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Late News of State and Nation

West College Reopened

Lenoir, May 9.—A recommendation for the reopening of Davidsonport college in the fall of 1936, without merging with Rutherford college, was made here yesterday by a trustees' committee headed by Rev. W. O. Goode, of Leaksville.

Sentence Is Commuted

Raleigh, May 9.—Governor Ehringhaus today commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence imposed upon William (Bunk) Deal, Robeson county man, who was to be electrocuted tomorrow for the murder of Lewis Chavis.

Florida Rivals Reno

Tallahassee, Fla., May 10.—Florida today offered quick divorces along with winter sunshine to stimulate its chief industry, the tourist trade. Gov. Dave Sholtz signed a bill reducing the minimum term of residence before filing divorce petitions from one year to 90 days.

Guard Shot to Death

Crockett, Texas, May 10.—Virgil Welch, a guard at the Eastman prison farm near here, was shot to death by escaping convicts today, less than 17 hours after Raymond Hamilton and Joe Palmer were electrocuted for killing a guard in another break from the farm in January.

Blaylock Convicted

Raleigh, May 10.—Ray Blaylock, 23, convicted late today of a second-degree murder charge, was sentenced to 28 to 30 years imprisonment. He originally was charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of J. J. Wilson, Raleigh grocer, last March 8.

Leaps to His Death

St. Louis, Mo., May 10.—A man identified in a suicide note as Albert Blakesley White Jr., former army officer of Parkersburg, W. Va., leaped to his death from the 14th floor of a hotel here today. The suicide note bitterly protested the government's treatment of disabled World War veterans, said that he was among them, and that his act was prompted by their plight.

Jury Is Drawn For June Court

In a recess session of the board of county commissioners held on Friday afternoon with all members, D. B. Swaringen, chairman, Ralph Duncan and M. F. Absher, present, jurors for the term of Wilkes superior court to convene on Monday, June 3, were drawn.

The June term of court will be for the trial of civil cases only. Hundreds of civil actions are pending trial in court, although the criminal docket was practically cleared in the term which ended Friday.

Following are the jurors for the June term:

First Week
J. W. Cheek, Edwards; Rossie Brown, Rock Creek; F. P. Hendren, Brushy Mountain; J. L. Wood, Rock Creek; Noah Harris, Reddies River; G. R. Eller, Reddies River; D. W. Burchette, Edwards; J. W. Moore, Wilkesboro; C. M. Spicer, Traphill; S. C. Caudill, Walnut Grove; T. R. Roberts, Somers; J. P. Combs, Wilkesboro; W. A. Roops, Rock Creek; G. W. Burcham, Edwards; D. F. Sebastian, Rock Creek; E. H. McNeill, Elk; Arley Myers, Mulberry; Tyra Gray, Newcastle; L. G. Woodie, Lewis Fork; J. A. Norman, Jr., Traphill; R. G. Phillips, Bogomer; Harrison Roberts, Antioch; K. L. Hawkins, Elk; Will Kilby, Mulberry.

Second Week
J. G. Eary, Wilkesboro; Eed Mayberry, Somers; M. E. Moore, Brushy Mountain; R. L. Ellis, Wilkesboro; Rubeen Prevette, Lovelace; Ted W. Lyon, Edwards; R. V. Wright, Lovelace; J. M. Wells, Newcastle; J. B. Baker, Stanton; W. J. Rhodes, Walnut Grove; David Ray, Edwards; Grant Cheek, Edwards; Carter Yates, Stanton; W. M. Osborne, Mulberry; C. J. Hendren, Brushy Mountain; G. W. Brown, Traphill; J. G. Eller, Elk; H. D. Bumgarner, Reddies River; J. C. Bradley, Elk; G. C. Hamby, Lewis Fork; J. W. Casey, Somers; C. M. Tevebaugh, North Wilkesboro; J. T. West, Beaver Creek; F. E. Owens, Union.

C. B. Eller Is Re-elected Superintendent Schools

Board Education Takes Oath Office

C. O. McNeill Is Re-elected Chairman in Session Held Today in Wilkesboro

Prof. C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes county schools, was unanimously reelected for the next two years in a meeting of the Wilkes county board of education this morning.

C. O. McNeill, R. R. Church and D. F. Sheppard, present members of the board who received the highest votes in the June, 1934, primary, were reappointed in the omnibus bill in the recent term of the legislature. Oaths of office were administered this morning by C. C. Hayes, clerk of court.

After taking the oath of office the board went into session and reelected C. O. McNeill as chairman. Then followed the election of the county superintendent.

Supt. Eller will begin his second term on June 1. He was first elected county superintendent in 1933 and prior to that time was superintendent of city schools in Warsaw. During his two-year administration as head of the school system in Wilkes, it is pointed out, the schools have operated smoothly and have progressed in a splendid manner, considering the fact that eight-months terms have been maintained on small appropriations.

Election Case Is Continued

Wilkesboro Matter Set For Hearing Tuesday, June 4; Came Up Friday

Hearing on an order citing T. S. Miller, registrar in the contested Wilkesboro election Tuesday for contempt, was postponed until Tuesday, June 4, when the matter came up before Judge F. A. Daniels in Wilkes superior court Friday morning.

It is understood that the hearing at that time will also deal with the counting of alleged illegal votes, in which it was alleged ballots bearing the signature of Robert M. Brame, Jr., chairman of the county board of elections, were used contrary to a permanent restraining order which Judge Daniels issued to the effect that the ballots bearing the signature of O. F. Blevins, town clerk, were the legal ballots. Another order issued by Judge Daniels impounded the ballots cast and prevented a canvass of the votes.

Judge Daniels continued the matter until the June term of court because of his exhausted condition to continue the work of presiding over court. Judge Daniels is in advanced age, but was highly commended for the manner in which he conducted the court through the congested criminal docket.

In commenting on the election affair Judge Daniels stated that in his opinion "the board of election officials and the town board of aldermen had so complicated matters that no legal election was held."

Roaring River Finals Tonight

Commencement Programs at Roaring River High School Thursday and Friday

The commencement exercises of Roaring River school began Thursday night, May 9, with the presentation by the primary grades of "The Maid and The Golden Slipper," an operetta in three acts.

On Friday night, May 10th, a colored skit "Winning Dat Gal," given by a group of high school pupils, was thoroughly enjoyed. Following this a three-act play, "One Minute of Twelve," was very ably enacted by the senior class.

GIRL HONORED

But Says Prince Of Wales Is Not A Good Dancer



Oklahoma City... Miss Virginia Briscoe (above), 17, is home from Budapest where recently she was asked to dance, by the Prince of Wales. Virginia says the Prince is "not so hot" as a dancer and that she'd rather dance with the boys here at home. Her father, Powel Briscoe, is an oil operator.

County Health Department Has Very Busy Month

Number Communicable Diseases On Decline; School Children Examined

Report of the Wilkes county health department shows that Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, and Mrs. Bertha Bell, county nurse, experienced a very busy month during April, although the number of communicable diseases continued on the decline.

The greatest number of communicable diseases reported was 20 cases of whooping cough. However, the disease was controlled by quarantine and there was no epidemic. With the advent of warm weather the disease has practically subsided, it is learned. One case of syphilis was the only other case of communicable diseases on the report for April.

The greatest activity of the department was the examination and inspection of 784 school children. A total of 290 Schick tests were given, 270 proving negative and 20 positive. Eighty-eight diphtheria immunizations were given and 14 were vaccinated against smallpox.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Steele on Saturday morning a son.

Teachers' Summer School To Begin In Wilkesboro On Monday, June 3

Wilkesboro Woman's Club Awarded Prize

Delegates Of Wilkesboro Organization Attend Convention At Elizabeth City

The Wilkesboro Woman's club won the first state prize, The Fannie Station Silver Goblet, in the Garden Department contest, which was awarded last Thursday night during the annual state convention of Women's Clubs at Elizabeth City. This is the third time the Wilkesboro Woman's Club has won a state prize, it having been awarded first prize, the Fannie Station Silver Goblet, in 1933 and the second prize in 1934, and now comes in again for the first state prize for 1935, the Fannie Station Silver Goblet.

It was Mrs. R. H. Latham's last session in which she will preside as president. She handed the gavel and the office over to the new president, Mrs. John Marshall, of Mount Airy. Four hundred women attended the banquet Thursday night. The address of Mrs. William Dick Sporborg, past president of the New York Federation of Women's Clubs, was the high light of the convention. On Friday the women of the organization left for Dare County. (Continued on page eight)

Youth Is Fatally Hurt When Hit by Truck Saturday

Accident Occurred 8 Miles East of Wilkesboro On Highway No. 60

DRIVER IS JAILED

Truck Driver Did Not Stop; Denies Any Knowledge of Accident

Roy Foster, age 16, was almost instantly killed early Saturday morning when a truck struck him while he was walking along the Boone Trail highway eight miles east of Wilkesboro.

Young Foster was walking toward Wilkesboro and a truck, said to have been driven by Henry Wood, of Harmony, was passing another vehicle and the bed of the truck struck Foster in the head. The truck continued on its way to North Wilkesboro where Wood and his companion, Graham Joyner, were apprehended and placed in jail in Wilkesboro.

Foster was picked up by a passing motorist but when he reached the hospital here he was in a dying condition. Examination disclosed that his skull was crushed.

Wood, whose truck was identified as the one that hit the youth, denied any knowledge of the accident and said that he did not know that his truck hit anyone.

Joyner was released after investigation of the accident but Wood is still being held to face charge of manslaughter.

The youth was a son of the late Gordon Foster and Mrs. Nell Barnett Foster, of the Hunting Creek community. His mother and the following brothers and sisters survive. Mrs. Walter Love, Mrs. Byrd Sanders, Harney, former wife of Russell Foster, all of whom reside near Hunting Creek.

A large crowd attended the last rites, which were held at Fishing Creek Arbor Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. H. A. Bullis was in charge of the service.

Road Completed By CCC Forces

Workmen of the James C. C. Camp located near Purlear have completed the work of grading what is known as the Fall Creek road, which connects the Summit community with the Boone Trail at a point near Harley.

This is a main artery of travel for a great number of people in that section of the county and it is understood that the board of county commissioners and the county board of education have joined in a request to the state highway and public works commission that this grade be graveled in order that the road may be used as a school bus line.

Wilkes Is Exempt From The Absentee Ballot Law

Americans Will Homestead In Alaska

Two Hundred Families Will Be Homesteaded In Fertile Valley Where Plants Thrive On 24 Hours of Sunshine



Anchorage, Alaska—Here is pictured a typical farm house in the rich Matanuska Valley, to which more than 200 mid-western farm families, comprising 1000 members, are now en route from the U. S. This is a FERA colonization project in Alaska. Vegetation thrives here with 24 hours of sunshine and a frosty sub-soil and there is no fear of drought.

April Term Wilkes Court Adjourned Friday; Only Few Cases Continued Until Next Criminal Term In August

Son-in-Law of Rev. S. Taylor Died Tuesday

J. F. Thomas, of Charlotte, died on Tuesday morning. Funeral and burial services were held Thursday at Morven.

Mr. Thomas was married in 1923 to Miss Pauline Taylor, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Seymour Taylor, of Wilkesboro. She and four children, James, Billie, Richard and Joe, survive.

Seriously Hurt In Auto Wreck

Clyde Michael Sustains Severe Skull Fracture In Wreck Near Cricket

Clyde Michael, age 22, is in a very serious condition at the Wilkes Hospital as the result of injuries received Sunday afternoon when he was in an automobile wreck on the Boone Trail highway near Cricket.

Michael was driving and was accompanied by Gwyn McNeill, Clate Kilby, Ralph Mahaffey and a Mr. Woodie when the car struck a post, side-swiped L. T. Bernard's automobile and then overturned on the pavement.

The car occupied by the young men was reported to be going at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred. Michael's most serious injury was diagnosed as a severe fracture at the base of his skull. He has remained in a semi-conscious condition since the accident. The other occupants of the car were not seriously hurt.

Grange To Meet Saturday Night

Will Lay Plans For State Grange Convention Here In September

All Grangers in Wilkes county are urged to attend a meeting to be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Saturday night, 7:30, at which time specific plans for the state Grange convention here in September will be made. It was announced today by J. M. German, master of the Wilkes Pomona Grange.

E. S. Vanatta, state Grange master, and the state executive committee will be present for the meeting. Mr. German emphasized the fact that all members of all subordinate Granges are asked to be present for the meeting.

Three Prisoners Taken To Central State Prison At Raleigh Sunday

April term of Wilkes superior court, the first court held under a recent law creating two extra terms per year for Wilkes, adjourned in Wilkesboro Friday. Judge F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, presided for the two-weeks' court.

Practically all of the term was devoted to trial of criminal cases and practically all of the criminal cases were disposed of through trial or by non pros. Less than 20 criminal cases were continued, it was estimated today by C. C. Hayes, clerk of court.

Among the cases disposed of during the latter days of the term were the following:

Russel Prevette, possession of liquor, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Ernest Smith, assault, 30 days on roads.

Click Pruitt, abandonment, assault and nonsupport, sentence of 12 months suspended on condition that he pay cost, stay sober and be of good behavior.

Ernest Brown, violating prohibition law, sentence of eight months suspended on condition he be of good behavior.

Bruce Colbert, violating prohibition law, sentence of eight months suspended on good behavior.

Ed McGrady, operating motor vehicle while under influence of liquor, sentence of eight months suspended on condition that he be of good behavior.

Jake Wiles, destruction of personal property, to pay cost and pay Rhodes-Day Furniture Company \$23.50.

Three prisoners, Click Waddell, Buckner Sales, colored, and Beamer Redman, colored, were taken to the central state prison in Raleigh Sunday to serve sentences imposed during the term. Several were sentenced to terms on the roads while a number were sentenced to work at the county home.

Marriage Licenses

Licenses to wed were issued by Registrar of Deeds O. F. Eller during the past few days to the following:

May 11—Sanford Crane, Maple Springs, and Ella Greens, Deep Gap; Clarence Cleary, Daylo, and Ella Mae Bumgarner, Wilbar.

May 12—W. H. Brooks and Dona Jane Wagoner, both of Springfield.

Bill Passed By House Saturday

Said To Meet Approval of Republicans and Democrats In County

By provisions of a measure introduced several days ago in the senate and which passed in the house of representatives Saturday Wilkes county was exempted from the absentee ballot law and absentee votes will not be cast in any future primaries or elections in Wilkes.

The measure was introduced in the senate by Senator Joe Williams, of this district and was passed without opposition in both houses.

It is understood that the passage of the act abolishing absentee voting in Wilkes meets with the approval of both the Democrat and Republican parties.

It has been frequently pointed out that absentee voting has been the source of much controversy in primaries and elections and it is expected that the abolishment of absentee voting in the county will have little or no opposition.

Wilkesboro High Closes Wednesday

President of Guilford College To Deliver Commencement Address

Wilkesboro high school finals will be held on Wednesday night, May 15, at which time Dr. Clyde A. Milner, president of Guilford College, will deliver the commencement address and diplomas will be presented to a large class of graduates.

The commencement program will be held in the Methodist church, due to the fact that the school auditorium has been condemned for use for public gatherings on account of fire hazards.

The commencement season began for the school on Friday night, at which time the junior pupils of Mrs. R. E. Prevette's music classes appeared in recital. A second music recital by Mrs. Prevette's music classes will take place tonight.

The class night exercises will be rendered in the school auditorium on Tuesday night, beginning at eight o'clock. Attendance must be limited to invitation, however, on account of the auditorium being condemned for large crowds.

The commencement sermon was delivered Sunday evening at the Methodist church by Dr. George G. Higgins, pastor of the First Moravian Church of Greensboro, in an impressive service.

Two Are Held For Robbery Attempts

Ira and Ralph Green Charged With Assault On Aged Man and Woman

Ira and Ralph Green, who live near Darby, are in jail at Wilkesboro facing charges of assaulting an aged lady and an aged man for the purpose of robbery.

The two Greens and one other youth whose name was not learned and who has not been apprehended are alleged to have entered the home of a Mrs. Walters near Darby on the pretext of getting a drink of water. It was in the home, it is alleged, that they almost smothered her to death with a sack and searched for some money without success. They are also charged with going to the home of John Benge, an aged man of the Stony Fork section, and calling him away from the house on the pretext of looking over some timber. When they had lured the aged man into the woods, it is reported, they beat him but ran without getting his money when he called his sons to his aid.

Both the young men in jail are said to have admitted that they threw a sack over the aged lady's head but will not make any statement that they assaulted either Mrs. Walters or the aged man for the purpose of robbery.