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LATE NEWS OF STATE AND NATION

Negro Slayer Lynched
Morganton, March 12.—A mob of about 50 men late today lynched a negro, Ab Young, accused of fatally shooting Hardy Mack, 46, state highway worker, here last Saturday night.

Burke County Court
Morganton, March 12.—Establishment of a county court to go into effect April 1 for the trial of criminal cases was announced by the Burke county board of commissioners today.

Floods Strike South
New Orleans, La., March 12.—Floods and windstorms spread injury and destruction over the Mississippi Valley and the South today. A new cold wave settled over the area tonight as overflowing waters engulfed the lowlands of half a dozen states.

Requirements Raised
College Station, Raleigh, March 12.—A revised curriculum that increases the credit requirements for graduation in each school at North Carolina State College has been adopted by the policies committee and the faculty council and will go into effect next September.

River Yields Man's Body
Kinston, March 12.—The body of Jake Sutton, 47, missing four weeks, was found in the Neuse River near here, the Lenoir county coroner reported late today. Jammed between two drift logs the body apparently had been in the river the entire four weeks.

Dog Finds Home
Chicago, March 12.—Buddy, a sleek brown collie, was found today standing guard on the body of his master, who died on the street of a heart attack. Police didn't know who Buddy's master was but the dog led them to the home of Wilbur Fengel. Fengel identified the dead man as his brother, Michael.

Killed In Accident
Blowing Rock, March 12.—Max Mansfield, 26, of Sanford, was killed instantly, and a companion, Carl Richardson, was seriously injured in an automobile accident near here early this afternoon. The accident occurred on the plank road about seventy-five yards off the Linville-Blowing Rock highway midway between Linville and Blowing Rock.

Play At Moravian Falls Friday Night
"See You Later" Will Be Presented; Rehearsals Are Now In Progress

Rehearsals are in full swing! Funny lines are being learned; humorous stage situations are being perfected; dainty feet are tapping away at delightful dances; beautiful girls attired in attractive costumes are tripping back and forth, and up and down the stage singing catchy tunes. Again we say, rehearsals are in full swing under the direction of Catherine Williams, representing the Triangle Producing Company, of Greensboro, N. C., our town's most attractive young women, young ladies, and little tots are fast working into shape the big hit musical comedy "See You Later," which will be staged at the Moravian Falls school auditorium on Friday, March 15th, under the auspices of the Moravian Falls School.

Too much can not be said about the ridiculously funny laugh producing parts taken by our own Kate Laws, Sadie Smithey, Claude Laws, Tom Davis, Homer Brookshire and Lawrence Critcher. We have seen these folks behind the footlights before, and their presence alone with any play would be enough to make it successful. In saying this we are not discounting one bit the wonderful dramatic ability of the more serious parts taken by such well-known local artists as John Greer, Mattie Mae Holder, Ed Jennings and Jimmie Scroggs. Upholding a big part of the show are the different groups of chorus girls. Ticket committees are reporting very satisfactory sales, and indications are that "See You Later" will show to a packed auditorium.

Bill Would Provide 4 More Weeks Court

Bill Introduced In Senate Would Provide Two Weeks Terms For Wilkes In April and November; Placed On Calendar and Passed

A bill introduced in the state senate by Senator Joe Williams, of the 24th district, provides for four additional weeks of court for Wilkes county.

The act is entitled "To amend section 1443 of volume 3 of the consolidated statutes relating to terms of court in Wilkes and Davie counties."

The bill sets forth the dates and lengths of the terms of court in Wilkes and Davie counties.

According to information received here the measure, if passed by both houses, will provide for two weeks of court during the month of April and two weeks in November.

Increasing the number of weeks of court for the county from the present eight to 12. The terms would be mixed terms and either criminal or civil cases could be tried, to be determined by the necessity and the condition of the respective dockets.

It was reported here yesterday that the measure had passed in the senate and is now before the house, where its passage is anticipated.

In view of the congested condition of the court dockets the Wilkes Bar Association this year recommended additional weeks of court for the county and its resolutions were presented to the legislators.

Training Course For Girl Scout Leaders Planned

Will Be Held Sometime This Month; Ten or More Will Take Week's Lessons

Plans calling for a week's training course for Girl Scout leaders are now being formed and it was learned today that such a course may be held either next week or the last week in March, the exact date to be announced later.

This move is in coordination with other plans for greater Girl Scout activity here during the coming summer and it is expected that additional interest in the organization will be aroused. Announcements will be made soon regarding a summer camp.

Mrs. Long, of Greensboro, a recognized Girl Scout leader of this district, will conduct the training course here. The course will consist of 3 two-hour lessons and are so designed to train Girl Scout leaders in all phases of the work.

REXALL INSTALLS ICE CREAM PLANT

The North Wilkesboro Drug Company, better known as the Rexall Store, has installed a Tut-hill Ice Cream plant and is now supplying its customers with ice cream made in the store from highest quality ingredients.

The store is now furnishing this cream, which they declare is superior to commercial products, in all popular flavors and in any quantities.

Truck Is Claimed By Hickory Firm

Motor Company Held \$600 Lien On Truck Captured By Wilkes Sheriff

Hewitt Motor Company, of Hickory, on Tuesday sent a representative to Wilkes to present its lien claims on a Ford truck confiscated several days ago when Sheriff W. B. Somers and a state highway patrolman stopped it on the Windy Gap road and found more than a 1,000 gallons of whiskey as its cargo.

The appraised value of the truck was \$800 and it was brought out that the Hickory firm held a lien of \$600. Judge Harding ordered that the firm may take the truck on payment of \$200 to the clerk of court, said money to be deposited to the credit of the county school fund.

The truck was driven by a man giving his name as John Smith, of Charlotte. He escaped from the custody of the patrolman while at the home of a prospective bondsman.

INCREASED SALARIES CALLED FOR BY BILL

Raleigh, March 13.—With a 20 per cent increase in all salaries for the year July 1935-1936 and 25 per cent for the 1936-1937 period, the joint appropriations committee virtually finished its work tonight and made ready for the request for a special order Thursday night in the senate to consider these increases.

E. C. Foster Is Seriously Hurt

Merchant of Purlear R. F. D. Community, Beaten By Three Youths

E. C. Foster, well known merchant of the Purlear, R. F. D., community, was beaten into a state of unconsciousness Sunday afternoon by three young men and Wheeler Ferguson, Quentin Ferguson and Luther Billings are in jail at Wilkesboro charged with the assault.

The men went to Mr. Foster's store Sunday and called him from his home nearby, asking that he enter his store and sell them something to eat. While he was opening some canned goods one of the men hit him on the head with a monkey wrench, producing unconsciousness. When he was found a short time later by his wife there were several abrasions and cuts on his head and his condition was regarded as critical, although it was stated yesterday that he will, in all probability, recover.

Enraged people of the community began a search for the three men Sunday afternoon that lasted until one o'clock Monday morning, when the two Fergusons and Billings were located in Charlie McNeill's barn by a posse.

It was reported yesterday that the three have confessed as the guilty parties assaulting Mr. Foster Sunday and have also admitted robbing the store several months ago.

To Hold Singing At Shady Grove

Next Session of Ronda Singing Association Will Be Held March 31

Next convention of the Ronda singing association will be held at Shady Grove church in Somers township on Sunday, March 31, it was announced this week.

All singing classes, quartets and other singers are invited to be present and take part in the program for the day, which will begin at 10:30 a. m.

Miss Billie Spencer returned Thursday from Wingate, where she spent a week visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard Worthy.

Basketball Tournament For High Schools of County Will Get Under Way This Afternoon

For the purpose of cultivating sportsmanship and good-will among the high schools of the county North Wilkesboro high school will sponsor a basketball tournament at the school gymnasium here beginning today.

All of the county high schools will take part in this sports event, which is something new for this immediate section, although the practice has met with approval in all localities where it has been tried out.

Today and tomorrow will witness the first eliminations with boys and girls teams from the eight high schools in the county taking part. Thursday and Friday of next

MURDERED?

Authorities Investigate Death of Heiress At Pinehurst



Pinehurst, N. C. . . . Above is a recent informal photo of Mrs. H. Bradley Davidson, Jr., heiress to the Statler hotel fortune, whose death from monoxide gas in the garage of her home here is being closely investigated.

List Takers Are Appointed For Townships

Will Meet With Tax Supervisor Soon To Get Supplies And Instructions

Names of tax listers appointed by the county board of commissioners were given out today by T. R. Bryan, tax supervisor.

Mr. Bryan will call a meeting of the tax listers soon in order to lay plans for the work in April and to give out supplies.

The tax listers for the various townships are as follows:

- Antioch, Simeon Curry;
- Beaver Creek, Zachary Ferguson;
- Brushy Mountain, Commie Robertson;
- Boomer, Bob Phillips;
- Edwards 1, H. D. Eller;
- Edwards 2, Jack Hoots;
- Edwards 3, Luther Pettyjohn;
- Elk 1, Callon Foster;
- Elk 2, Emma Dula;
- Jobs Cabin 1, W. A. Payne;
- Jobs Cabin 2, Grady Baker;
- Lewis Fork, Cicero Triplett;
- Lovelace, R. V. Wright;
- Moravian Falls, Mrs. F. M. Jennings;
- Mulberry 1, F. C. Hall;
- Mulberry 2, John A. Brown;
- Newcastle, J. T. Redding;
- North Wilkesboro 2, Mrs. Jim Brewer;
- Reddies River, Q. O. Kilby;
- Rock Creek, Ell Sebastian;
- Somers, H. C. Somers;
- Stanton, R. D. Cooper;
- Traphill 1, Harrison Warren;
- Traphill 2, C. C. Sidden;
- Union, W. T. Wyatt;
- Walnut Grove 1, S. T. Alexander;
- Walnut Grove 2, Pedro Brooks;
- Wilkesboro 1, Mrs. W. J. Johnson;
- Wilkesboro 2, C. G. Glass.

Marriage Licenses

Licenses to wed were issued from the office of Wilkes' register of deeds during the past few days to four couples: DeWitt Hinson and Mattie Holbrook, both of Traphill; Curtis Poarch, Monroe, and Bulah Sebastian, Hays; J. T. Royal, McGready, and Mazy Mabe, Furches; W. R. Ferguson, Boomer, and A. Z. Church, Summit.

198 Bills Are Passed On By The Grand Jury

147 Returned As True Bills While 28 Are Classed As Not True Bills

NINE PRESENTMENTS

Comprehensive Report Made Of County Home and Other County Property

Grand jury of the present term of court completed its work Tuesday and submitted a report to Judge Harding showing that the body had examined a total of 198 bills. The report in full follows: North Carolina, Wilkes County.

To the Honorable W. F. Harding, Judge Presiding at March Term 1935 of Superior Court for Wilkes county, beg to submit the following report:

Number of bills examined, 198; true bills, 147; not true, 28; bills not acted on for lack of witnesses, 23; number of presentments, 9.

Visited County Home in a body and found the following: number of inmates in Home, 35; number of inmates in T. B. hospital, 5; number of inmate prisoners, 12.

Stock of Farm: number of mules, 12; number of horses, 1; number of oxens, 4; number of milk cows, 36; number of heifers, 14; number of bulls, 3; number of beef cattle 1.

Plenty of food stuff on hand for inmates and stock.

The Grand Jury recommends, that inmates be moved from the small building to the main building, also recommend that they be fed whole milk instead of skim milk, and six rubber sheets be purchased for their use.

The T. B. hospital was found in first class condition and inmates well cared for, also visited the County Jail and found same in good condition. There were 42 prisoners well cared for.

Visited the various offices in the Court House and found them in first class condition. We recommend that the toilet in the basement of the court house be remodeled and placed in a sanitary condition.

We found the bonds filed by the different county officers and filed with the Register of Deeds to be O. K. We also recommend that the different guardians in the county be requested by the clerk to come and make settlement at once.

We wish to thank his Honor for the very fine and instructive charge to this body, and also the Court and all attaches for their kindness and consideration to us. We wish to say, however, that we have tried faithfully to perform our several duties to the very best of our quite limited ability.

One In Hospital, One Is Jailed Following Affray

Elkin, March 11.—A cutting affray late Sunday afternoon at Ronda sent Ollie Waddell to the hospital and Gaitter Cummings, 23, of Ronda, to jail.

Cummings, said to have been under the influence of whiskey, was said to have attacked Waddell with a jack knife, stabbing him on the right arm. Charged with assault with a deadly weapon, Cummings was given a hearing this morning before Magistrate S. F. Masten, at Ronda.

Manslaughter Verdict In Bertha Walker Case

Was Charged With Murder of Thomas Church, Age 75; Sentence Not Passed

COURTNEY ON TRIAL

Witness Testified Today That Noah Bryant Died From Strychnin Poisoning



Seattle . . . For two years the life of Melvin L. Hanks (above), wasn't worth a plugged nickel. He took the assignment of uncovering the "higher ups" of opium smuggling into the U. S. He gained the inner circle to swear away his life if he "squealed." He landed his men.

Wilkes Solon Introduces Bill To Protect Game

Would Close Season For Deer, Wild Turkey and Ring-necked Pheasants

T. S. Bryan, Wilkes county's representative in the general assembly, in coordination with representatives from other mountain counties, introduced a bill in the legislature last week providing for closed seasons on certain game in Wilkes, Surry, Alleghany and Jackson counties.

The bill is entitled an act "To close the season for deer, wild turkey and ring-necked pheasants" and goes on to mention the above named counties. After it was introduced it was sent to the committee on game.

The bill would create three separate offenses and prescribe the penalties for each: Killing deer, wild turkey or pheasants—Penalty, \$100-\$1,000 or 60 days to 2 years. Permitting dogs to chase deer or other game in the Roaring Gap and Mitchell River Reservations—Penalty, \$5-\$25 or not exceeding 30 days. Fishing with seines, nets, traps, or dynamite in any streams except Yadkin River, or placing sawdust in streams—Penalty: \$100-\$500 or 60 days-1 year.

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School Lunch For Needy Here

Social and General News of Community Gleaned By Correspondent

By special arrangement with the Federal Emergency Relief Administration office here children of families on relief rolls in this city are being furnished lunch at the city schools.

Although similar procedure has been followed out in some of the county schools this is the first project of its kind ever undertaken here. Around 65 children are now being fed hot lunch at the school at the noon hour.

Miss Evelyn Gentry was appointed by the FERA to be in charge of the lunch room and she has a colored woman as her helper. Facilities of the home economics department are being used in such a way as not to interfere at all with the regular school work.

The relief administration is allowing 10 cents per day for each child and those in charge of preparing the noon day meal for the underprivileged children are placing special emphasis on a diet of balanced nutrients that will fit the child's needs.

Three thousand black locust seedlings have been distributed in Lincoln county for the purpose of demonstrating how to grow a local supply of fence posts.

After several hours deliberation a jury yesterday returned a verdict of manslaughter against Bertha Walker, who was tried on a murder charge in connection with the death of Thomas Church, age 75, in Elk township in December, 1934.

The case was tried Tuesday and was placed in the hands of the jury in mid-afternoon, following the charge of Judge Harding. When court adjourned Tuesday evening no verdict had been reached and had not until about ten o'clock yesterday.

Church was found dead within a few steps of a house where Bertha Walker was reported to have lived at that time. His body was not found until several days after his death and there were bruises about his face and abdomen.

It was brought out by state's witnesses that the aged man had visited the woman on several occasions and that they had quarreled several days before his body was found. This, added to the fact that she went to Ashe county soon after the affair came out, was the principal evidence on which the state asked for conviction of murder in the second degree or manslaughter. No sentence has been passed on the convicted woman.

This week the court is working on the more important cases. Veldon Bowers, who was indicted on a capital charge of burglary, alleging that he entered the home of Willis Miles on March 4, submitted to a charge of larceny and was sentenced to 18 months on the roads.

Murder Trial On
This morning testimony started in perhaps the most sensational case during the term. Ed Courtney, colored, is on trial for the murder of Noah Bryant, also colored. The indictment charges that Courtney caused Bryant's death by selling him poisoned liquor.

The state is asking for a verdict of first degree murder, which carries the death penalty. The jury was selected yesterday afternoon from 36 men selected from court attendants.

Attorneys J. M. Brown and Eugene Trivette are aiding Solicitor Jones in the prosecution. The defendant is represented by Attorneys J. H. Whicker and H. A. Cranor.

The first witness against Courtney this morning was the widow of Noah Bryant. She told of her husband's short illness and death.

Dr. G. T. Mitchell, who attended Bryant, testified that he administered to his suffering and diagnosed his case as strychnine poisoning. The state will attempt to show, as the trial progresses, that Courtney put strychnine in liquor he sold to Bryant.

Three divorce cases have been tried: Walter Hauser versus Mable Hauser; Pansy McNeill versus Percy McNeill; Leslie Wade versus John Wade.

Elmer McBride was sentenced to 12 months on the roads for assault with a deadly weapon. Richard Royal was found guilty of assault on a three-year-old child and Dave Stewart was found guilty of larceny and receiving.

C. C. Hayes is serving his first term as clerk of court and, according to court attendants, is getting along fine, notwithstanding the fact that he and his office force are inexperienced.

Several other cases are calendared for trial this term but it is doubtful that many can be reached. Solicitor Jones announced in court early this week the cases to be tried, while the cases not specified will be continued.

JUNIORS-SENIORS TO HOLD RECEPTION

The annual reception of the juniors and seniors of the city high school will take place tomorrow evening at eight o'clock in the American Legion club house.