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POLICEMAN SHOT TO DEATH

Dr. Robert Gribbin Will Speak At Commencement Program Tomorrow Night

Winston-Salem Minister To Deliver Address To High Graduates

PROGRAM THIS EVENING
Forty-eight Are Candidates For Diplomas; To Close Friday

An address by Dr. Robert Gribbin, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Winston-Salem, and the presentation of diplomas to the graduating class will bring the annual commencement exercises of the North Wilkesboro schools to a close Friday evening. There are 48 candidates for diplomas. Prof. W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of the city school system, stated yesterday.

Dr. Gribbin is said to be an excellent speaker and a large crowd is expected to hear him. The class night program will be given this (Thursday) evening.

Program This Evening
Following is the full program for this evening and Friday evening, each program beginning at 8 o'clock:

Processional—Fealty Song—Spoooner, by Class.

Part I—Last Class Meeting
Welcome, Jane Whicker; Class history, Vonie Valentine; Gift to school, Alma Shoaf; Last will, Jean Bare; school song, Class.

Interlude.
Music—High School Orchestra.

Part II—Pirate Ship
(A Few Days Later)

Chorus, Pirates; Violin solo, Grace Grissom; Quartet, Pirates; Medley, Class; Prophecy, Conrad Kilby; Gittorian, Paul Cashion; Farewell Song, Class.

Class Officers
President, Bob McNeill; Vice President, Grady Church; Secretary, Vonie Valentine; Treasurer, (Continued on page eight)

Junior Council Names Officers

Gilbert Pardue Is Elected Councilor; Meeting Was Held Thursday

Officers of North Wilkesboro Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, for the ensuing term were elected at the regular meeting at the lodge hall Tuesday evening.

The meeting was well attended, much interest being shown in the election of the new officers. Gilbert Pardue was elected councilor.

J. Q. Adams and J. M. Adams were elected delegates to the state council meeting, with Clay Pardue and S. L. Pardue as alternates.

In addition to the councilor, the following officers were elected: Charlie Horton, vice councilor; C. A. Canter, recording secretary; Bradley Dancy, assistant recording secretary; C. N. Myers, financial secretary; Bank of North Wilkesboro, treasurer; J. M. Eller, conductor; A. G. Anderson, warden; N. G. Johnson, inside sentinel; Roby Dancy, outside sentinel; C. G. Day, trustee; H. L. Mechem, chaplain.

Attends Birth Of 3 Babies On Tuesday

Dr. G. T. Mitchell, of Wilkesboro, was the attending physician at the birth of three babies Tuesday. Perhaps one of the most unusual features is that the babies were born in widely separated sections of the county, necessitating considerable travel for the Wilkesboro physician.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Eller, of near Wilkesboro, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Call, of North Wilkesboro, Route 1, and a girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Halmon Oakley, of Windy Gap.

Norman H. Davis



Norman H. Davis official European representative of the U. S. and President Roosevelt's Ambassador-at-large to the Geneva Disarmament Conference and the World Economic Conference, which opens at London June 12, is an American very much in the news today. Mr. Davis has held many important posts since the World War. He was a member of the Armistice Commission; financial adviser to President Wilson, negotiating peace; Undersecretary of State; U. S. member of International Economic Conference in 1927; and, is now a member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

OLIVE SPEAKS AT MT. AIRY

Addresses Graduates Of Hospital There; John Kermit Blackburn Sings

Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, delivered the address at the commencement exercises of the Martin Memorial School of Nursing at Mt. Airy Monday evening. The address was delivered to a large audience.

John Kermit Blackburn, also of this city, popular vocal soloist, was on the program and sang. Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Olive were accompanied to Mt. Airy by Mrs. Olive, Mrs. E. M. Blackburn and Mrs. E. E. Eller.

Dr. G. T. Mitchell Lets Contract For New Home

Dr. G. T. Mitchell let contract last week for the erection of a brick veneer residence on the lot which he recently purchased from Ex-sheriff P. E. Brown, Foster and Allen, well known local firm, are the contractors. The lot is located near the residence of J. M. Bumgarner in Wilkesboro.

Absher Plant Farm Cuts Prices On All Of Plants

Prices on all kinds of plants have been reduced considerably by the Absher Plant Farm. Announcement of the reduction was made Monday and the new low prices are now in effect.

Record-Breaking Campaign On Kelvinators Closes Saturday

The record-breaking Kelvinator campaign which has been staged by the North Wilkesboro branch office of the Southern Public Utilities company will come to a close Saturday night, June 3, at midnight.

During the past sixty days during which the campaign has been conducted all previous sales records at the local office have been broken, more people purchasing Kelvinators during this period than during any two-year period prior to this time.

The record-smashing campaign is attributable to several factors, among which are the present

Office Of Clerk Stroud Is Found Excellent Shape

Auditing Firm Filed Its Report With Judge Of Superior Court

STATEMENT GIVEN OUT
No Discrepancies Except A Surplus Of \$33 Is Located By Auditors
The audit of the office of Clerk of Superior Court Wm. A. Stroud disclosed no misapplication of funds or any other irregularities in the conduct of the office, according to the report of F. G. Butts & Company, Winston-Salem auditing firm, which was employed by the board of county commissioners to make the audit.

A report of the audit was filed with Judge Michael Scherck in Superior court at Wilkesboro Monday. The only irregularity in the funds was a surplus of \$33.89.

A statement was also issued this week by the board of directors of the Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association to the effect that the report that irregularities exist in the handling of the association's funds by Mr. Stroud, who is its secretary-treasurer, are wholly without foundation.

In commenting upon the audit, Clerk Stroud yesterday made the following statement:

"I regret this as well as other episodes and especially the expense of the audit just made, but on account of the false and malicious statements made about me and the attempts to secure bill of indictment against me, I felt that in justice to myself and family and the position I hold that the audit should be made, and therefore requested it.

"A copy of the audit of my office has been filed with Judge (Continued on page eight)

Lions Official Coming To City

Will Meet With Board Of Directors Friday Evening At Cafe

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club will be held Friday evening instead of Thursday evening, according to an announcement made by Secretary E. A. Shook.

The change was made so that Clifford Wilson, a representative of Lions International, may attend the meeting.

Secretary Shook stated yesterday that the meeting will be held at the Princess Cafe beginning at 7 o'clock.

Finish At Davidson

Two North Wilkesboro boys received degrees at the graduating exercises of Davidson College Tuesday evening. They were William Blair Gwyn and Lewis Vickery, both receiving bachelor of science degrees.

Mr. Gwyn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gwyn, while Mr. Vickery is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Vickery.

School Teachers Will Get Final Salary Checks Soon

Raleigh, May 30.—Some 23,000 North Carolina school teachers this week and next will receive \$630,000 from the state as the final payment on their salaries for the six-months state supported school term.

Dr. A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction, said the checks for the last payment—representing six days of instruction—will be mailed this week.

The six-months teachers have been paid for 114 days, the cost being about \$105,000 per day.

To Elect School Head and County Welfare Officer

Election Of These Officials To Take Place Coming Monday

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

The election of a county superintendent of schools and a county superintendent of public welfare will be in the limelight when the board of education and the board of commissioners meet in monthly session at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Monday.

The board of education, composed of C. O. McNeill, D. F. Shepherd and R. R. Church, recently named by the General Assembly, will elect a superintendent of schools from a list of approximately 35 applicants. The man they name will succeed C. C. Wright who held that position for 34 years. Mr. Wright recently announced that he would retire at the expiration of his present term.

There has been no "leak" as to the probable choice. Interest in their selection is keen.

In joint session the board of education and the board of county commissioners will elect the welfare superintendent. The position is now held by Mrs. Gilbert Foster, formerly Miss Valeria Belle Nichols.

Other important business will come before the boards, but these two matters are the ones in which the public manifests the greater interest.

J. E. Spainhour Left On Monday On Buying Trip

J. E. Spainhour, of this city, left Monday for New York City where he will purchase merchandise for the Spainhour stores in this section. He is expected home within a few days.

Members Of Lions Club Invited To Morganton

Members of the local Lions Club have been invited to attend a "Ladies' Night" program at Morganton this (Thursday) evening. The club is expected to be represented at the meeting.

Stone's Appeal To Be Heard On Tuesday June 13

New Date Is Set For Hearing Counsel For Convicted Slayer

A thirty-day reprieve having been granted Bryant Stone, alleged slayer of his son-in-law, Wayne Norman, Tuesday, June 13, has been set as the date for a hearing before Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus on the appeal for a commutation of the death sentence.

Attorney J. H. Whicker and Senator Jeter M. Blackburn, counsel for the convicted man, will present the appeal to the Governor.

Stone was scheduled to die in the electric chair Friday of this week.

Governor Ehringhaus granted the 30-day reprieve at the request of Judge G. V. Cowper, who presided at Stone's trial last August.

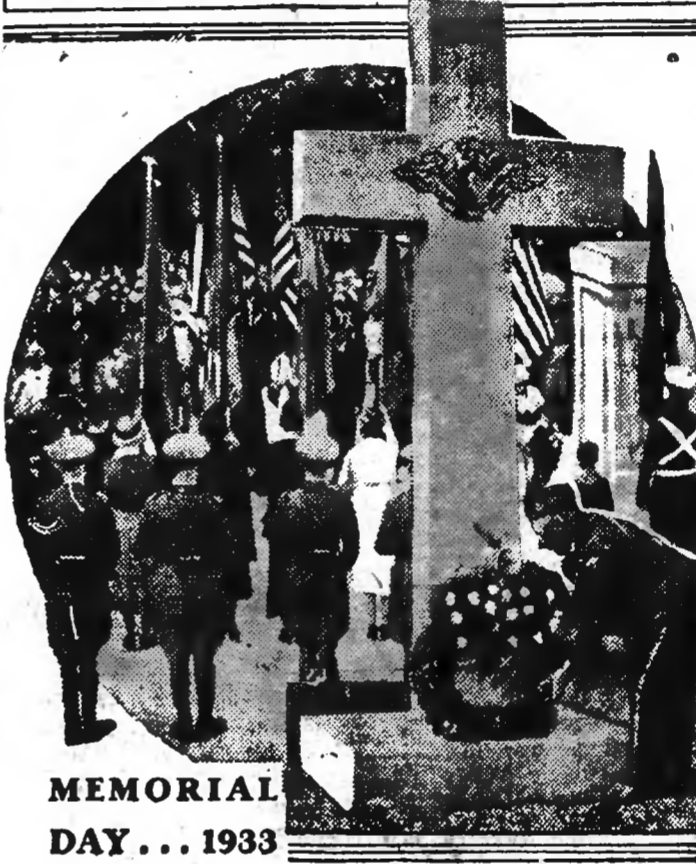
Night Officer J. R. Grayson Mortally Wounded Last Night; Glenn Walsh Is Held; Officer Died at 5 A.M. Today

Policeman James R. Grayson, who was shot and wounded in front of the Deposit and Savings Bank building on Main street last night, died this morning at 5 o'clock.

The officer was shot twice, one shot penetrating the abdomen and another shot going through his right arm.

The shooting took place at 8:55 o'clock last night and a short time later Glenn Walsh, 24-year-old youth of the Summit section, was arrested on a charge of being implicated in the shooting.

A Nation Pays Tribute To Its War Dead



MEMORIAL DAY... 1933

Walsh, it is stated, was identified as one of two men who had brandished a pistol at Beeches place a short time before the shooting. Notified of their brandishing the pistol, Officer Grayson and his companion Night Officer John Walker went to Beeches Place on Tenth street and chased one man up the street. Officer Walker following him down Tenth to where he turned up Main street. Officer Grayson went through the alley back of Dick's Service Station and met up with the man in front of the bank building.

It is stated that when Officer Grayson took hold of the man, five shots were fired, two of which took effect. It is believed that possibly the first shot struck the officer in the arm, rendering him powerless to use his gun. The shots were fired from within a few inches possibly of Officer Grayson's body.

Mortally wounded, Officer Grayson walked a few steps in the direction of Policeman Walker, telling him he was shot. His assailant fled through the alley before Mr. Walker, who was near the Boone Trail marker at the corner of Main and Tenth could reach the wounded man.

Mr. Grayson immediately entered a passing automobile and was carried to the Wilkes Hospital.

Although he rallied at times, the wounded man was so badly shocked that it was impossible to operate. Death came this morning at 5 o'clock after friends and relatives had waited up all night with a hope that there was a chance for him.

Plans are to hold the funeral at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church tomorrow (Friday) at 2 p. m.

Walsh was arrested at C. O. Bumgarner's store on the Boone Trail on top of cotton mill hill by Deputy Sheriff Silas Reynolds. Walsh is said to have told Mr. Bumgarner that he wanted him to carry him to Summit in his (Continued on page eight)

Wilkes War Dead Is Remembered In Beautiful Service Memorial Day

Rev. Eugene Olive Speaks On Cost of War; Many Attend Service

AT MEMORIAL MARKER

Wilkes county's World War dead were remembered in a beautiful Memorial Day service at the Memorial marker Tuesday evening. The service was held under the auspices of the American Legion post and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The organizations participating in the service met in front of Hotel Wilkes and marched up Ninth street to the marker. The procession was led by members of Company A, 105th Engineers, North Carolina National Guard, followed by the Legion members, Legion Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the high school band.

"America" was rendered by the high school band and prayer was offered by W. C. Grier.

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church, who gave some astonishing figures on the cost of car both in the way of money and human life. He made an eloquent (Continued on page eight)

Miss Julia Finley Completes Course

Outstanding Member of Her Class At Agnes Scott College in Georgia

DECATUR, Ga., May 31.—Miss Julia Finley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Finley of North Wilkesboro, graduated on Tuesday, May 30, from Agnes Scott College, here.

Miss Finley, during her four years here, has been an outstanding member of her class. As a member of the Citizenship Club the Bible Club, the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet, and as secretary and treasurer of both K. U. B. and of the Senior Class, Miss Finley has shown an ability which promises for her much success in the future.

To Meet At Gym

Boy Scout Troop No. 34 Will Meet Monday Evening

The Monday meeting of Boy Scout Troop No. 34 will be held at the troop's new gymnasium in the building formerly occupied by The Wilkes Journal. The meeting will be open only to members of the troop. Following the close of the meeting, refreshments will be served.

Members of the troop are now at work completing the gymnasium.

Rural Letter Carriers Held Meeting At Moravian Falls On Tuesday

E. A. Shower, of Taylorsville, was elected president of the Brushy Mountain Rural Letter Carriers Association at the annual meeting held Tuesday in the auditorium of the Moravian Falls schoolhouse.

Other officers elected were: J. A. Gilliam, of Hays, vice president; W. A. Jennings, of Pores Knob, secretary-treasurer; R. S. Kyles, of Troutman, chaplain; F. L. Parks, of Roaring River, assistant chaplain.

Mr. Jennings, in addition to being re-elected secretary-treasurer, was also named delegate-at-large to the state convention of rural letter carriers which

will be held in Charlotte on July 3-4. C. P. Lowrance was elected alternate.

The Brushy Mountain association is composed of rural carriers of Wilkes, Alexander and Iredell counties.

The meeting got under way at 10 o'clock with the singing of "America" and the devotional exercises were conducted by R. S. Kyles and F. L. Parks.

J. B. Henderson, of Wilkesboro, in a few appropriate words, welcomed the carriers of the other counties to Wilkes. His welcome was responded to by C. (Continued on page eight)