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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

CRUSHED TO DEATH
Blowing Rock, July 26.—Lloyd Metes, 30, of Globe, was crushed to death near here today when a caterpillar tractor which he was driving for the State Highway Commission turned down an embankment.

LETTER IMPORTANT
Dublin, Ga., July 26.—Pastor T. P. Selbenmann advertised "seats free" at Centenary Methodist church and witnessed a startling influx of worshippers. He looked again at his church notice. A letter was missing. It read: "Eats free."

TWO WIN, ONE LOSES
Altoona, Pa., July 26.—George Bowers and Solomon Books were inside a culvert, cleaning it, today, when they became aware of a strong odor. Bowers was overcome and needed a doctor's attention. Books escaped—so did the skunk.

MISSES MRS. PAYMENT
Des Moines, Iowa, July 2.—An applicant for Iowa unemployment insurance today for the first time frankly advised the commission in his application that he quit his job because he was tired of paying alimony. Job insurance checks cannot be attached for alimony.

REYNOLDS SPEAKS
Boone, July 26.—Health impairment, whether it is formed among the preventable, corrective or curative group, is a handicap to education, Dr. C. V. Reynolds, state health officer told the second annual state school superintendents conference at the opening session here tonight.

FLOOD DAMAGE
Raleigh, July 26.—North Carolina rivers, swollen from a nine-day rain, tonight rolled over additional miles of lowlands, destroying crops and washing out small bridges. Lee A. Denson, head of the weather bureau here, said the flood in Eastern North Carolina was the heaviest of the year. The rivers will go still further out of the banks tomorrow and Thursday, he added.

BUSINESS BETTER
New York, July 26.—The United States Steel Corporation, the leading producer in one of the nation's basic industries, reported today for the three months ended June 30 the largest deficit it has shown for a comparable period since 1933, but sounded a cheerful note by calling attention to a recent upturn in steel business. Apparently taking the July improvement in new orders as a guide, rather than the second quarter loss, the directors decided to dip into cash reserves to maintain the regular quarterly payment of \$1.75 a share on the preferred stock.

SALES SHOW GAIN
High Point, July 26.—Steady sales at the Southern Furniture and Rug Market here today brought optimistic reports from both manufacturers and buyers. End of steady rains which cut attendance totals last week raised hopes of a sharp increase in sales volume. Manufacturers saw the attendance gain as potential buying power and 286 buyers were on the floor today. Market officials said they expected a "steady buying level" throughout the week. Ed pointed to general gains in all lines of industry and commerce as a stimulus to fall retail demand. Small purchases outnumbered large contracts. The general buying trend is geared to demand expectations, officials said.

JUMPS TO DEATH
New York, July 26.—Young John Ward, who perched for 11 hours on a 17th-floor ledge of the Hotel Gotham undecided whether to live or die because of a spat with his sister, plunged to his death late tonight as rescue workers hauled up a net to prevent his suicide. Thousands of horrified spectators, who had jammed the Fifth Avenue and 55th street intersection where the hotel is located, screamed and shouted when they saw the 26-year-old man leave the narrow ledge and catapult downward to crash on the curb at the hotel's 55th street entrance. The body was mashed to a jelly. The face was unrecognizable.

Sergeant and Mrs. W. B. Lentz, of Asheville, are the proud parents of a daughter, born Tuesday at the Aston Park Hospital. Her name is Meredith Blake and she weighs 6 3/4 pounds. Sergeant and Mrs. Lentz made their home here for sometime the former being a member of the state patrol.

Over 1,000 Farms In Wilkes County Checked In Crops

Many Have Qualified For Payments In Soil Program For Year

Trained supervisors have checked one-fourth of the farms in Wilkes county and will complete the job of checking compliance with the government's soil program by the last of August, it was learned today from the office of Dan Holler, Wilkes farm agent.

More than 5,000 farms in the county will be checked by the supervisors, who make a personal inspection of the farm and plot it by aerial maps which are used to facilitate the work. The maps, which are photographs taken from army planes, show clearly every field and the supervisor's task is to learn what fields are planted to different crops.

Examination of a few of the reports of supervisors indicates that a large per cent of the farms have complied with at least part of the provisions for which the government makes cash payment. While individual payments are not expected to be very large, the total for Wilkes will in all probability greatly exceed the amount paid to farmers of the county in any previous year of the program.

Tobacco poundage allotments will be distributed to Wilkes farmers who have made application about August 10, Lawrence Miller, clerk of the soil conservation association, said today.

He said, however, that about 200 tobacco farmers have not applied for poundage allotments and advised that they apply at once in order that they may receive their poundage allotments without delay and in time to sell tax-free tobacco when the markets open.

Two Poultry Firms Are Consolidated

Cranbury Consolidates With E. E. Eller; Is Now An Unlimited Market

Announcement was made today of the consolidation of Cranbury Poultry company, which has been operating a branch here, with E. E. Eller Poultry company, for 30 years a leading poultry and produce market in the south.

The consolidation move makes the firm an outstanding market in this part of the country and able to handle unlimited quantities of poultry and other produce at top market prices at all times. Operations of the firm will consist principally of dressed poultry and the total payroll of the company has increased to 100 since Monday, first day of operation under consolidation, when 40 were put to work.

Parent firm of the Cranbury Poultry company is located at Cranbury, N. J. and the branch here had been operated since January 1, under management of M. Albert, who had become well and favorably known among poultrymen and who is now connected with the consolidated firm.

The consolidated firm here has excellent connections with northern markets which will enable unlimited volume business for this territory at highest market prices, company officials said.

In addition to poultry the firm will continue to purchase butter, eggs, dried fruit and other produce items which it has been handling, providing a cash market for all these products in unlimited quantities.

Taxpayers Would Save By Paying Taxes At Once

Final notice is given that an additional penalty and advertising costs will be added to 1937 taxes due Wilkes county if not paid on or before Monday, August 1.

Attention is also called to the fact that a discount of 3 1/2 per cent will be allowed on 1938 county taxes paid on or before August 1.

Game Seasons Are Changed For Year

Quail Season Shortened; Squirrel Season to Open Oct. 1

Homer Brookshire, Wilkes county game protector, today announced that new combination hunting and fishing license are now available at convenient locations in Wilkes county and called attention to changes in open season for hunting and trapping this year.

Notable among the changes made by the department of conservation and development was shortening the quail season, which will be December 15 to February 20. Other open seasons follow:

Opossum (with gun or dogs): October 15 to February 15; for trapping, November 1 to February 15.

Rabbit: November 20 to February 15.

Squirrel: October 1 to January 15.

Dove: September 1 to September 30; December 20 to January 31.

Game officials express the opinion that there will be a more plentiful supply of game this year than in the past several years.

Swimming Pool Is Opened Here

Lions Club Operating Riverside Pool Between the Wilkesboro

Riverside Swimming Pool located between the Wilkesboro has been opened and is now being operated by the North Wilkesboro Lions Club as a project in boys and girls work.

The pool has been a popular spot since the advent of fair weather this week. The pool is open twelve hours daily from eight a. m. to eight p. m.

Bill Crews and Charles Sink are operating the pool for the club. Both are well trained swimmers and have passed life saving tests. It is being operated as a non-profit project and the admission charge is to defray cost of operation and repairs necessary before the pool could be opened. City water is used.

Tenth Street Wins In 'Rubber Game'

Bob Brame's chargers from 10th street completely overwhelmed Chilton's team from Ninth street Wednesday evening by going round and round the bases until dark.

When it became too dark for the score keeper to put down runs the score was approximately 21 to 4.

It was the rubber game, the results to that date leaving the teams tied one game each and one tied. Rubber game is the proper descriptive word. Tenth street players stretched should-be-outs and one base knocks into doubles, triples and runs.

Jay Church, tall graduate of last year's junior baseball, turned in masterful pitching for Tenth but received good support. Ed Day, a this-year junior, started on the mound for Ninth but the heat and a sleeve of an infield got him. Anse Church took the mound and turned in good pitching until the final frame when everything blew up except Tenth street.

Tenth street will play the Hosley Mills team soon.

Honors War Dead



NEW YORK CITY... Visiting here on the first anniversary of Japan's undeclared war on China, Miss Loh Tsei, known as China's "Joan of Arc," because of valiant work on the battlefield, joins Chinatown youngsters at shrine to pay tribute to 800,000 Chinese soldiers killed in first year of fighting.

3 Boys Caught On Car Charge

Talmadge Holland, Roy Rose and Garland Davis Are Arrested

After a chase over a county road several miles to a point near Traphill Chief J. E. Walker and officer Hayes captured three boys with a stolen car Tuesday.

L. G. Caldwell Tuesday morning reported to police that his car was stolen from the street in front of his home on Kensington Avenue some time before daylight.

Officers learned Tuesday morning that the car had been seen at Fairplains and was traveling toward Traphill. They caught up with the car near Traphill and crowded it into the ditch. Three boys got out and tried to run but were unable to get over the road bank before the officers grabbed them.

The boys were Talmadge Holland, Roy Rose and Garland Davis. Holland, who was under bond along with other boys on a charge of stealing meat from homes near this city, was driver of the car. The others had been given a suspended sentence by the juvenile court for stealing cigarettes. The trio intimated that they had planned to leave the state in the stolen car.

Holland was placed under bond for trial in Wilkes county court and the two juveniles were forwarded to Jackson training school.

State Election Board May Ask County Boards to Change Returns In Primary

W. A. Lucas, chairman of the state board of elections, said yesterday in Raleigh that any change in the returns of North Carolina's recent primaries would be made by county boards of election, and not by the state board.

Lucas emphasized, however, that he and his colleagues had not and would not merely "rubber stamp" findings of county boards.

"The state board has no power to certify any returns except those certified by county boards," Lucas said. "After the state board concludes its fact-finding investigation, I am confident that we can work the matter out with county boards."

The chairman's statement was interpreted to mean that the state board, if convinced that returns certified by county boards were incorrect, would "recommend" that the returns be changed.

However, since the state board appoints members of the county board, it could enforce its recommendations by discharging any member of a county board who refused to follow them.

Lucas reiterated his assertion that the state board would certify no returns that it had reason to believe were illegal.

The board, now meeting in executive session, has under advisement charges of alleged irregularities in the sixth district solicitorial and eighth district congressional Democratic run-off primaries; the fourth district solicitorial Democratic first-primary; and the Republican primary for sheriff of Avery county.

Sitting around a conference table, the board members continued their study of affidavits concerning absentee ballots cast

Wilkes Will Not Share Reynolds Foundation Fund

Funds For Venereal Disease Control Available When Matched

"Wilkes county will not share in the Reynolds fund for treatment and prevention of venereal diseases because no funds have been appropriated by the county to match the condition donation," Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes county health officer, said today.

He said, however, that the clinic which the health department conducts continues to progress and that a total of about 100 cases are being treated, 65 regular and a number who do not appear regularly as they are instructed. Under the present plan the patient must pay the net cost of medicine, which is administered by the health officer without charge.

If the county was able to appropriate funds to match the Reynolds fund now being used in the state, medicine could be furnished those unable to pay, the health officer explained.

Discussing the extent of venereal diseases in the county, Dr. Eller said that if medicine was furnished without cost and a campaign of treatment for prevention and eradication of the diseases was promoted that the cost for the year would be over \$3,000.

Several counties in the state have appropriated funds to match conditional donations from the Reynolds fund, which has as its primary purpose the control of syphilis. However, several counties have not added to the budget for this purpose because it would in many cases increase the tax levy or make operation unfeasible or contemplated levies difficult.

J. J. Russel Dead

Funeral service was conducted at Boone Wednesday by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner for J. J. Russel, 86-year-old resident of Boone who died Tuesday at his home.

Fifth Sunday Musical Program At Damascus

There will be a varied program of music and Dramatic Reading given in the new Damascus church (colored) on Sunday, July 31, 1938.

The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy solos, quartet selections and dramatic readings.

Injury Month Ago Causes Death Of Boomer Resident

Exploding Stove Sets House Afire

The fire department answered a call Wednesday afternoon to the Gilreath shoe shop building on Main street, where an oil stove exploded in the residential quarters upstairs and set fire to the building. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Annual Picnic Of Orchardists Soon

Will Be Held at Research Laboratory at Kilby's Gap In August

The Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers association has set the date of its annual picnic for August 19th, to be held at the apple Research Laboratory at Kilby's Gap.

Plans for the program have not been completed but will be announced in detail as soon as arrangements have been made. There will be a Woman's Program in the morning under the joint direction of the Home Demonstration Agents of Alexander and Wilkes, Misses Agnes Williams and Harriet McGoogan, and while this is in progress the fruit growers will make a field day tour inspecting some of the projects directed from the Research Laboratory.

After the picnic dinner a program of speakers on subjects of interest to Fruit Growers is being arranged. All Fruit Growers in the district are cordially invited to attend with their families and dinner baskets and enjoy the occasion. While the picnic is sponsored by the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers organization, it is not confined to members and any one interested in fruit growing may attend.

Baseball Games Saturday, Sunday

All Stars Play North Wilkesboro Saturday; Hickory Team On Sunday

On Saturday, 3:30, North Wilkesboro will play an all-star team made up of 15 of the outstanding players of Boone, Purlair, Fairplains, Rock Creek and Moravian Falls, namely, "Wilkes County All-stars." This should be a good game.

Sunday afternoon, 3:00 o'clock, North Wilkesboro will play "Hutten Bourbons" from Hickory.

North Wilkesboro will be playing in new uniforms that were secured through donations from citizens and business houses of the city as follows:

Jim Carter, Bill Absher, Quality Cleaners, G. W. Childress, Dean's Jewelry Store, Dixie Barber Shop, North Wilkesboro Service Station, Bares Fair Store, Gaddy Motor company, C. G. Poindexter, Employees Forest Furniture company, Employees Home Chair company, Forest Furniture company, J. B. Williams, Jamestown Wood Finish company, Hadley Hardware company, J. L. Wells, North Wilkesboro Grocery company, R. & O. Grocery company, Green Pig Barbecue, Belk's Department Store, Reins Market, Cash & Carry Grocery, Carolina Mirror company, Goodwill Store, C. G. Day, Red Cross Pharmacy, Orpheum Theatre, and Brame Drug company.

Ray Love Funeral Rites Held Sunday

Funeral service was held Sunday at Fishing Creek church for Ray Love, age 24, who died Friday at the Wilkes Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Mayberry Love and one son, R. D.; his mother, and the following brothers and sisters: R. L. Love, Wilkesboro; E. E. Love, North Wilkesboro; Cordie Love, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Royall Holland, West Jefferson; Mrs. C. J. Johnson, Cycle; Lacie Love, Wilkesboro.

Rev. N. T. Jarvis conducted the last rites. The service was attended by a large crowd.

Boil weevils are plentiful in eastern Carolina cotton fields and the plants are growing slowly.

Wade Swanson Is Victim Of Stone Blow, Jury Says

Tom Dula Held as Alleged Assailant; Blow Causes Hemorrhage of Chest

MURDER IS CHARGED

Mother of Slain Man Shows Fatal Stone Weighing Six Pounds

Wade Swanson, Boomer resident, died yesterday, July 27, from injuries received one month previous on June 27 when he was hit by a six-pound stone alleged to have been thrown by a neighbor, Tom Dula, a coroner's jury decided last night after an inquest conducted by Coroner I. M. Myers and post mortem examination by Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, and Dr. H. B. Smith, of this city.

Swanson had been ill and unable to work since he was hit by the stone but his condition had not been considered serious by physicians until yesterday morning, when he began to smother. An ambulance was called and he died on the way to the hospital here.

Coroner Myers, after hearing report that the man possibly died from injury, went to his home at Boone, where Swanson's mother told him that Dula hit her son a month ago following a dispute over some chickens. Mr. Myers immediately notified Sheriff Doughton and Dula was arrested. A warrant sworn out by the coroner charged premeditated murder.

Physicians conducting the autopsy said that Swanson died from a hemorrhage caused by a blow on the sixth rib or between the fifth and sixth ribs on the right side of the body. The chest cavity on that side was filled with about half-gallon of blood, which indicated that the hemorrhage of an artery occurred a few hours before death and eventually caused the lungs to cease functioning.

The coroner said that unless Dula waived hearing that he would call the jury together again to hear evidence and pass upon whether bond would be allowed. The coroner's jury was composed of John F. Morrison, R. T. Pardue, W. A. Bumgarner, Branford Brooks, H. L. Summers and C. B. Mayberry.

The mother of Swanson showed Coroner Myers a stone weighing six pounds, which she said Dula threw and struck her son. It was reported that Swanson had accused Dula of taking some chickens. The altercation took place at or near Swanson's home.

Uptown Service Station Opened

Free Lubrication Job With Ten Gallons Gasoline Friday-Saturday

Announcement was made today of the formal opening of Uptown Service station located on Main street at Eighth.

The station, one of the most modern and attractive in this locality, was recently completed and equipped with the most modern and convenient equipment available for service stations.

Under the management of Roy Spainhour, assisted by Wint Eledge, the station will render a complete service. Sinclair products, including Sinclair H-C gasoline, Pennsylvania and Opaline motor oils, tires, batteries, accessories and a complete line of Sinclair lubricants will be sold.

The station will feature a complete service and will specialize in thorough and complete lubrication. As a formal opening special the station on Friday and Saturday of this week will give free chassis lubrication with every purchase of ten gallons of gasoline. The lubrication job may be obtained any time after the purchase of gas. A visit to the station will be appreciated.