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SPLINTER FATAL
Latham, June 16.—Austin Latham, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Latham, of near welcome, died in a Winston-Salem hospital of blood poisoning at first attributed to his having been "horned" by a catfish, but later thought more likely from infection occurring after a splinter was accidentally run underneath the toe nail. He had been ill for about two weeks.

HURT BY DYNAMITE
High Point, June 16.—E. J. Johnson, who lives at 118 North Hamilton street, owner and operator of the Johnson Stone company, was painfully injured this morning when a charge of dynamite exploded in his shop. Sparks from an emory wheel are thought to have set off the dynamite, which peppered Mr. Johnson with fine bits of debris. He was taken to the Guilford General hospital, where he was retained as a patient.

MERCURY LEAPS
Milwaukee, June 16.—Frank H. Coleman, head of the Milwaukee weather bureau, mopped his brow this afternoon and confirmed that the temperature had jumped 24 degrees within 15 minutes. At 1:10 p. m. it was 68 on the weatherman's official instruments. Fifteen minutes later it was 92. A shift in the wind to the southwest brought the rise.

RALEIGH MAN KILLED
Sumter, S. C., June 16.—John Moore, 24-year-old Carolina Power and Light company lineman, was almost instantly killed this morning when he came in contact with a high-voltage power line while working on a pole in a residential district of this city. Moore, whose home was in Raleigh, N. C., was standing on a ground wire when his bare elbow touched a line carrying 2,300 volts. Another lineman working on the pole with him knocked Moore loose from the wire and lowered him to the ground. Efforts to revive him were unavailing.

DAM DECISION 30TH
After spending the entire day hearing the pros and cons of the city of High Point's endeavor to proceed with the construction of a \$6,500,000 hydroelectric plant on the Yadkin river, Judge H. Hoyle Slink, of Guilford Superior court, Friday afternoon said that he would announce his opinion in the case, which has occupied the court for five weeks, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, June 28, in the Guilford Superior courtroom. At that time he will also give his opinion in the action brought by Yadkin county against High Point, the hearing of which will begin Monday morning in Yadkin Superior court, he said.

SPEND-LEND PROGRAM
Washington, June 16.—President Roosevelt was revealed today to be giving further consideration to equipment loans for railroads as a part of a broad program of federal self-liquidating projects which may also embrace such fields as housing, highways, rural electrification and alleviation of farm tenancy problems. This program, the President made known, was discussed at the White House earlier this week when he called in some of his fiscal advisers for further exploration of the fields in which the government might be helpful in speeding industrial activity. Reports said the initial cost of the railroad project might be between \$300,000,000 and \$500,000,000.

Criminal Court Begins Session
Special Term of Two Weeks For Trial Of Criminal Cases Under Way

A special term of Wilkes superior court for trial of criminal cases convened in Wilkesboro today with Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, presiding. The term was called at the request of the bar association and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall in an effort to clear the docket of criminal cases pending. A total of 115 cases were placed on the calendar for trial, including a number of homicide cases continued from the regular term in March. A grand jury was empaneled today to pass on new bills of indictment and will be excused when they have completed their duties in that capacity.

Founder Root and Herb Market Dies; Last Rites Today

A. F. Phillips Passes In Richmond Hospital Saturday; Ill For Several Months

A. F. Phillips, founder of the root and herb market in North Wilkesboro and reputed to be the largest cash buyer of root and herbs in the nation, died in a Richmond, Va., hospital Saturday morning, 7:30 o'clock. He had been in ill health for several months but at intervals was able to give attention to his many business interests in North Wilkesboro and elsewhere. He was born and reared in Ashe county near Brownwood, a son of the late George and Loretta Morphew Phillips. He came to North Wilkesboro more than 30 years ago and with two other men and a small amount of capital began buying medicinal roots and herbs. He soon became sole owner of the business, which grew rapidly to gain a wide reputation. Though his business he accumulated much property here and at other points. He never married and the surviving members of his immediate family are two brothers, G. W. Phillips, of West Jefferson, S. E. Phillips, of Laxon, one sister, Mrs. J. W. Greer, of Brownwood, and a number of nephews and nieces. He was 63 years of age. Funeral service was held this morning at Laurel Springs church in Watauga county with Rev. Levi Green conducting the last rites.

Smoot Speaker At Kiwanis Meet

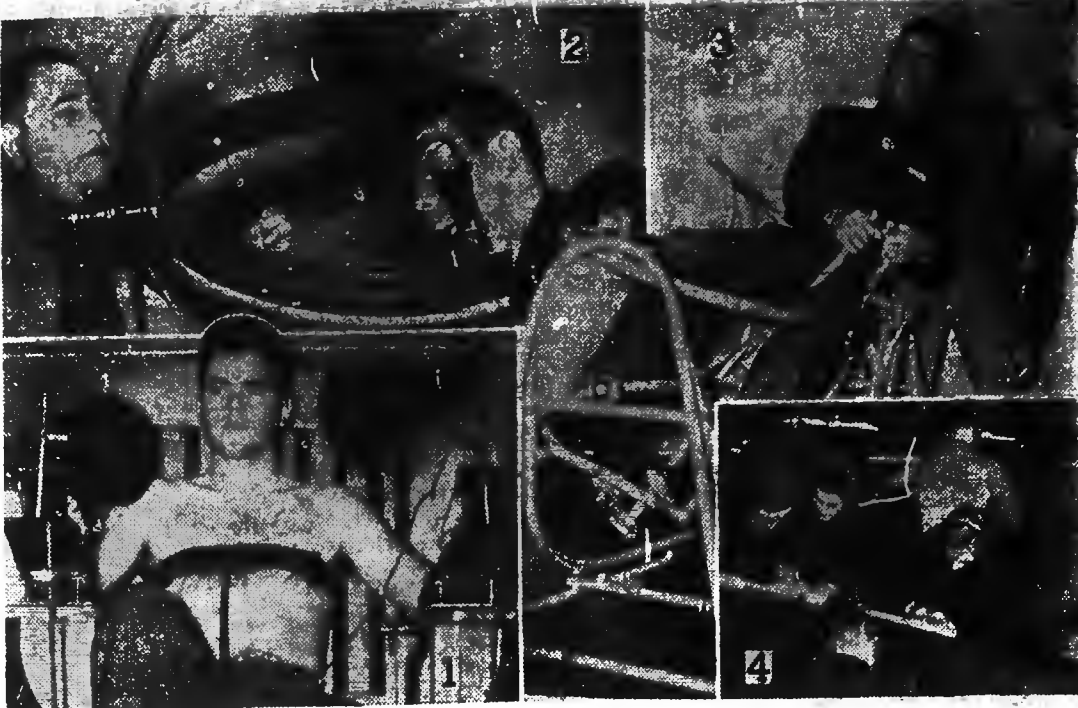
Gives Interesting Facts About Panama Canal and People Of Territory

J. Clinton Smoot, former resident of this city and now a citizen of Panama Canal Zone, was the speaker at Friday's meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club. The program was in charge of R. G. Finley, who first presented Miss Grace Frank Kilby, who gave a humorous reading, "When Pa Was Courtin' Ma." The talk by Mr. Smoot was filled with information about the Panama canal and adjacent territory. Some of the interesting facts related were how the Canal Zone got its freedom from Columbia, the sanitation of the territory, the various types of people, and the number of ships which pass through the canal, sometimes as high as 20 per day. He said that as high as \$2,500,000 per month is received in tolls from ships. Plans are now being made for building another set of locks in the canal, a job which will require five years. Prior to the program J. R. Finley announced that the coming week will be the best time to see the Rhododendron in bloom in the mountains. In accordance with a request by President D. J. Carter at a previous meeting P. W. Eshelman reported on an interesting news event of the current week. He called attention to recent court rulings relative to trailers. J. C. Reins was asked to report a news item for the next meeting. It was announced that Kiwanis International Hatfield will speak over a national hook-up from the International convention on Tuesday, 9:45 p. m. In the meeting Friday Harry Goode was a guest of W. J. Cannon and Robert V. Martin was a guest of Rev. A. L. Aycock.

LITTLE GIRL IN NEW SHOES IS KILLED BY A DRUNKEN DRIVER

Toronto, Canada.—Proudly wearing the new shoes her daddy just bought her, and carrying a note her mother gave her to get an ice cream cone Verna Groves, 4, walked out of her rhome on Rosethorn Ave., early last night. Five minutes later her crumpled little body was carried into the house. She had been hit by a two-ton truck, driven by a man under the influence of liquor. Eighty-two children were being held in seven detention quarters in North Carolina in April, 1939.

Uncle Sam Thorough in Training Sky Soldiers



Seeking to expand the number of its pilots to more than 4,500 in the next two years, the United States army is cautious in its training of sky soldiers. After three months initial training in nine civilian flying schools the students go to Randolph field, San Antonio, Texas, for another three months basic training. Here their mettle and fitness are tested. 1.—The photopolygraph determines muscular and brain co-ordination, their mettle and fitness are tested. 2.—The primeter test for measuring the visual field of form and color is respiration, reflexes and pulse. 3.—The balancing chair determines eye defects and high blood pressure cause 45 out of 50 rejections. 4.—The ground school teaches the cadet how to read maps, how his engine mimes the sense of equilibrium. 4.—Ground school teaches the cadet how to read maps, how his engine works, and other details. This, plus actual flying, readies the cadet for advanced work at Kelly field.

Line On Highway 421 Is Completed

Nine-Mile Extension From Home Of Dr. Triplett Now Renders Service

A nine-mile power line extension from the home of Dr. W. R. Triplett 12 miles west of this city to within one mile of the Wade Harris bridge on highway 421 has been completed and the line has been "made hot," it was learned today from the North Wilkesboro office of the Duke Power company. The extension will make electric service available to 60 customers. Surveys of several proposed extensions in the county are being made.

24 NYA Girls Are Being Trained In Home Making Project In Wilkesboro

Three Are Injured In Auto Collision

Paul Haynes, of Hays, Isaac Eller, Jr., and Ned Kiser, of North Wilkesboro, were badly hurt Friday afternoon when cars driven by Haynes and Eller collided three miles north of this city. Eller received a broken knee cap, while Haynes and Kiser had severe lacerations. Other occupants of the cars received only minor injuries. The N. C. Confederate Women's Home had a population of 42 in April, 1939.

Mass Meeting Wilkesboro School Patrons Called For Friday Night

Miss Agnes McDonald To Address Mass Meeting

A telephone message from Miss Agnes McDonald, immediate past president of the Class Room Teachers' Organization of the North Carolina Education Association, received this morning by the Wilkesboro Citizens and Patrons School Committee, stated that she would be present Friday night to address the district mass meeting which will be held at the courthouse at 7:30 p. m. Miss McDonald is well known throughout North Carolina as one of the state's educational leaders, and it is expected that her presence will bring out many of the citizens and patrons of the Wilkesboro school district for the meeting.

Patrons Committee Gives Reasons for Calling Meeting On School Situation

The following statement and call of a mass meeting was issued today by the Patrons committee of Wilkesboro school district: "The Patrons' School Committee of the Wilkesboro school district hereby calls an open non-partisan mass meeting of all patrons and citizens of the Wilkesboro school district to be held in the courthouse at Wilkesboro on Friday night, June 23rd, at 7:30 o'clock. The reasons for this meeting being called are as follows: "1. Professor T. E. Story and six other teachers with excellent school records have been arbitrarily discharged from the Wilkesboro school without any real reason ever being offered to the people and over the repeated protests of a majority of the citizens and patrons, including two former highly respected members of the school committee. "2. Over one thousand of the most prominent citizens of the school district signed a petition protesting this action but the majority members of the school committee turned a deaf ear to their plea and the county school board and the county school superintendent of schools have unannouncedly approved of the action of the school committee. As a result the school is now in a turmoil and the people are dissatisfied. Our children will suffer for proper education unless this matter is straightened up. "Therefore, all citizens and patrons of the Wilkesboro school district are urged to attend this meeting so that further definite plans may be formulated in order to see that the rightful demands of the people are met. The three members of the school committee, Mr. J. T. Prevette, Mr. T. M. Foster and Mr. D. J. Brookshire, are publicly invited to attend this meeting so that they may make any statements to the people that they desire, and also that they may see for themselves." (Continued on page eight)

Tennis Tourney Closes Saturday

Miss Frances McNeill Wins Over Dr. Carolyn Taylor; Trophies Are Awarded

By defeating Dr. Carolyn Taylor 6-1, 1-6 and 6-3, Miss Frances McNeill won the North Wilkesboro girls' tennis title Saturday afternoon in a fast match. They were finalists in the Kiwanis club tourney which started several days ago with 22 young women and girls of the city and vicinity participating. Keen interest was shown throughout the tournament. At the close of the match Rev. Watt M. Cooper, who was in charge of arrangements for the tournament, presented a beautiful trophy to Miss McNeill and the runner-up trophy was presented by E. G. Finley to Dr. Taylor. The presentations were made on the court. The trophies were purchased by the Kiwanis club.

Clingman And Cricket Winners

Clingman took advantage of numerous errors by North Wilkesboro juniors at Chatham Saturday and won 4 to 3. Clingman gathered only two hits off Brooks but were greatly aided by fielding miscues, while North Wilkesboro players hit 11 scattered hits. At Temple Hill Cricket blasted out a 20 to 10 victory. Temple Hill protested the length of the game—seven innings—which has been customary for junior baseball in the county.

Will Add Strips To Highway 421 To Millers Creek

Veterans' Pension Checks To Arrive First Part July

C. C. Hayes, Wilkes clerk of Court, said today that he had been informed by state officials that checks for confederate veterans and widows will be ready for delivery during the first part of July, possibly about July 1. There has been a change in the pension law which delays payment from June 15 to the first part of July. Mr. Hayes said that he would announce through the papers when the checks arrive.

Ned Brookshire Victim Accident

Killed Sunday Morning When Car Overturned On Highway Near Boomer

Ned Brookshire, age 24, was killed instantly Sunday morning about eight o'clock when his car turned over several times on highway 18 near Boomer. Brookshire was alone at the time of the accident and the cause of the accident was not fully determined. He was an employe of Forester's Nu-Way Service in this city and was said to have been on the way to his work here when the accident occurred. He had been employed here for about one month. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Brookshire, of Lenoir route 1 and in addition to his parents is survived by two sisters and one brother. Funeral service was held this afternoon, two o'clock, at Kings Creek church.

Install Nichols District Deputy

Installation Of District Deputy Grand Master For The 33rd District Friday Nite

On Friday night, June 9, 1939, North Wilkesboro Lodge number 407 A. F. and A. M. met in regular communication and this was set as the date for the installation of a District Deputy Grand Master for the 33rd district. It was made possible for J. F. Marquette, assistant grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, to be present, through the courtesy of Yadkinville Lodge by relinquishing the time of Mr. Marquette from the Masonic school which he was conducting there. Mr. Marquette, as the direct representative of the Grand Master, was received with honors and he installed John W. Nichols, as district deputy Grand Master in a very impressive manner, this being the eleventh consecutive year for Mr. Nichols to serve in this capacity. Mr. Nichols made a very interesting address of acceptance. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation he had received from the lodges of the district during the past ten years and solicited a continuation of the same. Mr. Marquette delivered a very forceful address and also spoke in very high terms of the efficient manner in which Mr. Nichols has served his district and the untiring efforts which he has manifested for the advancement of Masonry during the past. Several lodges of the district were represented. After the meeting refreshments were served and the occasion was a very enjoyable evening.

Eastern Star Meeting

The Order of the Eastern Star will gather in regular meeting at the lodge hall on Thursday night, eight o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kiser spent the week-end in Marion with Mrs. Kiser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bowman. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cole of Elizabethton, who spent several hours looking over the spot.

Officials Say Work Will Begin In Short Time

Will Greatly Improve Traffic Facilities For Over Six Miles Highway

Plans have been approved for widening and revision of highway 421 from this city westward a distance of over six miles to Millers Creek. It was learned today from division highway officials here. The plans as approved call for addition of a strip of traffic bound macadam three feet wide on each side of the concrete pavement, which is only sixteen feet in width. In order to provide better traffic facilities and to add further improvement to the highway, a wider strip will be constructed on the inside of the curves, highway engineers said. The highway, constructed of re-inforced concrete, was the first hardsurfaced highway in Wilkes and was constructed by the county. At that time it was considered an excellent piece of road but has become dangerous and out-moded. It is pointed out. In addition to being too narrow for modern traffic, there are numerous curves, some of which are not properly elevated, and the road has become notorious as accident-prone. The highway is the route of the famous Boone Trail and is part of the interstate highway from Wilmington on the Atlantic coast through North Carolina, part of Tennessee and into Kentucky. It is also a part of the widely publicized "Tenne-Ses Trail." Between North Wilkesboro and Millers Creek, the section to be improved, it also carries the traffic of state highway number 16, which leaves 421 in a northerly direction toward the Jeffersons at Millers Creek. Widening of the highway is scheduled to begin soon, highway officials said.

Hackett Speaker At Lions Meet

Tells Interesting Facts About History Of North Wilkesboro

J. G. Hackett, eighth division highway commissioner, addressed the North Wilkesboro Lions club in meeting Friday evening. Mr. Hackett told in a very interesting way historical facts about North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county. His address was the subject of much favorable comment among the members and guests present. The program was in charge of Mack Moore. In the business session of the club the time of meeting was changed from 6:30 to seven o'clock and several matters which were taken up in the previous meeting of the old and new boards of directors were before the club. The club directors discussed the matter of operating the swimming pool at night and it was decided to install lights to make night operation possible. The club also decided to sponsor an NYA project for the erection of an information booth for North Wilkesboro. According to present plans, the club would furnish materials for the erection of a booth, which would be maintained by the NYA and the NYA will pay the attendant. The booth would be available to the public and would serve in every way possible in giving out information. At the close of the club's meeting Friday evening Richard Johnston took over the president's gavel and will preside at the next meeting. He succeeds L. L. Carpenter as president. There were two new members at the meeting, Fred Hubbard, Jr., and Clyde Pearson. Paul Osborne was a guest of Paul Cashion, J. M. Smith and Warren Davis were guests of Lawrence Miller. Rev. S. I. Watts of Boomer, was a visitor in North Wilkesboro to-day.