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## LATE NEWS OF STATE AND NATION

New York, March 15.—Food prices won't go any higher during the summer, in the opinion of Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace. He thinks, however, that meat prices may go higher because of scarcity due to last summer's drought.

Prison Population Up  
Raleigh, March 15.—An increase of 230 in the number of convicts in state prisons and road camps was noted in February as 5,386 prisoners were listed March 1, the state highway and public works commission, announced today. New records for the prison population have been set each month this year.

Negro Fatally Cut  
Concord, March 15.—Following an argument at one of the gates at the Brown Manufacturing company this afternoon, Ira Hill, gatekeeper, allegedly fatally slashed Benny Rankin, negro worker in the mill, and was lodged in the county jail tonight. Officers investigating the homicide said Hill had refused to discuss the case pending conferences with attorneys, and Coroner N. J. Mitchell has not yet held an inquest.

Post Forced Down  
Cleveland, March 15.—The second attempt of intrepid Wiley Post to set a new transcontinental airplane non-stop record in the stratosphere between Los Angeles and New York ended at 5:20 p. m. today when lack of oxygen forced him to land at the Cleveland municipal airport. Post covered the distance of 2,163 miles "as the crow flies" in eight hours and four minutes. His average speed was approximately 270 miles per hour.

E. Banks Cochran Dies In Charlotte  
Brother of Mrs. R. P. Casey and Mrs. Lincoln Spainhour, Of This City

E. Banks Cochran, age 23, a brother of Mrs. R. P. Casey and Mrs. Lincoln Spainhour, of this city, passed away in Presbyterian Hospital at Charlotte Saturday following an illness of two weeks.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cochran, who reside at Newell in Mecklenburg county. The brothers and sisters are Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Spainhour, of this city, Mrs. Clyde Walker and Dan Cochran, of Statesville, Mrs. Guy Williams, of Charlotte, and Frank Cochran, of Newell. Many people of this vicinity attended the funeral rites, which were conducted at Newell Sunday afternoon.

## Soil Erosion Survey Man Tells Need of Erosion Control Project in The County

W. E. Bowers In This Section Thursday; Connected With Erosion Service

W. E. Bowers, who is connected with the soil erosion control office in High Point, passed through this city Thursday on a soil erosion survey trip and paused to comment on the conditions in this county.

He pointed out that Wilkes is a border county between the Piedmont sloping hills and the steeper grades of mountainsides and that the entire county is badly eroded. In connection with this he commented on the permanent work being done by the Deep river watershed project in Forsyth and adjacent counties and stated the need of such work in this locality.

Mr. Bowers said the state of North Carolina is asking for \$15,000,000 to use in soil erosion control work next year and that many counties are asking for projects similar to the one being carried out at Deep river.

Those who are interested in helping the farmers of Wilkes to build and conserve fertile soils are suggesting that the people of this section ask for a project. Many Piedmont counties are already submitting their case to the department of the interior and in this connection it is pointed out that there are few counties with a greater area of land abandoned because of erosion in Wilkes.

## 2 Dope Addicts Are Sentenced In Court Here

One Giving Name As Bagley Sentenced For Stealing Glass From Optometrist

### RAD CHECKS FLASHED

Salisbury Man Draws Term of Four Months For Issuing Worthless Checks

Two men giving their names as A. E. Bagley, of Kannapolis, and W. M. Aldridge, of Salisbury, dope addicts with a long string of aliases, were sentenced by Mayor R. T. McNeill in municipal court here Friday to terms on the roads on charges of larceny and issuing worthless checks.

Last week the offices of Dr. J. S. Deans, optometrist, were entered and several glasses were taken. The two dope addicts were picked up here on suspicion and their rooms were searched, revealing the stolen glasses with the exception of three, which had been stolen and two of which had been recovered.

Bagley admitted the theft and was sentenced to six months on the roads. Aldridge, who, it is alleged, had issued worthless and forged checks, was sentenced to four months on the roads.

It was learned by local officers that Bagley is an escaped convict and that he escaped from the state prison in March, 1934, while serving a three-year sentence for burglary in Harnett county.

## Harmony Will Be Scene of Singing

Blue Ridge Singing Association Will Have Session On Fifth Sunday

Blue Ridge Singing Association will convene on Sunday, March 31, at Harmony Baptist church five miles west of this city on the Boone trail highway, according to a recent announcement by J. C. McNeill, chairman of the organization.

The singing will get under way at ten a. m. and all singing classes, quartets and other sacred singers are cordially invited to be present and take part in the day's program. All who attend are asked to carry along lunch.

### Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses were issued by Register of Deeds O. F. Eller the latter part of the week to two couples: Harold Corker, Moravian Falls, and Hazel McNeill, Kings Creek; James Pearson, Lenoir, and Mattie McNeill, Ferguson.

## Woman's Club Wants Cleanup In This City

It's spring cleaning time and the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club is making a plea for a cleaner city, not only for one week but for the entire year. The following statement was issued today by the organization:

"Our former clean-up campaigns have been all right as far as they went, but they were too much abbreviated. Could we not make them a year-round campaign? The Woman's club thinks something should be done about our paper-strewn streets and vacant lots! Let's start today."

MRS. MARGIE HAYES TAKEN BY DEATH  
Mrs. Margie Hayes, 64-year-old resident of Moravian Falls, died this morning. She was the wife of the late D. R. Hayes and is survived by three children: Millard, Marie and Anna Hayes.

Mr. George Kennedy, Mrs. Pearl Rhodes and Miss Ruby Hartley, of the local office of the Southeast Public Service Company, attending a joint meeting of S. E. P. S. and Postal Telegraph officials in Danville, Va., Saturday night.

## Comedy Costly

Man Who Played Part of 'Grouch' in Movies Develops Habit



Los Angeles.—Ned Sparks (above), won fame as a "grouchy" husband in movie comedies. His wife was given a divorce last week on the ground that he had developed the same "ingrown" disposition at home.

## Many Stills Are Destroyed, Raids Made In County

Around 40 Stills Located By Federal Officers In Biggest Raid of Year

Two raiding parties of officers from the district offices of the federal alcohol tax unit swooped into Wilkes Thursday, Friday and Saturday and made the most successful moonshiners' raids in years in the county.

Although no reports were given out as to the exact number of stills destroyed and where they were found, it was unofficially learned today that approximately 40 stills were destroyed in different localities throughout the county and that vast quantities of liquor and materials for liquor manufacture, probably running into a value of many thousands of dollars, were taken.

No arrests have been made so far, according to recent reports, but it is understood that the work of the federal agents against non-taxpaying distillers will be followed up.

The successful raid is said by some to be attributed in part to the new law requiring a record of every sugar sale in excess of 100 pounds, which records are available to officers.

## Brother Of Mrs. C. D. Coffey Dies

M. P. Critcher, age 65, member of a prominent Watauga county family, passed away at Boone Saturday morning. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. Critcher was prominently connected with business life in Boone and was owner of the Critcher Hotel. He was associated with other business interests and took an active part in affairs of his county and community.

Funeral services were held at Boone Methodist church Sunday afternoon. In addition to his wife and three children he is survived by one sister, Mrs. C. D. Coffey, Sr., of North Wilkesboro, and one brother, Frank Critcher, of Boone.

## Wilkesboro To Debate Friday

Teams Will Be Pitted Against Mt. Airy and Elkin In Triangular Contest

Wilkesboro high school debating teams will try Friday against two other high schools for a chance to go to Chapel Hill this spring to participate in the state-wide debates for high schools.

Wilkesboro's affirmative team, composed of Paula Craft and Lee Settle, will meet Mt. Airy's negative at Elkin. Wilkesboro's negative, composed of Lillian Linney and Tom Story, will meet Elkin's affirmative at Mt. Airy.

Elkin negative and Mt. Airy affirmative will debate at Wilkesboro at 1:30 p. m. Friday. All debates are to be held on neutral ground with neutral judges and if both teams of any school win they may take part in the state-wide contest. In previous years Wilkesboro students have made quite a record in debating and on a number of occasions have reached the semi-finals at Chapel Hill.

## Semi-Finals In Tournament To Be Played 21st

Fifteen Teams Played In First Eliminations On Thursday and Friday

### EIGHT TEAMS OUT

Final Games In Basketball Tournament Will Be Played Here Friday

Wilkes county basketball tournament sponsored by the North Wilkesboro high school got under way here Thursday and Friday when fifteen teams from eight high schools participated in the play.

The teams surviving the first two days play and who will take part in the semi-finals Thursday afternoon and night this week are Millers Creek boys and girls, Roaring River boys and girls, Mountain View girls, Mount Pleasant girls, Ronda boys and Wilkesboro boys.

Pairing for the semi-finals Thursday are as follows: 8:30—Millers Creek versus Roaring River (girls). 4:30—Millers Creek versus Roaring River (boys). 7:30—Mountain View versus Mount Pleasant (girls). 8:30—Ronda versus Wilkesboro (boys).

### Good Tournament

Much interest in the tournament was shown during the first eliminations at the local gymnasium last week and the really good games are yet to be played. The tournament was sponsored by the local school for the purpose of cultivating goodwill and sportsmanship among the schools of the county and observers are of the opinion that the objective is being reached.

Although some of the teams were outclassed somewhat by their opponents all teams showed a fine playing spirit and even the most inexperienced put up fighting games. At the close of the final and championship games on Friday night trophy awards will be made to the winning boys and girls.

### Be Annual Affair

It was learned from representatives of the local school today that the basketball tournament here for the schools of the county will be made a permanent athletic event to which the

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## Plans Laid For Commencement

Wilkesboro District Finals Will Be Held On Saturday, May 4th

Teachers of the schools in the Wilkesboro district met with Superintendent T. E. Story Friday afternoon and laid plans for the district seventh grade commencement to be held at Wilkesboro on Saturday, May 4.

It was decided that the morning program at the commencement be devoted to academic and literary affairs while the afternoon will be taken up with athletic contests. It is the desire of the teachers that every school in the district take part in both the morning and afternoon programs.

A committee composed of M. F. Bumgarner, chairman, Mrs. J. D. Stokes, Mrs. Addie Sale, Miss Della Bumgarner and Mrs. Pearl Hartley was named to work out the literary program. The athletic program will be made out by a committee as follows: Van Caudill, chairman, W. T. Jones, C. R. Byrd, Carl McGee and Miss Nora Laws.

### 7th Grade Examinations

Seventh grade examinations for schools of the Wilkesboro district will be held Wednesday of this week at Ferguson, Boomer, Wilkesboro, Moravian Falls and Osbornville schools. Students who hope to be promoted to high school must pass this uniform test supplied by the state and must also pass tests prepared by the teacher. Passing the examination to be given Wednesday does not necessarily mean that the student will be promoted, although passage is required.

### Lutheran Services

Lutheran services are held every Tuesday evening, 7:45, over Moore's Market with the pastor, Rev. R. E. Mennen, in charge. The public is invited to attend.

## SWORD TO PEN

Gen. Hugh S. Johnson Will Write Column On Current Topics



New York.—Gen. Hugh S. Johnson (above), soldier and former NRA chief has joined the ranks of American newspapermen, to produce a 500-word column, six days a week. He will write on current topics, it is stated.

## March 26 Is Date Set For Signing Crop Allotments

Tobacco Farmers Who Did Not Sign Reduction Papers Can Sign Allotment

County Agent A. G. Hendren and the county tobacco crop control committee have set Tuesday, March 26, as the date for tobacco farmers who did not sign reduction contracts to sign a special base contract similar to what was known as allotments last year.

On March 26 tobacco farmers of the county may sign at either of three places between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. Allotment contracts may be signed at Dennyville schoolhouse, Pleasant Ridge schoolhouse or Little Mountain schoolhouse on that date and blanks will be on hand at that time.

The special or base contract available to tobacco farmers who could not sign the crop reduction contracts calling for reduction benefit payments differ from the allotments last year in some respects. A farmer who signs an allotment to sell a certain poundage can sell that amount and no more. Under last year's allotment plan he could sell his allotment tax free and any surplus by paying tax. Farmers who would not qualify to sign either a crop reduction contract or the special contract for non-signers will, of course, have to pay a tax on all tobacco he sells.

## Pomona Grange Holds Meeting

J. M. German Heads Organization For Ensuing Year; Convention Plans Laid

The Wilkes Pomona Grange met at the court house Thursday night and had a very interesting program.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. M. German, master; T. W. Ferguson, overseer; T. E. Story, steward; Mack Proffit, assistant steward; Mrs. Stacey Alexander, lady assistant steward; Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, lecturer; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, secretary; Rev. A. J. Foster, treasurer; Mrs. J. M. German, chaplain; Mrs. B. S. Call, pomona; Miss Rosa Billings, flora; Mrs. M. A. Cockerham, cerge; Ray Hendren, gate keeper; W. W. Proffit, C. F. Bretholl, and A. G. Hendren, executive committee.

The subordinate Granges of Windsor Cross Roads, Yadkin County and Ellendale Grange of Alexander county had good delegations present and a number of interesting talks were given by members of these Granges. A message from Mr. Davis Tuttle, master of Gamewell Grange, Caldwell county, was read.

## Penitentiary Terms Meted Out In Court

Missing Youth Is Located In Winston-Salem

J. C. Miller, Jr., Located By Means Of Article In Newspaper Sunday

J. C. Miller, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller of this city, was located in Winston-Salem Sunday after he had been missing from his home here since Tuesday.

J. C., Jr., is 14 years of age and a ninth grade student in the city schools. He left school Tuesday at noon without telling anybody his intentions. The parents, much concerned over his disappearance, reported the news to the press and policemen located the boy in Winston-Salem. He was returned to his home here today and had decided that North Wilkesboro "is a mighty fine place, after all."

## Kiwanis Ladies Night Enjoyed

Varied Program Delights 69 Kiwanians and Guests In Meeting

Sixty-nine people, including members of the Kiwanis Club and guests, enjoyed what was declared to be the best Ladies' Night program in the history of the club on Friday night.

Rev. Eugene Olive was program chairman and during the entire meeting furnished something entertaining and highly interesting. He and Mrs. Olive sang a number of Irish songs and led the crowd in several selections.

The total attendance of 69 included 25 Kiwanians, 40 ladies and four men guests.

The speaker for the evening was Rev. Avery Church, pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church. He told briefly the story of the life of John Howard Payne, author of "Home Sweet Home" and the theme of his address was "Home." He told some of the influences that underlie (Continued on page eight)

## IMPROVEMENT MADE ON THE CITY JAIL

Last week various improvements were made on the city bastille back of the city hall that are designed to keep prisoners more securely and with a greater degree of comfort. The interior of the jail and cells have been given a fresh coat of paint while the doors and windows have been reinforced.

## Clerk Hire and Land Sale Fee Laws Opposed By Mass Meeting Friday

WILL HOLD PRAYER SERVICES THIS WEEK

The cottage prayer meetings of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, which are being held prior to the series of services to begin in the church, next month, will be held in the following homes this week.

Section No. 1, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whittington; No. 2, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Walter; No. 3, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Moore; No. 4, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Brame; No. 5, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Smyth.

Attendance and leaders for last week were, No. 1, 15, Mr. W. G. Gabriel and Mrs. Murphy Hunt; No. 2, 25, Mr. Howard Wagoner and Mrs. W. A. Fulp; No. 3, 17, Dr. A. S. Cassel and Mr. Dewey Minton; No. 4, 42, Mrs. Z. O. Eller and Miss Frances Cranor; No. 5, 19, Mrs. R. E. Faw and Miss Ruth Colvard. Seventy homes were represented. It is hoped that there will be an increase in attendance at all meetings this week.

## TO HOLD BOX SUPPER AT AUSTIN SCHOOL

There will be a box supper at Austin school near Benham on Thursday night, March 21. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Lowe spent last Friday in Winston-Salem.

## Courtney Draws Ten-Year Term

Bertha Walker Sentenced To Two Years For Killing Thomas Church

Ed Courtney, colored man of near Wilkesboro, was sentenced Friday to 10 years in the penitentiary after he submitted to a charge of second degree murder in connection with the death of Noah Bryant, also colored, who died from strychnine poisoning.

Courtney was placed on trial for his life but during the process of the trial entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree and the plea was accepted by the state. Judge Harding pronounced the sentence.

Witnesses were produced by the prosecution to show that Courtney had placed strychnine in liquor he sold to Bryant.

Bertha Walker, who was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of Thomas Church, age 75, early last week, was sentenced Friday to two years in the penitentiary.

Clay and Calvin Wellborn, convicted of taking \$1,200 from the home of Carl Redding at Ronda a few months ago, drew prison sentences. Clay was sentenced to three years and Calvin to two years. The sum of \$15.20 found on their persons when they were arrested in Florida was ordered paid to Mr. Redding.

Wheeler Ferguson, Quinton Ferguson and Luther Billings, who admitted assaulting E. C. Foster at his store near Purlear on March 10, drew terms of five years each in state prison.

Court adjourned Friday. Other cases in which judgments were banded down were as follows since Thursday morning:

F. In Atwood and Deward Church, assault with intent to kill, Atwood three months and Church 6 months on roads.

Clarence Marlow, housebreaking, six months on roads. Sol Hawkins and Harvey Roberts, larceny and entering, six months each on roads.

Dave Steward, larceny, two years in penitentiary. Galthier Comings, assault, six months on roads.

Calvin Mendenhall, worthless check, six months on roads.

Charlie Bauguess, larceny, two years at county home.

Defendants whose cases were not pressed included Sherman Bauguess, Carl Sailor, Arthur Bell, R. C. Walsh, P. W. Witherspoon, Rubin Colbert, Coonce Prevette, Arthur Bell, Claude Payne, George Bumgarner, Hays Barber, Robert Nichols, Harri-

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## Committee Named To Seek Repeal of Two Measures Passed In Legislature

W. A. McNeill, C. H. Colvard, J. H. Johnson, J. R. Rousseau and Wm. A. Stroud, committee to seek repeal of the clerk hire and tax fee bills, left this morning for Raleigh. C. H. Cowles was named on the committee but was unable to go on account of the illness of his daughter, Miss Carolyn Cowles, in a Statesville hospital. Mr. Stroud was designated to go in his place.

A mass meeting for the purpose of discussing measures passed recently in the general assembly relative to Wilkes county offices was held in the courthouse at Wilkesboro Friday afternoon.

Considerable interest was manifested by the crowd, which almost filled the courtroom. Attorney J. R. Henderson called the meeting to order and was made chairman. Attorney J. F. Jordan was named secretary.

The chairman explained the purpose of the meeting, which he said was to ascertain the sentiment in regard to measures introduced in the senate by Senator Joe Williams, of this district, allowing \$600 each for the offices of sheriff, register of deeds and clerk of court for clerk hire. (Continued on page eight)