

Man Arrested On Charge Of Murder Committed 16 Years Ago; Now In Jail

Fate St. John Alleged To Have Killed Youth In Windy Gap Section

HENRY SOUTHER VICTIM Deed Ascribed To Run-away Team; St. John Is 41 Years Old

A murder case rivaling the sensational Ves Wingerle affair developed Saturday when Fate St. John was arrested in the Windy Gap section for the murder of Henry Souther which is alleged to have been committed 16 years ago. St. John was taken into custody by Sheriff Somers and lodged in the county jail.

Souther, a youth of sixteen years, was killed in the Windy Gap community sixteen years ago and at that time his death was believed to have been accidental. He was engaged in hauling rocks. It is stated, and was found dead on the road with bruises on his head and body. At the coroner's inquest, a verdict that he met his death when his team ran away and threw him from the wagon was returned. It is reported.

However, during the past two or three years, St. John, who is said to be a man of low mentality, has occasionally made remarks about the affair. The new version of the death of Souther which led to St. John's arrest is that St. John was with the youth and that he took a rock and beat him to death. Having killed the boy, according to the latest story, St. John left the scene and his alleged connection with the crime was not thought about at the time.

St. John is 41 years of age.

Banking Rules During Holiday

Washington, March 7.—A summary of the regulations thus far issued by the secretary of the treasury follows:

1. Authorize banks and reserve banks to make change, but withhold gold or gold certificates.
2. Opens safe deposit boxes and safes.
3. Permits return of cash, checks, etc., which are entered, received after last closing of business hours.
4. Permits cashing of government checks but withholds gold and gold certificates.
5. Permits a bank to accept payments due it or through it.
6. Permits banks to carry on business essential to movement of food.
7. Permits any bank to reopen to carry on unrestricted business in new accounts.
8. Permits completion of check transactions made on or before March 4 but withholds payment of money.
9. Permits banks to release securities and documents held in safe keeping.
10. Permits usual banking practices which involve medicine, other necessities of life, distress relief and other essential purposes, with restrictions on hoarding, withholding gold and gold certificates.
11. Permits banks to deposit collateral to secure advances to foreign branches, withholding transfer of credit from this country.
12. Permits issuance of clearing-house scrip.
13. Permits normal fiduciary practices but denies withdrawal of trust funds from other bank departments.
14. Permits reserve banks to conduct normal functions as federal fiscal agents in exchanging government securities.

To Hold Pie Supper At Roaring River Saturday

There will be a pie supper in the auditorium of the Roaring River high school building on Saturday night, March 11, 1933, at eight o'clock. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. Everybody is urged to come.

Lions Club Will Meet Tonight At 7 O'Clock

Ivey Moore and Dr. J. S. Deans will have charge of the program at the regular semi-monthly dinner meeting of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club this (Thursday) evening at 7 o'clock. The nature of the program was not announced.

Dwight Church, 17, Passed Away On Birthday; To Be Buried Today

Dwight Church, Idlewild, Ashe county youth, died at the Wilkes Hospital here Tuesday. He had been brought to the hospital a week previous with a bursted appendix. It is stated, Peritonitis developed and death came within a week.

Idlewild Youth Dies At Hospital

The young man died on his 17th birthday.

Surviving him are his father, A. H. Church, of Idlewild; one sister, Mrs. Mildred Shull, of Blowing Rock; two brothers, Ralph Church, of Fort Benning, Ga., and Felix Church, of Idlewild.

The funeral service was conducted at Idlewild today (Thursday) and interment followed in the family cemetery. Rev. Grover Trivette was in charge of the service.

Drunken Driver Strikes Bridge Railing In City

Benbow Mitchell, of near the city, was arrested Tuesday afternoon by Patrolman Carlyle Ingle after his car had struck the approach to the Yacklin River bridge between the Wilkesboros and knocked out one of the railings. Mitchell is charged with driving while intoxicated. A small quantity of liquor in a bottle was found in his car. It is stated.

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Budget Director



Representative L. W. Douglas of Arizona is the new director of the Budget in the Roosevelt administration. Announcement of his appointment was received with favor in Washington.

BELL AND LADD TAKEN TO JAIL

Boys Who Held Up Forester's Service Station Recover From Injuries

Millard Bell and Ralph Ladd, who are charged with holding up Forester's Nu-Way Service Station last week, were moved from the Wilkes Hospital to the county jail at Wilkesboro Monday.

Both men who received bullet wounds when Truman Hayes, hold-up victim, shook himself free and fired upon them, recovered rapidly. They were under guard while at the hospital.

Ladd, who escaped from state prison about two weeks ago, is expected to be returned to the penitentiary if their case is not reached at this term of court.

State Auxiliary President Coming

Mrs. Frank Johnson Will Speak At Meeting Here Monday Evening

Mrs. Frank Johnson, of Statesville, president of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion Auxiliary, will be present and speak at the meeting of the local Auxiliary unit which will be held Monday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. W. R. Absher.

Mrs. Johnson is well known to members of the local unit and the organization is pleased to secure her for this meeting.

A full attendance is desired and officers are very anxious for every member to hear Mrs. Johnson.

Wilkes People Attended Inaugural Of Roosevelt

Among the Wilkes people who attended the Roosevelt inaugural ceremonies at Washington, D. C. last Saturday were Chief of Police J. M. Anderson and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Absher, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Forester, Miss Lina Forester, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller, Mrs. Warner Miller, Mayor and Mrs. J. A. Rousseau, Miss Nell Rousseau, Miss Annie Ruth Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Forester and Mr. C. T. Doughton.

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Jail Cases Took Up First 3 Days Of Court Term

Judge Michael Schenck Im- poses Sentences in Num- ber of Cases

MANY PLEAS OF GUILTY

Riley Moore To Be Tried Im- mediately; Charged With Murder

Turning to the heavy docket immediately after he had delivered his charge to the jury Monday morning, Judge Michael Schenck, who is presiding over the March term of Superior court, has meted out many sentences to defendants. Many pleas of guilty facilitated the disposal of cases.

The first three days of court was taken up with jail cases, that is those cases in which the defendants had been unable to furnish bond. These required longer than had been expected and today the court takes up the first of several murder cases which may be tried if they can be reached. William Connor goes on trial for the murder of Paul Barlow.

Riley Moore, who is alleged to have shot and killed his seven-year-old boy, will be tried this court. It is almost certain.

Among the cases disposed of up to yesterday, are the following:

Walter Burchette, assault with deadly weapon, sentenced to two years on roads.

Walter Burchette, abandonment, two years suspended sentence.

W. T. Johnson, forgery, etc., 6 months in jail.

Clarence Morrison, c. c. w., 6 months on roads.

Robert Shepherd, forgery, 12 months in state penitentiary.

Robert Shepherd, seduction, no pros with leave.

Nick Darnell, Boyd and Rance Darnell, disturbing religious congregation, 6 months as to Nick, 8 months as to Boyd and 3 months as to Rance.

Dan Anderson, larceny, 18 months on roads.

Monroe Combs and E. M. Yates, a. with d. w., not guilty as to Yates; 18 months on roads as to Combs.

Russell Smith, Earl Wilmoth, Harvey Pardue and Ab Evans, larceny, 18 months to Wilmoth; 12 months as to Smith.

Guss Bauguess, drunkenness and operating motor vehicle while under influence of liquor, 2 years in state prison.

Guss Bauguess, violating prohibition laws and a. with d. w., 2 years in state prison.

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Charlie Martin, Annie Martin Mathis, Emma Martin, Verdie Martin and Nina Martin, keeping disorderly house. Not guilty as to Charlie.

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Attorney General



Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut, who will fill the place of Attorney General in the Roosevelt cabinet temporarily.

FOUR BROTHERS TAKEN AT STILL

Tom, Vernon, Zonnie and Connie Sprinkle Were Caught Fondlay

Four brothers, including twins, were arrested by federal prohibition agents Monday night in the Fairplains community for making liquor. They were caught at a distillery.

The raid was staged by Agents D. C. Dettor, H. C. Kilby and R. E. Prevette, who were accompanied by Arlie Foster and C. M. Pardue. They found Tom and Vernon Sprinkle with the youthful twins, Zonnie and Connie Sprinkle, engaged in operating the plant.

The four brothers were taken before J. W. Dula, United States commissioner, at Wilkesboro for a preliminary hearing. Bond for Tom and Vernon was fixed at \$500 each by Mr. Dula, while bond of only \$100 each was set for the twins.

Unable to give bond, they were placed in jail.

Commissioners Met On Monday

Routine Business Took Up Major Portion Of Reg- ular Session

Routine business, such as allowing claims, releases, etc., took up a major part of the regular monthly session of the county board of commissioners at the courthouse Monday. All members, N. B. Smith, chairman, C. C. Hayes and M. F. Absher, were present.

H. D. Prevette, of Somers township, was ordered admitted to the county home.

Issuance and the advertisement of an anticipation note for the sum of \$1,000 was authorized.

G. T. Cunningham, of Greensboro, lieutenant governor of the Carolinas district, will address the Kiwanis Club at Hotel Wilkes at the weekly luncheon tomorrow (Friday).

The program for the day will be in charge of T. E. Story, secretary of the club. An excellent attendance is expected.

NOTH WILKESBORO IS LOSER IN TOURNAMENT

Midway, a Davidson county high school, last night eliminated North Wilkesboro in the Winston-Salem Journal tournament now in progress at Winston-Salem. The score was 24 to 23.

Although leading the first half, North Wilkesboro was unable to get a safe margin and the final whistle found Midway ahead. The two teams were about equal.

The game closed the season for Coach Overcash's boys.

Mr. R. O. Wyatt, of Halls Mills, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

REV. W. A. KALE TO PREACH HERE

Greensboro Minister To Oc- cupy Pulpit of the Meth- odist Church

Rev. W. A. Kale, of Greensboro, will preach Sunday evening at the Methodist church here. Rev. Mr. Kale has been honored by the church because of his superior ability. He is connected with the board of Christian education of the Western North Carolina conference.

The pastor will be in the pulpit Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Many Banks To Re-open Friday For Business; Legislation To Relieve Situation Is Predicted

William Connor To Go On Trial Today For Killing Paul Barlow

William Connor will go on trial today in Wilkes Superior court on a charge of murdering Paul Barlow near this city several weeks ago. The state is not asking for a first degree verdict in the case.

Since Solicitor John R. Jones is likely to be a witness in the case, Judge Michael Schenck designated Attorney J. Hubert Whicker and Attorney J. Hayden Burke, the latter of the

Alexander county bar, to serve as prosecuting attorneys.

Connor and Barlow had been engaged in a mutual fist fight and when Barlow seemed to be having the better of the fight, Connor is said to have whipped out his knife and cut the boy's throat.

The state has asked for either a verdict of second degree murder or manslaughter as the evidence may show.

North Wilkesboro Girl Creates Drawing For Tillie the Toiler

Scout Dinner Is Delightful Affair

Given Tuesday Evening At Scout Hut; Troop Com- mittee Is Present

A chicken dinner at which the newly appointed troop committee, composed of H. F. Bouknight, H. V. Wagoner and Hoyle Hutchens, Scout Commissioner Carl Coffey, Scoutmaster R. H. Reavis and Rev. J. H. Armbrust were honor guests, was given by officials of Methodist Boy Scout Troop No. 34 at the Scout hut Tuesday evening.

Ten troop officers were present and served the dinner.

Members of the new troop committee became familiarized with their duties during the discussion which followed the dinner and plans were made for troop activities during the year.

It was stated that Prof. J. Mark McAdams, a former member of the city school faculty, who is now principal of Mountain Park Institute, smelled chicken that distance away and came up just in time to partake of the Scout dinner. Any way that's the version of the story which was reported.

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Wants Teachers Paid Money First

Board Of Education Recom- mends' Course For Local Tax Districts

In session Monday for its regular monthly meeting, the county board of education recommended that all special tax districts refrain from drawing against their funds until teachers, bus drivers and bus contractors have been paid. The recommendation will be made in a letter to committees of all the schools located in such districts.

R. L. Hickerson served as chairman in the absence of Chairman C. O. McNeill who was ill and unable to attend. Other members present were J. M. German, D. F. Shepherd, D. C. Whittington and Mack Moore.

An order for the transportation of all children living between W. A. Jones' and Ferguson to the Ferguson school was passed.

Son-In-Law Of Dr. Taylor Honored

Charles W. Irvin Is Named President of Greensboro Merchants Group

Charles W. Irvin, son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, of this city, was elected president of the Greensboro Merchants' Association at a meeting of the directors Tuesday evening. Mr. Irvin succeeds J. T. Martin, president of the Myers' company.

Mr. Irvin is general manager of the Ivory stores and was before his election as president, a member of the board of directors of the merchants' association.

North Wilkesboro friends of Mr. Irvin, who visits here frequently, are pleased to learn of the honor which has come to him.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION IS OUT AFTER JAN. 1, 1934

Raleigh, March 7.—Final action on the reorganization committee's bill to abolish the corporation commission was taken in the house this afternoon, and this rate court before which have been fought furious utility battles will be no more after January 1, 1934.

Local Banks Now Open To Make Change And To Meet Emergency

ROOSEVELT'S PROGRAM Congress Meets Today To Enact Legislation To Re- lieve Situation

North Wilkesboro banks which closed Monday when the proclamations of the President and Governor were issued are now open for three functions. They are permitted to make change, cash government checks and to allow the withdrawal of deposits for medicine or any real emergency.

It is understood that no effort has been made to withdraw any amount on account of sickness or any emergency.

The banks and the building and loan associations are permitted to accept payments on loans.

Washington, March 9. (Thursday)—Legislation that will immediately relieve the situation and at once start banking operations throughout the entire country, was forecast by President Roosevelt in a statement issued shortly after midnight following a conference with congressional leaders of all factions.

House and Senate leaders predicted in a joint statement that legislation would be enacted Thursday to permit reopening of some of the banks Friday.

President Roosevelt's statement said:

"I have been in conference with members of the Senate and House and have talked over with them a measure which has been carefully studied and prepared and which will immediately relieve the situation and at once start banking operations throughout the entire country.

"I have been assured that there is every prospect of the immediate passage of this legislation on its introduction."

President Roosevelt added that he was gratified at the outlook.

His statement was read to newspapermen by the light of the portico at the White House by Colonel Marvin H. McIntyre, the President's secretary.

In a joint statement House and Senate leaders said emergency legislation though not finally drafted, would pass Thursday and result in the opening of a large number of banks Friday.

The bill would expand currency under present federal reserve restrictions.

The bill authorizes issuance of currency against liquid assets of sound banks. State banks would be admitted to circulation of this currency upon certification by state examining boards.

The measure, the draft of which was to be completed this morning, will be pushed through the House under suspension of rules and will be hurried through the Senate.

Senate Republican Leader Charles McNary, who attended the conference tonight, will insist upon reference to committee, but a prompt report is expected, and quick action is expected by the Senate.

Two Point Program
In addition, President Roosevelt submitted a two-point legislative program which he hopes to have enacted promptly. It follows:

1. Broader powers to reorganize the federal government so that he can cut veterans' costs and other such expenditures.

2. A \$500,000,000 public works program, rivers and harbors, which the President estimates would put 500,000 men to work.

The President did not propose a guarantee of bank deposits, widely agitated now in Congress.

Special Venue For Joe Bauguess Case Need Not Report Monday For Duty

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A Spirit of Optimism Prevails

The banking holiday which temporarily tied up deposits in the banks has been accepted in the finest sort of spirit by the people of the country. A spirit of optimism prevails in North Wilkesboro and the belief that conditions will be righted in a few days is expressed in every quarter.

Business does not seem to have been retarded to any appreciable extent this week and the acceptance of checks by the business houses and merchants is evidence of the confidence with which the situation is being faced.

On every hand, business leaders voice the opinion that the banking holiday which was declared in order that legislation might be prepared to relieve the situation was the proper thing. President Roosevelt has been warmly applauded by people everywhere.

This is as it should be. There has been no reason to fear. If the program which

will be presented to Congress by the new administration contains the provision that bank deposits will be guaranteed the depositors by the government, there will be cause for rejoicing.

Meanwhile the banking holiday has been modified and the holiday is expected to be lifted completely within a few days. While the program of the administration is being perfected business will go on as usual. Complete confidence and a spirit of optimism are necessary at this time. These are evident in Wilkes county where not only business leaders who are conversant with the real situation, but also the general public which has not given a complete study of the intricate problem of banking, have the greatest faith that our problems will soon be solved.

When the history of the times are written, the spirit of optimism which prevails will stand out as one of the brightest chapters.