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CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM STARTED

Lanier Given Five Years For Reynolds Notes

Reynolds Family Not Represented At Trial Monday

Sentence Is Pronounced By Judge Hayes After Lanier Pleads Guilty
REYNOLDS' LETTER READ
Trial Moved To Wilkesboro From Winston-Salem; Lanier In Wilkes Jail

John Thomas Lanier, Winston-Salem textile worker, was sentenced to five years imprisonment in the Atlanta penitentiary Monday afternoon after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of attempting to extort \$10,000 from Richard J. Reynolds, tobacco millionaire, with a threat of kidnaping the young wife of the Winston-Salem man.

Trial of the case in federal court at Wilkesboro brought a considerable number of Winston-Salem citizens, including attorneys and newspapermen, to Wilkesboro. The case was moved from Winston-Salem to Wilkesboro because no grand jury had been called at the recent term of court there.

Sentence was passed upon Lanier by Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Greensboro, who is presiding over the court, after the court had heard read a letter from Mr. Reynolds in which the hope was expressed that leniency would be shown the defendant.

An appeal for a severe sentence, was made by District Attorney J. R. McCrary.

McCrary cited the government's drive against kidnapers and racketeers, and listed numerous outstanding crimes. Judge Hayes, under the law, could have given Lanier the limit of 20 years on each of the two counts against him.

The clemency plea was presented by W. H. Bover, Winston-Salem attorney, who read Reynolds' letter, and advanced the "desperate financial plight" of his client as an element mitigating the crime.

Judge Hayes commented that he did not feel the circumstances of the crime were such as to warrant imposing the maximum sentence, and announced the five-year term for the combined counts against Lanier.

Before passing sentence, the judge heard from L. O. Carver, a department of justice agent, who participated in the arrest of Lanier.

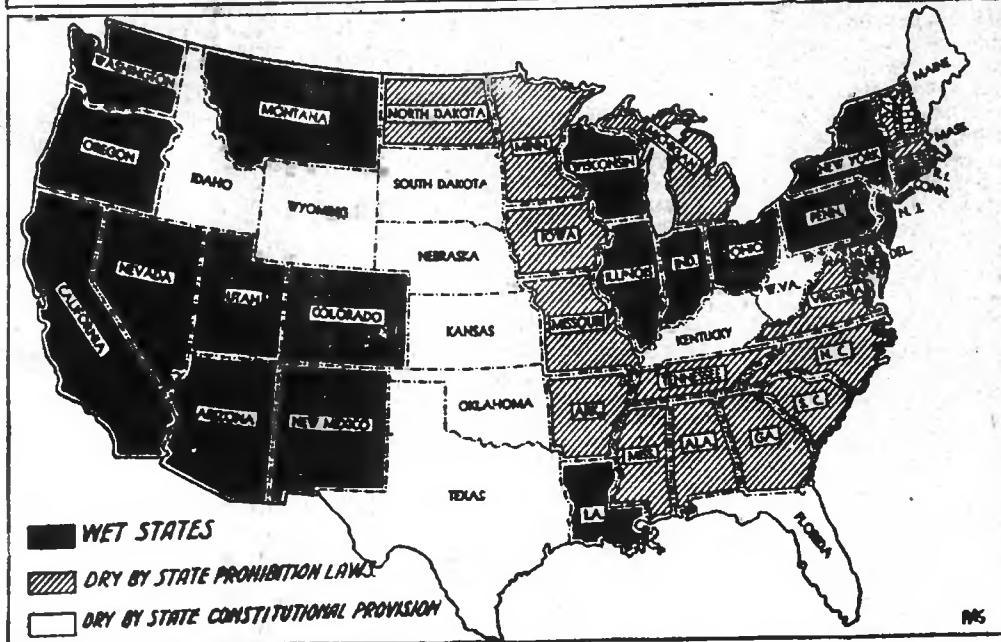
In the confession, the defendant admitted writing of two letters to Reynolds threatening to kidnap Mrs. Reynolds, a bride of a few months, unless \$10,000 were deposited at a designated place in Winston-Salem.

Lanier was arrested when he picked up a dummy package as officers watched the street intersection mentioned in the extortion letters.

No member of the Reynolds family was present at the hearing. When Lanier was apprehended, Stratton Coyner, attorney for Reynolds, announced the family did not take the threats seriously, but had kept word of the case from Mrs. Reynolds, an expectant mother, until after the arrest.

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Status of Wet and Dry States After Repeal is Effective



By Hubert A. Kenny

Ratification of the Repeal Amendment by the thirty-sixth state will mark the end of national prohibition, the Volstead Act and the 32 Beer Law on December fifth. Although thirty-seven states have already voted for repeal, ratification will not be complete until the formality of the action of the state convention of the thirty-sixth state. Until that time liquor cannot be legally sold even in the twenty-one wet states.

When repeal is effective, there will be three classifications of wet or dry states—twenty-one states without state-wide prohibition of any kind, the sixteen states with state prohibition laws and the eleven states with constitutional prohibition amendments. These are shown in the accompanying map.

The state conventions of the thirty-fourth, fifth and sixth states are called for noon of December fifth, and repeal will become effective as soon as their votes have been cast. But since these three states, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Utah are in three different time belts—Eastern, Central and Mountain—the vote of Utah will be the decisive one at noon, Mountain Time, two o'clock Eastern time, or very shortly thereafter.

In the sixteen states with State prohibition laws, liquor sales will become possible only by the act of their legislatures repealing or modifying the existing statutes, whereas in the eleven states with constitutional prohibition, their constitutional provisions must be repealed before they can become wet.

The Federal Government will

have certain prohibition responsibilities even after the twenty-first Amendment becomes effective, for the Amendment prohibits the transportation or importation of liquor into dry states, territories and possessions.

Eleven of the wet states have new liquor control laws, five will return to pre-prohibition laws unless new ones are adopted and at least three have commissions preparing new control laws.

Efforts to prevent the return of the old-time saloon, to break up the alliance of the liquor interest with corrupt politics, to eliminate the bootlegger and the speakeasy and to keep the liquor industry from growing so strong as to be a social menace have occupied the attention of the liquor control law commissions throughout the country.

678 Jobs Are Allotted Wilkes County Under New Set Up; Mrs. G. G. Foster Is Administrator

Litvinov at Capital



Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Russia's foreign affairs commissioner, photographed at Washington during the days while he conferred with the state department and President Roosevelt in person, regarding terms of the United States' recognition of Russia.

Re-Employment Bureau Is Established At Mayor's Office In City

PROJECTS SUGGESTED

Administrator's Office Is Busy Getting Ready For Deadline December 1

Temporary approval of projects which will put many of the unemployed to work was completed yesterday. It was learned this morning from Mrs. G. G. Foster, civil works administrator for Wilkes county.

The entire office force formerly engaged in relief activities has been transferred to the civil works administration and Mrs. Foster and her assistants were feverishly the first three days of the week getting ready for the tremendous task of setting up machinery for the program that is now being formulated.

The allocation of 778 jobs for Wilkes county was announced Monday by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state administrator. Half of those jobs, or 339, will be given to those on the relief rolls; and the remaining half will be given to persons who register with the Wilkes office of the national re-employment bureau.

The re-employment bureau, with Ralph Wooten as manager, will be located temporarily in the mayor's office in this city. Mr. Wooten will be assisted in his work by Mrs. A. T. Lott and Miss Nora Ellis.

All persons over 16 years of age, who seek employment, may register with this office and jobs will be provided in every instance if possible. There is no fee for registration. The re-employment office will be open from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

The task which claimed the attention of the civil works administration Tuesday and yesterday was the selection of projects that would meet state approval. Among those suggested, which have been sent to the state administrator for consideration, were a project at the county home, drainage, sewage and street work in Wilkesboro, completion of the high school gymnasium in this city, basement rooms at Mount Pleasant high school and sanitary projects for the rural districts of the county.

The men who are to be placed on the payroll through the civil works program are to receive from 45 cents to \$1.10 per hour. The projects must be under way by December 1 and employment will be continuous through February.

The program in Wilkes is a part of the gigantic civil works plan announced a few days ago by President Roosevelt and the machinery has been set in motion so rapidly that the public has not had time to fully grasp the magnitude of the re-employment drive.

The re-employment committee is composed of J. C. Reins, W. R. Absher, N. B. Smithy, D. J. Brookshire and Manager Wooten.

Chevrolet Folks Visit Charlotte
Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Of General Motors Is Being Observed
A zone meeting of dealers in General Motors products was held in the Chamber of Commerce building in Charlotte last night and was attended by all employees of the Hafer Chevrolet company, local Chevrolet dealers.

Near End Of The Criminal Docket Of Federal Court

Large Number Of Whiskey Cases Are Removed From Docket In 3 Days

TO TRY CIVIL CASES

The criminal docket of federal court now in session at Wilkesboro will probably be cleared this morning and the court is expected to enter immediately into the trial of civil cases.

The first three days of the term were featured by the trial of Lanier, Winston-Salem's would-be kidnaper, and the large number of submissions.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, while inclined to be lenient with first offenders, will have added considerably to the population at Chillocochee and Atlanta when the term is over and the men are carried away. Officers are expected to leave tomorrow to take the men to prison.

Practically all cases on the docket that have been tried so far were for violations of the national prohibition laws.

Following is a list of the cases disposed of:
Lawson Bell, Ovid Bell and Howard Cotran, 2 years probation as to Ovid Bell, 6 months in county jail as to Lawson Bell and year and a day and fine of \$200 as to Cotran.

Claude Alexander, temporary probation.
Rob Dowell, temporary probation.

Grover Lunsford and Marcus Jarvis, temporary probation.
Clyde Benton, 2 years probation.

Harrison Billings, W. C. Brooks, Walter Parks and Guy Billings, fine of \$100 each as to Brooks and Parks; 90 days in jail as to defendants Billings.

Harmon Oakley, year and day in Chillocochee.
Lester Higgins, 60 days in jail.
Egbert Wiles, year and day in Chillocochee.

Dock Pruitt, 6 months in jail.
Delos Adkins and Dallas Adkins, temporary probation.
Jess Sheets, 4 months in jail.
Vance Warren, not guilty.

Spurgeon Johnson, year and day in Atlanta.
Stewart Johnson, year and day in Chillocochee.

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New Pastor Will Arrive Next Week

W. H. Benfield Is Appointed As Pastor At Moravian Falls Charge

Dr. W. A. Jenkins, who was appointed to succeed Rev. J. H. Armbrust as pastor of North Wilkesboro Methodist church, is expected to arrive here next week. He will move in the Methodist parsonage soon after the Armbrusts depart on Wednesday.

Rev. W. H. Benfield, of Laurel Springs, was named to succeed R. H. Kennington as pastor at Moravian Falls. Rev. Mr. Kennington goes to Jonesville.

The list of appointments of the Western North Carolina Conference will be found on page seven of today's issue of the Journal-Patriot.

A stepmother became the wife when Mrs. Carolina Shew, of Call, was married to her 95-year-old stepson, Pate Shew, of Call, at the office of Register of Deeds T. H. Settle at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by C. M. Tevepough, local justice of the peace, who is 68 years old.

Anniversary at New Orpheum

November 27th to December 2 is Jubilee Week; Been New Building One Year

With a spirit of gratefulness toward the public for the liberal support extended, and in celebration of the end of the first year in its handsome new home, "the south's finest," the New Orpheum Theatre will observe next week as Anniversary and Jubilee Week.

The New Orpheum moved just a year ago to its present location which had been especially erected for a picture show. Money and time was not limited in making the show place for this whole section of the state. Business has been good during the past year, hundreds enjoying daily the varied attractions offered by the management, and in celebration of a successful year an unusually strong program has been arranged for all of next week which is as follows:

Monday and Tuesday—Will Rogers will be shown in "Dr. Bull," supported by an all-star cast.

Wednesday, Jack Holt comes in the Columbia thriller, "The Wrecker." Other supporting players are Genevieve Tobin, Sidney Blackmer and George E. Stone. Thursday and Friday the

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A. R. Miller Kills Four Hogs With Total 2,685 Pounds

A. R. Miller, prominent farmer and merchant of Yonny, may not be the champion hog raiser of Wilkes county, but he has certainly set a mark for others to shoot at.

Mr. Miller killed four hogs last week which after they were dressed had a total weight of 2,685 pounds. They weighed 650, 670, 680 and 685 respectively.

J. H. Armbrust To Deliver Farewell Sermon on Sunday

Popular Local Minister To Leave Next Week To Begin Work At Hickory

Rev. J. H. Armbrust, popular pastor of North Wilkesboro Methodist church for the past four years, will deliver his farewell sermon at the local church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. There will be no preaching service Sunday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Armbrust and their son, Joe, Jr., will leave for Hickory next Wednesday morning. Rev. Mr. Armbrust will be pastor of the First Methodist church of that city.

The Armbrusts have many friends in the city and in the county who deeply regret that the church and public are to lose their influence and work.

Deputy Sheriff Destroys Stills

Silas Shumate, Rock Creek Township Officer, Active During Past Week

Silas Shumate, deputy sheriff of Rock Creek Township, destroyed five stills in and around his section last week. The largest of the five was located near Liberty Grove church, while another large plant was cut in the Roaring River section.

Deputy Sheriff Shumate's campaign against whiskey manufacturing is one of the most successful to be waged in several weeks.

Mr. S. J. Miller and son, Paul, of Glendale Springs, were visitors in the city a few hours this morning.

Found—One Steel Trap On An Owl

Charlie Ferguson, son of County Accountant C. H. Ferguson, is in possession of a steel trap which he will return to the owner if the latter will notify him and identify the trap.

It came about this way, Friday night, a flock of chickens at the Ferguson farm were disturbed and the next morning a prize hen was found with her head amputated. A little later, young Mr. Ferguson observed a Red (Hoot) Owl perched on the garden fence and, suspecting the night prowler as the culprit of the chicken disturbance, he took a pot shot with a rifle. Mr. Owl tumbled off.

Investigating his kill, it was found that the owl, a very large one, had a steel trap attached to one foot. Apparently, the owl had been caught on some previous night and had managed to pull the trap free from its moorings. How many days and nights the bird had been hauling the trap and chain around with him is problematical.

Mr. Ferguson will be glad to send the trap to Wilkesboro by his father if the claimant can satisfactorily describe

County-Wide Singing Convention To Be Held On Thanksgiving Day

Choirs From All Sections Of Wilkes Are Invited To Attend And Participate; Idea Was First Developed On Thanksgiving Day Last Year; Bumgarner Is Chairman

A county-wide singing convention will be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Thanksgiving Day, November 30, and choirs from various communities in Wilkes are expected to be on hand to participate in the day's program.

An invitation is extended to all choirs, quartets and duets, the convention being open to all singers who wish to attend. Linville Bumgarner, of Wilkesboro, is chairman of the convention and J. A. Gilliam, of Hays, is secretary.

The idea of a county-wide singing convention was developed last fall and the first meeting was held with much success on last Thanksgiving Day. The association met again on July 4 and the popularity of the occasion has resulted in the decision to continue the county-wide convention.

Cleaners Attend Hickory Meeting

Code For Cleaners Has Already Approved And Is Now In Operation

Messrs. Bryant Teague, A. H. Cline and James Hauser, representing Teague's Dry Cleaners and Quality Cleaners, local dry cleaning establishments, attended a meeting of the Blue Ridge Cleaners Association at Hickory Tuesday evening.

Matters pertaining to operation of their plants under the new code were discussed at length by the cleaners.

The new code for cleaners and dyers has already been approved by President Roosevelt. A state-wide schedule of minimum prices was set up a few days ago and all of the three local plants, Teague's Dry Cleaners, Quality Cleaners and Redmon's Cleaning Works, are operating under the code.