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## Late News of State and Nation

**Accident Is Fatal**  
Danville, Va., Sept. 24.—Thomas Lee Willis, of Meadows of Dan, died at a hospital at Stuart early this morning from injuries sustained last night in an accident on route 58.

**Farmer Is Suicide**  
Albemarle, Sept. 24.—Charlie Grey Dry, 25, a farmer, died early today of a bullet wound said to have been inflicted with suicidal intent at his home near here.

**Aged Couple Die**  
Mount Gilead, Sept. 24.—The deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Alex B. Deaton, both in their 79th year, occurred at their home here approximately 24 hours apart. Mr. Deaton died Sunday morning and his wife died Monday morning. Both had suffered from lingering illnesses.

**Automobile Fatality**  
Whiteville, Sept. 24.—Four persons were injured, one fatally, near here today in a collision of two automobiles. S. E. Humphrey, Western Prong township farmer, died at a hospital here two hours after the crash.

**Lions Not So Tame**  
Hollywood, Sept. 23.—Physicians fought tonight to save Charles Bickford, brawny he-man of the movies, from infection after he was chewed and clawed in the neck by an enraged lion while filming scenes for "East of Java."

**Called It Suicide**  
West Chester, Pa., Sept. 24.—A coroner's jury of six men returned a verdict tonight that honey-haired Evelyn Hoey, torch singer, "died at the hands of persons unknown." Miss Hoey was found shot to death in the country home of Henry Huddleston Rogers, III, September 11.

**Collections Are Up**  
Raleigh, Sept. 24.—An increase of \$2,706,347 was shown in collections by the state for the current fiscal year through Saturday as compared with the corresponding period a year ago. G. G. Scott, director of the accounts for the state revenue department, said today.

**To Buy Scenic Spot**  
Raleigh, Sept. 23.—Linville gorge, an outstanding scenic attraction of western North Carolina and one of eastern America's most picturesque natural wonders, is at last to be brought into public ownership. State Forester J. S. Holmes said today.

**Liquor Law Test**  
Wilmington, Sept. 24.—Another phase of the New Hanover liquor law headed toward the Supreme court this morning as Judge Alton A. Lennon found French Lewis guilty of the possession of illicit liquor. He was fined \$3,000 or serving two years on the roads. He noted an appeal as a test case and was released under bond of \$500.

**Schoolboy Freed**  
Asheville, Sept. 23.—A grand jury today freed Leon Brank, Asheville schoolboy held in the death of Emanuel Long, CCC worker. Young Brank contended he shot to defend his mother when she struck her with his fist. She threatened her with a piece of pipe on September 5. Mrs. Brank had ordered Long, who allegedly was intoxicated, to leave her house.

**Bandits Slay Two**  
Fork Union, Va., Sept. 23.—Two persons were killed late today by bandits who attempted to rob the bank of Fork Union. As W. R. Thompson, of Columbia, Va., 33-year-old state patrolman, grappled with one of the bandits, another fired five bullets into the officer's back, killing him instantly. Shortly afterward, Frank Wicks, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., member of a posse trailing the two desperadoes, was slain as the searchers cornered John Daugherty in woods bordering the town.

**Honesty Is Rewarded**  
New York, Sept. 23.—Albert Corrieri, 22, who earns \$3.13 a week, plus tips, delivering sandwiches and coffee in the financial district, found a \$150,000 fortune today. Delivering orders this afternoon, he tripped over a package containing 15 \$10,000 federal farm mortgage bonds. After he finished his deliveries Corrieri took the bonds to his employer who called police and the broker's house of C. F. Childs and Company, whose name was on the package. For his honesty, Corrieri has been assured there's a much better job in the office and get here a 10 per cent reward—\$15,000.

# MERCHANTS TO PROMOTE NORTH WILKESBORO AS NORTHWEST CAROLINA TRADING CENTER

## State Grange Convention Now In Progress Here



**Called Genius**  
Minneapolis . . . Jackie Grub, 20-months old, of Robbinsdale, Minn., has been stamped a "genius" by Dr. Bryngelson, director of the University of Minnesota speech clinic. Jackie has a vocabulary of 1,100 words; rates 250 in the Binet-Simon test, when only 165 donates genius; and has passed both three and four year old tests.

## Laws' Lecture On History Holds Interest of Crowd

**Large Crowd Hears Moravian Falls Editor On "High Spots of History"**  
R. Don Laws, of Moravian Falls, editor of the nationally known "Yellow Jacket," held the rapt interest of a large crowd at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Sunday afternoon when he delivered his lecture on "High Spots of History or Man's Footprints on the Sands of Time."  
Mr. Laws displayed a knowledge of history that would amaze even the heads of universities, according to many who attend and enjoyed the lecture, which covered the history of the world from "Adam and Eve to Amos and Andy" in one hour and five minutes.  
The address was free from politics and sectarianism and dealt exclusively with the history of the human race, although the historical account was used to show that civilization and progress go hand in hand with Christianity.  
Mr. Laws, whose vocabulary is always ready to express clearly and with effect the thoughts and purposes of his mind, is an able speaker. He has delivered his historical lecture in many towns and cities throughout the south and has been widely acclaimed as one of the best students of history in this part of the country.

## To Let Contract On No. 16 Oct. 3

**Is Included In List of 15 Projects For Next Letting By Commission**  
Contract for grading, structures and gravel surfacing of 7.3 miles on highway number 16 from the end of the present grade to the Ashe county line will be let by the state highway and public works commission on October 3, it was announced in Raleigh Monday by W. Vance Baise, chief engineer.  
Bids will be received on 15 road projects and the estimated cost of the projects is near \$1,400,000. Included in the list are a number of railway overhead crossings and underpasses as a part of the public works administration program.  
News that highway 16 is to be constructed is welcomed by the people of both Wilkes and Ashe counties, which will be immensely benefitted by that important highway.

## Representatives Wilkesboro Unit Win 2 Contests

**Miss Joyce Wellborn Most Representative Grange Girl; Debate Finals Held**  
**STATE MASTER SPEAKS**  
Vanetta Suggests Grange Fight For Food Exemptions From State Sales Tax

Delegates of the Wilkesboro Grange won the state Grange debating championship and first place as the most representative Grange girl in the contest held in last night's session of the state Grange convention at the high school building in this city.  
Miss Joyce Wellborn and Lee Settle won the trophy in the debate and Miss Wellborn received the trophy as the most representative Grange girl.  
The convention opened on yesterday morning with State Master E. S. Vanatta in charge. Organization work consumed the morning session. On Wednesday afternoon the feature of the meeting was the annual address of the state master on the state of the organization. Outstanding among his observations on public matters was the suggestion that the Grange fight for sales tax exemptions on basic foods. It is expected that this will be one of the most interesting legislative matters to occupy the attention of the meeting today and tomorrow.  
State Master Vanatta declared that the sales tax exemptions were removed over the protests of the Grange, which he accurately pictured as a growing organization having 215 units in the state. He called upon the Grange (Continued on page eight)

## Flower Show Is Under Way Here

**Great Array of Beautiful Flowers On Exhibit In Old Postoffice Building**  
The abundance and beauty of the many flowers on exhibit in the flower show today and tomorrow in the old postoffice building in this city make it one of the most successful events of its kind ever attempted in this part of the state.  
The flower show was sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Garden Club and hundreds of valuable premiums were offered by local business firms and merchants. These prizes are on display along with the flower show.  
Potted plants were placed in the building yesterday and the show was made complete this morning when many exhibits of cut flowers were put on display. This afternoon the show opens to the public at three o'clock and will continue through Friday. To defray expenses a small admission fee of only ten cents is being charged.

## FOOTBALL TEAMS OF WILKESBOROS TRAINING FOR FIRST GRIDIRON CONTESTS OF SEASON

Candidates for places on the North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro high school football teams, Wilkes county's contribution to the gridiron game, are working hard for positions on the squads.  
North Wilkesboro squad this year will be under the tutelage of Prof. Ralph Barker, serving his first year as director of athletics here. He stated today that it is a bit early to make predictions and that much work remains to be done before the team is rounded into shape for opening of the season, which will be at Lenoir on October 4.  
First good workout of the team candidates was on Monday afternoon. Scrimmages have been delayed for some time on account of the fair grounds being occupied but practice is in full swing this week. With the exception of four lettermen, Jones, Kilby, Deal and Gentry, the remainder of the team suffers some from lack of experience but time will enable the squad to get over this difficulty. The schedule this year is mainly among teams of the Western North Carolina high school conference with games with such teams as Lenoir, Morganton, North Carolina School, For Dear, Marion and Newton. Games with teams not in the conference include Boone, Elkin and Wilkesboro. The annual Wilkesboro game, termed the little football classic of Wilkes, will be here on November 27. Twenty-five are out for the team so far.  
Wilkesboro boys have been in training since the beginning of



**Potato Boss**  
Washington . . . A. E. Mercker (above), former secretary of the Interstate Early Potato Committee, is the new head of the Potato Section of the Agricultural Administration.

## Inspection Tour Among Apiaries Brought to Close

**Drive Made to Eradicate Destructive Disease Among Bees; ERA Project**  
B. L. Johnson, a bee keeper with 40 years of experience, has just completed an educational and inspection tour among the bee keepers of Wilkes county, an area famous for the production of sourwood honey.  
The work of Mr. Johnson was sponsored by County Agent A. G. Hendren and Miss Victoria Bell, district ERA administrator. The project was instituted because of the fact that American Foul Brood, a disastrous bee disease, had been discovered making its ravages among many apiaries in the county.  
Mr. Johnson, by virtue of much study and long experience, can qualify as a bee expert and his work among the bee keepers is calculated to be of much benefit to the industry, which is conceded to have great possibilities as a source of income in the famous sourwood region.  
He visited a large number of bee keepers but was only able to scratch the surface, owing to the limited time in which he had to work. American Foul Brood has destroyed a large number of colonies from Wilkesboro east to Roaring River and from the Yadkin between these points to the top of the brushies, he said, and some cases of the disease were found north of the Yadkin from Roaring River to Shepherd's Cross Roads. Bees in other parts of the county were not infected.  
He also reported that bees are very short of honey this season, due to the rainy summer season, and that bee keepers will suffer heavy losses unless they feed their bees through the winter.  
He further stated that the bee keepers were appreciative of the services rendered through the cooperation of the county agent and the relief administration.

## President Allots Funds To Assure Building Parkway

**Six Millions Allocated In Order That Work May Go Forward Rapidly**

Washington, Sept. 25.—Representative Robert L. Doughton of Laurel Springs, chairman of the Governor's State committee to further construction of the Appalachian scenic parkway, announced after a conference with the President this afternoon that the Chief Executive had signed an order restoring four and a half million dollars to the parkway fund, so that work might proceed.  
The ninth district congressman reached Washington and met Governor Ehringhaus, Capus Wayne, chairman of the State Highway commission; Charles Ross, highway counselor; and Construction Engineer C. G. Browning of Raleigh by appointment, who had given the veteran congressman the distress signal on information that the entire scenic highway project was blocked for lack of funds.  
This situation developed last winter when action on the emergency relief appropriation bill, from which additional funds were to have been allotted for the parkway, was delayed over the McCarran amendment demanding the prevailing wage on public works. Money was diverted from the six million dollar parkway fund for general relief.  
**Funds All Expended**  
The sum that was taken from (Continued on page eight)

## Two Men Taken At Still Monday

**Revenue Agents Make Successful Raid In Parsonville Community**  
Walter and Cicero Whittington, residents of the Parsonville community, were taken in a distillery raid in that community Monday night by Revenue Agents C. S. Felts, J. C. Fortner, Leonard Roop, and J. T. Jones. An average size still and considerable quantities of materials were destroyed.  
Bonds of \$500 each for appearance at the November term of federal court were filed following a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner J. W. Dula.

## Governor Sets October 7-11 For Fire Prevention Week

Raleigh, Sept. 23.—Governor Ehringhaus today proclaimed the week of October 7 to 11 as fire prevention week in North Carolina and urged that mayors of cities and towns also set aside the week by proclamation for the purpose of correcting fire hazards, promoting public and private fire protection and "arouse the people generally to the need for habits of greater care."

## STOCKS MADE COMPLETE TO FILL DEMANDS FROM PEOPLE OF WILKES, ADJOINING AREA



**To School at 98**  
San Francisco . . . Mrs. Jean Lawrie Hodgson (above), takes great pride in the fact that she learned to swim this summer and now on her 98th birthday is enrolled in the high school here, its oldest pupil ever to receive homework.

## Civil Term of Wilkes Court To Convene Monday

**Court Faces Congested Docket During Two Weeks' Term; Phillips to Preside**  
Regular fall term of Wilkes superior court will face a congested docket when it convenes in Wilkesboro on Monday morning, September 30.  
Several hundred cases are pending trial and the Wilkes bar association has made out quite an extensive calendar for the term. Many of the cases calendared have been pending for several days.  
Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, who is riding the 17th judicial district this fall, will be the presiding jurist. The term is for two weeks and will be for trial of civil cases only.  
An effort will be made to substantially reduce the number of cases pending trial during the two-weeks term. An act of the last legislature calling for four additional weeks of court has made it possible to practically clear the criminal docket but the civil docket remains large.

## Mrs. J. S. Farmer Coming Oct. 1st

**Former Missionary to Japan Will Teach Her Book to Missionary Societies**  
Mrs. J. S. Farmer, of Raleigh, who for nine years was a Baptist Missionary to Japan, will be at the First Baptist church here on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1 and 2, for the purpose of teaching her book, "At the Gate of Asia," Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor, announced today.  
Mrs. Farmer was a daughter of the late Livingstone Johnson, editor of the Biblical Recorder and the wife of the present editor, to whom she was married while serving as a missionary. She was first married to a Mr. Willingham, who died while she was in Japan.  
Mrs. Farmer will give her first lecture here on Tuesday night and the course will continue on Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Women of all the Baptist churches in the county have a cordial invitation to be present. Mrs. Farmer is widely known as a writer and speaker and will have very inspiring messages for all who attend.

## Will Further Develop North Wilkesboro As Trading Mecca of This Section

**CO-OPERATIVE MOVE**  
With the approach of the fall season and what is predicted to be the best season of retail trade in six years, local merchants are cooperating in a movement to promote North Wilkesboro as the logical trading center in Northwestern North Carolina.

North Wilkesboro is geographically situated as a natural nucleus and center of transportation and communication. From its beginning it has been a market center for products of farms and for natural resources.  
Being a market center it has also developed into a trading center to fill the demands of a population of approximately 100,000 people in Wilkes and adjoining counties.

North Wilkesboro business houses this year are increasing their stocks to the point where all reasonable needs can be filled and at a great saving to the people of the trading territory. No longer will it be necessary for customers to make expensive trips to distant point to fill their needs.

In anticipation of a large volume of fall and winter trade representatives of North Wilkesboro stores have spent much time in New York City and other northern markets selecting a wide variety of merchandise to fill all needs and demands. Buyers selected carefully and after due consideration at prices that will mean savings passed on to a buying public.

Stocks of local firms have never been more complete and up-to-date than they will be during the coming fall and winter seasons. This applies to all merchandising lines.

Local firms are planning an extensive advertising campaign in Wilkes and adjoining counties during the fall and winter merchandising season, promoting North Wilkesboro as a trading center and working with the aim of bringing about an expansion in the local trade territory that will be of mutual benefit to consumer and seller.

**Trade Expansion Bureau**  
A group of progressive business firms of the city have started the trade expansion movement and have organized into a Trade Expansion Bureau.

## Bank of Ashe Is Robbed of \$3,000

The Bank of Ashe, located in Jefferson, county seat of Ashe county, was entered and robbed of \$3,000 in cash by parties of unknown identity Monday night.  
The theft was discovered early Tuesday morning by Abe Medly, janitor, who found that the bank safe had been moved to the rear of the building, where it had been broken by means of an acetylene torch, which apparently had melted a hole in the back side large enough for a person to put his hand through. Water had been used freely to cool the safe.

According to reports here, W. H. Worth, president of the bank, checked the loss to be \$3,000 in cash. It was not learned here whether or not any bonds or securities were taken. The loss was covered by insurance.

As providence would have it there was \$4,000 in the mails addressed to the bank which had not been received. This sum had been mailed from the Bank of North Wilkesboro to the Bank of Ashe and arrived in West Jefferson on the train Monday. However, the train was late and the mail did not arrive in time for the cash to be delivered before closing time for the bank.

Mr. Richard Herman, of Lenoir, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.