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Late News Of  
State-Nation  
Told Briefly

**TOBACCO 27c**  
Lumberton, Aug. 16.—Official figures for yesterday's sales show that the Lumberton market auctioned off 836,968 pounds of tobacco for \$228,048.55 averaging \$27 per hundred pounds.

**TRADE LOOKS UP**  
New York, Aug. 16.—The National Retail Dry Goods association, reporting results of a poll of its members' views on the business outlook, announced today that 98 per cent of replying retailers look for a general pickup in business in the fall months.

**\$1,000 IN HALVES**  
Watkins Glen, N. Y., Aug. 16.—"These have been around the house long enough," grunted Bert Barker, as he heaved a 60-pound package on the cashier's desk in the Watkins Glen bank. "These" turned out to be two thousand 50-cent pieces. Barker took a \$1,000 credit in his bank book, and explained, "I've been saving 'em for five years."

**WRONG-WAY PICTURE**  
New York, Aug. 16.—RKO Pictures announced tonight it had contracted with Douglas Cerrigan for a movie dramatization of his life and the famous wrong-way flight to Ireland. President Leo Spitz of RKO said that negotiations were completed just before Cerrigan took off for Albany today on a good will tour of the country and that the papers were signed on a wing of the transatlantic "Corrigan Clipper."

**TWO MORE VICTIMS**  
Cleveland, Aug. 16.—Remains of two women were found tonight in a fill-in dump near the shore of Lake Erie and police worked on the theory that they were victims of Cleveland's mad "torso slayer." The first body, discovered late today, was dissected in four parts—head, upper torso and both legs. A skull and bones of a second body were found tonight by detectives searching for clues not far from the first.

**THIRD TERM TALK**  
Washington, Aug. 16.—A report of strong sentiment in the west for a third term for President Roosevelt brought renewed discussion among politicians today of the possibility he may run again. Two Democratic legislators—and Chairman John Hamilton of the Republican national committee—agreed that Roosevelt might seek re-election, but two other Democrats spoke scotching of third term prospects. Senator Murray, Democrat, Montana, said many voters in the west wanted Mr. Roosevelt to have a third term and that he believed the President would be "guided by the need for continuing his program."

**HULL FOR PEACE**  
Washington, Aug. 16.—Cordell Hull, secretary of state, urged upon all nations tonight the adoption of "a comprehensive program embracing both economic reconstruction and revitalizing of principles which are indispensable for restoration of order under law." He laid a seven-point program before a Europe made jittery by Hitler's mobilization of 1,000,000 men for army maneuvers on the Czech and French borders and Mussolini's speech last Thursday indicating a European war was approaching.

**Cricket Winner  
3rd Game Series**  
Saturday's Game Will Give Traphill Opportunity To Even Up

Cricket won a top-sided victory over Traphill juniors here Wednesday afternoon to take the third game of the county junior series and the series score now stands two games for Cricket and one for Traphill. They play again Saturday afternoon. If Cricket should win the series would be over but should Traphill return to form and take the victory another game would be necessary. On Wednesday Cricket hit to all parts of the field and were aided in the scoring by loose hitting on the part of Traphill, the score was 13 to 2. Parsons on the mound for Cricket was in top notch form and allowed only four hits. Lead-off hitters for Cricket were Bare and four, Parsons and Gilreath with three each.

Measurement of the speed of windings, at 10,000 miles a second, was recently reported. The wind speed was timed at the Empire State building in New York City.

## City Schools Will Open September 5

**Burcham Reunion**  
There will be a reunion of the Burcham family at Pleasant Home church ten miles northwest of Elkin and five miles west on Ronda on August 28th. All members of the family and their friends are invited to carry along a basket dinner and spend the day.

**Edgar F. Harless Dies of Fracture; Wendland Is Held**  
Alleged to Have Caused Harless' Fall to Pavement Last Saturday Night

**FUNERAL TODAY**  
Brain Hemorrhage and a Blood Clot Result From Fracture of His Skull

Edgar F. Harless, age 25, died at the Wilkes hospital Wednesday morning from hemorrhage of the brain resulting from a skull fracture allegedly received in a fall to the sidewalk pavement on Main street Saturday night. H. A. Wendland, cheese manufacturer, who was alleged to have shoved or struck Harless and caused his injury, is under bond of \$1,000. The bond was set by Judge J. A. Rousseau in Wilkes court Wednesday.

On Wednesday night Coroner I. M. Myers empaneled a jury and conducted a hearing at the city hall, at which time several witnesses were examined. The jury found that Harless came to his death from a fractured skull by causes unknown. Witnesses said that Wendland and Harless had been drinking beer together at Princess Cafe and that they walked out of the cafe and to the sidewalk together. There an argument over payment of a bottle of beer ensued, in which Harless contended that Wendland was due to pay for the last bottle of beer he drank. One witness said that Wendland with his open hand either struck or shoved Harless and that he fell and his head hit the pavement. He lay unconscious and was picked up and carried a short distance. He is said to have revived shortly, had returned, and was attempting to strike Wendland when Police Chief John Walker arrested Harless and placed him in the city jail on a charge of being drunk. Some time later, presumably a few hours at most, Harless sank into a coma and on Sunday morning a physician was called to examine Harless, who was still unconscious. According to the testimony the examination disclosed little and later after he had failed to regain consciousness he was carried to the hospital. Harless' left side was paralyzed. Hospital examination disclosed, and on Monday morning his condition had grown worse and there was indication of pressure on his brain. On Monday evening, physicians said, an operation was made and an unusually large (Continued on page eight)

**Dairymen Will Hold Meeting On August 24th**  
Farnham and Dr. Grinnell Will Address Wilkes Farmers in Meet

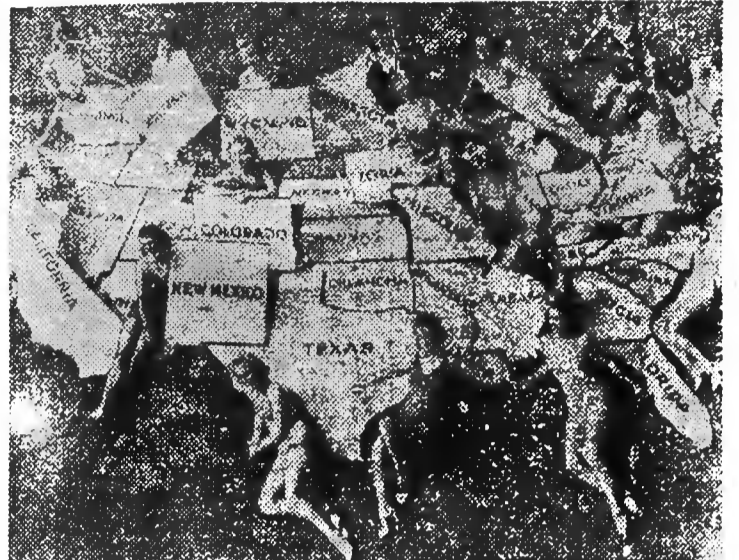
Dairymen of Wilkes county will meet on Wednesday, August 24, ten o'clock, at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, according to an announcement issued by Dan Holler, Wilkes county agent. Among the speakers will be F. R. Farnham, dairy specialist of the extension service, and Dr. Grinnell, president of the North Carolina Jersey Breeders association. Some of the things to be discussed will be "Value of Winter Pastures," "Establishing Permanent Pastures," and "Advantages of Home Grown Feeds." Another feature of the meeting will be a talk by S. V. Tomlinson, successful merchant and farmer, on how cows may be used in financing farm operations. All farmers in Wilkes county are urged to attend the meeting.

**Week-End Baseball Games Scheduled**  
North Wilkesboro baseball team will play Yadkin county all stars here on Saturday afternoon and a strong team from Johnson City, Tenn., on Sunday. Hanes Cubs were originally scheduled for Sunday but the change was announced today. The Johnson City team is a leading semi-pro organization and an exciting game is anticipated.

**Annual Farm and Home Tour In Wilkes Will Take Place Aug. 25th**

Farmers Invited to See Demonstrations in Several Communities  
The annual farm and home tour, designed to acquaint farmers with what others are doing through approved methods will be carried out in Wilkes on Thursday, August 25, Dan Holler, county farm agent, announced today. The tour will start from the courthouse in the morning of the 25th and several places will be visited during the day. One stop which is calculated to more than ordinarily enjoyable will be at noon when the tour will stop at Hollywood Lake and spread a basket dinner picnic style. The tour has been outlined by the county agent as follows: Farm of Gordon Mathis: Inspect timber stand improvement project. Branch Mathis: Look over tobacco demonstrations in cultivation and different types of fertilizer; also inspect electric fence, and display and farm machinery. Paul E. Church near Hays: See 4-H club corn projects, results of crop rotation, and methods of keeping farm and home records. Mr. Jones' at Cricket: View pasture improvement demonstrations and see results of use of superphosphate and stable manure. Gilbert Foster at Millers Creek: Inspect modern water system and see demonstration in kitchen arrangement. James Ritchie's at Pores Knob: Spread picnic lunch at Hollywood Lake, see poultry houses and flock of White Rocks. J. M. German's at Boomer: See modern dairy barn, sterilizing machine and bottling machine, also view home landscaping project under direction of John Harris, extension specialist. N. C. Andrews' near Boomer: View pasture improvement demonstrations, use of cover crops in orchard, value of different kinds of fertilizers.

## A "Salute To The States"



LONG BEACH, CAL. . . . The great map assembled piece by piece by pretty state representatives was made to announce the historical pageant held as part of this city's 50th anniversary celebration.

**Cat Mothers Kittens And 2 Small Rats**  
At the home of Mrs. J. W. Brooks in the eastern part of this city is a mixed litter of kittens and young cats which has attracted much attention since Mrs. Brooks discovered her house cat mothering the collection Tuesday morning. When Mrs. Brooks found Tabs, female cat which had won the affection of the family because she rid the place of rats, the cat was mothering three pretty new-born kittens in the stable Tuesday morning. And with the kittens were two young rats, one of which had a head with some of the features of a kitten. Tabs was showing absolutely no partiality in mothering the young of natural enemies. The young rats were receiving equal protection and motherly affection and all five were trying to obtain their food from the mother cat. Yesterday the young rat which had some of the features of a kitten died and out of curiosity the dead one—its eyes had never opened—was offered to a cat at a home nearby and the neighbor cat would not eat it. An attempt has been made to embalm the body of the dead one. Tabs shows no enmity toward the young rats with her kittens, in fact she looks after it carefully and will lick it along with the kittens. She carries it from place to place in her mouth. How this unusual collection came about leaves room for conjecture and imagination. By some unusual freak of nature could the cat have given birth to the mixed litter or did she pick up the rats at some other place and mother them? If she found the small rats why did she not eat them as she had hundreds of others during her life? These and other questions pop into the minds of people who have seen the freak collection.

**Highway Work Is Progressing Number Places**  
Streets Being Repaired! Surface Work Under Way On Two Highways

Highway work in Wilkes county is progressing this week at several points. In North Wilkesboro highway maintenance forces have been repairing bad places in street pavement and have been placing a black top surface on concrete gutters. The surface applied last year covered only the asphalt pavement. Highway 16 from Millers Creek to Glendale Springs is closed for surface treatment and should be open by Thursday of next week, highway officials said today. Traffic between Millers Creek and the Jeffersons is being detoured by way of Laurel Springs. Meanwhile work of surfacing the newly constructed Hunting Creek highway from near Wilkesboro at the intersection with highway 421 to the Wilkes-Tredell line is progressing satisfactorily and the road will be open for light traffic Tuesday. After being used for a short time the road will again be closed while the finish coat of surface is applied. Work on the short cut from the lower Yadkin bridge to highway 421 east of Wilkesboro is progressing simultaneously with that on the Hunting Creek highway, number 115.

**Food Sale Saturday**  
The Methodist Woman's Missionary Society of Wilkesboro is sponsoring a food sale to be held Saturday, ten o'clock, at Newton's drug store in Wilkesboro. Pies, cakes, rolls and other foods will be on sale. All criminals are not in jail.

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## Robert Minton Living After Wound In Brain

**Today Fifth Day Of Life After Head Injuries**  
With Part of Brain Missing Wilkes Man Still Clinging On to Life

Robert Minton was holding his own today, fifth day after his head was split open with an axe and a part of his brain removed in surgical attention given the wound at the Wilkes hospital Saturday night. Minton's head was split four inches about midway between his ear and the top of his head on the right side. Gwyn Pierce is in jail awaiting whether he will be charged with murder or assault. Pierce, a brother-in-law, is alleged to have struck Minton while he was fighting with Pierce's father and after he had been disorderly about his home. The affray took place on highway 421 two miles west of this city. Minton fell to the concrete and bled profusely before an ambulance reached the scene. Little hope was held for Minton's recovery but today his condition remained about the same as yesterday and he is taking some nourishment. Part of the time he is in a semi-conscious condition. The wound was an ugly one and it was necessary to remove fragments of skull and some lacerated brain tissue. Notwithstanding the pain of the wound, the shock of the blow, the loss of blood and loss of brain tissue Minton clings to life and may have an outside chance of complete recovery.

**View Pasture Demonstrations**  
Several Wilkes farmers in company with County Agent Dan Holler and Assistant Agent Jesse Giles went to the farms of Miles Shore and Sheriff White in Yadkin county one day last week to see some very successful pasture demonstrations. They viewed excellent pastures on land that was very unproductive only two years ago. Super phosphate, lime, stable manure and proper seed mixtures were credited with success of the demonstrations viewed, Mr. Holler said.

**Preaching Service**  
Elder E. A. Long will preach at Pender's Grove church the first Sunday in September at twelve o'clock. The public has a cordial invitation to attend the service.

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## Oakwoods Revival To Begin Monday

A revival will begin at Oakwoods Baptist church on Monday night Rev. N. C. Teague, of Winston-Salem, will conduct the revival and the public is invited to attend.

## Elledge Youth Is Sentenced For Check Forging

4 to 7 Years For Claude Elledge For Cashing \$400 In Forged Checks

**OTHER CASES TRIED**

**Business of Court Moves Smoothly Toward Adjudgment of Term**

Claude Elledge, son of George Elledge, of near this city, drew sentence of four to seven years in state prison after he was convicted in Wilkes court on nine counts charging check forgeries. Elledge according to testimony offered by the state, passed over \$400 in forged checks in denominations of \$10 to \$30 on North Wilkesboro business houses. A greater part of the checks bore the forged signature of J. W. Jones, merchant and farmer of the Fairplains community.

Other cases in which judgment was rendered follow: James Roe Sale, carrying concealed weapon and simple assault, guilty, judgment not passed. Charlie Miller, adultery, guilty, sentence not passed. Harrison Shew, larceny of timber, not guilty. Betty Wyatt, drunkenness, 30 days in jail. Robert Church, larceny, 18 months on roads. Ernest Money, violation prohibition laws, 90 days on roads. Carl Hester, driving drunk, directed verdict of not guilty.

A murder charge against Gwyn McNeill, growing out of the death of James Paw in an automobile accident near this city a few months ago, was not pressed. A similar case against A. P. Huffman for the death of a Yates child went off the docket by the nol pro route. David Combs, disturbing religious congregation, 90 days suspended five years. Connie and Zonnie Sprinkle, possession of liquor, four months each on roads. Paul Lambert and Troy Reynolds, larceny, Lambert six months suspended on payment of cost; Reynolds, 12 months suspended five years. Carl Nicholson and Roy Coleman, larceny, 12 months. Tom Davis, malicious assault and injury to property, total of two years and eight months active sentence and one sentence suspended.

Walt Pruitt and Davis Combs, disturbing religious congregation, 90 days suspended five years. Raymond Hampton, colored, violation prohibition law, 30 days suspended on payment of cost. Warren Kilby, assault, eight months suspended on condition he pay to J. L. Nichols sum of \$200 and pay costs; for violation of prohibition law, 12 months suspended five years. L. G. Caldwell, violation motor vehicle law, fined \$10 for failure to appear in court, later found not guilty.

**Building And Loan Groups Are Active**  
The savings, building and loan associations of North Carolina made over \$1,700,000 of loans during July, Wheeler Martin, of Williamston, vice president of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, announced today from preliminary reports compiled by the State League. Over half of these were for construction loans, and fully one-fourth were for the purchase of new homes. The balance were for repairs and miscellaneous purposes. The fact that the above total of loans for July represented almost 1,000 loans shows that the Savings, Building and Loan Association is the most popular source of home loans for these desiring small, safe loans on a long term basis.