

County Tax Rate For 1933 Is 80 Cents

Murder Trial Now On

Case of Squire Hutchinson Will Be Ended Today

Arguments Before Jury In Progress This Morning; Interest Great

BIG ARRAY OF COUNSEL

Evidence in Case Ended Yesterday; Plea of Self-Defense Made

The case of Squire Hutchinson, Wilkes county school teacher who is on trial in Wilkes Superior court on the charge of murdering Tyre Bowers in September of 1931, will be given the jury this afternoon.

Arguments before the jury are being made this morning. Three hours were allotted each side before the jury. Judge T. B. Finley, the presiding jurist, is expected to deliver his charge to the jury late this afternoon.

The trial began Tuesday morning. Evidence for the state was completed that afternoon and Judge T. C. Bowie, of the defense counsel, made a motion for non-suit. Judge Finley, however, ruled that it was a question for the jury and the trial continued.

A plea of self-defense was entered by Hutchinson. The defendant, who is a college graduate and who prior to the shooting taught in the schools of Wilkes for a number of years, was the first witness placed on the stand by defense counsel.

The former school teacher made a good witness and told in detail of events leading to the tragedy. At the time of the shooting, Bowers was attempting to enter the Hutchinson home with a hoe, the witness said. He shot in defense of his home and family, the defendant declared. The screen door, alleged to have been torn by the hoe in the hands of Bowers, was exhibited to the jury in corroboration of Hutchinson's testimony.

Hutchinson admitted that he had been engaged in the liquor business with Bowers at one time, but said he had not dealt in liquor for the past seven years.

The state endeavored to show that Hutchinson called Bowers to his home and lured him into a position that would make a plea of self-defense possible. The state further contended that there was ill feeling between the two men.

Solicitor John R. Jones is aided in the prosecution by Eugene Trivette and Kyle Hayes, of the local bar, J. E. Holshouser, of Boone, and Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville.

Defense counsel is composed of Judge T. C. Bowie, of West Jefferson, J. A. Rousseau and J. M. Brown, of the local bar.

Evidence was completed yesterday afternoon and Mr. Burke made his argument before the jury and the court adjourned until this morning.

Revival In City Is Well Attended

Rev. B. H. Vestal Heard By Large Congregations During This Week

Large congregations are hearing Evangelist B. H. Vestal deliver able sermons each night this week. The services are held at the big tent which is located on the camp lot on "C" street between Ninth and Tenth streets.

The morning service, which is held at 7:30, although not so largely attended, is drawing a splendid little band of Christian workers and it is felt that much good is being accomplished.

The series of services will continue for ten days longer, it is planned.

Report Incorrect

The Journal-Patriot is informed that the report that Mr. J. G. Hackett has been appointed chairman of the repeal forces for Wilkes county is incorrect.

James At Boomer

Solicitor John R. Jones will deliver an address on law and order at Boomer Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to hear him.

The Perfect Baby



Darline Smith, 2, of Los Angeles annexed her first cup in a contest against 73 contestants. She scored a 100 percent perfect health and beauty rating with national chiropo-aetic delegates as judges.

E. R. Spruill Is Named Principal Mountain View

Will Head School There For Second Year; Faculty Not Complete

COMMITTEE MET AUG. 14

E. R. Spruill, principal of Mountain View high school last year, was re-elected at a meeting of the central committee of the Mountain View district Monday evening. Mr. Spruill, under the new district plan, will be superintendent of the entire district, directing the operation of all schools in it.

The faculty of Mountain View school was not completed. It was announced following the meeting. Election of all the teachers will take place within a few days, it was stated.

The committee is composed of J. A. Gilliam, chairman, J. G. Mayberry, secretary, Glenn Daney, B. W. Pendry and P. E. Church.

Sunday Schools To Clash Today

At 4 o'clock this afternoon, baseball fans will be given their last opportunity to see the baseball teams representing the Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools in action.

Charity will be benefited by the contest, the gate receipts on the admission of 10 and 15 cents to be donated to that purpose. A large attendance is expected.

10-Year-Old Boy Who Shot Father To Protect His Mother Wins Acquittal

Wake Forest, Aug. 15.—Coroner L. M. Waring, of Wake county, today told 10-year-old Purvis Dillard he did "exactly right" in exonerating the youth for fatally wounding his father, Cliff Dillard, 33, to protect his mother.

The elder Dillard, a Wake county farmer of the reputed whiskey making "Harricane" section, died Sunday in a Raleigh hospital from the gunshot wound inflicted 10 days earlier.

"I shot daddy because he was killing mamma," Purvis told the coroner at an inquest here.

"When I heard her scream I ran into the kitchen and saw daddy choking her. I got the shotgun from the corner, took two shells from a pitcher on the washstand, and got ready to shoot."

"I rested the gun on the bed springs and pulled the trigger."

Army Officer Is Secured to Speak At Fair Opening

Brigadier General Manus McCloskey, Fort Bragg, Is the Speaker

TO FORMALLY OPEN FAIR

Many Other Features To Be Secured For Four-Day Event Here

Brigadier General Manus McCloskey, commanding officer of Fort Bragg, army post, will deliver an address on the opening day of the Great Wilkes Fair, officials of the Great Wilkes Fair Association, announced yesterday.

The army officer will speak about noon on Tuesday, September 19. His address will formally open the fair.

A parade is being planned and a number of features are being arranged for the four-day event. Mr. W. A. McNeill, president and business manager of the association, said yesterday.

Announcement will be made of other features of the program as soon as they are definitely scheduled, Mr. McNeill said.

SON OF WILKES GETS PROMOTED

E. O. Wiles Made Assistant To Chief Engineer In West Virginia

News has just been received that E. O. Wiles, a son of Wilkes, has been promoted to the position of assistant to the chief highway engineer of West Virginia.

Appointment of Mr. Wiles was made Saturday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wiles, of Reddies River, and is a former student of W. R. Absher, former Wilkes school teacher.

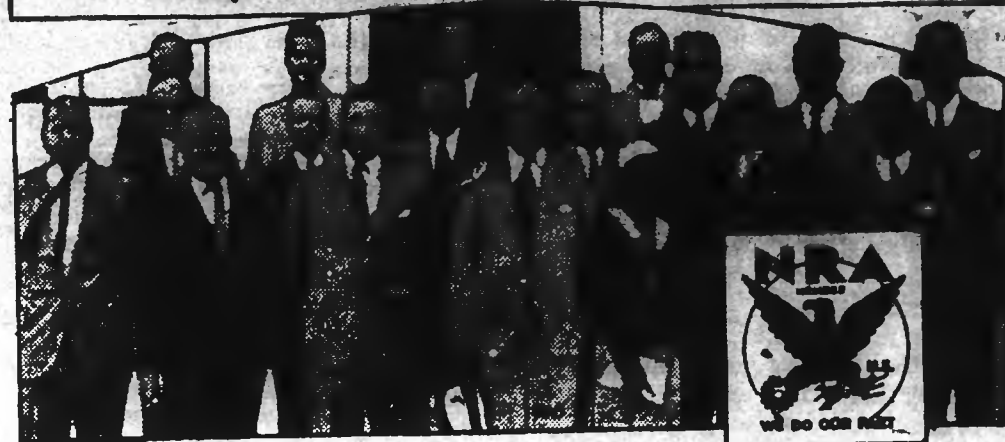
The following news item is taken from the Huntington Advertiser, published at Huntington, W. Va., issue of Sunday, August 13:

"Appointment of H. O. Wiles, county engineer of Wayne county, to be assistant to the chief engineer of the state road commission, was announced this morning by H. H. Bailey, state road commissioner, at Charleston.

Mr. Wiles said this morning he will be at work on his new job by next Tuesday. While his offices will be in Charleston, he said, he will continue his residence here where he has resided for many years. His home is at 141 Hughes street, Westmoreland.

"Appointment of Mr. Wiles to be engineer in charge of the Huntington district, comprised by Cabell, Wayne, Mingo, Lincoln and Logan counties, had been anticipated until announcement of his appointment today to the state position with officers in (Continued on page four)

Headquarters Staff of Gen. Johnson's Blue Eagle Army



Above is pictured the headquarters staff of Gen. Hugh S. Johnson's army which is waging war on the depression under the banner of the Blue Eagle. The National Recovery Administrator and his staff of co-administrators posed for this photo on the steps of the department of commerce building at Washington. Front row, (left to right) Dr. Wm. Cumberland, W. W. Packard, S. A. Rosenblatt, General Johnson, Miss Frances Robinson, E. T. McGrady and Maccollm Muir. Second row, Gen. C. C. Williams, John W. Power, Robert Straus, Edgar B. Knapp, John Hancock, Dudley Cates and Robert Lea. Back row, E. D. Howard, N. H. Slater, Robert Stevens and Capt. C. E. Parsons.

North Wilkesboro Voters Give Approval School Supplement By Vote 383 To 332

Approximately 90 Per Cent of City Taxes For Year 1932 Collected

Approximately 90 per cent of the North Wilkesboro town taxes for the year of 1932 have been paid, it was learned yesterday in an interview with W. P. Kelly, city clerk and tax collector.

Mr. Kelly said the percentage figured less than half of one per cent under 90 per cent.

In view of the fact that the last half of 1932 and the first six months of 1933 were considered the most seriously af-

ected by the economic conditions of any period during the nearly four years of depression, this is probably one of the best records in the state.

The record is considered a fine tribute both for the taxpayers and the collector who has worked energetically to collect the 1932 obligations.

The city is advertising probably the fewest taxpayers of any city of the size in the state.

Ninety-two Cast Ballots Against It; 16-Cent Levy

Many of Those Who Registered Stay Home; Are Counted Against It

715 WERE ON BOOKS

North Wilkesboro voters approved the school tax supplement of 16 cents by a vote of 383 to 332 in the special election Tuesday.

The vote was against the total registration of 715 and 369 votes were necessary for the supplement to carry. Although to stay at home meant a vote against the proposition, 92 voters cast ballots in opposition.

The issue was whether North Wilkesboro should vote a tax of 16 cents to supplement state funds for the operation of the schools in the city administrative unit here.

Many of those who registered stayed at home and had their votes recorded as opposing the tax.

The voting was quiet and orderly. Those favoring the tax kept busy throughout the day and, although hopeful of victory, never relaxed until the polls closed. The outcome was shrouded in doubt until the moment the 359th "yes" vote was tabulated.

J. T. Brame was registrar and W. C. McNeill and T. C. Caudill were the judges. B. F. Estes and C. A. Dimmette served as markers.

EUGENE TRIVETTE APPOINTED HOME OWNERS' GROUP ATTORNEY

County Schools To Open Sept. 4

Wilkes county schools will open September 4 if there is no hitch, County Superintendent C. B. Eller states. It is planned to start all schools on the same day, he said.

Eight districts in the county are comprised of 82 schools, not including the colored schools. There are 9 of the latter. All will open on the same day if present plans are carried out.

FRUIT GROWERS MEET AUGUST 25

Will Hold Annual Picnic At Hollywood Lake; Snyder To Speak

All fruit growers and those interested in the growing of fruit are cordially invited to attend the annual picnic of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers, to be held at Hollywood Lake Friday, August 25, at 10:30 a. m. J. W. Snyder, of the United States Department of Agriculture, will be the principal speaker. His topic will be "Soil Erosion," a subject of vital interest to the orchardists of Wilkes.

H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist, who is well known to growers in the Brushy Mountains, will speak on orchard problems that beset the grower. Of particular interest will be his discussion of the recent law relating to license tax on truck peddlers, which promises to make the growers' selling problem more difficult.

Growers are asked to take a well filled basket for the picnic dinner.

Man Is Killed

Charlotte, Aug. 15.—R. C. Evans, employe of a coal company here, was killed today in the collision of two automobiles at a street intersection.

Miss Wade Wilkinson, riding in the automobile which was in collision with the car in which Evans was a passenger, received treatment for cuts and bruises.

Is Designated To Examine Titles and Do Work For Loan Corporation

Eugene Trivette, local attorney, has been designated as legal counsel for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation in Wilkes county, it was learned Tuesday.

The appointment was made by Alan S. O'Neal, state manager. Mr. Trivette has accepted the appointment and will act in that capacity when the Home Owners Loan body begins to function in Wilkes.

The corporation is a government-established body and has as its purpose the relief of hard-pressed home owners.

Mr. Trivette will examine titles and similar work for the corporation.

Legion Delegates Go To Convention

Mrs. W. R. Absher Is Candidate or President of Auxiliary Group

Delegates from the Wilkes County Legion Post and the Legion Auxiliary will attend the state American Legion convention at Wilmington Friday and Saturday.

The Auxiliary delegation will be headed by Mrs. W. R. Absher who is a candidate for state department of the Legion Auxiliary. She has a splendid chance to land this position, it is learned.

Miss Pansy Thompson will represent the local post in the beauty pageant at Wrightsville Beach.

School Levy Beaten

Greensboro voters Tuesday stayed away from the polls to defeat the proposed 19-cent supplemental school tax, the count being 1,257 for to 3,907 against.

Charlotte Defeats Tax

Charlotte, Aug. 15.—A proposal for a 20 cents school tax in the city of Charlotte was defeated today when only 5,674 voters cast their ballots in favor of it. The total registration was 12,042.

A heated campaign preceded the election.

Great Reduction Is Made In Levy For Bonded Debt

Twenty-eight Cents Fixed For That Purpose By County Board

BOARD MET ON MONDAY

County Poor and Relief Goes Up To Seven Cents This Year

The county tax rate for the year of 1933 was fixed at 80 cents on the hundred dollars valuation, a reduction of 40 cents from the past year, at a special meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday.

The new rate was fixed on the basis of the ability of the taxpayers to pay and came as the result of the acceptance by bondholders of Wilkes of a proposition for a moratorium on their obligations for the coming year.

The greatest reduction was made in the levy for county-wide debt service. The rate for this purpose will be only 28 cents.

A levy of 7 cents was made for county poor and relief fund. The school debt service fund is 14 cents on the hundred.

The levy follows:
General County Fund 15
County Poor and Relief Fund .07
County Health Fund05
County-Wide Debt Service28
School Funding Bond Fund .63
School Debt Service Fund14
School Maintenance Fund02
Total60

Citizens of North Wilkesboro will pay a railroad bond fund of three cents on the hundred.

Relief Purchases Must Be Made From Stores Under NRA

Director Of Relief Notifies Welfare Office Of The New Order

A new order relative to the purchase of supplies for relief purposes with federal funds was issued to the county welfare departments this week by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, North Carolina relief administrator.

The order reads: "On and after this date (date of receipt), you are advised that purchases of supplies with federal funds shall be made only with stores that have complied with all the provisions of an applicable approved code, or, if there be no approved code of fair competition for such stores, then with the provisions of the President's Re-employment agreement. The same regulation applies to all orders given to relief cases."

Arrest Trio After Automobile Wreck

Albert Cardwell, Brack Bumgarner and Dock Wadkins In Tolls Of Law

Albert Cardwell, Brack Bumgarner and Dock Wadkins were arrested Sunday by Deputy Sheriff H. C. Kilby following an automobile collision on cotton mill hill in which the car, alleged to have been driven by Cardwell, figured.

The Cardwell car crashed into an automobile occupied by a Gastonia party.

The men were jailed on a charge of being intoxicated. Cardwell filled bond of \$800 and the other men furnished bond of \$300 for their appearance at the next term of court.

Eshelman Home Sold To Russell G. Hodges

The attractive residence of Mr. P. W. Eshelman, located on the corner of Eighth and D streets, was purchased by Mr. Russell G. Hodges Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges expect to move into their new home within the next few days.

The amount involved in the transaction was not disclosed. The property is considered very valuable, however, being centrally located and very attractive in appearance.

Phoebe Handy Dies

Mrs. Phoebe Handy, of Walnut Grove, was claimed by death Sunday, August 13. The funeral was conducted from Maywood church Monday at 11 o'clock by Rev. Monroe Dillard.