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## LATE NEWS OF STATE AND NATION

### Mule Attacks Men

Ferdinand Harman died in a hospital in St. James, Mo., Monday from injuries received, when a mule jumped into his car as he was driving along the road. The mule's shoe fractured his skull.

### War Clouds Hover

Trouble between Austria and Yugoslavia over trade and passport treaties threatened to break open the war clouds which have been hovering over Europe during the past few days and throw the world into turmoil.

### Cotton Farmers Benefit

Washington, Nov. 27.—A total of \$75,969,192.46 has been paid to producers co-operating in the 1934 cotton adjustment program, the agricultural adjustment administration announced tonight.

### Protest Freight Increase

Strong protest against the railroads' proposed 10 per cent increase in freight rates has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington by Stanley Winbourne, North Carolina's utilities commissioner.

### Alleged Kidnaper Held

Oscar H. Robson, 30-year-old dance hall operator in Tucson, Ariz., is being held on a charge of kidnaping Little June Robles in Arizona last summer. Handwriting experts say he wrote the ransom note received by the child's parents.

### Waives Hearing

Lenoir, Nov. 27.—Rex Marshall, Burke county filling station operator, who is under indictment for murdering R. M. Loyd, of Mocksville, this afternoon waived preliminary examination when brought before Judge W. F. Harding.

### Favors Sound Currency

Paris, Nov. 27.—Premier Pierre-Etienne Flandin declared publicly tonight in favor of sound currency for France and aligned himself anew with forces fighting devaluation of the franc or departure from the gold standard.

### Cops Are Kidnaped

Paris, Tex., Nov. 26.—Fear for the safety of two Paris policemen who were kidnaped and carried away in their patrol car by two men believed to be desperate fugitives increased tonight, as searching parties failed to find any trace of the missing officers or their abductors.

### Confesses 2 Murders

Martinsville, Va., Nov. 27.—Dewey Manns Vernon, negro, self-confessed slayer of Curran B. Fulp, Rockingham county North Carolina farmer, today confessed to Sheriff J. M. Davis and Sergeant J. R. Hensley that he was the slayer of Cora Alcorn, Martinsville negress.

### Wants Less Spending

Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 27.—The administration's determination to keep normal government expenditures for 1935 within the income, is the tonic that the nation's business has been waiting for, Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper told President Roosevelt today.

### Want Charted Course

C. L. Bardo, president of the National Manufacturers' Association, called on President Roosevelt Monday and informed the president that industry must know what the government is planning to do before confidence leading to expansion can be brought about. He reported, however, that business is on the up-grade.

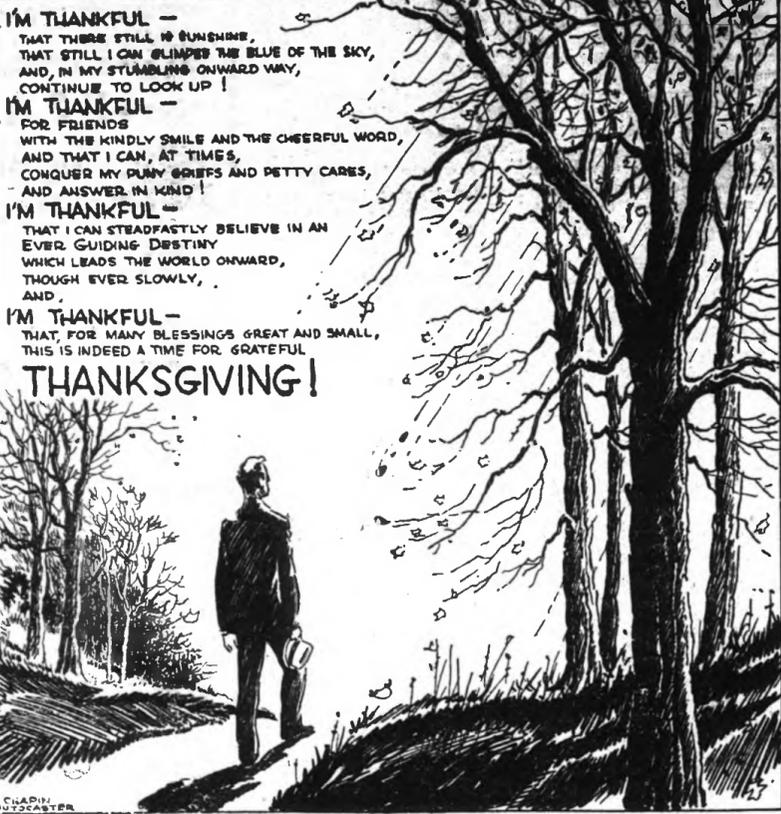
### Quintuplets Age 6 Months

Callender, Ont., Nov. 27.—The Dionne quintuplets will have a six-month birthday anniversary feast tomorrow—of cow's milk and cooked cereal.

### Two Girls Killed

Covington, Va., Nov. 27.—An Alleghany county grand jury today returned murder indictments against four negroes held in connection with the death of Alice B. Hill, 13, and Ellen Hill, 6, on November 18.

## THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING



I'M THANKFUL — THAT THERE STILL IS SUNSHINE, THAT STILL I CAN CLIMB THE BLUE OF THE SKY, AND, IN MY STUMBLING ONWARD WAY, CONTINUE TO LOOK UP!

I'M THANKFUL — FOR FRIENDS WITH THE KINDLY SMILE AND THE CHEERFUL WORD, AND THAT I CAN, AT TIMES, CONQUER MY PUNY GRIEFS AND PETTY CARES, AND ANSWER IN KIND!

I'M THANKFUL — THAT I CAN STEADFASTLY BELIEVE IN AN EVER GUIDING DESTINY WHICH LEADS THE WORLD ONWARD, THOUGH EVER SLOWLY, AND,

I'M THANKFUL — THAT, FOR MANY BLESSINGS GREAT AND SMALL, THIS IS INDEED A TIME FOR GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING!

## Solicitor Jones Strongly Opposed To Clemency for Greens and Black

### Thanksgiving Proclamation By Governor Ehringhaus

"Once more the President of the United States has designated a day of thanksgiving for the nation and has set apart for that purpose Thursday, November 29. Once more in obedience to a time-honored American custom official action strives to center the hearts and minds of the people upon the duty and privilege of grateful praise for the great and good that is our inheritance.

"For the inspiration that comes out of our past, for the blessings and privileges of our present, for our preservation against the dangers and difficulties that beset us and the long way we have come along the highway of hope, for the ideals which we have preserved and the dreams which we still cherish, for the promises and prospect which are ours for the future and for the chance that we have to play our part in our day and generation, for God, for country and for humanity, let us each and all be thankful.

"In sincerity and truth and faith and trust and confidence, as well as gratitude, therefore, as Governor of North Carolina, I call upon our people to observe this designated day as one of thanksgiving and on this day to render at their respective places of worship or in the humbleness of their homes, or wheresoever they may be, their thanks to a Providence that has protected and provided the great in our past, the good in our present, and the security and hope for our future."

### Three Face Chair On December 7th

#### Jones Says Evidence in Case in Direct Contrast to Claim of Greens

Solicitor John R. Jones of the 17th district made public in an interview yesterday his unequivocal and unalterable opposition to commutation of the death sentences imposed on Bascom and Lester Green and R. E. Black, who face death in the electric chair on December 7 for the killing of Cashier T. C. Barnes in an attempted robbery of the Taylorsville bank in July, and described the crime as one of the most horrible ever committed in North Carolina.

After reading Bascom Green's claims that Stefanoff forced him and the others into the bank raid Solicitor Jones reviewed the evidence in the case, which he said showed that all four men were armed and that they came to Stefanoff's home near North Wilkesboro with five pistols and a shotgun, trading one luger gun for gasoline in North Wilkesboro and insisted that Assistant Cashier S. E. Little's testimony as to the men being armed and who did the shooting should be believed. He pointed out that when the sheriff arrested Black in Wilkes County on the day of the robbery-killing that he was armed with an automatic pistol and that he was in the Taylorsville bank, was armed, and had in his possession paper bags in which to place the loot.

The Solicitor insists, on the testimony of Little, that Stefanoff was on one side of the bank enclosure, Lester Green was at a window on the opposite side and that Bascom Green was at the center window. Stefanoff and Lester Green both shot Barnes, one from one side and the other from the other and that both bullets went entirely through his body in opposite directions, in direct contrast to the statement of the elder Green that his son was not armed, and that Bascom Green shot Little as his hands were uplifted in surrender.

In the interview today Solicitor Jones said, "Stefanoff, an uneducated alien who knew but little of our laws, customs and traditions, has been electrocuted. Black and the Greens are American citizens with reasonably good education and intelligence and who knew our laws and customs. The attempt of these three men to place all the blame on Stefanoff is repulsive."

After stating his belief that Black "furnished the brains for" the robbery, he said that the Black "furnished the brains for" the robbery.

## Christmas Seals Will Go On Sale Within Few Days

### Funds From Sale of Tiny Stickers Do Great Work in Fight On Tuberculosis

#### MONEY IS USED HERE!

### Woman's Club of Two Wilkesboros to Promote Sale of Seals Again

One of the first evidences of the Christmas season will be the sale of Christmas seals here next week by the North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro Woman's Club.

The little seals used on Christmas mail are just tiny stickers but what has been accomplished by the sale of the seals would be astounding if all the results could be tabulated. The sale of the seals in Wilkes County is by the Woman's Clubs under the direction of the State and National Tuberculosis Associations.

Just one cent each is the price for seals and yet funds have been raised in previous years that have gone a long way in the fight against the white plague. The two organizations of the Wilkesboros will retain three-fourths of the money gained in the sale of seals and the other fourth will go to the state association to fight tuberculosis all over the state.

Mrs. R. T. McNeill is chairman for the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club and Mrs. L. B. Dula holds the same position for the Wilkesboro organization. The seals will be sold through the schools, through the mails and by the Boy Scouts between now and Yuletide.

During the past few years the Woman's Clubs of the Wilkesboros have raised enough through the sale of seals to furnish the county tuberculosis hospital and purchase a radio for the enjoyment of the shut-in inmates. In addition to this they have purchased equipment for the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium and have carried out several objectives, all of which have been directly or indirectly connected with the great drive civilization is directing against tuberculosis.

This year the funds will be used in similar commendable activities and the sponsors of the sale of Christmas seals will appreciate the support of the public.

## Shipping Corn To International Grain, Hay Show

### Wilkes County White to Compete in Big Exposition Starting Dec. 1

After winning sweepstakes at the North Carolina State Fair a group of Wilkes farmers of the Purlear community are seeking larger fields to conquer and have sent their specimens of Wilkes County White Corn to the International Grain and Hay Show in Chicago.

The International is the largest exposition of farmers products in the world and is open to all nations. However, the United States is divided into regions according to climatic and soil conditions.

The farmers have shipped to the exposition a number of ten ear exhibits to compete in the ten-ear single ear class, the ten-ear prolific class and the 4-H Club department. Quentin Nichols, who won sweepstakes at the State Fair, made only a few substitutes in his ten-ear exhibit and will put North Carolina's best against the rest of the world.

During the past several years that the Wilkes corn has been on exhibit at the International show it has not failed to win premiums and on three occasions has won Blue ribbons.

The International show building was destroyed in the disastrous fire last year but has been replaced much larger than before.

North Carolina will send a judging team from State College to compete in the judging contests and W. H. Darst and Dr. J. B. Cotner will look after the exhibits from the state at the exposition.

Reports from all parts of eastern North Carolina indicate that a heavy acreage of oats, barley and wheat is being planted this fall.

## Relief Office For District to Be Set Up In This City

### Lindbergh Nursemaid



Trenton, N. J. . . . Betty Gow (above), nursemaid to the Lindbergh baby at the time of the kidnaping, is returning from Scotland to testify in the trial of Bruno Hauptmann for the child's murder.

## 6 Counties Are Grouped In Unit With Office Here

### Relief Offices in State Cut From 104 to 33 for Sale of Economy

#### GREATHER EFFICIENCY

### One Administrator Will Serve Entire District; Will Save \$180,000

Effective December 6 The North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration will work through district instead of county offices and a district office for six counties will be located in North Wilkesboro, according to information given out from Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state relief administrator.

Wilkes has been selected as the district office for Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry and Yadkin counties and the office will be located in the Bank of North Wilkesboro building.

By reducing the number of offices and units from 104 to 33 in the state it is expected that \$180,000 can be sliced from the cost of relief administration.

The consolidation move will be the first important alteration of the relief administrative set-up since its organization more than a year ago. Virtually every county in the state will be affected by the change. Mrs. O'Berry said.

The consolidation plans provide that the 33 districts will be each under the supervision of a district administrator. Each county will continue to have a branch office, but clerical assistance in these offices will be eliminated.

District administrators have not been announced, and those not retained as administrators may be employed in other relief jobs, Mrs. O'Berry said.

"Increased efficiency with reduced expense is our aim," Mrs. O'Berry explained.

"Enough case workers will be added to staffs of each district to provide one worker for each 100 families on relief."

"More thorough investigation is expected to reduce drastically the number of persons on relief rolls and the savings can be used to provide adequately for those qualified for relief."

Under the new set-up, each of the 33 districts will be staffed with the following key personnel: district administrator, case work supervisor, disbursing officer, project supervisor, rural rehabilitation supervisor and statistician. This staff will serve also as a planning board.

Only four counties will be maintained as relief units within themselves: Wake county with headquarters in Raleigh, Mecklenburg with headquarters in Charlotte, Dare with headquarters in Manteo, and Carteret with headquarters in Beaufort.

## New Grocery Firm To Open Saturday

### North Wilkesboro Grocery Co. Will Be Located in Phillips Building

The North Wilkesboro Grocery Company, owned by Rom H. Pearson, will open for business Saturday, December 1st, in the Phillips building on Tenth street. The firm will carry a complete line of groceries, flour, feeds and fertilizer.

Mr. Pearson is well and favorably known by hundreds of people residing in Wilkes and adjoining counties. He was formerly a member of the firm of Pearson Bros., one of the city's best known firms.

The new company will carry on both a wholesale and retail business, and merchants are invited to get wholesale prices as all merchandise will be sold at a very narrow margin of profit. The grocery store owned by Mr. Pearson and located a short distance west of the city on the Boone Trail Highway will continue to be operated under the management of Mr. W. M. Green.

## County Officers Will Be Sworn In On First Monday

### Sheriff and One Member of Board of Commissioners Will Remain in Office

December 3rd will be first Monday and the day for the newly elected county officers to take office at the courthouse in Wilkesboro. The officers will be sworn in at that time.

Sheriff W. B. Somers and M. F. Absher, member of the board of county commissioners, are the only incumbents to remain in office, none of the other officers having been seeking renomination or reelection.

Following are the officers to take the oath of office Monday: W. B. Somers, sheriff; C. C. Hayes, clerk of court; O. F. Eller, register of deeds; Ralph Duncan, M. F. Absher and D. W. Swearingen, commissioners; Irwell M. Myers, coroner; W. E. Fletcher, surveyor.

The retiring officers are Wm. A. Stroud, clerk of court; T. H. Settle, register of deeds; N. B. Smithy, commissioner. C. C. Hayes, commissioner who is elevated to clerk of court. All county officers taking office Monday are Republicans, having made a clean sweep in the election on November 6.

## Inspector Is At Work In County

### Making Survey of Sewer Systems and Water Supplies of Schools in County

Sanitary Inspector C. C. Foard, formerly of Statesville, has begun his work in the county in cooperation with the county health department and his services are now available to the public.

At present Mr. Foard is making a survey of the sewer systems and water supplies of the schools of the county and will make recommendation for any changes that he deems necessary to keep the best of sanitary conditions and to safeguard the health of the children.

He urges the construction of sanitary privies for private homes and will gladly assist anyone in giving them plans approved by the state board of health. He calls attention to the fact that the FERA will furnish labor for the erection of a sanitary privy and the only cost to the owner is what expenditures may be necessary for materials.

### Rev. E. V. Bumgarner Is Zion Hill Pastor

Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, widely and favorably known minister of Taylorsville, has accepted the pastoral call of Zion Hill Baptist church at Boomer. The church and community are delighted with his acceptance, he being considered a most able minister.

Services are held each fourth Sunday afternoon and evening.

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