

Citizens of County Organize For War On Crime

Noah Brown Shot and Killed On Sunday At Haymeadow; Crom Dancy and Others Jailed

Brown Believed To Have Been An Innocent Victim

Dancy Surrendered To Officers Yesterday Soon After the Killing

FOUR MEN WITH BROWN Pat, Harlow and Roscoe Hayes and Herman Hall In Jail

While several hundred citizens were organizing for a drive against crime yesterday afternoon, the fifth slaying in Wilkes county within a period of 24 days took place.

Noah Brown, an employee of the Turner-White Casket company, was shot to death in the Haymeadow section about eight miles from here by Crom Dancy, a farmer of the same community. The shooting took place at the Dancy home which is located on the Haymeadow road.

Brown was shot through the heart as he sat in an automobile in front of the Dancy home, the bullet entering under the arm on the right side and lodging in the skin on the left side. The shot was fired, witnesses said, from the door of the house. Dancy opening the screen door just wide enough to fire. Brown died a few minutes after he was shot.

Dancy walked two and a half miles to the home of Deputy Sheriff Silas Shumate and surrendered. He was brought to Wilkesboro and lodged in jail.

Pat Hayes, Harlow Hayes and Roscoe Hayes, all brothers, and Herman Hall, who were members of the Brown party, were also arrested. Jim Brooks, the fifth member of the ill-fated party, who, it is said, is not a resident of the Haymeadow section, was still at large this morning.

Questioned yesterday afternoon, Roscoe Hayes said the five members in the Brown party were on their way to a swimming pond a short distance from the Dancy home. He could not, however, explain their reason for stopping. He said Dancy had his rifle on the porch beside him and that after the exchange of a few words, Dancy arose, walked inside the door, handling his gun in a dangerous manner and then opened the screen door. All ex-

Elbert Sprinkle Killed In Wreck

Accident Took Place Between Doughton and Traphill Friday Evening

Elbert Sprinkle, 43, of Elkin, was fatally injured Friday evening when the car in which he was riding crashed into a tree between Doughton and Traphill. Sprinkle was a brother of Percy W. Sprinkle, popular local barber, and was well known locally.

The car in which he was riding was operated by his nephew, Elbert Sprinkle. A coroner's inquest which was held following the fatal accident resulted in the arrest of the driver and a woman whose name was not given out. They are now in jail at Wilkesboro.

The deceased was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sprinkle. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elbert Sprinkle; nine children, Thomas, Ralph, Catherine, Samuel, Lee, Jack, Frank, Blaine and Bobby Sprinkle; three sisters, Mrs. Theodore King, of California; Mrs. C. E. Wallace, of Yadkinville; Mrs. Mary Hutchinson, of Elkin, and the brothers, Charles and Edward Sprinkle, of Johnson City, Tenn.; Percy W. Sprinkle, of North Wilkesboro; Arthur Sprinkle, of Elkin, and Sam Sprinkle, of the United States Army forces.

The funeral service was conducted at the home at Elkin Saturday afternoon by Rev. Eph Thibault. Interment followed at Jonesville cemetery.

MERCHANTS' SPEAKER



Addresses by A. J. Maxwell, state commissioner of revenue; Judge Tam C. Bowie, of West Jefferson, and a round table discussion of the question as to whether the merchants of the state should contest the sales tax in the courts, will feature the 31st annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants Association, which will be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem, Monday and Tuesday, June 26-27.

Slayer of Martin Hinshaw Gives Up To Sheriff Somers

Herschel Richardson Surrendered To Officials Thursday Evening

RESIDENT OF TRAPHILL

Herschel Richardson, alleged slayer of Martin Hinshaw, surrendered to Sheriff W. B. Somers and Jailer J. B. Sivets Thursday evening when the officers went to the Traphill community in search of him. He was brought to Wilkesboro and lodged in jail about 10 o'clock that night.

Sheriff Somers and Jailer Sheets were at the home of Mr. Pruitt when Richardson walked in and gave himself up. He said he had seen the officers pass from his hiding place in the woods.

Richardson is 26 years of age and is a married man.

Hinshaw, 22, of near Elkin, was shot and killed near the Holbrook mill pond Sunday, June 11, about 5 p. m. Richardson, who is said to have done the shooting, had been in hiding until he surrendered to the officers.

'North Wilkesboro Days' Are Success

Merchants Of City Kept Busy During Day; Many People Come Here

"North Wilkesboro Days" were a huge success, judging from the volume of business reported by business firms of the city.

Saturday was one of the busiest days local merchants have had in several weeks and the merchants were well pleased with their sales. The event was attended by many people from various rural sections of the county and quite a number came from adjoining counties.

Practically all the merchants interviewed this morning stated that in their opinion this special value event had been a big success.

Prices on the merchandise at local stores were pleasing to the customers. No appreciable advance has been made locally, but with a rising market and the sales tax which goes on in July, merchants will be compelled to increase their prices.

Singing Next Sunday

There will be a singing at Boomer church on Sunday, June 25, by the Chapmans and others. The singing will get under way at 1 p. m. The public is invited.

Merchants of City Will Close Thursday Afternoon

Under an agreement reached a few days ago, merchants of the city will close their stores every Thursday afternoon until further notice. The businesses which will not close are garages, service stations and restaurants.

Mercantile firms, wholesale houses, banks and barber shops will all be closed. Doors will close at 1 p. m. and all people having business with local firms are asked to take note of this arrangement.

W. J. Bason Named District Director At Asheville Meet

Eight Members Local Club Attended District Convention Last Week

BARCLAY IS GOVERNOR G. O. Bagwell Is Lieutenant Governor of Western District of State

W. J. Bason, who retires at the next meeting as president of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club, was elected a member of the district board of directors at the annual convention of the North Carolina district of Lions International at Asheville Friday.

The convention met Thursday and adjourned Friday evening. Members of the local club who attended were W. J. Bason, E. A. Shook, Jack Brame, H. V. Wagoner, W. J. Allen, Ivey Moore, Buster Forester and Bill Absher.

John Barclay, of Wilson, was elected district governor.

The next meeting place will be selected at the first session of the new board of directors. New officers go into office July 15.

Other officers elected just before the session closed were G. O. Bagwell, of Charlotte, lieutenant governor of the western part of the state, and F. G. Heath, of Raleigh, lieutenant governor of the east.

New directors elected were Jos. Dave, of Asheville, W. M. Fain, of Murphy, Luther Martin, of Winston-Salem, H. G. Mitchell, of Statesville, Zack Roberts, of Concord, V. J. Ashbaugh, of Durham, Rufus Johnston, of Gastonia, Bennett Riddle, of Morganton, and W. J. Bason, of North Wilkesboro.

The delegates decided to support Hugh G. Mitchell for international director at the International convention at St. Louis July 11-14. Cities inviting the next state convention are Salisbury, Concord, Wrightsville Beach and Raleigh.

The Wilson club was given the attendance award; the Concord club the activities award, and Rufus Johnston received the award as the best secretary.

Dr. Cowles Dies In Los Angeles

Was Native of Hamptonville, N. C.; Cousin of Hon. Charles H. Cowles

Dr. Josiah Evans Cowles, a native of Hamptonville, N. C., and a first cousin of Hon. Charles H. Cowles, of Wilkesboro, died Wednesday of last week at his home in Los Angeles, Calif., according to a message received by relatives here. He died from an attack of pneumonia.

The funeral and burial services were held there Friday.

Dr. Cowles was born at Hamptonville May 14, 1855, and was the son of Josiah Cowles, Sr., and Mary Evans Cowles. Following the death of his father, Dr. Cowles, who was then a young man, moved with his mother to Lenoir and remained there for some time. His mother was one of the charter members of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Wilkesboro.

After completing his education as a physician and surgeon, Dr. Cowles moved to Los Angeles where he established the Pacific Sanitarium. He enjoyed a lucrative practice until his retirement some time ago.

He is survived by his wife, who will continue to make her home in Los Angeles.

President Writes Letter To Mother Of R. L. Doughton

95th Birthday of Mrs. Rebecca Doughton Was Celebrated Yesterday

CONGRESSMAN PRESENT

President Roosevelt States That She Should Be Proud of Her Son

Washington, June 17.—Representative Doughton left Washington tonight for Winston-Salem, where he will be met tomorrow by his son and driven to his home at Laurel Springs. Doughton will return to Washington Tuesday. The purpose of his week-end visit home is to attend the birthday celebration for his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Doughton, who today was 95 years old.

President Roosevelt and Speaker Rainey have written letters of congratulation to Mrs. Doughton and wished for her many more happy birthdays. The President told her that she had a son who was doing a wonderful work in Congress for his country, and she could well feel proud of him.

Doughton, who is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, will spend most of the summer and fall in Washington. He is head of a special committee on taxation which will review the whole field of taxes with a particular view of stopping holes in the income tax law which has permitted the rich man who could hire expert legal talent to "beat" the government, passing the burden on to the little income taxpayer.

The North Carolina solon had prominent part in the session of Congress, which has just come to a close.

He piloted the far-reaching industrial recovery legislation through the House and was called by President Roosevelt to the White House Friday to witness the signing of the bill. Doughton was given one of the pens used in the signing of the measure.

C. T. DOUGHTON ATTENDS FROM NORTH WILKESBORO

The reunion of the Doughton family, which was held yesterday, was attended by C. T. Doughton, cashier of the Deposit & Savings Bank, of this city, and other relatives from various sections of this and other states.

In addition to letters from President Roosevelt and Speaker Rainey, Mrs. Doughton received a copy of a resolution passed by the board of county commissioners of Rowan congratulating her upon the occasion of her 95 birthday and eulogizing the work of her son, Congressman Doughton.

The sumptuous dinner which was served on the grounds was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Service To Honor College Students

Program For Mid-Week Meeting at Methodist Church Announced

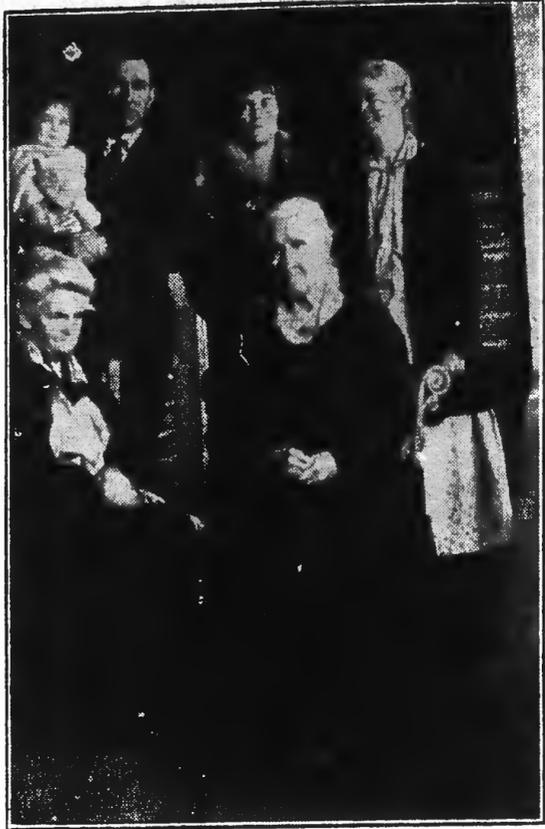
The mid-week service at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church on Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. will be in honor of college students. All those who have graduated or are underclassmen in some college are especially invited. The service is for everybody. High school students should attend since there will be something in the service for them.

Among the speakers will be Miss Marjorie Faw who will talk on "My College." Dr. Fred C. Hubbard will talk on "My Professional College." Mr. E. L. Blackman, Jr., will speak on "Four Years Out of College." The pastor will speak on "Why Go To College." The Scripture lesson and prayer will be done by young people.

Parents are expected to bring their sons and daughters to this meeting so that they may gather college ideas. It is a sure thing that the trained person has a better chance than the untrained one.

The service will begin at 7:45 and close at 8:30 p. m.

OLDEST OF FIVE GENERATIONS DIES



Seated on the right is Mrs. Margaret Clark Wellborn, 97, who died Friday at Roaring River. Five generations are shown in the picture, these being Mrs. Wellborn and Mrs. L. M. Pharr (seated), and standing right to left, Mrs. F. E. Harless, Mrs. Mayford Miller and little Miss Rebecca Miller. Mr. Miller is holding his daughter. This photograph was made about five years ago.

Great Great Grandmother Margaret Clark Wellborn Is Taken By Death

W. C. T. U. To Meet Thursday Afternoon

A meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the home of Mrs. C. D. Coffey, Sr. Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All interested ladies are urged to attend.

J. F. Armstrong Fatally Injured

Rutherfordton Methodist Minister Dies At Hospital After Auto Wreck

HE HAD SERVED HERE

Raleigh, June 15.—The Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, 59, a Methodist minister of Rutherfordton, died late today in a hospital here of injuries sustained this afternoon in an automobile wreck near Wendell, in eastern Wake county.

Armstrong, together with Rev. Earl Edwards, Methodist minister of Forest City, and Rev. E. C. Kalb, Baptist minister of Windsor, were on their way from the latter's home in eastern North Carolina to the pastor's school at Duke university, when their car collided with the automobile of Rev. S. W. Oldham, Wendell Baptist minister.

Armstrong, who sustained a fractured skull and internal hurts, was the only one seriously injured. He died shortly after being brought to the hospital here. The others, whose injuries were superficial, were not admitted to the hospital. Coroner L. M. Waring, of Wake county, early tonight examined the principals of the wreck, all of whom (Continued on page eight)

Died Friday Evening at Roaring River; Funeral Was Held Saturday

WAS 97 YEARS OF AGE

Mrs. Margaret Clark Wellborn, one of the oldest residents of Wilkes county, died Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Parks, of Roaring River. She had been in poor health for some time, but did not become seriously ill until the first of last week.

Born April 24, 1836 in Randolph county, she was 97 years of age. She was the wife of Elisha M. Wellborn, who died 33 years ago.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Wellborn had made her home with her children and in recent years had lived with Mrs. Parks.

Moving to Wilkes from Randolph county, Mr. and Mrs. Wellborn were the first members of the Wellborn family in this county. They resided on a farm near Wilkesboro for a number of years and later moved to Wilkesboro and operated the Wellborn Hotel, known throughout the state for its deliciously prepared meals and gracious hospitality. The hotel was a favorite with judges, visiting attorneys and traveling men.

Mrs. Wellborn was a great-grandmother, there being five generations living prior to her death. Survivors include six children, 23 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

The surviving children are: Mrs. F. L. Parks, of Roaring River; Mrs. L. M. Pharr, Wilkesboro. (Continued on page eight)

J. H. Armbrust Is Elected Chairman Of Organization

Solicitor John R. Jones Is Vice Chairman; Committees To Be Named

MASS MEETING SUNDAY

Educational Program Looking To Better Law Observance To Be Started

Citizens of Wilkes county yesterday afternoon organized for a war against crime by electing Rev. J. H. Armbrust, North Wilkesboro Methodist minister, chairman, and Solicitor John R. Jones vice chairman of the organization for law enforcement and law observance.

Approximately 1,000 citizens representing all sections of the county answered the call issued last week and were in attendance at the mass meeting which was held yesterday afternoon at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro.

The large audience voted almost unanimously to request the Wilkes county board of commissioners to petition the governor of North Carolina for a term or terms of court sufficient to clear the Superior court criminal docket which Solicitor Jones said is clogged with between five and six hundred cases, including ten or twelve murder cases.

The vote on this motion was taken after the audience had listened to impassioned appeals for some action looking to a successful war against crime in the county.

The mass meeting was called last week by Solicitor Jones, Rev. W. C. Meadows, Sheriff W. B. Somers and W. E. Harris, mayor of Wilkesboro, who signed a statement asking the people to attend and help organize.

Solicitor Jones opened the meeting yesterday by citing the crime record of Wilkes county. In calling attention to crime, Solicitor Jones declared that no citizenship could ask for more vigorous enforcement of the laws than the city and county officers are giving. As one of the contributing factors to disregard of the law, he saw the tendency of leading citizens to petition for the freedom of convicted criminals.

"It is a great attribute," he declared, "to have great hearts and great sympathies, but when good citizens beg for the liberty and freedom of men who are seeking to destroy the sacredness of home and society, it is high time that some action be taken.

"I want the churches, the Sunday schools, the public schools, the lodges and other organizations to join in this movement and endeavor to teach a greater respect for law," he continued.

T. S. Bryan, grand old man from the Traphill section, was elected presiding officer for the meeting (Continued on page eight)

Kiwanians Hear Famed Lecturer

S. D. Gordon, of Winston-Salem, Delivers Speech on Depression Topic

The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club heard S. D. Gordon, famed lecturer, traveler and religious writer, at the regular weekly luncheon Friday at Hotel Wilkes.

Mr. Gordon, who was a guest in the home of Rev. C. W. Robinson, spoke on his observations abroad as to the causes and ramifications of the depression. His travels have carried him to all parts of the world in recent years and his interesting message revealed the thoroughness of his observations.

The luncheon program was in charge of S. V. Tomlinson. The speaker was introduced by Rev. Mr. Robinson.

Kiwanians stood in silent tribute to the late Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, a former pastor of the local Methodist church and a former member of the Kiwanis club, who was killed Thursday in an automobile accident near Raleigh.

Guests for the day included Miss Ellen Robinson and her guest, Miss Katherine Kilgore, of Winston-Salem, Rev. Matthew Gilmore, Robert Morehouse, A. M. Lang, of Akron, Ohio, and A. E. Kirby.

In the absence of Prof. T. E. Story, who is attending the summer session of Wake Forest college, Genio Carwell, for many years secretary of the club, was again called upon to act as secretary.

Board of Equalization Is In Session Today in Wilkesboro

The Wilkes county board of commissioners, composed of N. Hayes and M. F. Absher, is in session today at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro, sitting as a board of equalization.

In spite of the splendid work done by the listers and board of assessors, several complaints regarding valuation of land and other property were not unexpected and these will be considered by the board. The board is not expected to complete its work at one session.

The board of equalization will make the final adjustments on valuation and failure to file complaint will bar taxpayers from obtaining any reductions.

The board of assessors did some excellent work, it is stated, in valuing property this year and the probability is that comparatively few adjustments will be necessary.