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## LATE NEWS OF STATE AND NATION

**Killed in Collision**  
Rockingham, March 8.—Miss Margie Maner, 19, was killed Thursday night, and her brother, Thomas, 23, seriously injured when the motorcycle on which they were riding collided with a truck driven by Bruce Dawkins.

**Woman Ends Own Life**  
Using a sawed-off shotgun, Mrs. Flora Katherine Livengood Smitherman, 36, wife of J. A. Smitherman, ended her life Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock in the attic of her home in Southfork township, Forsyth county.

**Killed in Auto Wreck**  
Charlotte, March 8.—J. B. Williams, farmer who lives on the Pineville road, was killed and Oliver Furr, truck driver for the Horton Motor Lines, injured in a collision of Williams' automobile and a truck driven by Furr two miles east of Matthews early today.

**Asks Entire Support**  
St. Louis, March 8.—An appeal for the same type of "wholehearted" co-operation with the President that characterized the beginning of the Roosevelt administration, was made tonight by James H. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

**Prisoners Take Sheriff**  
Greenville, Ga., March 8.—Five prisoners escaped from the Merriwether county jail here today and took Sheriff C. H. Collier as hostage on their flight. The prisoners overpowered the sheriff and took his gun from him after breaking a lock on their cell door.

**Another Long Outburst**  
Washington, March 8.—Terminating Hugh S. Johnson the "pampered ex-crown prince," and asserting the new deal looked more "like St. Vitus dance" than government to him, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey verbally Thursday at Johnson in particular and the Roosevelt administration in general.

**NRA Is Denounced**  
Washington, March 8.—Bitter denunciation of NRA's effect upon small business by Senators Borah, Republican, Idaho, and Glass, Democrat, Virginia, tonight brought to a close a day of running debate over the recovery law which started between Donald Richberg and members of the senate finance committee.

**Murders Storekeeper**  
Raleigh, March 8.—Ray Blaylock, 23, was in jail here tonight charged with the murder of J. J. Wilson, 65-year-old storekeeper. Blaylock was arrested this morning shortly after Wilson's body had been found lying on the floor of his one-room store, his skull fractured by several blows and an unfired pistol beneath him.

**Justice Holmes Buried**  
Washington, March 8.—Close by his hero comrades, former Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes slept tonight in the hallowed ground of Arlington National Cemetery. His body was placed to rest beside that of his wife and companion of long years in a sheltered spot near the foot of the sloping hill that runs down to the Potomac from Lee-Curtis mansion.

**Number on Relief**  
Washington, March 8.—The FERA gives the number of families receiving relief under the general relief program during January as 4,533,840. The number receiving relief during December was 4,394,496. The number of families receiving relief in North Carolina increased from 65,621 in December, to 68,698 in January. The percentage of increases was 4.7 per cent.

**Air Minded Chicken**  
Kinston, March 8.—Eugene Hawkins had a narrow escape from disaster yesterday when a hen flew into his automobile and perched momentarily on his head. The car scattered a flock of chickens near here. A panic-stricken fowl which attempted to fly across the road in front of the machine missed and flew into the car instead. Hawkins lost control and the car ran down the side of a ditch for 50 feet before he was able to stop it.

## Hendren Pleads For Improvement Of Wilkes Farms

County Agent Points To Low Average Production Per Acre In County

**GIVES VALUE OF CROPS**  
More Fertile Soils Essential For Successful Farming, Hendren Says

In a statement issued for publication today, A. G. Hendren, farm agent for Wilkes county, made an earnest plea for more fertile soils and better farm management in order that crop yield average may be raised to the point where a farmer can earn a decent living from his toil and the soil.

**Hendren's Statement**  
Please give me space for a few statements and suggestions that I hope may be interesting to some at least. I know figures are dry and not very interesting, but I must use a few to tell what I wish to tell at this time:

We had, in Wilkes county in 1933, 5,125 farms. On these farms were planted 40,290 acres in corn that averaged 19 bushels per acre, or 765,510 bushels—worth 76c per bushel—making \$581,788.00, or \$114.44 per acre. The same year we sowed 7,751 acres in wheat, which made 11 bushels per acre or \$3,261 bushels, worth \$1.00 per bushel—\$3,261.00—\$11.00 per acre. The same year we sowed 6,774 acres in rye that made nine bushels per acre or 60,966 bushels, worth 98c—\$59,757, or \$8.82 per acre. Our government asked that we reduce our corn crop for 1934, so being a patriotic people we tried to comply with the request and took out of production 464 acres, leaving a little less than 40,000.

Now, folks, we must increase our corn yield per acre if we feed our people and livestock. It is said by the best authority that we must make at least 30 bushels per acre on the acres we now plant if we supply our own demands. If we increase our yield (Continued on page eight)

## Wilkesboro Boys, Mtn. View Girls County Winners

Finals In Basketball Schedule Played At Local Gym On Thursday Night

Displaying fast basketball and a spirit of intense interest Wilkesboro boys and Mountain View girls defeated the runners-up in games here Thursday night to win the county basketball championship and the trophy awards made by the schoolmasters club, which sponsored the athletic program among the county high schools.

The finals were played before a large crowd of fans. Wilkesboro boys, western division champions, defeated Mountain View, eastern champions, by a score of 25 to 13. Mountain View girls defeated Mount Pleasant girls 23 to 21 in an extra period.

The victory of the Mountain View girls won for them the county trophy for three successive years, an honor very rarely attained. They suffered but one defeat in three years of county schedule play.

Following are the scores of the championship games:

**Boys**  
Wilkesboro Mountain View  
J. Garwood (7) (1) D. Holder  
Linney (2) (6) C. Holder  
Minton (6) (2) Brown  
Wiles (2) (2) R. Holder  
Kinlaw (6) Templeton  
Substitutes: Wilkesboro, A. Garwood; Mountain View, Johnson (2) and Henderson.

**Girls**  
Mountain View Mt. Pleasant  
Haynes (12) (11) Elledge  
Rhodes (7) (6) Andrews  
R. Pendry (4) (4) B. Church  
Yale H. Church  
V. Pendry McNeill  
Johnson V. Church  
Substitutes: Mountain View, Wiles and Carlton; Mount Pleasant, Baker, Blevins and Matherly.

Both champion teams have enjoyed good seasons this year. The Wilkesboro boys played through the schedule with only one defeat while Mountain View girls had the same record and scored a total of 179 points to 99 for opponents.

## HOLMES DEAD

Former Supreme Court Justice And Great Liberal Passes



A favorite photograph of Oliver Wendell Holmes, age 93, who died at his home in Washington last week.

## Water Works Here Accepted As Completed

Contractors Ordered Paid In Full; Provision of Contracts Met

City commissioners in regular March session last week accepted as complete the improved water works system constructed, and installed by The EMOT Building Company and the R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company, contractors.

The city is now using the three elevated tanks and the other improvements affected in the system by the contractors which were financed by a loan and grant from the Public Works Administration.

All the commissioners, S. V. Tomlinson, I. E. Pearson, Hoyle M. Hutcheson, R. G. Finley and Dr. R. P. Casey were present in the meeting with Mayor R. T. McNeill and W. P. Kelly, city clerk.

In addition to routine matters the board discussed a number of matters of public interest and ordered that application be made to the FERA for approval of projects calling for street improvements. Graveling Trogdon avenue between Hinshaw and Trogdon Streets and from Hinshaw to Woodlawn were two projects for which approval was asked. Approval is also sought on a project calling for grading and shaping the grounds about the city's water works system.

## Bus Route Hearing Set For March 19

Greyhound Lines Propose Direct Connection To State Capital

A hearing on a route for the Greyhound Bus Line which would link Wilkes with Raleigh, has been postponed until March 19th, according to officials of the company. The hearing before Commissioner Winborne was set for Tuesday of last week, but had to be deferred on account of illness.

The proposed route would give direct connections to Raleigh, via Greensboro and Chapel Hill, leaving here about 9 o'clock, and arriving in the capital city around 1:30 in the afternoon. A return trip would be possible the same day.

A number of Wilkes people have been invited by the Greyhound company to attend the meeting.

## Colored Boy Is Killed By Auto

James Alexander Dies From Injuries Received When Hit By Automobile

James, 12-year-old son of Tom and Nora Alexander, colored, of Wilkesboro, was killed almost instantly Saturday afternoon when struck by a car driven by Lee Horton, white.

The boy was skating near the home of his parents when he was hit by the car. He was carried to the hospital here for treatment but died within a short time from injuries received. Funeral and burial services were held this afternoon.

## Re-employment Service May Be Made Permanent

Appropriation Bill Passed By House Last Week With Little Opposition

WOULD COST \$75,000  
Provides Localization of Labor and Job Service To Industries

Lower house of the general assembly passed a measure last week providing for an appropriation of \$75,000 to cooperate with the federal government in maintaining the present re-employment service as a permanent institution.

The National Re-employment service was instituted in conjunction with the CWA and PWA by the federal government as a temporary affair but was later reorganized as a more nearly permanent organization. The state of North Carolina was divided into districts and a district office for five counties, Wilkes, Alexander, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany was set up here with R. L. Wooten as director. Until the end of 1934 jobs had been found by the office for over 2,000 individuals. A total of 400,000 unemployed registered at the offices in the state and 165,000 were placed.

Heretofore the federal government had furnished all the expense of the offices but under the new plan the state was asked to furnish half. The bill passed in the house last week would provide for the state to pay \$75,000, which is half the estimated cost of maintaining the service in the state.

With unemployment insurance in the limelight and regarded as a future certainty, it has been suggested that the re-employment office furnish the machinery and personnel for carrying out the provisions of such a measure.

**Private Placements**

Mr. Wooten stated in an interview today that the re-employment service is not only for placing people on PWA jobs but that it is a service for public and industrial use. Anyone wanting labor of any kind and at any price they can afford to pay, whether in private or industrial employment, may apply at his office. Recently he had an inquiry from a manufacturer wanting a number of people experienced in shirt making. If there are any of those in this section wanting work they should register at the re-employment office, which is located in the city hall.

## Prayer Services To Precede Series Of Meetings Here

Methodists To Conduct Series Of Meetings In Homes Of The City Wednesday

Beginning with Wednesday evening the North Wilkesboro Methodist church will hold a number of cottage prayer meetings in different homes for the next few weeks. These meetings are being held prior to the series of services to be held in the church just before Easter.

The city has been divided into five areas, with two leaders for each section. The leaders and divisions are as follows: No. 1, northeast section, Mr. W. G. Gabriel and Mrs. Murphy Hunt; No. 2, Southeast section, Mr. Howard Wagoner and Mrs. W. A. Fulp; No. 3, Southwest section, Dr. A. S. Cassel and Mr. Dewey Minton; No. 4, West central, Mrs. Z. O. Eller and Miss Frances Cranor; No. 5, north-west section, Mrs. R. E. Faw and Miss Ruth Colvard.

Homes in which the services are to be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock are: No. 1, Mr. and Mrs. Joe White; No. 2, Mrs. W. P. Horton; No. 3, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Pearson; No. 4, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Raymer; No. 5, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Faw.

All members of the church are urged to be present for the services in their own area, and a cordial invitation is extended to anyone else desiring to attend.

## Thursday Last Day To Sign Tobacco Reduction Contracts

Thursday of this week will positively be the last day for signing tobacco crop reduction contracts, County Agent A. G. Hendren said today. This does not apply to allotments as they can be signed later, he explained.

## THE KING OF SWAT JOINS BOSTON

Former Yankee Player Signs Contract as Vice President of National League Club



Boston—"Babe" Ruth (left), got a new baseball thrill when he signed a three-year contract with Judge Emil Fuchs, whereby he became vice-president and assistant manager of the Boston (N. L.) Braves. Boston fans greeted the Babe by the thousands in welcoming him back to the town where he started his major league career 21 years ago.

## Are Laying Plans For State Grange Convention Here

In September of This Year; Hope To Increase Membership In County

Executive committee of the North Carolina State Grange and other Grange leaders have already begun to lay plans for the state convention to be held in North Wilkesboro in September of this year.

T. W. Ferguson, a Grange deputy, attended a meeting in Greensboro last week, at which time various matters pertaining to the next convention of the recognized leader among rural fraternities were discussed.

Mr. Ferguson stated on his return from the meeting that representatives from all sections of the state indicated that there will be large delegations attending the convention here. The total Grange membership in North Carolina now is around 8,000 with every indication that there will be rapid gains before convention time. More than 500 delegates should attend the convention here.

It is recalled that Wilkes was the first county in the state to organize a county Grange and that the foundation laid several years ago was the groundwork for the present Pomona Grange, which is very much alive and active.

It is pointed out, however, that a drive will be made to further organize the rural people of the county into subordinate Granges between now and September, at which time it is hoped that there will be a large representation of the rural people lined up with the Grange to welcome the hundreds of delegates who will attend the convention. There are now four subordinate Granges in the county, Wilkesboro, Little Mountain, Ferguson and Boomer. A county of this size and population, according to belief of Grange leaders, should have at least two more subordinate Granges in centrally located communities.

## Alfred Mathis Killed By Truck

Six-Year-Old Child Falls Beneath Wheels of Father's Truck; Killed Instantly

Alfred Mathis, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mathis, was killed almost instantly Saturday afternoon near their home on route 2, Wilkesboro.

The accident happened when the child fell from his father's truck and a wheel passed over his body.

In addition to the parents there are six brothers and three sisters surviving: Fred, Abraham, Marion, R. G., Wake, Don, Margaret, America and Annie Mathis.

Funeral and burial services were held this afternoon at Antioch church.

Dr. F. C. Hubbard left yesterday afternoon for Jacksonville, Florida. He will return Wednesday.

## Court Continues Grind On Heavy Docket For Term

No Cases of Public Interest Called So Far; Minor Cases Disposed Of

TRUE MURDER BILLS  
Seven True Bills Charging Capital Offenses Returned By Grand Jury

As the second week of last week court for trial of criminal cases got under way this morning many minor actions had been removed from the docket and the court set to work on the heavier end of the docket with Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, on the bench and Solicitor John R. ones prosecuting the docket.

Until Thursday of last week true bills had been returned by the grand jury charging four capital offenses. Since that time the number has been increased to seven. The four bills charging murder returned since Thursday morning were as follows: Wayne Caudill for the murder of Ray Richardson on December 29; Thelma Moxley for the murder of her infant child on March 4, 1934; Bertha Walker on September 23 for murder of Thomas Church; Robert Lee for murder of Emily Teague on July 29 (automobile wreck case).

Following are the cases in which judgment has been pronounced:

Robert Nichols, 30 days in jail on contempt charge for tampering with state witnesses.

Elmer McBride, assault, verdict of guilty returned.

Odell Woodie, abandonment, mistrial and new trial ordered.

Thurmond Steelman, reckless driving, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Charlie Baugness, larceny, two years on roads.

Blain Dancy, possession liquor, 60 days on roads.

Dewey Grimes, possession liquor, fined \$25 and costs.

J. R. Gambill, larceny, not guilty.

Edward Dancy, larceny and receiving, not guilty.

T. J. McNeill, embezzlement, not guilty.

Spencer Cleary and Alfred Wyatt, affray. Cleary six months on roads; judgment suspended on payment of cost as to Wyatt.

Cases against the following defendants were not prosed: Coonce Preetve, Carl Eller, S. W. Walker, Carl Harris, Brady Combs, Ernie Marlow, Frank Bailey, Bill Grinton, Council Shepherd, A. H. Roberts, U. A. Miller, Lee David Hamby, Bessie Barber, John Porter, Cager Kilby, Clyde Adams, Shober Church.

## Schoolmasters In Meeting Friday

Interesting Program Rendered In Meeting Held At Wilkesboro School

Wilkes County Schoolmasters Club held a most interesting meeting on Friday night in the home economics department of Wilkesboro high school.

The program was in charge of Prof. R. V. Day. He presented Mrs. Fred Galther, who rendered two vocal selections, and Prof. Hight Dotson, who gave two humorous readings. Rev. Avery Church, pastor of Wilkesboro Baptist church, talked briefly and interestingly on "Teaching Temperance in the Schools."

Prof. C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, announced seventh grade examinations and plans for commencements this year.

Prof. R. V. Day was named by the organization as Wilkes county's representative on an athletic committee to work with the sports editor of the Winston-Salem Journal in regard to rules and regulations for their basketball tournament.

## Salesman Found Dead Sunday In His Room Here

Coroner's Jury Renders Verdict of "Death From Acute Alcoholism"

G. W. Bloomer, local traveling salesman for the American Snuff Company, was found dead in his room in this city Sunday morning. It was reported that he had been under the influence of drink, but had retired to his room about nine o'clock.

Immediately after the body was found, Solicitor John R. Jones, Coroner I. M. Myers and other officers, started an investigation, but action was held until relatives of the deceased could arrive here from Eidson and Rogersville, Tenn.

At seven o'clock Sunday night a coroner's jury was empaneled and upon the advice of Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, and Dr. J. H. McNeill, the jury ordered an x-ray of Bloomer's head as there was some evidence of foul play. The x-ray and close examination of the head by the physicians failed to disclose any abrasion or fracture and the jury rendered a verdict that "the deceased came to his death on account of 'acute alcoholism.'"

The coroner's jury was composed of J. G. Hackett, foreman, J. B. Williams, A. F. Kilby, N. S. Forester, R. M. Brame and A. S. Cassel.

Bloomer had been traveling in Wilkes and adjoining counties for about four years, and was well known throughout western North Carolina. He was a son of Mrs. Newton Bloomer, of Eidson, Tenn., and was 28 years of age.

P. H. Davis, a relative, and Wright Harrison, undertaker, of Rogersville, Tenn., were here and carried the body to Tennessee for burial. O. E. Anderson, Greenville, Tenn., division manager for the snuff company, was also present for the inquest.

## To Hold Singing At Baptist Home

On Sunday, March 31; Full Day's Session Announced By Chairman

Next session of the Stone Mountain Singing Association will be held at Baptist Home church, five miles north of this city on highway number 18, will be held on Sunday, March 31, beginning at ten a. m.

Announcement of the singing was issued today by J. A. Gilliam, chairman, who invites all singing classes and other singers to attend and take part in the day's program. The public is cordially invited by the association to attend, carry along lunch and spend the day.

## Bowie Does Not Plan To Run For Governor

Raleigh, March 10.—Tam Bowie, Ashe representative, has forewarned high office and is writing his friends that he has no intention of running for governor in 1936.

## JUDGE HARDING TO SPEAK AT PRAYER SERVICE WEDNESDAY

Judge W. F. Harding, who is now presiding over superior court, will speak in the prayer service to be held Wednesday night, 7:30, at the Methodist church in Wilkesboro. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Clyde Barber and family, of Winston-Salem, former residents of North Wilkesboro, were visitors here Sunday.