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BRYANT STONE TO WALK "LAST MILE" TOMORROW MORNING

School Bells Call Thousands of Wilkes Children Back To Class Room; List of Teachers Is Given

Large Enrollment In Every School, It Is Understood

Doors Opened Yesterday At 8:45 To Admit Throng of Young Children.

7 HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN

Estimated That First Day Enrollment Will Approximate 11,000

School bells rang out through the morning air yesterday and called more than 10,000 children back to their books.

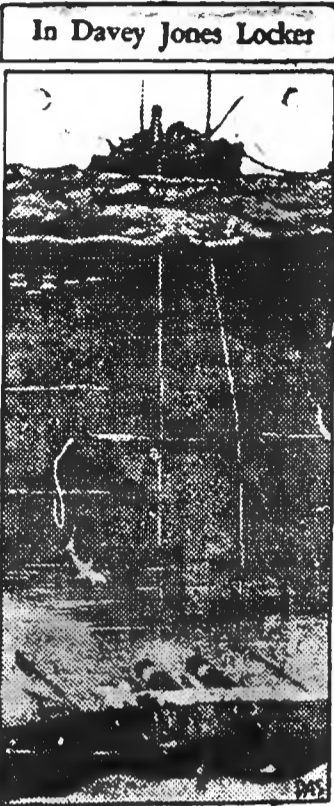
Wilkesboro, Roaring River, Millers Creek, Mount Pleasant, Trap-hill, Mountain View and Ronda high schools opened with capacity enrollments, according to reports. All schools in the eighth district comprising the county system opened to admit a throng of youngsters.

Reports were, of course, incomplete, but it is believed that more than 10,000 children met with their teachers yesterday.

Splendid openings, attended by many interested patrons, were reported from a number of schools.

Regular class work begins today. Book stores were visited by large numbers yesterday afternoon as the children made ready for the school term.

Indications are that in some schools, rooms will be overcrowded and hope is expressed that some relief may be obtained from the state school commission in the matter of teacher allotment. However, there has been no indication that any further increase in the number will be allowed.



In Davey Jones Locker
Fifty miles off Cape Charles, Va., in 200 feet of water lies the hull of the S. S. Merida, sunk in collision in 1911. Within is a great fortune of gold, silver and jewels. The salvage ship Salvor located the Merida, divers visit her daily and soon expect to make ship and sea yield the treasure.

New Road From Wilkes To Iredell Is Endorsed Here

Iredell Citizens Join Local People In Mass Meeting At City Hall Here

DELEGATION TO RALEIGH
An active campaign in behalf of a hard-surfaced highway direct from the end of the improved highway in north Iredell county to Wilkesboro was outlined at a meeting at the city hall Tuesday evening when a delegation of Iredell county citizens met with citizens of Wilkes for the purpose of discussing ways and means of interesting the state highway commission in this project.

A resolution was passed placing the mass meeting on record as favoring the project and a committee was named to circulate a petition in Wilkes, asking that the road be constructed in the immediate future. The gathering voted to leave the selection of the route entirely in the hands of the highway engineers and the delegations from both the Hunting Creek section and the Brushy Mountain section declared themselves against any controversy over the routing.

The meeting was called to order by Julius A. Rousseau, mayor of the city, who called J. G. Hackett to the chair to serve as presiding officer.
Hugh G. Mitchell, of Statesville, made the first talk of the evening and explained the progress that has been made to date.
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Fight Against Repeal Launched By Judge Hayes In Speech Last Night

"As I see it, we can't prevent the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, but we can let the world know how we stand on state prohibition," Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Greensboro, declared in an address at the courthouse last night in launching the fight against repeal in Wilkes county.
"Repeal of the amendment appears inevitable and our vote will be relatively unimportant in deciding the national movement for repeal, but it is tremendously important to state prohibition," the federal jurist further stated.
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Vacation At End, Army of Teachers Go Back To Work

251 Teachers Find Places In School System of Wilkes County

226 WHITE TEACHERS

List of Instructors and the Schools in Which They Teach Obtained

Wilkes county's army of school teachers, vacation ended, returned to work yesterday.

The complete list for the schools in all the eight districts of the county contains the names of 226 teachers in the white schools. There are 25 teachers in the schools for the colored.

The list of teachers and the schools in which they are teachers was obtained yesterday from the records at the office of County Superintendent Chelsie B. Eller. The list follows:
Wilkesboro District
Wilkesboro—T. E. Story, Miss Helen Bostic, Mrs. Jessie S. Pharr, Miss Grace Gilreath, Miss Lillian Stafford, Miss Ghita Tuttle, T. G. Perry, J. L. A. Bumgarner, B. M. Troutman, Mrs. Edith Prevette (music), Miss Jennie Harris, Mrs. Zola G. Barber, Mrs. Grace P. Edwards, Mrs. Gertrude Steelman, Miss Lucille Scroggs, Miss Grace Blevins, Mrs. Edith S. Hemphill, Mrs. Pearl S. Hartley, Miss Louise Melville.
Oakwoods—Miss Nora Laws, Mrs. Willard Cole.
Edgewood—Miss Della Bumgarner.
Arbor—Charles R. Byrd, Mrs. (Continued on back page)

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Action On Road Promised

Paying Farmers Millions



Secretary of Agriculture, Henry A. Wallace, under whom the Agricultural Adjustment Administration is functioning, has the wheels actually turning in his part of the great recovery program, millions of dollars now being paid to farmers fulfilling crop reduction agreements.

Esso Dealers Are Feted At Banquet At Hotel Wilkes

Four-Reel Picture Shown At Meeting Tuesday Night; L. M. Nelson Presides

41 DEALERS PRESENT
Forty-one Esso station dealers from all over Wilkes county were guests of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey at a delightful banquet at Hotel Wilkes here Tuesday evening.

The meeting was presided over by L. M. Nelson, sales representative for this territory.

Speaking to the assembled dealers, Mr. Nelson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to increase their knowledge of their products as an aid to more intelligent merchandising. The high quality of Essolene, the company's new motor fuel selling at the regular gasoline price, was covered from an educational standpoint and data was supplied regarding the fuel's antiknock quality, freedom from vapor-lock, special solvent property which keeps the inside of the motor clean, and increased mileage.
Mr. Nelson stated that a series of special meetings for all Esso station dealers has been planned for the immediate future and that the company is making an intensive effort to give its dealers all helpful product information and improved methods of rendering service to the customer.
The feature of the meeting (Continued on back page)

Advisory Committee Of NRA Club To Meet Friday Night

A meeting of the advisory committee of the North Wilkesboro NRA club will be held in the city hall tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, J. C. Reims, chairman, announced yesterday. Every member of the committee is requested to attend so that matters pertaining to the NRA movement may be attended to.
Following is a list of the members of the committee:
Dr. F. C. Hubbard, president of the Kiwanis club; Mrs. E. G. Finley, president of the Parent-Teacher association; Dr. H. B. Smith, president of Lions club; Mrs. J. C. Reims, president of Woman's club; Jack Quinn, commander of American Legion post; Mrs. A. W. Horton, president of American Legion Auxiliary; W. H. Lovette, president of the North Wilkesboro Union of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America; J. T. Prevette, J. B. Williams, J. E. Spainhour, W. H. Clark, I. E. Pearson, D. H. Carlton, S. V. Tomlinson, W. G. Gabriel, J. R. Finley, N. B. Smithey, A. F. Kirby, Miss Nell Rousseau and Mrs. W. C. Grier.

Surveying Party To Be Placed On Highway 16 Soon

Chairman Jeffress Says Preliminary Survey Will Be Made Immediately

HE IS VISITOR IN CITY
It Is Understood That Different Routes For Road May Be Studied

"There will be a surveying party on the section of Highway No. 16 between Millers Creek and Glendale Springs within the next few days, possibly next week," E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the state highway commission, stated while in the city Monday afternoon.
Mr. Jeffress said routes would be surveyed and the report made to the highway commission as soon as possible.
The highway commission chairman was en route to Raleigh after a drive through this northwest section of the state. He came here from West Jefferson over the highway which he is being urged to improve.
It is understood that two or more routes will be surveyed for the purpose of ascertaining the shortest route, cost of construction and other important information preliminary to letting contract for construction of this highway section.
During his brief stay here, Mr. Jeffress was interviewed by several Wilkes citizens who urged upon him the importance of providing an improved road between Millers Creek and Glendale Springs.
The road has been the subject of considerable discussion for the past four years. No other county seat-to-county seat highway in the state has been permitted to become so difficult of travel, it is declared, and both Wilkes and Ashe citizens have constantly urged action.

Union Men Go To Labor Day Parade

W. H. Lovett, President, Heads Local Delegation Going To Lenoir

A delegation of members of the North Wilkesboro Union of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America attended a Labor Day parade at Lenoir Monday. The delegation was headed by W. H. Lovett, president of the local union.
More than 1,000 union workmen participated in the parade which was followed by addresses, picnic dinner and other holiday features.

Boxing Tonight

C. C. Boys To Stage Boxing Exhibition At 8 P. M.

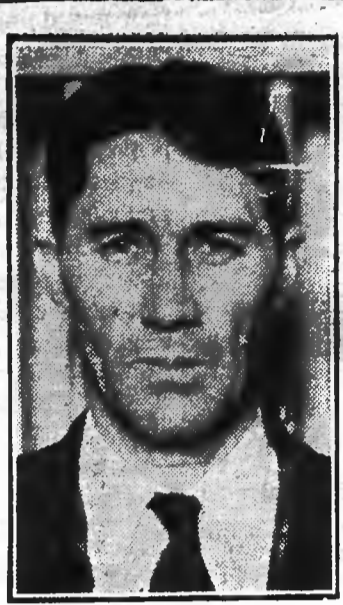
A boxing exhibition, featuring members of the James C. Gilliam Conservation camp, will be staged at the camp near Purllear tonight at 8 o'clock.
There will be eight bouts on the program. Some splendid boxers have been developed at the camp and they will be seen in action this evening.
The public is invited to witness the bouts.

Jurors For October Term of Civil Court Drawn By Commissioners

Jurors for the October term of Superior court, which convenes October 2, were drawn by the board of county commissioners at their regular September meeting Monday.

The October term of court will be in session two weeks and is for the trial of civil cases only. Judge T. B. Finley, veteran Wilkes jurist, will preside.
Following is the list of jurors:
First Week
Clifford Moore, N. C. Lewis, A. F. Gregory, Paris Turner, John F. Pearson, A. A. Cashlon, R. Shepherd, R. Don Laws, C. C. Tharpe, E. E. Douglass, Todd Darnell, N. T. Jarvis, B. F. Woods, S. A. Mitchell, J. A. Lovepaugh, F. L. Hayes, Millard E. Foster, E. C. Foster, D. A. Holoman, C. A. Dyer, Monroe Faw, I. J. Broyhill, J. M. Yates, Troy C. Cockerham.
Second Week
E. P. Lowe, D. C. Miller, L. S. Lowe, E. M. Eller, Arland Triplett, Conrad Jones, R. D. Hayes, A. M. Absher, N. C. Craven, Clarence Fletcher, W. H. Sebastian, Romie Ashley, R. E. Faw, Sr., A. M. Walsh, M. L. Hayes, C. G. Glass, M. D. Prevette, O. F. Blevins, R. D. Eller, N. M. Felts, J. H. Johnson, Perry R. Lowe, J. B. Ross, Sidney Triplett.

HE MUST DIE



Bryant Stone will march to the death chair tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock to pay the death penalty for the murder of his son-in-law, Wayne Norman. Governor Ehringhaus will not intervene.

Greer To Speak Stone Mountain Baptist Meeting

Will Be Heard Sunday, September 24, At Bethel Church At Hayes

HE IS MILLS HOME HEAD
I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home, Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, will deliver an address at the annual session of the Stone Mountain Baptist Association at Bethel Baptist church near Hays, according to an announcement made yesterday by J. A. Gilliam, moderator. The Mills Home head will speak Sunday morning, September 24, at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. Greer, who was formerly a member of the faculty of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, is one of the ablest speakers in the state and a host of friends will welcome the opportunity to hear him.

The Stone Mountain Baptist Association will convene at Bethel church on September 22 and continue through September 24.

The following program was announced by Mr. Gilliam:
10 A. M. Devotional Exercise by pastor, Rev. S. L. Blevins.
10:30 A. M.—Introduction Sermon by Rev. L. E. Sparks.
11 A. M.—Organization and Appointment of Committee.
12 M.—Dinner.
1 p. m.—Periodicals, by Rev. J. E. Hayes.
1:30 p. m.—Temperance, by C. H. Colvard.
2 p. m.—Christian Education, Rev. A. B. Hayes.
The arrangement committee will arrange program for Saturday.
Saturday night, September 23, at 8 a. m.—B. Y. P. U., by Miss Beatrice Holbrook.
Sunday Morning, Sept. 24
9:30 a. m. Sunday School, Elder Grant Cothren.
10:30 a. m.—Orphanage, by Prof. I. G. Greer, Supt. of Mills Home.
11:30—Sermon.
Adjourn.
12:30—Dinner.

Electrocution of Wilkes Slayer To Take Place 10:30

Four Tickets Given Sheriff Somers; He Will Not See Slayer Go To Chair

ALL HOPE IS BLASTED
Last Minute Efforts To Save Wilkes Man's Life Have Been Unsuccessful

Bryant Stone, confessed slayer of his son-in-law, Wayne Norman, will walk the "last mile" tomorrow morning and pay for his crime with his life.
Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus announced yesterday that he would not interfere in the scheduled electrocution, thus blasting the last hope the Wilkes slayer had of having his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

The Wilkes slayer, who a week ago yesterday confessed to the killing after having contended during the trial and throughout the year which followed that he was innocent, will die in the electric chair at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Tickets for admission to the death room for the electrocution have already been given out. Sheriff W. B. Somers, while in Raleigh Sunday, was given four tickets for distribution in Wilkes. The sheriff, however, does not expect to attend himself.

Pleas of Mrs. Stone and his daughter, Mrs. Norman, widow of the slain man, for commutation of the sentence impressed Governor Ehringhaus, but did not convince that the Wilkes man was entitled to escape the death penalty.

WRITES GOVERNOR IN APPEAL FOR HIS LIFE

Raleigh, Sept. 5.—Asserting he killed his son-in-law to protect his home, Bryant Stone, 45-year-old Wilkes county farmer, in a letter addressed to Governor Ehringhaus today made a dramatic plea for clemency.
"My only request to you, sir, is that before making your final decision, that you, as well as myself, will ask God to guide you in your final decision," the letter said.
"I have only one life, and if you think I should give it, I can die knowing that it was God's right hand guiding you in your decision."
Stone is under sentence to be electrocuted Friday for killing Wayne Norman, who married Stone's 15-year-old daughter. In a farewell letter to his wife yesterday, Stone said "perhaps I did wrong to kill Norman but only God knows how much I suffered from that man."
The Wilkes county farmer denied he killed his son-in-law until a few days ago when he broke down and made a confession to Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill.
"Before I die I want you to know in order that my past false statements won't hurt other innocent men, that I was not all black," Stone wrote the governor.
"I killed Wayne Norman, sir, not because I was in a fit of passion, and not that I would or could gain anything by doing it, but because that after 19 years of struggling and slaving to build up a home for a family, this man came into my life and home and started slowly to wreck it," the letter said.
"I stood by for a long time, and saw my life's work being shattered . . . and when he took my little girl against my pleas . . . at last in one of my drunken sprees I killed him.
"I should have told the truth. I wonder if God will hold it against me for this lie I told you when he knows that I have only one life to give to the state of North Carolina."
"When they lead me to the electric chair, I can look back over my shoulder towards the mountains I lived in and the home I am dying for and feel that I was driven to this by my love for my family, and it was urged on by the very thing that the world is clamoring for now—whisky."