

# THE JOURNAL-PATRIOT

VOL. XXIX, NO. 91 Published Mondays and Thursdays NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., THURSDAY, AUG. 22, 1935 \$1.50 IN THE STATE—\$2.00 OUT OF THE STATE

## Late News of State and Nation

**Married in Plane**  
Cherryville, Aug. 20.—Miss Frankie Boggs, Cherryville, and William Gladstone Howard, Greenville, S. C., were married yesterday in an airplane that circled over the local airport.

**Yadkin Man Passes**  
Yadkinville, Aug. 20.—James Asbury Myers, 82, passed away at his home near Buck Shoals, this county, this morning at 9 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks. He had been seriously ill for three weeks.

**\$6,788 Liquor Sales**  
New Bern, Aug. 20.—Total receipts from liquor sales at the New Bern ABC store during the first 12 days since the establishment was opened here July 23 through Saturday amounted to \$6,788, according to Supervisor J. C. Rea.

**Rebuild For Fair**  
Raleigh, Aug. 20.—The state board of agriculture will open bids tomorrow for the erection of a wing of the exhibit hall at the state fairgrounds to replace the section burned during the exposition last fall.

**Gold Near Morganton**  
Morganton, Aug. 20.—Discovery of gold on his 69-acre farm in Silver Creek township has been reported here by A. F. Chapman, Burke county farmer, who says he plans large scale operations to mine the precious metal.

**PWA Applications**  
Chapel Hill, Aug. 20.—H. G. Baitz, state director of the public works administration, said tonight Monday, September 16, had been set as the deadline for receiving applications under the new PWA program in the state office here.

**Births And Deaths**  
Raleigh, Aug. 20.—Both births and deaths declined in the state during July as compared with the similar month in 1934, the July vital statistics report issued today by the state board of health revealed. Deaths last month totalled 2,431, for a rate of 8.7 per 1,000 population, while in July, 1934, there were 2,912 for a rate of 10.7.

**Demented Humanity**  
Newburgh, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Mrs. Dorothy Sherwood, 27, pretty former showgirl, walked into police headquarters today and told officers the two-year-old son in her arms was dead—drowned by her own hand. "He's dead," she said, dry-eyed. "I just drowned him in a creek in Caesar's Lane. I couldn't feed him and I couldn't bear to see him hungry."

## Congratulates This City On Improvements

**Fire Department; Fire Insurance Rates Lowered For Property Owners**

In a letter to commissioners of the town of North Wilkesboro J. C. Nicholson, chairman of the committee on Conservation of Life, Limb and Property in the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents, congratulated the city on the forward step in improving the fire department to such an extent that it is now rated as second class. He pointed out that the added protection against fire loss will mean a saving to people of the city in fire insurance premiums. His letter follows:

"Dear To Town Commissioners: I understand that your city is to purchase a new motor driven fire truck to carry eight hundred feet of hose as well as thirty-five gallon chemical tank with hose and connections. I further understand that your Fire Department personnel is to be increased from twelve to twenty-four men. I am informed that when these things have been done the classification of your city will be changed from third to second class and, consequently, fire insurance rates reduced. This will, of course, prove a tremendous saving to the property owners in your town.

"It is not the saving in fire insurance premiums that I write about but the steps which your city has taken to effect saving of property from devouring flames. I congratulate you and the committee which decided on the purchase of equipment. Increased fire protection also invites new industries. On the other hand, poor fire protection retards the growth of industry."

## Sixty-Six Wilkes Families In Care Rural Rehabilitation Corporation

Plans Next to Freeze Human then Restore to Life



Los Angeles—Dr. Ralph Willard, 32, research chemist, pictured here after he froze to death for three days a monkey which he later restored to life, will have a human being to experiment on next. Stephen Simkhovitch, film writer, has volunteered to become a human icicle in the name of science. The experiments are for the prevention of various dreaded diseases.

## Relief Project Seeks To Eradicate Disastrous Disease Among Bees In Wilkes and Revive Honey Industry

A project recently put into effect by the local relief administration has as its purpose the rehabilitation of the bee keeping industry in Wilkes county. During the past few years bees in this section of the state have become infected by a disastrous disease known as American Fowl Brood and its ravages has all but eradicated bees in the finest bee keeping territory in America. Sourwood honey, the most highly prized product of the bee hive, is produced only on the eastern slopes of the Southern Appalachians, and Wilkes county is in the heart of the sourwood region. Wilkes county has the most bees of any county in the state

and formerly produced many thousands of dollars worth of sourwood honey each year, providing a substantial source of income to many farmers. This income is rapidly dwindling because the bees are dying of American Fowl Brood. The relief administration had a man who was in need of work and who knew bees and how to control and fight the disease that is preying upon the honey making insects. He is working on the relief project and is helping all bee keepers to fight the disease and restore the industry to the point where it will be a valuable asset to the county and sourwood honey from Wilkes will again be known and prized throughout the country.

## Borah Poll Leader



Washington.—Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, (above) is first choice of Republican county leaders for the 1936 presidential nomination, in a poll being compiled by Robert H. Lucas, former director of the Republican national committee. The first figures gave Borah 247, Knox 167, Landon 127, Vandenberg, 97, Lowden 88, Hoover 52.

## Work Progressing On Hospital Here

**Foster and Allen Constructing Fireproof Building For Local Institution**

Foster and Allen, local building contractors, are progressing rapidly with the construction of a new building for The Wilkes Hospital. Brick work has reached the second floor and is going forward as rapidly as the weather will permit.

The new building will be of fireproof construction throughout and is being erected on the most modern plans approved by the best hospital authorities. The new building will have approximately 30 rooms and is to be ready for occupancy by November 15.

## Child Loses Foot; Hand Badly Hurt

**Two Accident Cases Treated at the Wilkes Hospital in Two Days**

Ray Johnson, three-year-old son of Percy Johnson, of Windy Gap, cut his foot off with an axe Tuesday. Treatment of the injured was rendered at The Wilkes Hospital.

Yesterday treatment was rendered to Granville Pruitt, young man of the Dockery community. His right hand was badly injured when a shotgun he was handling accidentally discharged.

Miss Elizabeth McNeil, of West Jefferson, is here visiting Miss Margaret McNeil.

## PREMIUM LIST FOR FLOWER SHOW HERE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER ANNOUNCED

Announcement Monday that the North Wilkesboro Garden Club is sponsoring a flower show to be held here during the first week in October created considerable interest. Today the premium list is announced. Sweepstakes prize to the exhibitor making the most points will be a vanity dresser, donated by the Turner White Casket company and the American Furniture Company. A first prize marked with blue ribbon will be three points, second prize marked with red ribbon two points and third prize marked with yellow ribbon one point. The show will be open for entry of flowers to every resident of Wilkes county with the exception of members of garden clubs other than the North Wilkesboro Garden Club, which is sponsoring the show. Following is the complete premium list:

**Class A—Dahlias**  
1. Best vase dahlias, 3 or more blooms: first, \$2.50 cash, Coca-Cola Bottling Co.; second, 1 year's subscription to The Journal-Patriot; yellow ribbons.  
2. Largest, most perfect perfect bloom: first, 3 pairs silk hose, Spainhour - Sydnor Co.; second, \$1.50 trade, Reins Market; yellow ribbons.

**Class B—Roses**  
1. Best collection red roses in one container: first, \$2 trade, J. C. Penney Co.; second, \$1.25 trade, Ideal Beauty Parlor; yellow ribbons.  
2. Best collection yellow roses: first, \$2.95 bed spread, Belk's Dept. Store; yellow ribbons.  
3. Best collection pink roses in one container: first, \$1.50 pair bedroom shoes, J. T. Prevette Clothing Co.; second, \$1 trade, Moore's Market; yellow ribbons.  
4. Best collection mixed roses in one container: first, \$5 portrait work, Johnson's Studio; second, \$1 oil treatment, Wisteria Beauty Salon; yellow ribbons.  
5. Best specimen roses, any color: first, silver bud vase, Reins-Sturdivant, Inc.; second, admiration shampoo, tonic and finger wave, Mayflower Beauty Shop.

**Class C—Garden Flowers**  
1. Most artistic arrangement of mixed flowers in baskets in shades of: (a) pink (prize), maple night table, Oak Furniture Co.; (b) lavender, bedroom chair, Home Chair Co.; (c) yellow, magazine stand, Smoak Furniture Co.; (d) red, pair blankets, Rhodes-Day Furniture Co.; (e) varieties of white, foot stool; (f) mixed color.

## Families Taken Off Relief List

Estimated That 95 Per Cent of Families Placed Will Repay Obligations

Sixty-six Wilkes county families, who a year ago faced the problem of earning a living with despairing hope, have been placed on their feet this year by the North Carolina Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, working in conjunction with the emergency relief administration. In relief district 8, composed of Wilkes, Yadkin, Surry, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties a total of 442 families were lifted from the relief load and given a chance through means provided in the rural rehabilitation setup, it was learned here from C. A. Miles, district supervisor.

Families taken over by the corporation in Wilkes county show every indication of making good, according to information gained from Mr. Miles, and it is estimated that 95 per cent of them will be able to repay this year's installment on their loan this fall. In the spring the families to be rehabilitated were selected on advice of relief officials after thorough investigation had been made by case workers and upon their recommendation.

The corporation leased, with option to buy, large tracts of lands suitable to farming and an inventory was made of the possessions of the families to be placed. Such supplies and equipment that they did not have and which were necessary were loaned by the corporation on easy terms and without interest charge. The first payment is due this fall.

Some families already possessed livestock and if they did not have horses, mules or oxen these were furnished through means of a loan from the corporation to the client. Other supplies included seed and equipment. The average loan to each family was around \$100, depending on what they already owned. Each family was given a splendid opportunity to make good and has been closely observed to see how they take advantage of the opportunities offered. The ultimate aim is to remove the families from relief or dole and to place them in a position where they can shift for themselves and remove the necessity for government aid in the future.

The Rural Rehabilitation Corporation is financed by a revolving fund and when the loans are repaid by the clients the funds are used to place some other family on its feet. Miss Elizabeth McNeil, of West Jefferson, is here visiting Miss Margaret McNeil.

## Extortion Plot Is Uncovered By Federal Officers

Finley Curtis Held For Writing Threatening Letter To S. V. Tomlinson

DEMANDED \$10,000 Threatened To Do Bodily Harm Unless This Amount Was Given

J. Finley Curtis, who moved from Wilkes several years ago and has been making his home in Mooresville, was arrested yesterday by G-Men in Charlotte and placed under bond of \$10,000 for appearance in federal court on charge of writing a threatening letter to S. V. Tomlinson, prominent business man of North Wilkesboro.

Although full details of the threat contained in the letter were not made public it is understood that Curtis demanded \$10,000 and if his demands were not met Mr. Tomlinson was to suffer great bodily harm. The extortion letter was received by Mr. Tomlinson on August 11, warrant for Curtis' arrest stated.

Agents of the Charlotte office of the bureau of investigation, "G-Men" agency of the department of justice, were placed on the case, made the arrest and appeared as prosecuting witnesses against the former Wilkes man in the preliminary hearing yesterday before United States Commissioner W. M. Smith in Charlotte.

Details of the case are not made public because of a ruling by high officials of the bureau of investigation that such information not be given out until the case reaches federal court.

## Fair Plans Are Going Forward

Expecting High Record of Attendance at Great Wilkes Fair In September

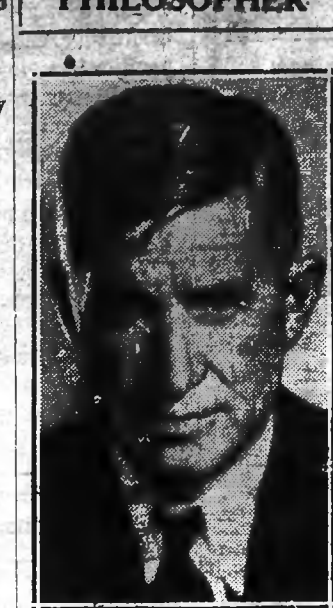
"Every indication points to a record attendance at the Great Wilkes Fair in North Wilkesboro on September 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21," W. A. McNeill, president and general manager, stated today.

"These expectations are justified," he said, because the fair association this year has arranged for a greater array of attractions that have appeared in this city at any one of the nine annual fairs that have been held since the association was organized.

Determined to have a bigger fair this year, officials have arranged for added attractions in each department. Knowing that no fair can grow in popularity without good exhibits of farm and home products the first step was to get out a premium list of

## List Wilkes Teachers For 1935-36 Are Announced

PHILOSOPHER



A characteristic photograph of Will Rogers, comedian, humorist and philosopher. The nation mourns his death.

## T. B. Clinic In Wilkesboro Now In Progress

Second Week Not Yet Filled With Appointments; Examinations Free

People of Wilkes county are taking full advantage of the opportunity to have a free examination for tuberculosis in the clinic now being conducted at the county health office in the courthouse.

The clinic, which is being conducted through co-operation of the state and county health departments, began on Monday morning and will continue through next week. Examination and diagnosis are made by appointment only and the first week is filled with appointments.

Dr. H. L. Seay, of the state sanatorium, is conducting the clinic this week, Dr. H. F. Easom, specialist who conducted clinics in Wilkes in 1931-32-33 and '34, will conduct the last week of the clinic.

There are still a number of appointments that may be filled for examinations during the last week of the clinic. All persons who have reason to suspect that they have tuberculosis are urged by health authorities to make appointment at once.

## Revival Meeting

A revival meeting will begin at Oak Ridge Baptist church Sunday, August 25. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Pruitt, will be assisted during the meeting by Rev. T. E. Blevins. Communion will be observed Sunday. The public has a cordial invitation to attend each and every service.

## Three Games On Baseball Card

Elkin Here Today; Lexington Team Here Saturday and Sunday

Although rain has somewhat delayed the schedule of the Home Chair company baseball team during the past few weeks, interest will rise to a new high pitch this week when the home team meets two of the strongest outfits in this section today, Saturday and Sunday.

This afternoon at four o'clock the Chatham Blanketeers are scheduled for a game here. On Saturday afternoon Lexington, of the Carolina League, comes here for a game at 3:30 and again on Sunday for another game at the same hour. This is by far the toughest schedule of three games the locals have faced so far this season and is calculated to draw every baseball fan in North Wilkesboro and vicinity to the fairgrounds.

This afternoon Home Chair will attempt to gain revenge for a 13 to 5 defeat at the hands of the Blanketeers yesterday.

## Teacher Meeting Tuesday Morning

Supplies For Coming Term Will Be Given Out At Meeting

C. B. Eller, superintendent of schools in Wilkes county, today announced a list of teachers employed for the school term beginning on Wednesday, August 28th.

A teachers' meeting will be held in the Wilkesboro school building on Tuesday morning before school opening and teachers may get their supplies at that time.

Following is the list of teachers by districts:

Traphill—Carl Hendrix, principal Beatrice Holbrook, Charles F. Farmer, Myrtle Lenden, Ima M. Joines, Mildred Holbrook, Verma McCann, Mrs. Lena Billing. Austin—Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, Alma Woodruff, Vaudee Lyon. Mine Ridge—Nora Warren, Mrs. Eaker Parks. Roaring Gap—C. C. Cockerham, Mrs. J. N. Gentry, Stony Ridge—Etta Pruitt, Bessie Baugus, Joynes—Faye Lyon, Bertha McBride.

Little Elkin—Coy Durham. Ronda—Prof. Bowman, principal, Odessa Black, Roberta German, Samuel B. Brandon, William H. Davis, Flora E. McBee, Mrs. R. O. Poplin, Elizabeth Anne McDonald, Katherine Parcell, Alma Cleo Harrell, Frances Bradley, Lavenia Abernethy, Ruth Bundy, Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Hugh Boyal, Mrs. Mary E. Holcomb, Sallie Woodruff, Mary Gladys Carter, Beauham—Ted Lyon, Zola Phillips.

Cool Springs—Sherman Sebastian, Wilsie Carter. Pleasant Ridge—R. S. Guyer, Mrs. Carl Baker. Temple Hill—Burriss A. Day, Bernice Day. Dennyville—J. H. Calloway, J. T. Redding. Clingman—C. E. Burchette, Charlie Byrd, Mary Louise Ferguson. Plum Ridge—Mrs. Dennie Prevette. Union—Everette Elledge. Millers Creek—R. V. Day, T. W. Hayes, Plato Greer, Mae (Continued on page eight)

## McNeill Family Association To Meet On Sept. 1

Second Annual Gathering Will Be At Millers Creek School Building

The second annual meeting of the McNeill Family Association of Western North Carolina will be held at Millers Creek high school building on Sunday, September 1, 1935, beginning at 9:30 a. m., and continuing all day. Millers Creek is on the Boone Trail highway six miles west of North Wilkesboro. Following the plan started last year, there will be a picnic dinner, and all who can do so are asked to bring well filled baskets. All families and individuals bearing the name or the blood of the McNeils are urged to be present and take part in this meeting. Judge Johnson J. Hayes, as president of the association, will deliver the introductory address. It is expected that there will be a number of other noted speakers present, including Attorney Robert H. McNeill, of Washington, D. C., and the McNeill of Bara (the chief of the clan), who lives in New York. An effort is being made to get a genuine Scotch piper from New York, who will give the people of this section something entirely new in the way of music. The association, which was organized last year in a somewhat unfinished state, will be perfected and put on an active working basis, and it gives promise of being the largest and most important family association in the south. "Don't forget the time and place—Sunday, September 1st, at Millers Creek. Come early, bring the whole family, and stay all day," James Larkin, secretary, stated today.