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## LOCAL YOUTHS ARE INCLUDED IN HONOR ROLL

Wake Forest Registrar Releases Student Honor List

J. D. Christian, sophomore at Wake Forest, and E. M. Williams, first year medical student, both of this city, were among the 130 students at the college listed on the semester honor roll released by Registrar Grady S. Patterson.

J. E. Lawrence, law student of Scotland Neck and F. E. Bunn of Zebulon, junior, were also among those making requisite grades for honor roll placement for the semester just finished.

Seven men turned in all "A" reports signifying that all their work averaged between 95 to 100 per cent perfect. They were James B. Cople, Jr., of Albemarle, J. W. Gilmore, of Mexico, Tex., and W. W. Nowell of Wake Forest, freshmen; D. E. Jordan, Laurinburg, junior; J. C. Bunn of Spring Hope and Oscar Creech, Jr., of Ahoskie, seniors; and V. L. Bauer of Andrews, S. C., medical student.

The junior class placed 31 men on the honor list, with the other classes following in this order: freshmen, 30; seniors, 29; sophomores, 27; medical school 10; and law school, 3.

## BELIEVE DOPE RING ACTIVE IN WILSON

Wilson Woman Bound Over For Possessing Dope Equipment

Wilson, Feb. 17.—Police here revealed that a dope ring, much the same as a ring that is bothering Federal authorities all over the country at the present time, but on a smaller scale, was active in Wilson county.

The revelation was made as Catherine Barnes, local woman, was bound over to Superior court under \$200 bond yesterday by Judge O. P. Dickinson in county court on the charge of possession of dope and hypodermic equipment. She pleaded guilty to the charge.

Testimony revealed that the woman had been arrested some time ago in Greenville on the same charge but had been released when the evidence had been insufficient to hold her.

The woman was arrested here Monday by Detective C. P. Hocutt and A. A. Privett as she was coming out of a local drug store where she had purchased a quantity of morphine on the strength of a forged doctor's prescription. The prescription was signed with the name of Dr. Pearson Cooper, of Pikeville, and officers here said that they believed that the woman had traced the signature and writing from an original at some time or another.

The officer disclosed to the court that federal Narcotic Agents had informed them that a great deal of dope peddling and such cases as the Barnes case had been going on in the state recently, and that a number of cases had come to light around Asheville recently and that all the cases there had been bound over to Superior court and awaited disposition now.

Detective Hocutt asked the court to bind the Barnes woman over to the high court here and declare that he was going to get in touch with Federal authorities in the meantime and see what disposition they wished to make of the case.

## DIAMOND LOST TWENTY FIVE YEARS FOUND

Twenty-three years ago Mrs. Minnie Haynes Edmonds lost her diamond engagement ring while living in the old W. G. Bradshaw home in High Point. No trace was found of the ring. Later she and her husband Judge W. R. Edmonds, moved to New Mexico in the interest of Mr. Edmonds' health. He died there.

Mrs. Edmonds returned to North Carolina and married a second time to William Avera, of Rocky Mount. She died later, leaving a son, William Avera who is now 16 years old.

The past week while raising the Bradshaw home to make way for the erection of the Guilford county branch office, building, a workman found the valuable ring in the attic of the house.

The grandparents of young Avera, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Haynes, of Mount Airy are taking steps to have the ring restored to the boy who is now living with his father in Rocky Mount.

## IN WASHINGTON



UNITED STATES SENATOR

From the humble start of \$23,000 appropriated by Congress for light-houses in 1791, Federal expenditures for public works soared to dizzy heights during the war period, dropped for a brief period and are now at the highest peace time mark in history. In 1935, the Federal outlay for public works amounted to the staggering sum of nearly \$600,000,000. This is due, of course, to the fact that the definition of public works has been materially changed in recent years to include such things as forestry, pest control, soil conservation, housing, rural electrification and what not.

As a result, securing of Federal grants has been one of the greatest activities in recent years and under the "prime the pump" theory states, counties, cities and even isolated communities have secured projects and activities that they never could have afforded if supported by local taxpayers. This has led to a growing belief that the ability of the Federal Government to finance these projects and activities is unlimited. Too many of our citizens condemned such expenditures in many sections while in Washington to get funds for some locally-sponsored public works.

Let me hasten to say that under the economic dark clouds of the depression activities were carried on, and rightly so, that have no place in normal times. However, the time is approaching when there must be an overhauling of the expenditures on the basis of public use and public good. The whole interwoven fabric of Federal activity must be inspected or months of waste that might in time weaken the threads of this fabric.

In other words, it is growing more difficult to have on the one hand, state rights, as we once knew them, and ever-increasing Federal grants on the other. If our people want enlarged public works or a maintenance of those at present—and public works are, and patently so, our people must be prepared to see the implications and be ready to meet the cost.

Federal grants to states now honeycomb many Federal agencies. We have grants to states for old-age assistance, unemployment compensation administration, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind. Under the Veterans' Administration we have grants for state and territorial homes for disabled soldiers and sailors. In the Department of Agriculture we aid agricultural experiment stations, agricultural research, cooperative dairy and livestock experiments, cooperative agricultural extension work, cooperative conservation of agricultural and resources, cooperative forest fire protection, cooperative distribution of forest planting stock, forest roads and trails and highways.

In the Department of Interior we have grants for colleges for agriculture.

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## BLAMES WOMAN FOR CAPTURE

Negro Brought Back From Philadelphia Offers Advice

"If you don't ever want to get your neck broke, tell a woman nothing," Oliver Grimes, 44-year-old colored man, said this week behind the bars in the Martin County jail, where he is awaiting trial in the March court for the murder of Richard Smith in the upper part of the county 14 years ago. Grimes explained that he told his common-law wife in Philadelphia what he had done down in Martin County, that everything was all right after that until they quarreled. He slapped her and she turned him over to the Philadelphia police. "And if you do tell a woman something, don't ever quarrel with her after that," Grimes added.

Fleeing from justice 14 years ago, Grimes left his wife and from that time until now he has heard nothing from her. He does not know whether she is dead or alive, married again, or where she is. "I certainly would like to see her, but I can't blame her if she does not come to see me and help me now," Grimes said.

The 44-year-old negro, a native of Pitt County, talked about the recent depression in Philadelphia, pointing out that it was "plenty bad" there for a while, but that conditions had improved considerably.

Grimes did not talk much about the killing of Smith in a crap game near Oak City, and did not appear at all worried as he sat on his bunk in the jail with a fellow prisoner, nonchalantly smoking a cigarette and playing some game of cards.

## TAXI STOLEN HERE FOUND NEAR COAST

Bandit Who Held Up Taxi Driver Here Wrecks Taxi But Escapes

The taxicab taken from W. L. Haithecock, local taxi driver who was held up by a lone white passenger on the Nashville highway was found near Bayboro in Pamlico county, wrecked, police here were informed.

The bandit was not found and still is not known. Haithecock told police that white man dressed in a brown suit and a dark gray overcoat, who had engaged his cab downtown here, held him up shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday morning near Easonburg on the Nashville highway.

The bandit drove him back to the city and put him out near the old country club, Haithecock said, taking his cab and a small amount of money which he had. Haithecock called police who picked him up a few minutes later and told them of the robbery.

He described the bandit as about 25, five feet nine inches tall, of ruddy complexion, wearing a brown suit and dark gray overcoat and dark hat, carrying a .38 nickel plated revolver, several pints of whiskey and a black raincoat.

New Bern, Feb. 17.—A taxicab taken from W. L. Haithecock of Rocky Mount in a hold up in Nash county early Tuesday was found wrecked in Pamlico county Tuesday afternoon. Sergeant G. C. Bisette of the highway patrol, announced this morning.

The driver, believed to have been the highwayman escaped serious injury. He was brought to New Bern by two Negroes but has been unreported since having his clothes cleaned at a pressing club here about 5 P. M.

## DR. WILKINSON CONTINUES HIS MISSION HERE

The Rev. Richard Wilkinson, D. D., of Montgomery, Alabama, will continue daily services in a preaching mission conducted at the Church of the Good Shepherd all this week, through Sunday evening, it is announced.

Services are held each morning at 11 o'clock, with the exception of Saturday, and each evening at 7:30. On Thursday the morning service will be featured with the celebration of Holy Communion and the early Communion service will be celebrated at 7:30 on Sunday morning.

Dr. Wilkinson is a mission preacher of long experience and extensive reputation. For many years he was rector of St. John's church, Montgomery, but resigned recently in order to devote his entire time to evangelistic work. Last week he conducted a highly successful mission in All Saints' church in Roanoke Rapids.

In the mission services Dr. Wilkinson avoids sectarianism and emphasizes the essential truths of the Christian faith and Christian life. Services here have been attended by members of various denominations and those who have heard Dr. Wilkinson have expressed themselves as deeply impressed and delighted with the style of his messages.

## CLAY 4 H BOY CORN CHAMP

Producing 136.8 bushels of corn on one acre of land, Howard Martin, 16, of Clay county, won the State 4-H corn growing contest for 1936 and has been awarded a four-year scholarship to State College.

The scholarship was given by the Barrett Company to the North Carolina 4-H corn club member making the best record over a period of one or more years, said L. R. Harrill, 4-H club leader at the college.

Martin's high yield, 7.4 times as great as the State average of 18.5 bushels to the acre, was produced at a cost of only 19.8 cents per bushel, Harrill added.

The corn was planted on land where rye had been grown the year before. In November, 1935, Martin broke the land to a depth of 12 inches with a tractor. He harrowed the field on April 23, 1936, and the next day he planted Holcombe's Profiteer corn seed.

He applied 150 pounds of fertilizer and 100 pounds of nitrate of soda. The total of labor, fertilizer, and rent on the land was figured at \$27.12. The corn was valued at \$136.80.

Martin's profit was \$109.68 from one acre of land. His corn was grown as a 4-H club demonstration according to the recommendations of D. G. Allison, county agent, and W. D. Jetser, assistant.

## No Flying Tackles in Mongolia



Glaring at each other like a pair of fighting cocks about to spring, two Mongolian wrestlers are pictured meeting in combat at the recent peoples' holiday of the Mongolian Peoples' Republic. Note the uniforms of the wrestlers.

## Location Of New Gymnasium Is Vital Issue

The Board of Graded School Trustees of the City of Rocky Mount has from the beginning of the graded school system in Rocky Mount been considered both constructive and conservative with what they had to do with and have always given a good account. There is a very serious matter facing them at this time which should concern every family in Rocky Mount—the location of the new gymnasium. It has been suggested that it is the intention of the Board to locate this large building on the small vacant, uncovered piece of ground just in the back of the high school and the high school auditorium which would leave the whole high school group practically without breathing or standing room, except in the class rooms. The City has already invested between three and four hundred thousand dollars or probably more on a lot that is already too small. Then to take up what little ground is left with the gymnasium, in our opinion, it would be better that the children have the air space rather than the gymnasium, as bad as we need the gymnasium. Can we afford to destroy the enormous investment and outlay that is already there by taking up the small vacant ground with another building. May we not offer a suggestion to the Board as those who are interested in the general welfare that the Board acquire by purchase or condemnation the piece of tenant property which adjoins this lot and is large enough to hold the new gymnasium without destroying and taking up the small open air space that is so vital and necessary for our high school students. If the lot should cost several thousands of dollars, would it not be the cheapest money that Rocky Mount could spend in saving an investment that already approaches a half million dollars. With the location of this gymnasium back of the high school, in our opinion, the value of the plant will be destroyed fifty per cent so far as its usefulness as a high school and community center is concerned.

We feel that the Board of Graded School Trustees should by all means acquire the property adjoining this lot for the location of this building, rather than crowd it on the back lot that is much too small.

This is a matter that should seriously concern the Parent Teacher's Association, if their evistence is justified and we know it is. This organization should not be asleep at the switch when a matter so vitally concerns them is being worked out and the Board needs their cooperation and help.

## TWO PROMINENT CITIZENS PASS

Rocky Mount has been saddened this week in the passing of two of its finest business citizens—men who had been in business from the time Rocky Mount was a small hamlet until the end of their life. Both dying in harness after long and useful lives—W. D. Joyner and Dr. P. W. Kyser. Mr. Joyner, being one of Rocky Mount's general merchants for many, many years, member of Board of Aldermen and an active church leader and head of a fine family; Dr. P. W. Kyser, for nearly fifty years a leading druggist in Rocky Mount, fine citizen and head of a talented family. All of our hearts join these two families in their sorrow.

## V. F. W. GIVES BENEFIT BALL J. J. JUDGE IS RESTING WELL

The Rocky Mount post 2057 United States of Foreign Wars of the Veterans will give a benefit ball and entertainment on Monday evening, February 22, 1937, at the Recreation Hall on Tarboro Street. There will be a ten act floor show and dancing from 10 o'clock until 2 o'clock. The money derived from this benefit ball will be used for the deceased service men's families and those who are disabled. The Spanish American War Veterans sometime back gave a ball which was highly enjoyed by all who attended and it is expected that this will be equally as enjoyable.

Whitakers Man Struck While Hitch-Hiking Improves

John Joseph Judge, 33-year-old Whitakers man who was hit by a car in the city Monday night, is reported at a local hospital to be "resting well."

Judge received a cerebral concussion and is also suffering from a broken jaw which he had before the accident.

The driver of the car which injured Judge was not known here. Judge was standing in S. Church street signalling a car for a ride, according to a Weldon highway patrolman who saw the accident and brought Judge to a hospital here, and seemed to step in front of the car.

## BAR REFUSES CENSURE FDR

Greensboro, Feb. 12.—H. L. Kountz, solicitor for the 12th Judicial District, was last night elected president of the Greensboro Bar for the ensuing year.

The bar declined by vote of 19 to 17 to adopt a vote of censure for President Roosevelt's court reform proposals.

## ROUND AND ROUND THE ROLLER GOES

DISTANT—How distant those days of political uncertainty last June and July seem now! McDonald is a law student at the University, and appears inconspicuously on the Legislative fringe nowadays. His campaign manager and teammate in the nip-and-tuck battles with the administration two years ago, sits silently in the House—too wise after five successive terms in that body to get in the path of a steamroller.

Never has there been in this State since the days of the Primary a legislative body so responsible to the crack of the majority whip. Docile as a well grazed bossy at work on her cud, and apparently as contented, the House membership smiles at the roughshod tactics of Speaker Cherry, accepts for the most part without a murmur the dictates of those hard-driving young leaders, the Bryant and Libby Ward. When Ernest Gardner or some other gentleman comes upstairs with a word from Governor Hoyer, that's all that seems necessary to make the steamroller roll.

The House could, at the pace it disposed of its liquor and money business, adjourn within a week.

However it came about, the single-mindedness of the House is the more strange because the 112 Democratic members were named in the midst of a campaign that found the voters of the State split nearly evenly between the conservative Hoyer and the liberal McDonald. Out of no such bitterly contested campaign in recent memory has there developed any such welding of the elected representatives from 100 counties into certain majorities for the will of administration when such will is expressed in terms of desired action.

Frankly amazed observers are trying to figure out whether it means a new day in politics in this State, whether the mass of the people agree or not. Only time will supply the answer. Meanwhile the steamroller rolls on.

Even the veriest Freshman has known since the first week that there was nothing in this Assembly approximating the militant McDonald-Lumpkin anti-administration bloc of two years ago. Lumpkin is left, it is true, but he never could count more than a handful of followers, and his feeble assaults on the S. L. S. tax were patently gestures flung without hope into the lap of a mechanical man with the opposite button already depressed.

## EDGECOMBE FARMER DIES FROM HURTS

Tarboro, Feb. 15.—Ashley Lee Taylor, 35, Edgewood county farmer, was dead today and Claude Beach, 30, was in a local hospital receiving treatment for a fractured jaw after the car Beach was alleged to have been driving while under the influence of liquor left highway 258 at high speed and overturned here early Sunday morning.

Sheriff W. E. Bardin said Beach would be brought to trial on charges of manslaughter.

Rufus Whitley, 13, also an occupant of the car, escaped with minor injuries.

The child was quoted as saying the three had been at Paul Abrams' filling station near here and left to go home at about three o'clock Sunday morning with Beach under the steering wheel. He said, according to officers, that both Beach and Taylor had been drinking and that he himself had had "some beer."

The car ran off the highway soon after leaving the filling station and turned over on an adjacent field.

Dr. J. C. Raby, county coroner, who accompanied Sheriff Bardin to the scene of the accident at 4:30 Sunday morning, said Taylor died of a fractured skull and a broken neck.

## REP. HANCOCK EXPLAINS HIS COURT VIEWS

Newspaper Comment With Respect To President's Suggestions On Judicial Reforms Grossly Misleading, Reports Congressman Hancock

The President's message advocating modernization of the Judiciary was not as much of a surprise to me as it was to many others. I think that a certain analysis of his speech shortly after the convening of Congress was a definite fore-runner of his views. Notwithstanding newspaper reports indicating my general approval of his message, I have not reached any definite conclusions. As you probably know, I have for considerable length of time questioned the wisdom of permitting an inferior Court Judge to have the power to suspend the operations of an Act of Congress until such Act has been declared invalid by the Supreme Court. To curb this power, I have already introduced a Bill which is now before the Judiciary Committee of the House. It does not, however, question the right, even of an inferior Court Judge, to pass upon the constitutionality of an Act of Congress; but it does forbid him to suspend the operations of an Act of Congress until, as stated above, the Supreme Court itself has determined the question of constitutionality.

Much of the newspaper comment in the last few days has been grossly misleading with respect to the President's suggestions concerning a change in the courts. As a matter of fact, he has probably adopted the mildest method of reform which has been considered by Congress. His proposition does not involve any tinkering with the Constitution. It does not curb the Supreme Court's power in any respect. There is no suggestion for requiring unanimous decisions of two-thirds majorities, or anything except the present simple majority. He suggests no restriction upon existing appellate power, and the Supreme Court would continue to decide, as now, what does or does not constitute interstate commerce. Its judicial veto remains unimpaired. This is as it should be according to my present views.

The President merely proposes to enlarge the present Judicial Oligarchy without restricting its power, and for this suggestion he has excellent precedents. When boiled down, one can readily see that his chief objective is a more efficient administration of justice by making the Court cognizant and responsive to the will of the people as reflected in rapidly changing economic and social conditions.

It is, of course, true that his proposal, which sounds frightful to many persons, appears so much more because it comes at a time of high controversy over the Court rather than from any lack of distinguished ancestry.

I cannot but feel that the gist of his proposal is aimed in the right direction, but it is not my purpose to reach a definite conclusion on any specific proposal until I have given the entire message the best thought of which I am capable.

## HEALTH DEPT HAS ACTIVE YEAR HERE

Health Department Trucks Hauled 17,707 Loads Last Year

City Health department truckers carted off and disposed of 17,707 loads of trash and garbage during last year, Sanitary Inspector Francis Patterson announced from the department's records.

The health department operates six one-and-a-half ton trucks to haul away trash and garbage free of charge. Some of the refuse it uses for grading and filling in low places and the rest it burns.

Last year the health department received 919 calls, he said, most of them (432) for extra service; that is, calls for the health department trucks to make an additional trip for extra service after a truck has made one visit to a residence.

Next most frequent were the calls (295) for the health department men to go after dead chickens and rats and such. There were also 146 calls about dead dogs and cats that people wanted hauled off. The health department will call for dead animals Mr. Patterson said, if the property owner will place them where the truckmen can easily get them.

Only 46 of the department's calls last year were complaints.

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