm. Curtis Ezell, district supervisor of federal relief funds, declared in a statement issued yesterday.

The false rumor relative to this office was spread several days ago and had been ignored until Mr. Ezell issued his statement. Those familiar with Mrs. Foster and the management of her office regret exceedingly the necessity of making a public denial of the absolutely false reports.

No irregularities whatever exist, Mr. Ezell declared in his statement which reads as follows:

"Pursuant to certain rumors circulated relative to supposed irregularities in the office of Mrs. V. B. Foster, county welfare officer of Wilkes county, I desire to state that I have been in close touch with this office as area supervisor since the beginning of the relief program, and find that no irregularities exist and rumors are wholly without foundation.

"Wm. CURTIS EZELL,  
"District Supervisor of Federal Relief Funds."

### Delegation Going To N.C.E.A. Meet

A delegation of Wilkes teachers, headed by County Superintendent C. C. Wright, will go to Raleigh today and tomorrow to attend the meeting of the North Carolina Education Association.

Features of the three-day session will be addresses by W. John Cooper, United States Commissioner of Education, and Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus.

A number of Wilkes teachers who are members of the N. C. E. A. are planning to make the trip. Among those planning to go are Superintendent C. C. Wright and Mrs. Wright, Prof. W. D. Halfacre and Misses Mary Nelson and Beatrice Pearson, Prof. and Mrs. David R. Wright and Prof. T. E. Story.

### Convicts Now At Work Beautifying Highways Leading Through County

Steps looking to the beautification of the highways through Wilkes county have recently been taken. White pines, taken from the Wilkes forests which are rich with them, are being set out in rows on either side of some of the main highways.

The work is being done by convicts under the supervision of the state highway department. The Boone Trail, the principal artery of travel in Wilkes, has

### Deposit & Savings Bank Adds To List Of Its Officials

Mr. N. B. Smithey Is Made Chairman of New Board of Directors

#### HELD MEETING MONDAY

Mr. Ralph Duncan Is Made Vice President; Other Officers Same

Additions to the already strong group of officers and directors of the Deposit and Savings Bank were made at a meeting held Monday evening. Full requirements were met by the bank and authority to re-open was granted by the state banking department.

N. B. Smithey, prominent local business man, was made chairman of the board of directors. C. O. McNeill, I. E. Pearson and Ralph Duncan, other well known business men, were added to the board. Mr. Duncan was named a vice president of the bank.

Officers are as follows: R. L. Doughton, president; J. T. Prevette, vice president; Ralph Duncan, vice president; C. T. Doughton, cashier; Miss Anne Duncan, assistant cashier; D. S. Hill, assistant cashier.

Directors are: N. B. Smithey, chairman, R. L. Doughton, J. T. Prevette, C. A. Lowe, I. E. Pearson, C. O. McNeill, Ralph Duncan, Geo. S. Forester, D. F. Shepherd.

### THIEVES STEAL FROM SICK MAN

Entered Chicken House of Heaton Pardue Friday Night Last Week

RONDA, March 22.—Chicken thieves entered the chicken house of Mr. Heaton Pardue last Friday night, taking several from his flock.

Mr. Pardue, with a wife and several children to support, has not been able to do any work in several months, suffering with rheumatism. At this time he is not able to help himself to and from the bed.

Last Friday several of his neighbors took their teams and plowed for him, as his little boys are not large enough to do this kind of work.

It looks as if these rogues could have found something else to do, rather than to take from this family in these depressing times.

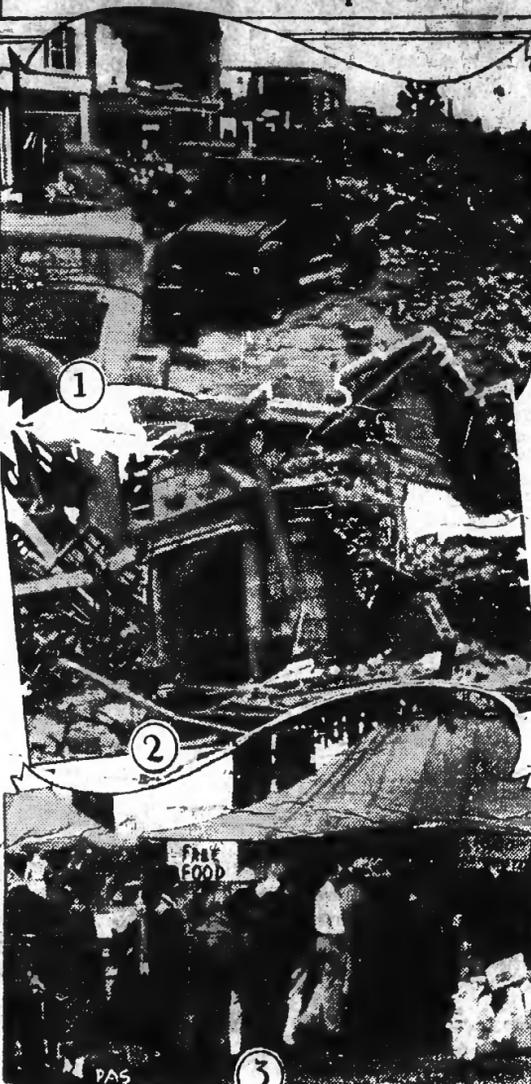
### Interest Lagging In City Election

The biennial election for North Wilkesboro which will be held on May 2 has failed to incite much interest to date, no candidates having announced themselves and no voters having registered.

Robert Brame, who was appointed registrar by the county board of elections, stated yesterday that he had not made an entry on the poll books. The books were opened Saturday.

During the next three Saturdays, Mr. Brame will be at the town hall to register new voters. The primary will be held on Monday, April 17.

### Scenes From Heart of Earthquake Zone



Here are photos from the heart of the earthquake zone which took 110 lives and did damage to property estimated at \$50,000,000 in the Los Angeles area of Southern California. Photo No. 1 shows, a street scene in Compton where 20 persons were killed by the collapse of building; No. 2, shows the ruins of a high school building in Long Beach, the town considered the quake's epicenter and where 65 lives were lost; No. 3, shows homeless and penniless refugees being fed by U. S. Marines at Long Beach.

### Teachers of Wilkes May Be Given Preference This Year

School Officials Reported To Have Under Consideration New Policy To Employ Wilkes Teachers Before Going Outside County; Teachers Without Jobs This Term

The question of giving preference to teachers who are residents of Wilkes county in the employment of teachers for the coming year is being given serious consideration, it is learned on good authority.

Approximately 25 teachers who are adequately trained for the profession were unable to obtain a position during the school year just coming to a close and this fact has resulted in the consideration of a new policy, it is stated.

Some school officials express the opinion that Wilkes county teachers who pay taxes in Wilkes, trade with Wilkes merchants throughout the year, help support civic and religious in-

stitutions during the entire twelve months and who are in a personal way interested in the progress and development of the county, everything else being equal, deserve first consideration when it comes to the teaching positions.

It is pointed out that a number of counties have invoked the home-preference rule. Ashe county is an example of one of the counties which has instituted the policy, during the depression, of hiring teachers living in the county before giving consideration to out-of-county teachers. Whether such a policy will be finally decided upon by Wilkes school officials is not known at this time.

### Many Farmers Are Applying For Loans

Fifty-Six Had Filled Out Applications Up To Yesterday At Noon

Fifty-six Wilkes county farmers had made application for crop production loans up to yesterday, it was learned from Mrs. John R. Jones, notary public, who has been assisting them in filling out the blanks.

The applications are approved by County Agent A. G. Hendren and the loan committee before being turned over to the field inspector, J. B. Dellinger, who forwards them to the Secretary of Agriculture at Washington.

Most of the loans, if finally approved, will be small, the majority of farmers applying for only small amounts.

### Three-Quarter Auto Plates Go On Sale

Telegram Received Tuesday At Noon Authorizing Reduced Charges

Three-quarter automobile license plates went on sale Tuesday afternoon, reducing the cost of obtaining license for the "old bus" by one-fourth.

J. C. McDiarmid, manager of the North Wilkesboro office of the Carolina Motor Club, received a telegram from the Motor Vehicle Bureau Tuesday at noon authorizing him to sell the tags on the three-quarter basis.

The reduction in the cost is expected to bring hundreds of cars, which have been parked since the first of the year, out of the garages.

### Wilkes People At Hearing On Bill Wednesday

Approval of Committee Virtually Assures Passage In Lower House

#### LOCAL MEN OPPOSE IT

Representative Cowles Is Champion of Measure at the Hearing

The Cowles bill placing Wilkes under the general provisions of the state-wide Recorders' Court act yesterday was reported favorably by the House committee on courts and judicial districts.

A delegation of Wilkes citizens went to Raleigh to attend the hearing. The majority of them speaking in opposition to the measure. The champion of the bill before the committee was Representative Cowles who told the committee that the people want the bill passed.

The approval of the committee virtually assures the bill's passage in the House, the Legislature seldom rejecting a local measure which is approved in committee.

The bill gives the county commissioners the authority to establish a recorder's court for Wilkes county if they deem it best.

Wilkes people present at the committee hearing yesterday afternoon were Attorneys Eugene Trivette, Hugh A. Cranor, Julius A. Rousseau, J. M. Brown, F. J. McDuffie, Ralph Bingham and Messrs. W. A. McNeill, Andrew Payne, Sheriff W. B. Somers, Deputy Old Wiles and Jailer J. B. Sheets, the latter three having gone to Raleigh to carry some prisoners to the state penitentiary.

### Wilkesboro To Have 2 Tickets

W. E. Smithey To Head Slate Opposing Present Town Officials

The town of Wilkesboro will have two tickets in the biennial election which will be held on May 2. A mass meeting held last night at the courthouse named a slate of candidates, thus assuring two full tickets.

At the meeting last night, W. E. Smithey was nominated for mayor, W. C. Pearson, Geo. Johnson, Ralph R. Reins and Claude Kennedy were placed in the race for commissioners.

All the candidates were nominated by acclamation. L. Bumgarner, chairman of the meeting, and Claude Kennedy made short talks at the meeting. The slate named last night will oppose the present town officials who are as follows: W. E. Harris, mayor, and C. E. Lenderman, O. F. Eller, Joe Barber and R. B. Pharr, commissioners. Mr. Pharr is not a member of the present board.

### Papers For Seventh Grade Exam Wanted

Requests That All Unused Blanks Be Returned To Mr. Wright

All teachers who have not yet sent in their corrected papers for the seventh grade examinations conducted on March 15 are asked to send them to the office of the county superintendent not later than Saturday. A few teachers have failed to report, Superintendent Wright stated yesterday afternoon.

All unused blanks from all the teachers are requested. Mr. Wright said, Mr. Wright said he was anxious to get the unused questions at the earliest possible date.

### C. A. Sheffield Here

C. A. Sheffield, assistant director of the extension department of State College, was in the county Tuesday to confer with County Agent Hendren and Welfare Superintendent Mrs. G. G. Foster relative to the garden program for "relief cases." Mr. Sheffield is assisting federal aid supervisors throughout the state.