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**HEAT KILLS SIX**  
Pocahontas, Ark., Aug. 2.—Physicians today attributed the deaths of six men here yesterday wholly or in part to heat prostration. The temperature was 111 degrees with a maximum humidity of 59. Two heat deaths were reported in Southern California, one at Rice, where the official noon reading yesterday was 116 1-2 degrees.

**OFFICERS TO MEET**  
Raleigh, Aug. 2.—Members of the North Carolina League of Municipalities will discuss local legislation, slum clearance, tax exemptions, and retirement systems for public employees, at their convention in Asheville Friday and Saturday. PWA legislation to be considered at a special session of the General Assembly also is slated to be studied, Patrick Healy Jr., secretary of the league, announced here today.

**LEWIS TO RETIRE**  
Washington, Aug. 2.—Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, (D), Ill., dapper, bewhiskered Senate whip, today announced his plans to resign from the upper house next year with a stern warning that President Roosevelt may "disrupt" the Democratic party if he seeks a third term. Lewis, whose term expires in 1943, said that by retiring in 1939 his successor could be chosen in the 1940 election and thus the state would be saved the cost of a special election. He said he would have resigned this year but for the fact that he felt he should "continue my support of President Roosevelt in his great work."

**EYE PART GRAFTED**  
San Francisco, Aug. 2.—The clear cornea of an 80-year-old "good Christian" woman who died Sunday, was transplanted to the dimming eye of a Portland, Ore., minister today in a San Francisco surgery. Medical sources disclosed that the swift operation was "satisfactory," but said it would be days before the Rev. U. E. Harding would know whether he would see again. The donor of the cornea was Mrs. Margaret Carr, of Berkeley, Calif., whose three daughters willingly gave consent. On her deathbed, the daughters said, Mrs. Carr murmured, "This is heaven—how beautiful."

**RUSSIA-JAP WAR**  
Tokyo, Aug. 3.—The undeclared war between Japan and Soviet Russia on the Manchukuo-Siberia frontier spread today and threatened momentarily to develop into a conflict which might precipitate the gravest threat to general peace since the World War. Thousands of Japanese and Soviet soldiers, supported by airplanes, tanks and artillery, were locked in a series of sporadic battles in the Posslet Bay area, 150 miles south of the great fortified Russian port of Vladivostok, where the borders of Japan's Korea and Manchukuo protectorates adjoin the Soviet Usuri province.

**PRIMARY RESULTS**  
Two Virginia Democrats, seeking seats in Congress as supporters of the Roosevelt administration, went down to defeat in Tuesday's primary elections. William E. Dodd, Jr. was beaten by Representative Howard W. Smith, who opposed the wage-hour and re-organization bills and reserved the right to vote against additional administration measures if he chose. Representative Norman R. Hamilton—who, despite voting against the reorganization bill, declared himself "a staunch supporter of the President"—lost to Colgate W. Darden, an announced "independent" candidate. Both Dodd and Hamilton conceded defeat.

**Big Still Found By the Officers**  
Two Arrested at Scene of Large Plant Tuesday Afternoon

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and federal officers on Tuesday afternoon raided one of the largest stills taken in Wilkes in several years. The large still, complete with well made accessories, was found near the Wilkes-Iredell line near Hunting Creek. In the raid the officers arrested Glenn Combs, a man by the name of Brooks, both of whom filled bonds after preliminary hearing before Commissioner J. W. Dula in Wilkesboro for appearance in the November term of federal court.

## City Will Make Application For Grant From PWA

Plans For City Hall Were Discussed With Architect Here Monday Night TO COST ABOUT \$26,000 Issue of Bonds Would Be Limited to \$14,000; PWA \$12,000

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners will make application to the Public Works administration for a grant as 45 per cent of the cost of construction of a city hall, it was learned today from official sources. A representative of the architect firm of Benton and Benton, of Wilson, conferred with the commissioners on Monday night relative to plans for the municipal building and will report to that body again at an early date with more definite estimates relative to cost of construction. It is understood that the city commissioners are considering a building to cost in the neighborhood of \$26,000. Should such a building be constructed the city would be able to issue bonds in the sum of about \$14,000, which would be equal to two-thirds of the amount of bonds retired last year. The application to the Public Works administration will be for about \$12,000, or 45 per cent of the cost of the building. No action has been taken to date relative to location for the proposed building and this may not be determined until plans are completed and the application to the Public Works administration for a grant is approved, it was indicated today.

## County Board In Session Monday

Routine Business Transacted and Forest Protection Agreement Signed

Wilkes county board of commissioners with M. F. Absher and Leet Poplin present met on Monday and transacted regular routine county business. The board entered into the usual agreement with the state department of conservation and development to appropriate the sum of \$500 as the county's part toward forest fire protection during the coming year. The board will meet on Wednesday, August 10, to adopt appropriations resolution and to officially set the tax levy for the fiscal year which began on July 1.

## Concert Monday By Oxford Class

Well Trained Class to Give Program at School Building Here

The singing class from the Masonic orphanage at Oxford will come to North Wilkesboro Monday to render a concert Monday night, eight o'clock, in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium. The visit of these well trained boys and girls is always an occasion of interest in that it affords an opportunity for the local public to see evidence of the training afforded orphan children. The public has a most cordial invitation to attend the concert, which will be very entertaining. Price of every admission will be used by the institution.

## Price of Apples Looks Promising

Daily market reports from Atlanta, Ga. indicate that price of apples is decidedly higher this year. U. S. number 1 of 2 1-2 inches minimum packed in baskets are selling in Atlanta at from \$1.00 to \$1.50 while good apples in bulk are quoted at from 50 cents to \$1.00. These prices range from 25 to 50 cents higher than prices of a year ago. Reports from all over the country indicate a smaller crop than last year and the apples are maturing from one to three weeks earlier than a year ago.

## Japan's Davis Cuppers



The Japanese Davis Cup team which is in this country now to participate in North American Zone Davis Cup matches. From left to right, Fumiteru Nakano, Jiro Yamagishi, Yasumine Kuramitsu and Captain Tamio Abe. Yamagishi is No. 1 singles champion of Japan.

## Hearing Waived By Boomer Man Cases On Wilkes Court Calendar

Tom Dula Is Charged With Death of Wade Swanson On July 27th

A coroner's hearing to determine whether or not bond would be allowed Tom Dula, Boomer resident in jail charged with the death of Wade Swanson, was not held Tuesday afternoon as scheduled because Dula waived hearing until Wilkes court convenes next week. Dula is alleged to have thrown a six-pound stone which struck Swanson in the chest on June 27. Swanson died exactly one month later from what physicians described as a hemorrhage of a small artery caused by the blow. Swanson's mother said that Dula struck Swanson with the stone following a dispute over some chickens which Swanson has accused Dula of taking from his premises.

A warrant sworn out by Coroner I. M. Myers charged Dula with murder. Solicitor John R. Jones has not indicated whether or not the state will demand the death penalty when the case is called for trial in the term of Wilkes court to begin Monday. When Judge J. A. Rousseau opens his first term of court in his home county at Wilkesboro Monday morning, August 8, he will face a docket of about 235 cases. Notwithstanding the fact that the docket is large it is expected that many cases will be removed from the calendar during the two-week term with the resident jurist on the bench. He has expressed the hope that the docket can be left in good shape at the end of the term. Solicitor John R. Jones, of this city, will be prosecuting the docket for his last term in Wilkes. Prior to the June primary he announced his intention to retire after 12 years in office. He will be succeeded in office by either Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, Republican nominee, or W. H. McElwee, of this city, Democratic nominee. The docket for the August term contains the usual variety of charges with but few cases considered of much public interest. There will be a number of cost and good behavior cases and many appeals from magistrate's courts and some from the city court here. One case of more than usual interest will be the murder charge against Tom Dula, Boomer resident, who is alleged to have caused the death of Wade Swanson, a neighbor, by throwing a rock and inflicting an injury which caused Swanson's death on July 27, exactly one month after the injury was alleged to have been inflicted. Swanson died from an internal hemorrhage of the chest, physicians said following a post mortem examination.

## Begin Surfacing On Highway 115

Road Will Be Closed While Bituminous Surface Is Being Applied

Highway engineers said today that the task of placing a bituminous surface on Highway 115, better known as the Hunting Creek highway, will be begun within the next few days and that the road will be closed to all traffic. The road is closed now to through traffic while workmen are busily engaged in shaping the crushed stone surface in preparation for the hard surface. Also on the program to be surfaced soon is the short cut road between the lower Yadkin bridge at the east end of this city and highway 421 one mile east of Wilkesboro.

## Many Pay County Taxes For 1937

Many taxpayers called at the office of Sheriff C. T. Doughton Saturday and Monday to pay their 1937 county taxes before the penalty increased. Attention is now called to the fact that a saving is still available for those who pay this week. Advertising costs will be added to all 1937 taxes not paid this week.

## Sheriff and Deputies Raid Broadway Service Station and Several Homes

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies on Friday raided Broadway service station and eight homes in the vicinity of about one mile east of Wilkesboro. The raids were not without results: 35 gallons of sugarhead liquor, 200 pints of stamped liquor and a small quantity of peach brandy were found and destroyed. Sheriff Doughton said that several people from that section had reported that the places raided were engaged in the sale of liquor and asked that the law take a hand in helping to stamp out bootlegging. Liquor was found at Broadway service station and tourist camp and in six of the eight residences searched, Sheriff Doughton said. Eight warrants were issued.

## Ruffin Principal Succeeds Halfacre

Paul S. Cragan Is Elected Head Of City Schools

Known As An Outstanding School Administrator and Executive In the State IS WELL EDUCATED

12 Years Experience In Administrative Capacity With Two Schools

Paul S. Cragan, principal of Ruffin high school and recognized as one of the outstanding school men in the state, has been elected superintendent of North Wilkesboro city schools, J. R. Hix, chairman of the city school board, said today. Mr. Cragan, who has been head of Ruffin schools for five years and who has worked for the state school commission during vacation months, will succeed W. D. Halfacre city schools superintendent here since 1931. Mr. Halfacre has accepted a responsible position with the Bank of North Wilkesboro and entered upon his new duties Monday.

The newly elected superintendent received his A. B. degree from Maryville college at Maryville, Tenn., and his M. A. degree from North Carolina State college. He has done post graduate work at Columbia University and the University of North Carolina. Before taking his position at Ruffin, a large consolidated school in Rockingham county, he was head of Oriental schools for five years. He is well prepared to carry out the duties of school administrator, having a splendid background of education and practical experience.

Mr. Cragan is a member of the Presbyterian church. His family consist of his wife and two girls, ages nine and seven. They plan to move here the latter part of this week. Mr. Halfacre came to North Wilkesboro from Burlington, where he was assistant superintendent of the city schools. His record here has been outstanding. North Wilkesboro was the second city in the state to vote local supplement tax and despite the depression and lowered state budgets the city school system maintained its high rating and has made much progress until North Wilkesboro schools have become known throughout the state as one of the state's best special charter districts.

Various extra-curricula activities designed to afford students better training have been instituted and carried out under Superintendent Halfacre's direction. His handling of the school budget with the board has been considered exceptionally efficient. During the seven years as head of the school there has been a cash surplus at the end of each year and no debts have been incurred. In addition to school work Mr. Halfacre has found time to engage in many civic activities.

## Three Vacancies In Faculty Filled

Sanford Man Will Teach Math and Coach Athletics At the Local School

North Wilkesboro city school board has filled three vacancies which have occurred in the faculty since the close of the last term, board members said today. A. C. Hood, who has been located in Sanford, will come to North Wilkesboro to teach high school math and to direct athletics. Mr. Hood is recognized as an efficient instructor and has been a very successful coach. He will succeed Ralph Barker, of Salisbury, who has held the position here for the past few years but who resigned to take a position with Curtis Publishing company.

Miss Lillian Miller, of Salisbury, has been elected commercial teacher succeeding Miss Carrie Belle Strayhorn, who resigned. Miss Evelyn Sharpe, of Greensboro, will be home economics teacher, succeeding Miss Catherine Turner, who also resigned.

All the newly elected teachers are well experienced in their respective fields, school officials said.

## Lady Godiva Rides Again



Teddington, Eng. . . . Miss Mirabelle Muller, 19 years old, was forced to leave a convent school because she took the part of the Legendary Lady, riding in the procession through this Middlesex town. Several objectors tried to pull her from the horse.

## City Budget And Levy Is Adopted

City Tax Rate Will Remain \$1.25 For the Ensuing Fiscal Year

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in regular session Tuesday night officially adopted the budget for the ensuing fiscal year and fixed the tax levy at \$1.25 on each hundred dollars' valuation of property, the same rate in effect last year. The board by a majority vote kept the tax rate at the same figure despite heavy loss in assessed valuation due to the new law which exempts intangibles from city taxation. The budget as proposed and which was published several weeks ago, was adopted. The city's finances are in sound condition with all obligations being paid as they fall due and bonds are retired on schedule.

The full board was present with Mayor R. T. McNeil in the meeting Tuesday night. The board members are S. V. Tomlinson, Ralph Duncan, Hoyle M. Hutchens, Dr. R. P. Casey and T. S. Kenerly.

## Laying Plans For McNeill Reunion

Be Held at Millers Creek School Building, Sunday, September 4th

Plans are going forward for the fourth annual reunion of the widely scattered McNeill family, which will be held on the first Sunday in September at Millers Creek high school, six miles west of this city. C. O. McNeil, president of the McNeill family association, said today that Judge Johnson J. Hayes is program chairman for the reunion and will have an interesting program to present. The McNeill family reunion is expected to be largely attended. Last year there were members of the family present from many North Carolina counties and from several other states. McNeal of Barra, chief of the McNeill clan the world over, attended the reunion last year.

## Rev. W. L. Hutchins Will Preach Here

Rev. W. L. Hutchins will preach at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. L. Aycock. Rev. Mr. Hutchins was appointed as conference director of the Aldersgate Commemoration at the last session of the Western North Carolina Conference and will be heard with much interest Sunday. The union service for the evening hour will be held at the First Baptist church with Rev. Watt Cooper, pastor of the Presbyterian church, as the speaker. Rev. and Mrs. Aycock and daughter, Miss Helen Aycock, are leaving the latter part of the week for a two weeks vacation.

## To Let Contract For Highway 268 30th Day August

Engineers Working Hard to Have Project Ready For the Next Letting

WILL COMPLETE LINK Next Letting Includes Road From This City to Roaring River

Engineers are working hard to have the project calling for construction of highway 268 between North Wilkesboro and Roaring River in readiness for the next highway letting on August 30, J. G. Hackett, eighth division highway commissioner, said today. The project will complete highway 268 between North Wilkesboro and Elkin, the road having been previously graded and surfaced from Elkin westward by Ronda to Roaring River.

In addition to providing a shorter route between North Wilkesboro, Elkin and points east the new highway will serve a number of communities along the route which have long felt the need of an all-weather highway. The highway will connect with highway 18 at the northern edge of this city at or near where the temporary road enters but a survey has been made for an additional entrance into the city which would connect with Main street near the eastern end of the city. This would provide a more direct route of entrance, it is pointed out.

## Board of Elections In Richmond Next

Lucas Calls Session For Saturday Morning to Continue Investigation

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—The state board of elections today deferred again its scheduled announcement of "findings of fact" in an investigation of North Carolina's recent primaries, and decided to meet at Rockingham Saturday morning to continue the probe. The session at Rockingham was called by Chairman W. A. Lucas to consider charges of irregularities in two Richmond county precincts in the eighth congressional district run-off contest. The charges were brought by W. O. Burgin, of Lexington, apparently the Democratic nominee for the district's seat in the United States house of representatives.

Home of Deane Richmond is the home county of C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, who apparently was defeated by Burgin. Deane has protested against absentee votes in Montgomery, Davidson and Wilkes counties. Lucas said the board would reveal no findings until it had completed all of its various probes of alleged fraud. Previously, he had announced that the findings would be made public about the middle of this week.

## BURGIN'S COOPERATION IS ASKED BY CHAIRMAN

Lexington, Aug. 2.—W. O. Burgin, apparent Democratic eighth district congressional nominee, this afternoon received from Chairman W. A. Lucas, of the state board of elections, a telegram apprising him the state board will meet in extraordinary session at the courthouse in Rockingham Saturday, August 6, at 10 a. m. The telegram, filed at Wilson, asked Mr. Burgin's cooperation in the hearing on the Richmond vote in the July 2 primary. Mr. Burgin immediately replied that he would furnish all possible co-operation in the matter. It was learned that his attorneys have been engaged during the past week in preparation of evidence concerning alleged irregularities in Richmond and that some of this is already in affidavit form. Chairman Lucas informed Mr. Burgin that only affidavits will be heard concerning absentee irregularities, but that the hearing on Rockingham No. 2 and Wolfpit precincts need not be confined to presenting evidence. As to Mineral Springs No. 1, an affidavit alleging that 14 unregistered voters and 21 registered Republicans voted for C. B. Deane in this precinct on July 2, and that Deane was twice, was reported to the board chairman.