

## Audit Of Claims Filed By County Officials Made

County Commissioners Pass Resolution To That Effect At Meeting

### FERGUSON REAPPOINTED

New Ruling On Recording Of Deeds To County Put Into Effect

A resolution calling for an audit of all claims filed by county officials during the past four years was passed by the board of county commissioners at the April meeting of the board which was held Monday and Tuesday.

Inasmuch as the time taken by the board in passing these claims may have been insufficient to thoroughly investigate the merits of them, the resolution says in substance, "we, the said board of county commissioners, have agreed to employ a dependable and efficient person to audit and adjust all claims paid during this period, and if any of such claims have been illegally paid or overcharges made by the person presenting same, the aforementioned overpayments, if any, shall be refunded by the persons or parties to whom same was overpaid."

The resolution is understood to call for an audit of the claims filed by all county officials who are elected and by deputies sheriffs.

C. H. Ferguson, who has looked after the county's financial detail work for more than 20 years, was re-appointed as county accountant for a term of two years.

The commissioners ordered put into effect a new ruling regarding the recording of deeds made to Wilkes county. Hereafter when the county becomes owner of property through the sale of land for taxes, the register of deeds will make no charge for recording the deeds which have been ordered probated by the clerk of court.

The members of the board of tax assessors and the tax listers were ordered paid at the rate of \$2.50 per day for the actual time required in listing and assessing property.

All members of the board, N. B. Smith, chairman, C. C. Hayes and M. F. Absher, were present for the meeting.

### Interest Of W. M. Day In D. & M. Shop Is Purchased

The interest of Mr. W. M. Day in the D. & M. Electric company was purchased by Messrs. R. T. and C. O. McNeill last week. Mr. Day has been associated with them in the business since its establishment.

The local firm, dealers in radios and electrical supplies, enjoys a splendid patronage.

### Juniors And Seniors To Play For Championship

Basketball teams of the Junior and Senior classes will play at 3:45 this afternoon (Thursday) for the championship of the North Wilkesboro high school. They are the finalists in the inter-class tournament which got under way Monday.

## Spanish-American War Vets To Meet

Members and former members of Camp No. 13 To Meet Saturday

All Spanish-American War veterans of Wilkesboro Camp No. 13 and all who have ever been members are requested to be present at a meeting to be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Saturday, April 8, at 2 p. m., according to an announcement made Tuesday by P. E. Dancy, quartermaster.

The purpose of the meeting was not explained, but Mr. Dancy stated that it is very important that everyone who comes within these classifications attend if possible.

### Brother Of Mrs. J. L. Clements Died Wednesday

Mrs. J. L. Clements, of this city, was called to Aboskie yesterday on account of the death of her brother, Mr. Sid Watson, who died early yesterday morning.

### First Lady Rides



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt found time to get away from a most strenuous social and business program the third week in Washington to enjoy a horseback ride in Rock Creek Park.

## Former Traphill Man Is Slain In West By Nephew

Jack Spicer, News Dispatches State, Killed Following Quarrel

### ARTIS ROYAL IS SLAYER

Dispatches from Cody, Wyoming, Monday bore the news of the tragic death of Jack Spicer, 45, formerly of the Traphill section, who has been residing on a ranch near Cody, Wyoming for a number of years. Spicer is said to have been fatally shot by his nephew, Artis Royal, 30, formerly of the Doughton community in the edge of Wilkes, the tragedy coming as a sequel to a quarrel arising during an all night dance at Spicer's ranch and after Spicer had ordered his nephew, who had resided with him on his ranch for six years, to leave the place. Shots were exchanged between the two before Spicer was killed and Royal seriously injured.

Spicer was a son of the late Johnson Spicer and Mrs. Spicer and migrated west 20 years ago after his marriage to a Miss Brown of his native community. He is survived by his wife, his mother and six brothers; Hardin, Walter, Luther, and Joe Spicer of Allegheny county, Arlie Spicer of West Virginia, and Doss Spicer of Wyoming.

It has not been learned whether or not the body will be brought to Traphill for burial. Royal was reported to be in a critical condition.

### Mrs. Sarah J. Hayes Continues Very Ill

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, Rev. J. M. Hayes and Others Called To Bedside

The condition of Mrs. Sarah J. Hayes, of Purlear, was still critical today, according to word received from her bedside. Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Greensboro, who was called here Tuesday on account of the illness of his mother had not returned to Greensboro this morning. Rev. J. M. Hayes, of Lexington, and other members of the family arrived Tuesday and yesterday to be with Mrs. Hayes.

Mrs. Hayes became quite ill the first of the week. She is 79 years of age.

## Wright Is Named Superintendent Of Sunday School For 31st Year

Prof. C. C. Wright, superintendent of the Wilkes county school system for the past thirty-four years, was elected superintendent of the Edgewood Baptist church Sunday school for the thirty-first consecutive time at the annual election held Sunday. It is believed that Mr. Wright's long period of service in the capacity of superintendent of a county school system is without

## City Board Votes To Buy Bonds Out Of Sinking Funds

Will Mean Saving In Principal And Interest On Issues Bought

### TO PURCHASE \$21,000

Board Asks Highway Commission To Install Lighting Equipment In Bridge

The board of city commissioners in session Tuesday afternoon voted to invest the sinking fund accumulated for the retirement of 1934 and 1939 bond issues in the purchase of the bonds which it was learned could be bought at a price that will mean a saving to taxpayers of the city. The purchase of a bond issue of \$17,000 which comes due September 1, 1934, and an issue of \$4,000 which comes due September 1, 1939 was authorized.

The action of the board will mean a considerable saving both in principal and interest. The bonds draw six per cent interest, while only four per cent interest is realized on the sinking fund. Thus a saving of two per cent in interest will be effected.

All the bonds are water and light term bonds. The sinking fund on hand was accumulated for the specific purpose of retiring the very bonds which will be purchased.

The board instructed W. P. Kelly, city clerk, to write a letter to the state highway commission memorializing that body to install lighting equipment in the new bridge which is being erected across the Yadkin River between the Wilkesboros. It is understood that the highway department has installed the equipment in other bridges erected in late years and the board expressed the hope that it will be done here.

A permit was granted A. F. Phillips to erect a metal building on Tenth street between C and D streets.

A. A. (Dick) Cashlon was authorized to proceed with the pouring of concrete on a section of the street in front of his new building on Hinshaw and Elizabeth streets. The town agreed to reimburse him by allowing credit for half of the cost on his city taxes.

Mayor J. A. Rousseau and all members of the board, J. C. Reins, S. V. Tomlinson, Ralph Duncan, I. E. Pearson and L. A. Harris, were present.

### LOSES FINGERS IN COLLISION

Coleman Nichols Is Injured In Accident Near Here Tuesday Afternoon

Coleman Nichols, an employee of the Southern Public Utilities company here, was painfully injured late Tuesday afternoon when the power company truck on which he was riding collided with an automobile driven by DeWitt Dearman. The third and little fingers of the right hand were cut off. He also suffered an injury to his leg. Mr. Nichols is recovering from his injuries at the Wilkes Hospital.

The accident took place in front of the Legion Hut on the Fairplains road. The car and truck struck each other a glancing blow. Mr. Nichols' fingers being caught between them. He was riding on the bed of the truck. No one else was injured.

### Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Monday Evening

The Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday evening, April 10, at 8:30 o'clock with Mrs. Ivey Moore, Mrs. J. B. Williams and Mrs. Chal McNeill will be joint hostesses.

All members are asked to bring thimble and needle to make curtains for the Girl Scout Hut.

# Beer Is Legalized In State

### Indicted Banker



An early trial is scheduled for Charles E. Mitchell, resigned chairman of the National City Bank of New York, and now under indictment for income tax evasion. When arraigned Mitchell pleaded not guilty.

## Reassessment Is Ordered By Board Of Commissioners

Listers And Assessors To Be Announced Soon; To Begin In May

### MUST LIST IN PERSON

Selection of tax listers and tax assessors will probably be completed this week and the task of listing property is expected to get under way on the first Monday in May or soon thereafter.

The board of county commissioners at their meeting Monday and Tuesday ordered a reassessment and members of the board of assessors will be announced soon.

It will be necessary for property owners to list their property in person this year, it is understood for a reliable source. Many errors can be eliminated in this manner, it is believed.

Advertisements will be posted at conspicuous places in all the townships and other methods of advertising will be used to let the taxpayers know when the tax lister and board of assessors are in the immediate neighborhood of the taxpayers of the various townships.

A. C. Wall, county tax supervisor, is now engaged in work preliminary to the big task in May.

## Ellis Is Absolved Of Blame In Death

T. W. Self Is Killed When Struck By Car Operated By Local Man

After an investigation, Forsyth county officers absolved Joe Ellis, Jr., of this city, of blame in connection with the death of Thomas W. Self, 67, Forsyth county farmer, who was killed Monday night when he was struck by a car operated by Mr. Ellis.

When the accident occurred, Mr. Ellis, who was returning from a trip to Raleigh, stopped and rendered every assistance possible and was released by the authorities with instructions to report for the coroner's inquest Tuesday morning. Mr. Ellis, accompanied by County Agent A. G. Hendren, Sheriff W. B. Somers, Chief of Police Jimmie Anderson and Bernard Williams, went to Winston-Salem Tuesday, but the officers had already made the investigation and it was declared unnecessary to hold the inquest. The Wilkes party went to the home of Mr. Self and it is stated that the family of the deceased felt that the accident was unavoidable.

### Special Notice

All stores or firms holding federal aid relief food or clothing orders signed by me are requested to bring them to me at once.

JOS. H. ARMBURST, North Wilkesboro Federal Relief Agent.

From 1899 to 1913 Frank Gotch, famous wrestler, won 154 matches and lost but six.

## School Committeemen Without Authority To Employ Teachers

Committeemen appointed by the present Wilkes county board of education have no authority to employ teachers for the coming term, it was pointed out at the regular April meeting of the board Monday. Employment of teachers in the schools must await the appointment of committeemen by the incoming board which will not be constituted until the omnibus bill is passed by the General Assembly.

Monday's session of the board

was attended by C. O. McNeill, chairman, D. F. Shepherd, D. C. Whittington, R. L. Hickerson and Mack Moore.

Rev. John W. Luke and the school committee of the Shepherd district appeared before the board to discuss the sale of a portion of school property in that district as a lot for the erection of a new Presbyterian church. Details were not arranged, but plans are to hold the sale on April 17.

## General Assembly Ratified Measure Tuesday Evening

Local Laws Against Sale of Beer Repealed; To Be Sold All Over State

### TAKES EFFECT ON MAY 1

Wets Have Big Day As the Bill Passes Overwhelmingly In House

Raleigh, April 4.—Light wines and beer will be legally available to thirsty North Carolinians after midnight of April 30 for the first time since 1908.

The House passed today third reading of the Francis bill to legalize the sale of beer, wines and fruit juices with an alcoholic content of not more than 3.2 per cent. The vote was 15 to 27.

The bill was sent back to the Senate for concurrence in minor amendments, and the upper House adopted them without delay.

Cowles of Wilkes succeeded in putting through the House an amendment to raise from 16 to 18 years the minimum age to which the beverages could be sold to minors.

Murphy of Rowan fathered the amendment to legalize the advertising of 3.2 per cent alcoholic beverages on bill boards and by other means in addition to through the newspapers and over radio broadcasts.

Boyd of Mecklenburg proposed the amendment to provide that all laws conflicting with the Francis bill be repealed.

Martin of Buncombe proposed that the sale of the beverages be prohibited on Sunday, but the House declined to adopt his amendment.

The Francis bill made no provision for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages within the state, and today Bowie of Ashe and Massenburg of Polk introduced in the House a measure permitting the manufacture of beer and wines in North Carolina.

A license tax of \$500 a year would be imposed on all breweries regardless of size. One half the tax would go to the state general fund and the other half would go into the debt service fund of the county in which the brewery is located.

The Bowie-Massenburg bill also provides that wines and beer shall not be sold within half a mile of any school or church located outside the corporate limits of any municipality.

## Operetta Will Be Given On Friday

The operetta, "Pandora", will be presented by the elementary grades in the school auditorium tomorrow, 7:45 p. m., and judging from advance sale of tickets an unusually large number of people is expected to see it.

The cast of approximately 90 children has been well trained. The presentation is expected to be of an unusually high order.

Plenty of entertainment for everybody is assured.

## John A. Norman Taken By Death

Was Well Known Resident Of Somers Township; Funeral Held Wednesday

John A. Norman, a well known citizen of Somers township, was claimed by death Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He was 74 years, 2 months and 2 days of age.

The funeral service was held at Sweet Home church yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock and was in charge of Rev. Gus Myers and Rev. W. F. Lawrence. A large number of friends and relatives gathered for the last rites.

Surviving Mr. Norman are his wife and the following children: Mrs. Leslie Potter, Clay and Olita Norman.

### Wilkesboro Nine Will Play Moravian Falls

The Wilkesboro high school baseball team will meet the Moravian Falls nine tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the Wilkesboro field.

## GREAT DIRIGIBLE CARRIES 73 TO DEATH AND 2 MEN DROWN AS RESCUE AIRSHIP CRASHES

Greatest Dirigible of World Tossed About and Broken By Mighty Elements

New York, April 4.—In a blinding electrical storm, the Akron, mightiest dirigible ever to cruise the skies, was plummeted into the turbulent Atlantic today about 20 miles off the New Jersey shore, and by dusk tonight hope had waned for 71 missing members of the crew.

Of the 76 men aboard the "mistress of the skies" as she crashed, four were rescued, but one of them died before he was brought ashore.

A day of searching by water and by air brought the discovery of only one body of the ill fated crew floating on the ocean.

Fourteen hours after this major disaster, the J-3, non-rigid navy airship, crashed into the sea 1,000 yards off the Jersey coast, with a loss of two lives, as she searched for Akron victims.

Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics, was among those lost in the Akron. Aroused from sleep by the storm, he had been in the control room shortly before the accident.

### The Three Survivors

The three Akron survivors are: Lieutenant Commander H. V. Wiley, of Lakewood, N. J., executive officer and second in command, who was at the controls.

Moody E. Erwin, of Memphis, Tenn., metalsmith.

Richard E. Deal, of Lakehurst, N. J., boatswain's mate.

The rescued man who later died was Robert W. Copeland, of Lakehurst, N. J., chief radio operator.

Twelve hours after the crash the body of Lieutenant Commander Harold E. MacLellan, of Westerly, R. I., was picked up by a coast guard cutter near the scene of the disaster.

Lieutenant Commander David E. Cummins, of Prescott, Ark., commander of the J-3, who was taken from the water unconscious after the blimp accident, died a short time later.

The body of Pasquale Bettio, the J-3 chief machinist's mate on the J-3, was recovered several hours later.

### LOCAL MEN OPEN ELECTRIC SHOP

Messrs. Tal J. Pearson and W. M. Day have leased the Meadows building on B street and have opened an electric shop which will be operated under the firm name of Wilkes Electric company. They have secured the agency for the Crosley radio and are now stocking their store with all kinds of electrical supplies. In addition to selling supplies, they will be glad to answer any calls for electrical service work.

## Wilkes Plumbing Co. Is Now Owned By Mrs. Melville And J. D. Holcomb

Mrs. D. S. Melville, who has been operating the company for sometime, and Mr. Jones D. Holcomb, of Elkin, are now joint owners and operators of the Wilkes Plumbing Company, well known plumbing establishment of this city. Miss Louise Melville will continue to be in charge of the office.

The deal, whereby Mr. Holcomb acquired one-half interest in the business, took place several days ago, and the transaction places the company in a strong position to give its patrons a complete plumbing and heating service.

Mr. Holcomb himself has been engaged in the plumbing business for a number of years. He is not only a good executive but a practical plumber as well. The company will continue to have the assistance of the expert plumbers that have been connected with the local firm for some time.

The Wilkes Plumbing Co. now has connections with one of the largest plumbing supply houses in the state, and the firm is now in position to render its patrons a more complete service, both in plumbing and heating.