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LATE NEWS OF STATE AND NATION

Sentenced For Murder
Durham, Feb. 22.—Thomas Durham, 26, was sentenced today to serve three to ten years in state prison in connection with the fatal shooting of George L. King. Markham had been indicted on first-degree murder charges, but was convicted of manslaughter.

Kidney Stone Cure
Cleveland, Feb. 22.—Discovery of a cure for kidney stones without recourse to an operation was announced before the Clinical Society of Genito-Urinary Surgeons here today by Dr. C. C. Higgins, of the department of urology of Cleveland Clinic.

Police Chief Killed
Mount Airy, Feb. 22.—Police of two states joined today in combating the fastnesses of the Blue Ridge mountains in search of Howard Delp, 24, who killed Posey Martin, Galax, Va., police chief, and critically wounded Frank Dodson, another officer, as he broke out of the Galax jail last night.

Students Want Peace
Wake Forest, Feb. 22.—Results of a campus-wide peace poll at Wake Forest College, recently conducted by the Statesman's Club, were announced here today. Seventy per cent of the students think it possible for the United States to stay out of another great war.

Pleads For NRA
Miami, Fla., Feb. 22.—Donald R. Reichberg opened the administration drive for a consolidated public pressure behind the new NRA bill tonight in a speech arguing for a measure flexible enough to allow a distinction between "good" trusts and "bad" trusts.

Honor Washington
Washington, Feb. 22.—President Roosevelt and Congress today led the nation in paying homage to George Washington. Mr. Roosevelt observed the anniversary of Washington's birthday by motoring to Mount Vernon. There he silently placed a small wreath on the tomb.

Hauptmann Gets Stay
Trenton, N. J., Feb. 22.—Bruno Richard Hauptmann, sentenced to die in the electric chair for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh baby, won an indefinite stay of execution Thursday, and his four lawyers, once more in harmonious relations, promised to go ahead with the carpenter's appeal as speedily as possible.

Post Forced Down
Los Angeles, Feb. 22.—A leaky oil line thwarted Wiley Post, one-eyed globe girder, in his attempt to dash through the sub-stratosphere from Los Angeles to New York today in less than eight hours but he got a taste of sky-high speed that made him eager and confident for his next attempt soon.

Predicts Bonus Passage
Concord, Feb. 22.—Hubert E. Olive, state commander of the American Legion, predicted before an audience here tonight that "the bonus will be paid." His prediction was made at Washington's birthday celebration staged by the local legion post and was cheered by the several score ex-service men present.

Many Tax Dodgers
High Point, Feb. 22.—That there is a vast amount of tangible property in the city of High Point upon which the owners are at present paying no city or county tax was disclosed Thursday by Joe Hoffman, county commissioner, who revealed that at the meeting of the commissioners last night it was learned that \$1,580,000 worth of such property has already been uncovered in the county.

Aid Potato Growers
Washington, Feb. 21.—The potato bill today started its way through the legislative channels of Congress with sponsors hopeful of early passage. Introduced by Representative Warren, of North Carolina, the measure would make potatoes a basic commodity, provide for sales quotas and levy a tax of 75 cents on every 100 pounds of potatoes sold in excess of the allotments.

Bill Absher Mentioned As Somers' Successor

SUES FOR GOLD
One Of Men Who Asked For Court Test on Gold Clause



New York . . . F. Eugene Nortz, who surrendered \$108,300 in gold certificates to the government for existing currency and instituted a suit for currency on the basis of the old price of gold. Had the supreme court ruled against the government Nortz would have recovered \$64,334 additional in the present currency.

Textbook Plan Gains Interest In Legislature

System of Renting Books Would Save Parents \$4,500,000 a Year

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Interest in both the house and senate in the bills to set up a rental textbook system for all the schools of the state, as well as in proposal in the house bill to change the method of selecting and adopting textbooks so that the state may buy them at better prices, according to members of both houses. It is estimated that a rental textbook system will save parents and children at least \$4,500,000 a year as compared with what they are now spending in buying textbooks outright.

"I think a rental textbook system will give more aid to the people of the state than any other one thing the general assembly can do," Senator L. L. Gravelly, of Rocky Mount, one of the introducers of the senate rental textbook bill said today. "It will give them the equivalent of a \$4,500,000 a year reduction in taxes. I believe this general assembly will pass a rental textbook bill before it adjourns."

The fact that the textbook lobbyists, aided by a good many of the school lobbyists, are bitterly opposing the Chery-Bowie rental textbook bill in the house, is causing more and more sentiment for that bill. The belief is that if the textbook trust and school politicians are so opposed to it that it must be a good bill. The framers of this bill maintain that it not only would set up definite machinery for a rental textbook system but would also take the selection and adoption of textbooks out of the present text book commissions, which most observers agree (Continued on back page)

Laying Surface On Approaches

Aggravating Gravel Patches At Yadkin River Will Be Eliminated Soon

Forces employed by E. W. Grannis, who has contract for laying concrete surfaces on the Yadkin bridge approaches between the Wilkesboros, are busily engaged in the work. These approaches, which were gravel surfaced when the bridge was completed, had become a source of much annoyance to motorists and the news that the aggravating patches of road are receiving permanent improvement is a source of much gratification to all who pass over the bridge.

The road is not barred to travel and the contractor is laying the surface one side at a time, keeping a lane for traffic open all the time.

Comment In State Daily Says Local Man Is Being Asked To Run For Sheriff

Under the heading of "Affairs of State," edited by Wade Lucas in The Charlotte Observer, there appeared yesterday the following comment concerning W. F. (Bill) Absher, popular young business man of this city:

"William F. Absher, the Republican son of Mrs. W. R. Absher, ex-state president of the American Legion auxiliary and now leading what appears to be a futile fight for ratification of the child labor amendment, is being urged by Wilkes county Republicans to run for sheriff next year to succeed Sheriff Bill Somers, who plans to retire. Young Absher, who belongs to the inner Republican councils in Wilkes, is a nephew of Major Arthur L. Fletcher, state labor commissioner."

In addition to the comment regarding Mr. Absher the column called attention to the fact that Watt H. Gragg, of Boone, ex-marshal of the middle district, is being groomed as a Republican candidate for the congress seat in the ninth district, now occupied by Hon. R. L. Doughton, chairman of the ways and means committee and a figure of national prominence.

Linney Slayer Gets Sentence

Found Guilty of Manslaughter and Sentenced To 30 Months In Penitentiary

Taylorsville, Feb. 23.—W. R. Reavis, tenant on the farm of James C. Linney, former postmaster at Hiddenite, was convicted of manslaughter here this afternoon in connection with the death of Mr. Linney last October 22.

Reavis was tried on a charge of murder before Judge W. F. Harding in Alexander county superior court. He was sentenced to two and a half years in the penitentiary.

Council for the defense filed notice of an appeal. Mr. Linney's body was found by the roadside one-half mile from the tenant house occupied by Reavis sometime after Mr. Linney and Reavis had fought in the presence of two witnesses.

The body was badly bruised about the head and throat, indicating the elderly man had suffered severe punishment.

Reavis conviction was largely as result of medical testimony to the effect that the shock and punishment which Mr. Linney suffered from Reavis were the causes of Mr. Linney's death.

Solicitor John R. Jones was assisted in the prosecution by Burke and Burke and V. G. Beckham. Council for the defense was Hubert Whicker of North Wilkesboro.

Former Students Wilkesboro High Are Making Good

Making Honor Roll And Good Records At Mars Hill, Lee's-McRae and A. S. T. C.

Former students of Wilkesboro high school are making good in higher institutions of learning, a study of the honor rolls of various institutions where they are enrolled will disclose.

At A. S. T. C. Mary Nichols and Dorothy Stewart have been honor students since their enrollment a few years ago and have made a splendid record. At Lee's-McRae College James Hamby is leading his class and is an honor student every semester. At Mars Hill College Lucile Hartley, Ethel Davis and Warren Horton are making the honor roll.

Lucile and Neil Hartley are making quite a record for Mars Hill in debating. On Saturday night they represented their college in a no-decision debate against Lee's-McRae College at Banner Elk.

Juniors Have District Meet February 22nd

Members of Several Councils Gather at Lodge Hall Here For Meeting

CLASS IS INITIATED
Rallies Held Thruout State; Field Secretary Is Speaker Here

On the occasion of Washington's birthday anniversary, February 22, Juniors from all the councils in this district gathered at the lodge hall here for a district class initiation program, which proved to be highly inspirational for the fraternity.

There was an attendance of 120 members at the district initiation of 14 members. Juniors were present representing North Wilkesboro, Elkin, Copeland, New Hope, Clingman and Ronda councils and rapt interest was in evidence throughout the program.

The meeting was opened by Bradley Dancy, councillor of the local chapter. Rev. C. W. Robinson, acting chaplain, conducted the devotional.

W. K. Sturdivant, district deputy, delivered an address of welcome, to which response was made by S. O. McGuire, of Elkin.

The highlight of the program was the address of C. W. Snyder, field secretary, who spoke most interestingly concerning plans for progress laid out by the state councillor, Charles F. Tankersley, Jr. He brought greetings to this district, composed of Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties, from Councillor Tankersley.

Class initiations were held throughout the state, on Friday night in observance of the completion of a membership drive, sponsored by the state councillor.

B. & L. Ready To Aid Homebuilders

Local Financial Institution Stands For Better Homes In Community

North Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association stands ready to help people in this community to become home owners. J. B. Williams, secretary - treasurer, stated today in commenting on the services the organization can render to the people.

The Building and Loan Association is in splendid condition with a vast amount of resources and funds available on short notice. The association has ample funds to take care of any and all acceptable and sound loans for building purposes or for repair.

The 46th series is now open and will be through Thursday of this week. Thrifty people are invited to subscribe during this series.

A. Brewer Is Taken By Death

Was Former Member Board of Commissioners; Funeral Held At Rock Creek

Funeral service was held at Rock Creek church this morning at eleven o'clock for A. Brewer, prominent citizen of Rock Creek church who died early Sunday morning.

Mr. Brewer had been in ill health for 4 years and during the last several weeks had been very ill. He was 76 years of age.

Mr. Brewer was a member of a widely known family in the county, being a son of the late Jim and Matilda Wiles Brewer. He took an active interest in affairs of his community and county and for six years was a member of the Wilkes county board of commissioners.

Mr. Brewer is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Brewer, and the following children, all of whom are well and favorably known: Mrs. Nancy Wiles, J. N. Brewer, J. W. Brewer, E. O. Brewer, Mrs. Bertha Sebastian and A. C. Brewer, all of North Wilkesboro and vicinity.

A large crowd attended the last rites today, which were conducted by Revs. J. A. Blevins, L. B. Murray, Rev. Mr. Burcham and Rev. Eugene Olive.

Denver, Colorado, received its named from an Ohioan, General James W. Denver.

John R. Jones May Be Called to Lead Republican State Ticket Next Year

JONES MAY SEEK GOVERNORSHIP

Seventeenth District Solicitor is Being Touted To Head Republican State Ticket.



Solicitor John R. Jones, who today stated that he has the matter of running for governor next year under consideration.

Joint Committee Is Expected To Vote Against Sales Tax Substitute Bill

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—The McDonald-Lumpkin substitute for the sales tax, proposing increased corporation franchise and occupational taxes, will be voted down in the joint finance committee beginning with ballots on the amendments the first of next week. Little resistance to the action of the committee will be shown by the anti-sales tax group, much in the minority, it was learned this afternoon from Dr. McDonald, who hopes to make his big showing on the floor of the assembly.

"We don't care whether our amendments are even voted on in the committee," Dr. McDonald told Chairman Cherry and Harris Newman in the presence of two newspaper men following this afternoon's session of the committee.

"The chairmen have shown themselves to be uninterested in our plan. We offered the amendments in committee for the purpose of having hearings on them and that is about all that we could expect to accomplish there. We are chiefly interested in getting the bill to the floor as quickly as possible."

This afternoon's further hearings from the Pullman company, represented by James Pou, and the telegraph companies, represented by W. C. Little, closed the case made by the corporations against the McDonald-Lumpkin proposals.

Radio Artists Appear In City

"Crazy Mountaineers" From WBT, Charlotte, Put On Program To Large Crowd

The "Crazy Mountaineers," who broadcast a popular radio program over station WBT in Charlotte each day, appeared in person here Thursday night in a program sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Athletic Club at the high school building.

The program was well rendered and thoroughly entertaining to the large crowd that almost filled the auditorium to capacity. Arrangements are being made to secure a return engagement within the next few weeks.

Prayer Services

An evangelistic prayer meeting will be held at the City Blacksmith Shop near the Southern Railway station Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement made today by Carl S. Bumgarner. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Corbit, Jr., of Henderson, spent several days here last week with Mrs. Corbit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spainhower.

Receives Many Requests From Over the State

Record as Solicitor of 17th District Attracts Attention in State

STATES HIS PLATFORM
Tells Things He Would Advocate If He Should Seek Governor's Office

Advocating what appears to be "sweeping reforms" in state government, Solicitor John R. Jones, of the seventeenth judicial district, today answered queries from many people in the state regarding his views on becoming a candidate for governor in 1936 on the Republican ticket.

It is no secret here that the only Republican solicitor in the state has been prominently mentioned to head the Republican ticket in North Carolina next year and from the impression gained by a representative of The Journal-Patriot in an interview with him today it appears that he has the matter under serious consideration and commented on the question long enough to state his views on at least a dozen questions of statewide interest. He stated, however, that his duties at the present time lie with being solicitor, the office to which he was elected in November last year without opposition, and that he had given the question of becoming a candidate for governor only passing thought.

Others prominently mentioned to run for governor on the G. O. P. ticket are Gilliam Grissom and Charles A. Jonas, who, it is understood, is looking forward more to a fight with Senator Bailey for the senate seat than the governorship aspirations.

Today Solicitor Jones, who has just completed prosecuting the docket in Alexander county court, discussed such state questions as highway maintenance, better schools and higher salaries for teachers, but devoted much time to criticizing the law-making and law-enforcement branches of the state government, a subject on which he has found ample opportunity to gain first hand information during his nine years as solicitor. He regarded many of the major statutes of the state as falling far short of the aim to protect life, property and liberty, and recommended rewriting many of the laws to remove loopholes and technicalities.

He gave out the following statement in the interview:

"I was re-elected solicitor of the 17th judicial district without opposition, and my first duty is to the citizens of the district without regard to political or religious affiliations or without future aspirations. I have had a great many outstanding Republican leaders to insist on my making the (Continued on page eight)

Pearson Brothers Secure Agency For Hy-Mark Fertilizer

Officials Of Company Here Last Week Making Arrangements With Dealers

Pearson Brothers, widely known local wholesale and retail firm, has been appointed agency in this territory for Hy-Mark Fertilizers, manufactured by the Hy-Mark Company in Winston-Salem.

E. D. Taylor, president, and T. C. Hailey, district sales manager of the company, were in this city Thursday making arrangements with Pearson Brothers and associate dealers to put in a fresh stock of this dependable fertilizer, which is now on hand and ready for the people in this section.

Officials of the company stating that Hy-Mark fertilizers contain no sand or dirt filler but that in case a filler is used the company always uses Mascot dolomitic limestone, which is considered very beneficial to practically all soils.

In addition to Pearson Brothers firm here associate dealers will be T. G. (Rossie) Brown, at Hays, R. S. Carlton at Kings Creek and J. L. Parsons, whose place of business is located one-half mile west of this city.

Alexander Negro To Die In Chair

Sentenced In Court At Taylorsville Friday For Capital Offense

Thomas Gray, colored man of Alexander county, was sentenced by Judge W. F. Harding in court at Taylorsville Friday to death in the electric chair on a charge of breaking into the home of J. H. Robinett recently, and for malicious assault on members of his family.

The evidence was overwhelmingly against the defendant and the jury deliberated for only a short while Thursday before returning a verdict. Solicitor John R. Jones was aided in the prosecution by Attorneys J. H. and Harold Burke. The court appointed Attorney John Lewis, of Statesville, for the defendant, who was not represented by counsel when the case was called.

The conviction and sentence of Gray makes a total of five sentenced to the chair in Alexander county since Mr. Jones has been prosecuting the docket. The others were the four men who paid with their lives for their parts in the Taylorsville bank robbery in July, 1932.