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## LATE NEWS OF STATE AND NATION

### Cattle Killer Killed

Brooksville, Fla., Feb. 26.—The Florida basin cattle killer—a 200-pound mountain lion nine feet long—has at last been laid low by Giles Goswick, predatory animal hunter, and his pack of hounds.

### Heads Home Loan Bank

Washington, Feb. 26.—O. K. Laroque, formerly with the North Carolina state insurance department, tonight was chosen president of the federal home loan bank at Winston-Salem. Mr. Laroque succeeds Thomas W. Billett, who resigned.

### Jailed For Contempt

Washington, Feb. 26.—After fighting the authority of the United States Senate for a year, William P. MacCracken, assistant secretary of commerce in the Hoover administration, walked into District of Columbia jail today to serve a ten-day sentence for contempt.

### Cold Wave Strikes

A cold wave moved across the mid-continent Tuesday from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. Temperatures dropped to 28 below zero to Bemidji, Minn., 18 below at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Boone, Iowa, 17 below at Virginia, Minn., 8 below at Devils Lake, N. D. and 3 below at Colby, Kans.

### Alabama Goes Wet

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 26.—After lagging through early returns from rural boxes repeal of prohibition in Alabama tonight moved to the fore by nearly 12,000 majority, but sufficient boxes were out in the rural sections to offset the lead piled up. The vote from 612 out of 2,156 boxes in the state stood, for modification 43,490, and against 31,748.

### Cattleman Is Slain

Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 26.—Mystery surrounding the slaying of James Reagan, prominent American cattleman shot to death in the mountain fastness of Chihuahua, Mexico, deepened tonight as his body was en route with an escort to Hachita, N. M. Whether marauding outlaws killed Reagan or whether he was slain by a personal enemy had not been learned.

### Ham And Eggs Up

Washington, Feb. 26.—Ham, its companion eggs, and meat generally are going up and, take it from the bureau of agricultural economics, the end is not yet in sight. In summaries of conditions issued today the bureau declared that a further "sharp reduction" in hog slaughter is in prospect during the remainder of 1935 and that egg production in January was only 76 per cent of average.

### Mothers Are Jailed

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 26.—Mothers of three of Texas' most notorious desperadoes were under jail sentences tonight, convicted by the federal government in its campaign to wipe out crime by punishing persons who give aid to outlaws. The three mothers, Mrs. Cammie Barrow, Mrs. Emma Parker and Mrs. Steve Hamilton Davis, were sentenced to 30 days in jail for aiding Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker in their flight from the law. That flight ended when Clyde and Bonnie were killed by police last week.

## Building Fence Around the Jail

### Fence With Barbed Wire Top Will Make Escape More Difficult For Prisoners

During the past few days workmen have been engaged in placing a seven-foot fence around the county jail in Wilkesboro. Should any prisoner succeed in getting out of the actual confines of the jail he will be confronted with a menacing fence with three strands of barbed wire on top, tilting inward and making it very necessary that he pause considerably in his flight and perhaps receive a few scratches in the meantime. The fence will also add to the appearance of the building.

## Bill Absher Is Not Interested In Politics

### HEADS LIST

Lou Gehrig Will Be Highest Paid In Baseball



New York—Henry L. (Lou) Gehrig (above), ace slugger of the New York Yanks, is now getting the attention of fans as reports indicate he has signed with a large increase in salary, having waited for years for Ruth to vacate the money throne.

## Summer School For Teachers Is Being Proposed

### Lenoir-Rhyne College May Conduct Branch Summer School In Wilkesboro

Lenoir-Rhyne College will conduct a branch summer school for teachers in Wilkesboro this year provided there are as many as 100 teachers who will attend. It was learned today from Prof. M. F. Bumgarner, educator and former president of the Lenoir-Rhyne College extension class. If the teachers of the county are interested in attending a summer school in Wilkesboro they should get in touch with Prof. Bumgarner not later than Saturday, March 9, in order that arrangements may be made with the college for starting courses early in the summer.

## Stronger Beer Bill Is Killed

### Proposal To Legalize 5 Per Cent Beer Defeated By Vote of 61 To 46

For the time being, at least, beer is a dead issue in North Carolina. The state House of Representatives yesterday, by a vote of 61 to 46, killed the committee bill which would have legalized the manufacture and sale of beer with an alcoholic content of five per cent. Representative T. S. Bryan, of Wilkes, voted against the measure.

### Lowery Dula Dies Suddenly

Widely Known Confederate Veteran Passes at Ferguson; Funeral Friday

Lowery Dula, member of widely known Wilkes county family and a beloved character in his community, died suddenly at his home at Ferguson this morning about ten o'clock. Mr. Dula was one of the few Confederate veterans in the county and had reached the age of 92 years, 8 months and 22 days. Mr. Dula's health during his latter years had been considered good for a man of his age and his sudden death was quite a shock to his many friends, not only in his own community, but to all who had made his acquaintance. He was the grandfather of J. B. Williams, of this city. Funeral service will be held at his home Friday afternoon, followed by interment in Beaver Creek cemetery.

### ROARING GALE SENDS FREIGHTER TO BOTTOM

London, Feb. 27.—A roaring gale that crippled many ships in the Atlantic tonight apparently had sent the 3,259-ton British freighter Blargowie, with her crew of 28 seamen to the bottom. New York has been the largest city in the United States from the time of the very first census, 1790, when it had 33,000 inhabitants.

## Local Business Man Refutes Rumor That He May Be Candidate For Sheriff

"I am not interested in politics and particularly I am not interested in seeking the office of sheriff," W. F. (Bill) Absher stated here this week after reading comment in the Charlotte Observer to the effect that he is being mentioned as successor to Sheriff W. B. Somers in 1936. The comment appearing in the Charlotte daily was reprinted in The Journal-Patriot on Monday. Although Mr. Absher stated that he appreciated the friendly attitude of those who had mentioned him as a likely candidate for public office he emphasized the fact that he is not interested in politics and that he has not even considered seeking nomination to the sheriff's office. Mr. Absher is a popular young business man of this city, being associated with his father, W. R. Absher, in the management of Abshers, Inc., widely known clothing firm here. He stated that he will continue to devote his entire time to his business interests. The comment appearing in The Charlotte Observer on Sunday and reprinted in this newspaper Monday in regard to Mr. Absher being a candidate for sheriff had a favorable reaction and created much interest among the people of this section of the state. Mr. Absher, although appreciative of the interest shown by his friends, does not desire his name to be mentioned as a possible candidate for sheriff for the reason that he is not interested in politics or being a candidate for any office.

### Tax Settlements Are Confirmed By Legislative Act

Measure Introduced Friday By Wilkes Legislator Passes Both Houses

SETTLEMENT VALID

New Law Confirms and Approves Settlements Made With Wilkes Sheriff

A measure "to approve and confirm the acts of the Wilkes county board of commissioners in accepting and approving the tax settlements of the sheriff of Wilkes county for the years 1923 to 1934, both inclusive," passed in the senate Tuesday, according to information received here. The measure was introduced last week in the house by Representative T. S. Bryan, Wilkes legislator, and placed on the calendar. It was passed in the house last week and went on through the senate without opposition. The bill recites that there was a dispute as to the amount of the sheriff's fees and commissions. The bill validates settlements made and minutes of the county board of commissioners regarding the compensation of the sheriff. It would validate sales in the house by Representative Bryan to ratify sales of land for taxes in Wilkes county. The bill would validate sales of land for 1933 taxes, which sales were made later than the law prescribed, and would fix the sheriff's fees for making tax sales at 50 cents for levying, 20 cents for advertising, 50 cents for sale of certificate, 35 cents for recording the sale and 50 cents for the auctioneer.

## Tobacco Group Hears Wallace

### 85 Per Cent of Base Will Be Quota For Tobacco Farmers During Ensuing Year

County Agent A. G. Hendren, accompanied by members of the tobacco crop reduction committee for Wilkes county, went to Raleigh Monday to attend a mass meeting of tobacco growers and committeemen gathered from several states. It is estimated that there were 5,000 in attendance to hear Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, who spoke in an inspiring manner on the triple A. The question of amount of tobacco reduction to ask for in 1935 was discussed and it was decided that the administration's figure of 85 per cent of the base average would be the quota instead of the figure for last year. The county agent and members of the committee gained information that will be of much value in handling the affairs of tobacco crop reduction in the county.

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## COMING HOME

### Former Mayor Of New York Returning To States



London—Despite announcement that former Mayor Jimmy Walker (above), of New York, would make no immediate return to the States, now that an income tax suit had been dropped by the revenue department, friends here report that "Jimmy" and wife, Betty Compton, are making plans for sailing home.

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## Beauty Pageant Is Big Success

### Miss Ella Joyner Brame Acclaimed "Miss North Wilkesboro" By Crowd

Miss Ella Joyner Brame was acclaimed "Miss North Wilkesboro" in the beauty pageant held at the North Wilkesboro high school building on Tuesday night. By virtue of the local decision she will represent this city in a state-wide beauty pageant to be held in Winston-Salem. The pageant was a success from every standpoint and was put on before a large crowd which seemed very appreciative of the array of beautiful school-girls placed in the local contest by business firms here. The pageant was put on under auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association for the benefit of the athletic association in the city schools and was directed by Miss Lilolse Druden. To add to the entertainment a dancing class of Mrs. R. G. Finley put on a special act. In the junior contest Little Miss Sue Landon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Landon, was first with Little Miss Betsy Ruth McNeill, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. R. T. McNeill, a close second. Miss Brame, the winner of the main contest, is an attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brame. Second place went to Miss Mickie Bryant and third to Miss Gwendolyn Hubbard.

## Teachers Will Meet Saturday

### Meeting Will Be Held At 10 A. M. In Wilkesboro School Building

A county-wide teachers meeting will be held on Saturday morning, ten o'clock, in the Wilkesboro school auditorium, Prof. C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, announced this week. Attendance of all teachers employed in the schools of the county is required and the program for the meeting will be such as to promote interest in school work. Meetings are being held only at such intervals as the need is apparent for calling the teachers together and discussing problems of mutual interest. For this reason attendance of all the teachers is stressed.

## Criminal Court To Convene On Monday

### Judge W. F. Harding Will Preside; Many Cases On the Calendar

Spring term of Wilkes superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, March 4, at ten o'clock. Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, will preside. The term will be for two weeks and the usual large docket is pending trial. The calendar as made out by Solicitor John R. Jones last week contains around 300 listed cases and attention is called to the fact that all cases tried before justices of the peace and on which returns had not been made when the calendar was compiled will be called on Friday of the last week in the term. Solicitor Jones stated that the docket is unusually large but that attendance of witnesses at court on the day for which they are subpoenaed will do much toward expediting matters and disposing of the docket. A number of homicide cases are on the docket, although there are no cases on sensational interest such as featured the August term, at which time the noted Tilley cases were tried. Following is the calendar for the term as made out by Solicitor Jones:

- Monday, March 4th  
GOOD BEHAVIOR AND COST DOCKET
1. Ernest Money, Good Behavior and cost.
  2. Hilary Foster, Cost.
  3. Monroe Wyatt, Good Behavior and Cost.
  4. Todd Darnell, For judgment.
  5. Henry Frazier, Good Behavior.
  6. Roland Johnson, Good Behavior.
  7. Will Call, Hilary Foster, Leslie Shew, Cost.
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## W. J. Ellis, Age 2, Dies of Burns

### Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis Falls In Fire At Home At Boomer

Warsaw, Feb. 27.—The first fatality in 16 years of Polish ski racing, Adam Tokarz died in a hospital today of injuries suffered in a bad spill yesterday at Zakopane. The child was hopelessly burned but was carried to The Wilkes Hospital, where he died within a few hours.

## Supply of U. S. Baby Bonds Is Received Here

### New Securities Will Go On Sale At North Wilkesboro Postoffice March 1

### SMALL BONDS OFFERED

### \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$500 Bonds Offered By Government Mature In 10 Years

The initial supply of "baby bonds" issued by the United States treasury for sale after March 1 have been received at the North Wilkesboro post office. The bonds, officially known as "United States savings bonds," are issued in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$500. George Washington's picture is found on the \$25 bonds, while Thomas Jefferson's likeness is on the \$50 denomination. The \$100 bonds bear the picture of Grover Cleveland. Woodrow Wilson's photograph is on the \$500 denomination. The amount shown on the bonds is the value at maturity, a \$25 bond selling now for \$18.75. The maturity date is ten years after the month of issue. Purchase price of the \$50 bond is \$37.50. The \$100 bond sells for \$75 and the \$500 denomination for \$375. While the bonds mature in ten years, they are redeemable at the United States treasury at Washington 60 days after they are purchased. However, they do not bear interest until after they are held 12 months. After that date, they are redeemable at face value with accrued interest at the rate of 2.09 per cent. The post office here will sell the bonds and keep an adequate supply to meet the needs of those who wish to invest in this type of government securities.

## Accused Slayer Is Captured In Wilkes County

### Man Accused of Slaying Galax Police Chief Taken Monday Night

Howard Delp, 24-year-old accused slayer of Posey Martin, Galax, Va., police chief, was arrested on Tuesday night near Fairplains by Virginia and North Carolina state officers. Delp had been wandering about Virginia and in Northwestern North Carolina since Thursday and was in a fatigued condition when officers picked him up as he was walking toward this city on the Traphill road one mile from the end of the hardsurfaced road at Fairplains. He made no effort to resist arrest and seemed to be in a dazed condition. It was a far different man that officers captured than the one who broke out of the jail at Galax last Thursday night after sticking a pocket knife into the police chief's throat, according to witnesses, and cutting Officer Dotson across the face. Cellmates said that Delp had stated he would kill Dotson, who killed Delp's father in a dry raid several years ago. When caught Delp's face was torn by briars through which he ran in his effort to elude officers, his arm was cut from the broken glass of the jail door where he made his escape, his clothing, which was not the same he had worn when he broke from the jail, was torn and bedraggled. Delp told officers that he had had only an hour's sleep and three meals since Thursday. Officers said he had secured a change of clothing at the home of an uncle in Mount Airy Saturday. The fugitive said he did not know that Martin was dead until Friday as he ate dinner at a farm house and took to the woods immediately on hearing it. Delp will probably come to trial at the March 11 term of court in Hillsville, as the tragedy was enacted in Carroll county. The line between Grayson and Carroll counties runs through the jail where the killing took place.

## Auto Casualty Toll Amazing

### 36,000 Killed Last Year; Pedestrians Suffer Most In Slaughter

The worst automobile accident casualty toll ever experienced in the United States was recorded last year when 36,000 persons were killed and nearly a million injured as a result of \$82,000 personal injury collisions on streets and highways. Although practically two-thirds of the accidents involved driving errors, pedestrians paid the highest price in the loss of life as shown by the death of nearly 16,000, or 44 per cent of the total fatalities. Detailed statistics giving the circumstances of the accidents as tabulated by The Travelers Insurance Company in its annual analysis show that the country's adverse experience was not due solely to an increase in the use of motor vehicles. Deaths gained 16 per cent as against an increase of between 5 and 6 per cent in registrations and 6 per cent in gasoline consumption. In this connection the analysis points out that in 1931, the previous high record in deaths, registrations were 3 per cent greater and gasoline consumption nearly one per cent more than in 1934, while fatalities in 1931 were almost 8 per cent less than last year. Too much speed for time and place is cited as the dominant factor in the greater seriousness of automobile accidents last year. As an example of the extreme hazard produced by driving too fast, the rate of death per accident because of exceeding the speed limit was 40 per cent worse last year than the average of all accidents involving driving errors. Available records for the year show that 3.16 per cent of the drivers in accidents were declared to have been under the influence of intoxicants as against 2.43 per cent in 1933, an increase of one-third. The available records also show that 4.47 per cent of the pedestrians in accidents were declared to have been under the influence of intoxicants as against 2.99 per cent in 1933, an increase of 49.5 per cent.

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