

Two Miraculously Escape Death As Truck Is Wrecked

Russell and Lee Billings Injured As Truck Goes Over Embankment

MATCHES SCATTERED

Accident Happened On the Birch Mountain Near Sutton, Virginia

Sutton, Va., March 25.—Three tons of matches were scattered over Birch mountain and two young North Carolinians had a narrow escape from death when their truck catapulted 250 feet down the mountainside and crashed into a clump of trees yesterday on route 19, near Sutton.

Russell Billings, 28, and his brother, Lee, 21, both of North Wilkesboro, N. C., were operating the truck bringing a load of matches from a northern market. They are patients today in the home of Okey Rose, a farmer, who lives three miles from the scene of the accident.

Both were cut and bruised badly. Lee, more seriously injured than his brother, may have internal hurts.

The two occupants of the truck are brother of Mr. Paul Billings, who resides on C street near Gordon Avenue. They arrived here Sunday morning. Lee was right seriously injured in the wreck, but is expected to recover within a few days.

Wilkes Teachers At State Meeting

North Carolina Education Association In Session For Three Days

A number of Wilkes teachers attended the meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in Raleigh Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The meeting was largely attended, approximately 2,000 teachers being on hand during the sessions.

Addresses by leaders in the educational world, including W. John Cooper, United States commissioner of education, were heard.

Among those going from Wilkes were County Superintendent C. C. Wright and Mrs. Wright, Prof. and Mrs. D. R. Wright, of Traphill; Prof. W. D. Halfacre, Miss Mary Nelson and Miss Beatrice Pearson, of North Wilkesboro; Prof. and Mrs. S. E. Matthews and daughter and Prof. Hendrix, of Mt. Pleasant; Prof. T. E. Story, of Wilkesboro.

Wagoner Is Named Program Chairm'n

Succeeds W. A. Rousseau In Lions Club Work; Fine Program Is Given

H. V. Wagoner was named permanent program chairman to succeed W. A. Rousseau, who has accepted a government position in Washington, at the semi-monthly meeting of the Lions club Thursday evening at Hotel Wilkes.

W. J. Bason, president of the club, informed the club that Mr. Rousseau had written a letter of encouragement to the "boys," stating that he intended to unite with the Washington club. Mr. Rousseau was a charter member of the local club and served as president during the term of 1930-31.

The invocation was spoken at Thursday evening's meeting by Dr. J. S. Deans. Buford T. Henderson, local attorney, had charge of the program. Musical entertainment featured the program. Mrs. E. F. Rhodes gave three vocal solos in a very delightful manner, while Prof. Rhodes entertained with violin numbers. Mrs. C. S. Sink accompanied at the piano. J. E. Turner and B. R. Underwood were guests at the meeting.

Mr. Eugene Olive and Daughter Arrived Friday

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Olive and daughter, Emily, have moved into the Baptist parsonage which has recently been renovated and made ready for their occupancy. After the election of Rev. Mr. Olive as pastor of the First Baptist church Mrs. Olive and their little daughter continued to make their home at Chapel Hill until business affairs there could be arranged. They arrived Friday.

New French Ambassador



M. Andre de Laboulaye, long in the French diplomatic service, is the new French Ambassador named to the United States to succeed M. Paul Claudel.

DOWD MAY GET MARSHAL POST

Sanford Man Likely To Succeed W. H. Gragg; Said To Be Reynolds' Choice

W. T. Dowd, of Sanford, in all probability, will receive the endorsement of Senator Reynolds for marshal of the middle district, it is reported from Washington. The Sanford man, Washington reports say, has the inside track over a list of at least a dozen candidates who sought to succeed to the post now held by W. H. Gragg, of Boone.

Ten deputies are also to be appointed in the middle district, and the understanding is that the endorsement of Senator Reynolds will be the determining factor in these appointments.

The district attorney will probably be named at the instance of Senator Bailey in this district. The name of Carlyle Higgins, of Sparta, is receiving attention in this respect.

Welfare Officer Issues Statement Relative to Seed

No Seed Will Be Distributed From Welfare Office In Wilkesboro

Seeds purchased through R. F. C. funds will be distributed only to those persons already on the relief list, Mrs. Valeria Belle Foster, county welfare superintendent, announced in a statement issued this morning.

Mrs. Foster's statement follows: "According to instructions received from the Reconstruction Finance corporation officials at Washington, seeds purchased with R. F. C. funds may be given only to those persons already on the relief list. No seeds will be distributed from the office in Wilkesboro. Those to receive seed will be notified where to get them, or the seeds will be delivered to them."

From 2 To 3 Inches Of Snow In Virginia

Mr. Alvin Sturdivant, who was in Virginia on business Saturday, stated upon his return here that from 2 to 3 inches of snow fell Saturday morning at Independence.

LOCAL BUSINESS HOUSES BACK BROADCAST AGAINST SALES TAX

Broadcast Heard Over Radio Station WPTF On Friday Evening

The radio broadcast over Station WPTF, Raleigh, Friday night in opposition to the sales tax had the support of a number of North Wilkesboro stores and business men who contributed to the fund which made it possible.

Local contributors received cards from Willard McDowell, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, notifying them of the broadcast and the address was heard by many local people.

Twenty-eight local firms and business men made donations toward the fund. They are as follows:

- R. E. Llaughter, \$1.00; Rose's 5 and 25c Store, \$1.00; Spainhour-Sydnar Co., \$2.00; Belk Department Store, \$2.50; Harris Bros., \$1.00; J. C. Penney Co., \$1.00; Smoak Furniture Co., \$1.00; Moore's Market, \$1.00; Auto Parts Co., \$1.00; Pearson Bros., \$1.00; Claude Pearson, \$1.00; The Leader Store, \$1.00; E. (Continued on page eight)

Senate Committee To Hold Hearing On Cowles Bill Wednesday; Passed House

Opponents of Measure To Go To Raleigh To Fight Favorable Report From Senate Body; Some Who Favor It Expected To Go; Bill Enacted By House Thursday

The sub-committee of the state senate's committee on courts and judicial districts will hold a hearing Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the Cowles bill to amend the general recorders' court act to include Wilkes.

Delegations of Wilkes citizens who are interested in the committee's report will attend the hearing. At the house committee's hearing only those opposing the bill went from here, but it is expected that several of those who favor its passage may go Wednesday to champion the measure.

Successful in his efforts to get his recorder's court bill reported favorably by the committee on courts and judicial districts, Representative Charles H. Cowles carried his measure through the house Thursday and laid it on the doorstep of the senate for further action.

The bill brings Wilkes under the provisions of the general recorders' court act. As has been explained on several occasions, it does not establish a court of this kind in Wilkes, but gives the county commissioners the authority to do so if they wish.

Douglass Speaks To Kiwanis Club

Minister and Poet of Morganton Delivers Splendid Message In City

Rev. John Gordon Douglass, widely known minister and poet of Morganton, addresses the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club at Friday's luncheon. The meeting was held at Hotel Wilkes.

Taking for his subject the seven letters of the word, "Kiwanis," the speaker discussed the meaning of each in a very inspiring and interesting manner.

Judge T. B. Finley, who presided over Burke county Superior court last week, was in charge of the program.

Guests of the club included Mrs. Douglass and their daughter.

Geno Cardwell, secretary of the club for many years, served in that capacity in the absence of Secretary T. E. Story who was in Raleigh attending the meeting of the North Carolina Education Association.

Post Office Thief Arrested At Offense

Deputy Marshal H. H. Jennings Made Arrest On Thursday Afternoon

Lonnie Absher, wanted for a postoffice robbery and violation of the prohibition laws, was taken into custody Thursday afternoon by Deputy Marshal H. H. Jennings and his driver, Arlie Foster.

Absher was working on a car in front of his father's home near Offense when the officers came up. He started to run but was overtaken when he felt Mr. Foster falling on top of him.

Unable to furnish bond, he was committed to jail at Wilkesboro.

Junior Lodge To Put On Degree Work On Tuesday

Some special degree work is on the program at the meeting of the North Wilkesboro lodge of the Junior Order tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Lodge officials urge the members to be present.

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Letters Awarded At Fine Banquet

Wilkesboro School Athletic Association Held Banquet Thursday

Rev. J. H. Armbrust, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, was the feature speaker at a banquet given Thursday night by the Athletic Association of the Wilkesboro high school for boys and girls who earned letters in sports this year and their parents.

Rev. Mr. Armbrust's address came at the close of an excellent program which included toasts to the school and to visitors and a talk by Willard G. Cole.

The banquet was held in the sewing room of the home economics department. The dinner was served by girls of the department.

R. V. Day, coach of athletics at the school, was toastmaster. Rev. Seymour Taylor, pastor of Wilkesboro Methodist church, spoke the invocation.

A toast to the visitors was offered by Robert Church, student of the school and member of the Athletic Association. The response was made by Rev. W. E. Linney. A toast to the school was offered by Mrs. A. R. Ogilvie, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, and Prof. T. E. Story, superintendent of the school, gave the response.

Coach Day presented Mr. Cole, who told of his observation of the efforts the school had made to secure a physical education building and gave wholehearted endorsement to the project. In the course of the talk, he stated that he had learned that teachers of the school had pledged a considerable sum toward purchasing materials for the building. Patrons and friends of the school would do well to make a sacrifice at this time in order to take advantage of the labor which the welfare department has agreed to supply, he believed.

Rev. Mr. Armbrust was presented by Prof. Story. The versatile after-dinner speaker spoke of the real values, the worthwhile contributions as compared with the sensational things which are often emphasized in the press. Rev. Mr. Armbrust delivered a most inspiring message to the group.

In attendance at the banquet were members of the county board of education, members of the Wilkesboro school board and friends of the school in addition to students and their parents. About 65 were present.

Education Board Is Changed Back

Members of Boy Scout Court of Honor Addresses Scout Service

Dr. A. S. Cassel, a member of the Boy Scout Court of Honor, spoke at a Boy Scout service at Mountain Park Baptist church in Surry county Sunday evening. He used as his subject, "The Scout Oath and Law."

Accompanying Dr. Cassel to Mountain Park were Mrs. Cassel and children and Mrs. Ross Scroggs.

Gamewell Grange To Give Play At Ferguson Friday

The Gamewell Grange of Le noir will visit the Ferguson subordinate Grange Friday night, March 31st, and present a play, entitled "Black Beard's Chest." The program will be given at the Ferguson school building and will be very interesting. No admission fee charged, and the public is cordially invited.

ROOSEVELT AND HIS AIDE



President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Treasury William H. Woodin are shown here as they labored during the banking crisis.

WILKESBORO WOMAN'S CLUB IS ACTIVE IN BEAUTIFYING TOWN

Twin-Egg Laid By Hen On Farm Near Here

Here is what happens when everybody puts his shoulder to the wheel and begins to push with the President—things begin moving. Anyway that is the interpretation placed upon the discovery made by the wife of "Uncle" Lewis Kelly, colored, of near Wilkesboro, on Thursday. As she was "gathering up" the eggs as usual, she found that one of her hens had caught the spirit of progress and laid a twin-egg.

The twin-egg was brought to the Journal-Patriot office Friday as evidence of the accuracy of the story. The two eggs, though small, appeared to be hooked together as if the shells were glued.

Senator Blackburn's Bill Passes Senate

Would Turn Over Witness Fees, Over Period Back of Ten Years

Senator Jeter M. Blackburn's bill to have the clerk of court of Wilkes county turn over witness and other fees which accumulated prior to ten years ago to the county general fund was reported favorably by the committee Thursday and was passed Friday by the senate.

The bill would merely release the funds which witnesses have failed to call for and which the clerk has held for more than ten years. The money would be placed in the county general fund for use in operating the county's business.

Mr. A. F. Kilby, of this city, was a business visitor to Elkin Friday.

WILKES COUNTY IS PLACED IN OPTIONAL GROUP ON OLD TAXES

Mrs. Fred Gaither Attends G. C. Meet

Homecoming Day and Alumnae Day at Greensboro College Given Consideration

The executive committee of the Greensboro College Alumnae association, meeting in Greensboro Saturday afternoon in the office of the secretary, Miss Mary Brock, at the college, discussed plans for homecoming day, May 6, and considered arrangements for alumnae day, May 27, which comes during commencement. Attention also was given to routine business.

Mrs. Fred Gaither, of near this city, who is a member of the Wilkes County Club of the association, attended the meeting.

Dorothy Dula Dies

Dorothy Dula, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dula, of Ferguson, was claimed by death Sunday. Funeral services were held today by Rev. Ed Miller. The child is survived by the parents and one sister.

Auditors Return For Additional Work At Bank

Bank of North Wilkesboro Expected To Open For Business Soon

WORK IS PROGRESSING

Prospects Are Bright For Return To Normal Service During The Week

Prospects are bright for the reopening of the Bank of North Wilkesboro during the week. While no definite information was available this morning, it is believed that the return to normal banking service will not long be delayed.

Auditors returned here this morning to secure additional information for the state banking department. It is believed that the bank will be opened soon after their report is completed.

Meanwhile the people are confident that the banking situation will clear within the next few days and merchants are doing a very satisfactory business. People are optimistic and trading was brisk in the city Saturday.

The Deposit and Savings Bank which opened last week has continued to record heavy deposits with no withdrawals except for legitimate business transactions.

Philmore Adams Arrested Again

Caught At Distillery Just One Day After Filing Bond On Liquor Count

Philmore Adams, a resident of the Congo section, was placed under arrest Thursday evening when Deputy Sheriff Silas Reynolds and citizens of the Congo community came upon him at a still a short distance from his home. A small quantity of liquor was poured out and the plant destroyed.

The arrest came just one day after Adams had arranged bond for his appearance at the next term of federal court on a charge of manufacturing whiskey. Adams was located at a distillery by Deputy Sheriff P. V. Turner a few weeks ago, but managed to elude the officer. However, a warrant for his arrest was sworn out and federal officers served it last week.

Adams was under probation from the last term of federal court. Judge Hayes withholding judgment until the next term. Deputy Reynolds turned Adams over to the federal authorities. He is now at liberty under bond.

Home of J.S. Hall Burned Tuesday

Destroyed By Fire During Night; Was Practically Total Loss

The home of Mr. J. S. Hall, located a short distance from the city, was destroyed by fire about midnight Tuesday night. All members of the family were in bed and they were awakened just in time to escape from the flames which were eating away at one side of the house.

The fire had gained such headway that practically nothing could be saved.

It is not known whether the loss was covered by insurance.

P. E. Dancy Now Selling Automobile Insurance

P. E. Dancy, well known local business man, is again offering his many friends non-cancelable and non-restrictable protection against the deadly automobile at a price that any person is able to pay for such protection for a period of one year.

Mr. Dancy is representing one of the strongest companies now operating in the country. It is a company that is recognized for its square dealing with policy holders and prompt settlement of all claims.

The company that Mr. Dancy is representing is the Federal Life Insurance Company, of Chicago, which offers the people an automobile accident policy that gives broad protection for only \$5.00 a year. Mr. Dancy will be pleased to give any one complete details about this policy at any time.