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Will Clean Criminal Calendar Next Court

Late News of State and Nation

Drowned Body Found
Manteo, April 16.—Coast guardsmen recovered the body of Collins Daniels, 24, of Elizabeth City, in Roanoke Sound here today. Daniels had been missing since Saturday.

Aged Man Convicted
Asheville, April 16.—A 74-year-old farmer, William Sprouse, of Buncombe county, was convicted here today on a manslaughter charge in connection with the slaying of his brother-in-law, John Clevinger.

Want \$20 Per Jump
North Bergen, N. J., April 16.—Organized parachute jumpers of America served notice on the national air races managements tonight that they won't defy death and gravity for a cent under \$20 a jump.

Was Not So Helpful
New York, April 15.—Max Lightman's police dog today blackened dogdom's tradition as "man's best friend." The husky pup, straining at his leash during a walk, dragged his 5-foot master under the wheels of a laundry wagon.

Congress Gets Orders
Washington, April 16.—Congress quickened its legislative pace tonight under pressure from President Roosevelt after Speaker Joseph W. Byrns bluntly ordered the House to get to work on important bills, pass them and hustle home.

Probably 2nd Childhood
Des Moines, Iowa, April 16.—John F. Baker, 88, and Miss Elda Kissinger, 84, were childhood sweethearts. They are to be married Thursday at Baker's home in Newton. Baker's first wife, who died in 1918, was Miss Kissinger's sister.

Slugged And Robbed
Gastonia, April 17.—Laden Hoffman, 35-year-old Gastonia insurance collector, was slugged by an unknown assailant in the front yard of his home in East Gastonia late last night and robbed of approximately \$150.

C. C. Camp Expansion
Washington, April 17.—A total of 39 civilian conservation corps camps, designated for operation in North Carolina during the April to June quarter, will provide the nucleus for expansion of the program in that state.

Tarheel Flier Killed
Cristobal, C. Z., April 16.—Captain G. M. Daniels, 45, Canal Zone pilot in the marine division, and Josephine Dunn, 15, were killed today in a plane crash at Fort Davis army post. The machine burst into flames as it struck, burning the bodies beyond recognition.

Deaths Decrease
Raleigh, April 17.—Only 3,102 deaths were recorded in North Carolina last month compared with 3,498 for March, 1934, the state board of health reported today. The death rate decreased from 12.8 to 11.1 per 1,000 population.

Girl Burned
Lexington, April 17.—Four-year-old Betty Carol Tysinger set fire to a clump of broom sedge across the street from her home here this morning. Missing the child, her mother went to the door to see her running homeward in flames. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dermont Tysinger, rushed her to the local hospital where death resulted this afternoon.

WILKESBORO P.-T. A. WILL CONDUCT AN EASTER FOOD SALE

The Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association will have an Easter food sale at the New Spahnour's Department Store Friday and Saturday. The food sale will begin on Friday afternoon and continue through Saturday. Cakes, candies, dyed eggs and other Easter dainties will be sold.

Civil Cases To Follow Criminal

Measure Passed In Legislature Makes April Court a Mixed Term

A determined effort will be made to clear the criminal court calendar of the about 200 cases pending trial in the term of court to begin on Monday, April 29. Solicitor John R. Jones stated here today in an interview.

When a bill was enacted into law in the legislature about two months ago two additional terms of court for Wilkes were created, one to begin on the eighth Monday after the first Monday in March and the other to begin in November, in addition to the regular March, June, August and October terms.

A technicality in framing the act creating the two additional terms caused the April term to be designated as a civil term and another act was passed last week making the newly created term available for the trial of both criminal and civil actions.

A meeting of the Wilkes Bar Association was held last week and it was decided that the first week of the term beginning on April 29 be devoted to trial of criminal actions and that civil cases would be taken up during the second week if the criminal calendar can be cleared in the first week. Solicitor Jones stated that every effort would be put forth to clear the criminal calendar.

The March term disposed of all the jail cases and many others. The jail is empty and if no one gets in jail and cannot give bond between now and April 29 there will be no jail cases. There are a number of defendants charged with murder who are out on bond but no cases in which the verdict of guilty in the first degree will be asked, it is understood.

Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, is now presiding over courts in the 17th district but had been assigned to a special term elsewhere before the extra Wilkes court was made by act of the legislature. Governor Ehringhaus has designated Judge F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, an emergency jurist, to preside over the Wilkes term.

Urge Installation Of Water System

County Agent Points Out Possibilities For Rural Homes In County

"There are upwards of a thousand homes in Wilkes county that could have the convenience of running water at a very low cost," County Agent A. G. Hendren stated today in discussing some of the improvements that are within reach of the home owners.

Mr. Hendren, who makes a survey of water lines for gravity system at any time he is called upon to do so, states that frequently the cost of installation and fixtures for a gravity system does not exceed \$100 and that several home owners have installed such systems within the past two years.

Water from the mountain springs can very often be placed into kitchens or bathrooms and afford the convenience of city water systems in remote rural homes. On Tuesday Mr. Hendren surveyed a gravity water line for Bob Ferguson, resident of Goshen.

National Guard Group Inspected

Company A, 105th Engineers of the North Carolina National Guard, underwent the annual army inspection on Tuesday night at the armory hall in this city.

Captain Gordon C. Day, of Charlotte, guard inspector, made the inspection and was very favorable in his comment in regard to the company. Out of a total membership of 63 members only one was absent from the inspection. Ralph R. Reins is captain of the company.

RIDES THROUGH Chicago District Attorney Rides Through Hail of Bullets



Chicago... Thomas J. Courtney (above), State's Attorney for Cook county, rode safely through a fusillade of racketeer's bullets while returning home. Eight bullets hit the car but he was unharmed.

Refinancing of Wilkes County's Debts Is Planned

Two Representatives of Local Government Commission in Wilkesboro Yesterday

George H. Adams and L. D. Moore, representatives of the local government commission, spent Wednesday at the courthouse in Wilkesboro mapping plans for a refunding proposal on Wilkes county's bonded indebtedness.

After going over a statement of the county's indebtedness with C. H. Ferguson, county accountant, they conferred with members of the board of county commissioners and learned the county's financial status at the present time.

If present plans are followed the county officials, with the aid and approval of the local government commission, will work out a refinancing plan that is calculated to lower the burden of taxation and at the same time restore the credit of the county to the point where default in payment of principal and interest will not be imminent, although a low tax rate is maintained.

A refinancing plan whereby the bonds would mature over a longer period of years and with a possible saving in interest is in the making and will be submitted to the bondholders soon.

New Candidates Seeking Office In Wilkesboro

Will Be No Contest In North Wilkesboro Primary To Be Held On Monday

Before filing time closed Tuesday for candidates in the municipal primaries to be held on Monday, April 22, a new candidate for mayor and three new candidates for commissioner entered the race for Wilkesboro offices.

The new candidates are Attorney J. F. Jordan for mayor, C. T. Doughton, C. A. Lowe and L. B. Dula for commissioners. Candidates who had previously filed were the present officers: Mayor W. E. Harris, Ralph R. Reins, Joe R. Barber and C. E. Lenderman, commissioners, and J. R. Henderson, who filed with the present mayor and board several weeks ago.

In North Wilkesboro there will be no contests. Mayor R. T. McNeill and all members of the present board, composed of S. V. Tomlinson, I. E. Pearson, Hoyle M. Hutchens, R. G. Finley and Dr. R. P. Casey, are candidates for re-election and have no opposition. There will be three members elected to the board of school trustees, E. E. Eller, J. R. Hix and W. E. Jones. Mr. Hix has filed for reelection while Messrs. Eller and Jones will succeed W. H. Waugh, who has moved from the city, and Genio Cardwell, who retired from the board and did not seek re-election.

Contest In Ronda For Ronda town election S. F. (Continued on page four)

Clean-Up Week Proclaimed By Mayor McNeill

Mayor Pleads For Clean and Sanitary Town In Proclamation Today

PROCLAMATION To the Citizens of North Wilkesboro—Greetings:

The week beginning April 22 has been designated as "Clean-Up Week" and we earnestly hope that every citizen of our town will take an active interest and make a special effort to show visitors and tourists that we have one of the cleanest and most attractive towns in the state, as well as one of the best for business interests.

There can be no better advertisement for a town than cleanliness—clean vacant lots, clean places of business and clean residences.

If everyone would have the proper civic pride there would be no necessity for "Clean-Up Week" and cleanliness would be a watchword the year 'round. However, "Clean-Up Week" is a good reminder of our civic duty.

We want to assure the citizens that the mayor and town board will cooperate fully with John Lovette, superintendent of the sanitary department during "Clean-Up Week" and all the time. All rubbish should be placed in convenient places in the alleys behind business houses and homes so that it may be loaded on the town trucks and carried away free of charge.

Trusting that full cooperation will be extended this movement by all citizens. Yours for a clean and sanitary town.

R. T. McNEILL, Mayor.

Doughton Will Decide Course By April 30th

Will Let Friends Know By Then Whether He Will Run For Governor

Washington, April 16.—In a formal statement of the press today, Representative Robert L. "Farmer Bob" Doughton set April 30 as the deadline for a statement from him settling forth whether or not he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina in 1936.

The North Carolina congressman, who has represented his district in Congress for a quarter of a century, said he thought in justice to his friends who are urging him to run he should reach a decision in the matter and make it public.

Although Doughton declined to even indicate today what his decision would be, the best guess is that he will be a candidate.

If he announces on April 30 that he will be a candidate he will continue with his work in Congress as chairman of the House ways and means committee and regardless of his decision intends to serve out his present term which expires December 31, 1936.

It is well known that Doughton is getting strong encouragement from North Carolina to make the race. On the other hand there are some in the Roosevelt administration who do not want him to quit his present post. President Roosevelt has discussed with Doughton the speculation that he would run for governor in a passing manner and a further conference may be held.

If Doughton leaves Congress he will be succeeded as chairman of the ways and means committee by Representative Sam B. Hill, of Washington. Hill is a high protective tariff man, having voted for the Smoot-Hawley bill. This does not set well with those in the administration who hope to pull down tariff barriers.

There is no doubt that during the last few months Doughton has been pulled between two forces and at the same time has had to carry on his heavy work as chairman of the ways and (Continued on page four)

Government Proposes To Buy Vast Area of Wilkes Lands

Easter Dawn Services To Be Held Easter Sunday Will Be Observed By Sunrise Services Throughout the Nation



Easter dawn and Easter sunrise services will be held this year throughout the United States on April 21st. Photo above is a general view showing part of the crowd of 50,000 people who gathered at the base of a gigantic cross set up on Mt. Davidson, near San Francisco last year.

Special Features Planned For Easter Services In Churches of Wilkesboro

Mountains Snow Capped April 16 Blue Ridge Blanketed With Snow In Middle of April; Weather Unusual

On Tuesday morning, April 16, the Blue Ridge on the northern and western boundaries of Wilkes was covered with a beautiful blanket of snow and people went about the streets here with overcoats for protection from the cold breezes fresh from the snow-capped mountains.

Yesterday morning there were heavy frosts and light freezes in several parts of the county, doing considerable damage to fruit. Temperature throughout the thermal belt on the Brushies, however, remained well above the freezing point and no damage was done to the bulk of the prospective fruit crop.

Urges Farmers To Take Care of Land

County Agent Issues Warning Against Plowing Land While It Is Too Wet

County Agent A. G. Hendren is issuing a public warning for farmers not to plow their land too wet this spring.

The almost incessant rains of the past few months have made farmers anxious, Mr. Hendren states, and there is a grave danger that they will plow their land too wet for fear they will be late in getting their crops planted. Plowing land too wet, he said, will result in it remaining in a cloddy and congealed condition throughout the year and perhaps for several seasons.

Postponing planting corn until the first of June, he said, is better than plowing wet land in order to get the crop in at the usual time.

In order to properly pulverize the soil he recommended waiting until the land is dry and discing the surface before plowing. Actual tests have shown that this procedure greatly improves the soil to be cultivated.

SAW MILL MAN KILLED BY TREE

Statesville, April 17.—Robert L. James, 37, farmer and saw mill operator, was injured fatally today when a tree, which he had been cutting, fell on him near his saw mill in Alexander county.

Would Create a Forest Reserve

Other Areas Would Be Purchased For Colonization and Sale To People

FIELD AGENT HERE

Proposes To Buy Land Between Highways 60 and 16; To Develop Property

The federal government has proposed to buy a vast area of Wilkes county land, totaling a round 30,000 acres, and develop it into a forest reserve.

This proposition, regarded as one of the most far reaching ever extended to this section, was discussed in a recent address by Attorney A. H. Casey before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club.

The proposition, briefly speaking, is for the federal government to purchase that area of land in Wilkes county lying between the Boone Trail highway and highway number 16 leading from Millers Creek to Glendale Springs.

The suggested area consists of approximately 30,000 acres, of which only about 2,000 are in cultivation, the remainder being forest, cut-over and abandoned lands. This area has an assessed property valuation of around \$220,000 and the survey made by government representatives shows that there are 273 property owners, 200 families, of which 50 are classed as tenant residents. It also shows that approximately 200 persons in the area are on relief lists.

It is interesting to note further that of the 273 property owners 75 are delinquent in payment of their county taxes and that the delinquents own around 12,000 acres of the 30,000 in the suggested area.

Two other significant facts are that the area includes 25 per cent of the watershed of the North Wilkesboro water supply and that the James C. C. Camp is near the center of the area.

It is learned unofficially that the government proposes to buy this land, or approximately the area described, at a reasonable price, reforest the entire area and perhaps locate a second C. C. Camp, erect fire towers and stations at vantage points, cut out dead wood and worthless trees, grade roads, and otherwise develop the property along the lines of a forest reserve.

Some of the proposed benefits enumerated by Attorney Casey in his address were: opportunities afforded some distressed land owners who would like to sell, clearing up of a large amount of delinquent taxes due the county, placing of a large number of unemployed and relief cases at work in developing the government property.

J. M. Pleasant, a field representative of the government, has established an office here and has contacted a number of property owners in the proposed area. His office is located on the second floor of the Carter building on Ninth street where he will be glad to divulge any information possible to those who have land in the area.

There is another phase of the proposal which Attorney Casey discussed to some extent and that was the arrangements that would be made for those who sell to the government in case the project goes through as planned.

Some other areas in Wilkes, now in a comparatively poor state of development and cultivation, would be purchased by the government. Homes would be erected. Small farms would be allotted and sold to the people on a long term payment plan. This area would be developed under the supervision of the government and every conceivable opportunity would be afforded all to whom the farms are sold.

The far-reaching qualities of the government's proposition and the tremendous possibilities it presents at the present time are expected to create unparallel interest among the people of the entire county.

Sunrise Service Will Be Held At Episcopal Church Sunday Morning

Special features commemorating the resurrection of Christ will feature the Easter services to be held in the churches of the Wilkesboro Sunday.

On Sunday morning at 5:20 a sunrise service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Wilkesboro with Bishop Robert E. Gribbin, of the western North Carolina diocese, in charge.

At the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor, will deliver an Easter sermon and there will be special music appropriate to the occasion.

Rev. C. W. Robinson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, announces that the Sunday morning service will be appropriate to the observance of Easter. Special music and an Easter sermon by the pastor will feature the service.

The Sunday schools and rural churches throughout the county are planning special Easter services and each one extends a welcome to all members and visitors.

Following the special services each evening during Lent which are being held at the First Methodist church, two inspiring services are being planned for Easter Sunday.

The morning service will begin at 11 o'clock with a procession from the choir, and will include other Easter music. Methodists who live in the city but who have not transferred their church membership here (Continued on page four)

Junior Order In Good Meeting

35 Visiting Members Attended Meeting Tuesday Night; Eight New Members

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order held one of its best meetings of the year on Tuesday night when eight new members were taken in in the presence of a large crowd of local and visiting members.

The attendance totaled 100 Juniors, sixty-five members of the local council and 35 visiting Juniors, who were from Fairview, Icard, Morganton, High Park, Hudson, Piedmont and Rhoadhiss chapters.

Another interesting meeting is planned for Tuesday night, at which time the oriental degree will be conferred upon a number of candidates.