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## Late News of State and Nation

### Tribute To Rogers

New York, Nov. 2.—Friends of Will Rogers paid tribute to his memory tonight in an international program inaugurating a campaign to create a memorial to the late cowboy humorist, philosopher and movie star.

### Killed By Train

Rockingham, Nov. 3.—George Glenn Craft, 51, was instantly killed here this afternoon when he attempted to cross the Seaboard Air Line railway tracks near the depot and fell under the wheels of a westbound freight train.

### Milwaukee Explosion

Milwaukee, Nov. 3.—Three persons, two of them believed by police to be the men who bombed five buildings here in six days, were killed and 11 others injured in an explosion that rocked the south side today.

### Killed By Train

Statesville, Nov. 3.—W. C. Perry, Jr., 57, employe of the Custom Chair company, was killed by eastbound passenger train No. 16 while sitting on the end of a cross-tie on the tracks about 400 yards west of the Southern station here last night. He was removed to a local hospital and died two hours afterward.

### Legion Makes Charges

Indianapolis, Nov. 2.—Inefficiency, indifference and ignorance were blamed for the deaths of more than 200 world war veterans in the Florida hurricane last Labor day, in a report of an American legion investigation committee adopted by the national executive committee and made public tonight.

### Crooks Must Register

Miami, Fla., Nov. 1.—A plainly-worded ordinance requiring persons convicted of felonies to register within 24 hours after reaching the city was looked upon as a big stick today in the hands of police seeking to keep hoodlums out of the Miami area this winter.

### U. S. Income and Outgo

Washington, Nov. 2.—Uncle Sam closed his books today on the first four months of the fiscal year to find he had received only 47 cents for every dollar paid out. The treasury reported that receipts through October 31, amounted to \$1,233,000,000, while expenditures were \$2,627,000,000.

### Forsyth Man Suicide

Winston-Salem, Nov. 2.—Howard R. Bowman, 25, was found shot to death at his home near here today. The body was found by Bowman's mother, Mrs. W. M. Bowman, who hurried to the front porch of the home when she heard a shot. Near the body was a shotgun. Dr. W. N. Dalton, Forsyth county coroner, said the death was suicide.

### Snow Covers West

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Rain and snow pelted the middlewest today while abnormal cold tormented the rule in the northwest. Widespread precipitation spoiled the Sabbath in many north central states. There were snow flurries in some sections of the Rocky Mountains and in parts of South Dakota, Minnesota and upper Michigan.

### Gangsters Fight Law

Washington, Nov. 2.—The justice department disclosed today that gangsters now are trying to hide behind the constitution for protection from the new crime laws. Hit hard by the new kidnaping and firearms registration laws which have sent the "G-men" after them with freshly hewn clubs, gangsters are attacking the constitutionality of those acts.

### Unknown Man Hurt

Elkin, Nov. 3.—With his skull horribly crushed, one leg almost torn from his body and numerous other injuries sustained when he was run over this evening by an automobile on the highway between Elkin and Booneville, a young man apparently about 25 years of age is in the hospital here with no chance to recover. Efforts to establish his identity have been fruitless.

### Devin Is Justice

Raleigh, Nov. 1.—Superior Court Judge William Augustus Devin, 63, will be inducted as an associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme court at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Judge Devin, who has been resident judge of the 10th judicial district for 22 years, late last night was appointed to the Supreme court bench by Governor Ehringhaus to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Associate Justice Willis J. Brodgen.

## Approximately 365 Men Used on 6 WPA Projects

### District Office Hopes To Start Projects Within Next Few Days

About 365 relief cases have been placed on work projects in Wilkes county since the beginning of WPA work three weeks ago, it was learned today from C. H. Smith, branch manager for five counties.

Six projects, five on roads and one on streets at Roaring River, are under way and progressing nicely.

A majority of the relief cases assigned to the jobs reported to their foremen and have shown a willingness to work, according to reports of the project supervisor.

Walter Walsh is general foreman on the biggest job now under way, that being the Cricket-Hendrix road improvement project that is using 100 men. John Eller is timekeeper. W. O. Barnett, Joe Gambill and S. H. Jones as assistant foremen. This project includes work on a number of roads.

About 100 men are at work on the McGrady-Abshers road. J. D. Hall is general foreman. S. C. Johnson and Banner McNeil assistant foremen and Walter Shoemaker timekeeper.

Luther Gray is foreman and Durant Pardue timekeeper on the Ronda-tredell county line road improvement job. Twenty men are working on this job, which began this week.

Twenty men are given work on the Coplar Spring road job. 30 on the road project at Millers Creek and 25 are working on the street improvement project at Roaring River.

## Leading In Nation-Wide Voters' Choice For "Next President"



As the balloting in the nation-wide straw vote, conducted by weekly newspapers, passed the 126,012 mark this week, the voters far and wide, had indicated most clearly that they want one of the above five men as our "next president." President Roosevelt stands alone in

the Democratic ranks as first choice, as indicated by the poll. In the Republican ranks, U. S. Senator Borah, of Idaho, leads tiefield as first choice with Governor Alf Landon, of Kansas running second, Publisher Frank Knox, of Chicago, third, and Former President Herbert Hoover, of California, fourth.

### Townsendites, 64 and 54, Hitch-hike 2,000 Miles



CHICAGO... Amongst the 5,000 delegates to the first national convention of the Townsend "400-a-month" Clubs, held here last week-end, were the hiking grandmothers, Mrs. Mattie Moss, 64, and Mrs. Bessie Oswald, 54, (above), who thumbed their way from Turlock, Calif., 2,000 miles. They were named delegates but no funds were made available for transportation.

## Over \$75,000 WPA Funds Allotted To Wilkes County

### Only One County In District, Forsyth, Has Larger Case Load Than Wilkes

Revised allotments to the sixth works progress district were revealed by officials in Winston-Salem Saturday to aggregate \$686,810 for men with Forsyth county getting a lion's share of \$193,329.

The Forsyth county allocation is more than double the next highest county appropriation in the list of 13 in the district. Wilkes, second highest, will receive \$75,860.

Federal allocation in the district are made on the basis of case load, \$86.50 being appropriated for each man during a basic five-month period of operation.

Forsyth county, with 2,235 persons registered, greatly leads in case load. Wilkes county has a case load of 877.

The total allocation for men's projects in the district, \$686,810 is computed on a case load of 7,948 men.

Allocation for each county in the district with basic case loads in parenthesis follows:

Forsyth \$193,327 (2,235); Davie, \$12,456 (144); Davidson, \$61,674 (713); Surry, \$57,522 (665); Stokes, \$20,154 (233); Alleghany, \$11,158 (129); Yadkin, \$28,891 (334); Alexander, \$22,663 (262); Iredell, \$53,630 (620); Ashe, \$47,542 (548); Watauga, \$40,528 (472); Wilkes, \$75,860 (877); Kowan, \$61,242 (708).

### METHODIST PASTOR



Dr. R. G. Templeton, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, comes to this city from Lincolnton, where he served as pastor since June of last year. Prior to that time he was for ten years a member of the Florida conference. He is a native of North Carolina, born in Iredell county. He was educated at Chattanooga University, University of Chicago, Temple University and Virginia Seminary. He holds A. B., M. A. and D. D. degrees. He has served churches in St. Louis, Kansas City, Little Rock and New York City, where he was chaplain of the institutions located on Blackwell's Island.

## Boosting North Wilkesboro

(Winston-Salem Journal, Sunday, November 3.)

The Journal-Patriot, of North Wilkesboro, blossoms out with a 24-page special issue as of Thursday, October 31, which is entitled, "Wilkes County Progress and Merchandising Edition."

Much individual information of an historical nature concerning the rapid strides which the "State of Wilkes" has made in recent years, the remarkable growth of North Wilkesboro as an industrial and trading center in the foothills and mountain area of Northwest North Carolina, is provided in intriguing, well-written articles in the edition.

The Journal-Patriot is to be commended for the initiative it assumed in getting out this unusual edition. It required a lot of hard work, mental and manual, a great deal of pains and patience in running down elusive facts, and considerable ingenuity in presenting the accumulated data in its most attractive, attention-compelling form. But the paper in a sense is on occasions of this sort merely "telling the world" what the community has done.

The Wilkes county folk are possessed of those fine native Tar Heel qualities which impel them to go out and do things in a big way. They have not been content here of late to keep their light under a bushel or to sleep on their opportunities for the building of a finer town and county. Forty-five years ago, North Wilkesboro was one of those things which were not. Today it is one of the fastest growing towns in the state, serving due notice on the larger ones that they will have to step faster or be run over.

Towns, like newspapers, grow just so long as the folks grow. When the newspaper concentrates on profits and forgets its obligation to give its readers and advertisers the best service possible, it begins to drift toward the bankruptcy courts. When the people of a town decide their community is finished, that it can get no more trade from its logical trading area, the town stands still and begins to decline. North Wilkesboro folk are still growing and the town is growing fast, paced as it is by newspapers that are fully alive to the possibilities of one of the state's best counties.

## Campaign For Will Rogers Memorial Fund Inaugurated In North Carolina

A campaign for funds to help create a worthwhile memorial for Will Rogers will get under way throughout the nation this week and North Carolina expects to cooperate to the fullest extent, according to Carl Goerch, of Raleigh, who has been appointed state chairman of the Will Rogers Memorial Commission.

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, of Farmville, has been appointed chairman of the Woman's Division, and Governor Ehringhaus is honorary chairman. In outlining plans for the drive in North Carolina, Mr. Goerch said today that he plans to enlist the cooperation of the various newspapers throughout North Carolina. In view of the fact that Will Rogers was so closely allied to the newspaper fraternity, Mr. Goerch said that it was both fitting and proper that the members of that profession should take the lead in this matter.

Local chairmen are being appointed and their names will be announced within a few days. Practically every bank in the state has expressed a willingness to serve as a depository for the Will Rogers Memorial Fund. Wholehearted cooperation on the part of the public generally is expected.

Will Rogers had hundreds of intimate friends in North Carolina and visited this state on numbers of occasions. Many thousands who never saw him were acquainted with him through his writings in over fifteen different newspapers in the state. There is no question but that the response for a memorial fund will be liberal.

The Will Rogers Memorial Commission is a national organization of which Vice President John N. Garner is chairman. Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, American War Ace, is in charge of operations. State organizations have been completed in practically every state in the Union.

"The people of North Carolina from time to time have been asked to contribute to various funds," said Mr. Goerch today, "but I don't think that there ever has been a drive which will meet with more wholehearted endorsement than this campaign to raise money for a Will Rogers Memorial. He was one of the most lovable characters that this country ever has produced and millions of people were made

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### Ivey Moore Leaves On Trip To Canada

Ivey Moore, popular young business man here, left today for an extended trip to Wilmansburg, Ontario, Canada, where he will undergo treatment for two or three months for complications resulting from an injury several years ago.

Mr. Moore is traveling by automobile, to which he has attached a specially built trailer as living quarters while on the road.

## Dr. Julian Miller Makes Dynamic Speech Before Kiwanis Club Here

### Wilkesboro Grange Meets Tuesday Night

A good program is assured for the Wilkesboro Grange meeting to be held Tuesday night at the courthouse. All members are asked to attend.

### KIWANIS DIRECTORS IN GOOD MEETING

Directors of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club held an interesting meeting at Hotel Wilkes Thursday night with T. E. Story as host. A number of very good committee reports were submitted, indicating that the club is quite active in civic and community affairs.

## Former Resident of N. Wilkesboro Killed In Wreck

### Mrs. Virginia Mills Francis Fatally Injured In Charlotte Sunday

Mrs. Virginia Mills Francis, wife of C. E. Francis, of Charlotte, died in a hospital in Charlotte Sunday as the result of injuries received when the car in which she and her husband were riding skidded, struck a parked automobile and overturned in Charlotte early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Francis, formerly Miss Virginia Mills, of North Wilkesboro, was driving as she and her husband were returning to their home on Georgia Avenue by way of Hawthorne Road when the accident occurred. She was thrown from the car but her husband was not injured.

In addition to her husband she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mills, and a sister, Miss Mattie Mills, all of Charlotte. Funeral service will be tomorrow in a Charlotte mortuary and the body will be taken to Richmond, Va., for burial.

### Observer Editor Holds Crowd Spellbound With Discussion of American Issues

Dr. Julian Miller, versatile editor of the Charlotte Observer, held the rapt attention of 84 Kiwanians and guests on Ladies' Night Friday evening as he expounded what he termed three great American issues of the present day.

The program, declared to be one of the very best ever put on at a civic assembly here, was in charge of J. R. Finley, who introduced the speaker, who in the outset paid tribute to this part of the state and its people.

His subject could very well be termed "Great American Issues." His three topics were:

1. Shall we have a dictator or a continuation of self-government?
2. Shall America remain committed to private enterprise or have political management, which is communism?
3. Shall we have all government in Washington or some of it in the state and county?

Surprising as it may seem, he said, the question of dictatorship or self government is debatable with the American people.

In discussing the communism question he referred to an occasion when he heard Norman Thomas, socialist leader, declare that if Jesus Christ were here today that he would be a communist. This assertion by Thomas, he said, was a lie because Jesus himself taught people to be industrious as shown by the parable of the talents. "It is not a question of equalizing values, but providing equal opportunities," Dr. Miller pointed out as the need of the present age. "Soak the Rich" and "Share the wealth" were two popular phrases that the speaker said were foreign to the teachings of Jesus.

Dr. Miller defended the constitution as the balance of power (Continued on page eight)

## Pomona Grange Elects Officers For Coming Year

### J. M. German Re-elected Master; T. E. Story Overseer; Others Named

### MEETING ON THURSDAY Held At Little Mountain; Splendid Reports Given By Subordinates

J. M. German, of Boomer, was reelected master of the Wilkes Pomona Grange in the meeting held Thursday afternoon at Little Mountain.

Other officers named were T. E. Story, overseer; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, secretary; Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, lecturer; Miss Joyce Wellborn, treasurer; Paul Vestal, steward; Lee Settle, assistant steward; Miss Bonnie Barker, lady assistant steward; Mrs. J. M. German, chaplain; Mrs. Helen Cashon, pomona; Miss Flora Cockerham, flora; Mrs. Dillen Barker, ceres; T. W. Ferguson, C. F. Bretholl and W. A. Profit, executive committee.

The meeting Thursday was one of the best the Pomona Grange has held in some time. Reports as follows were given by the representatives of the various subordinate Granges:

M. F. Barker reported that Little Mountain Grange is active and holding interesting regular meetings, which are well attended.

T. W. Ferguson gave a report of the Ferguson Grange and urged that more social meetings be held to promote interest.

T. E. Story, reporting for Wilkesboro, made mention of some very fine programs that have been put on at the regular meetings. J. M. German made a report of the Boomer Grange.

State Master E. S. Vanatta will install the new officers at a meeting to be held early in January.

## Mrs. S. V. Ferguson Succumbs In City

### Aged Lady Dies at Home of Daughter, Mrs. J. R. Hix; Funeral Tuesday

Mrs. Sarah V. Ferguson, age 87, died Sunday, 7:30 p. m., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Hix, in this city.

Mrs. Ferguson, who had been in feeble health for four or five years, had been accustomed during the past few years to spending the summer at her home at Ferguson and the winter in this city with Mrs. Hix. She had been seriously ill for a week prior to her death.

She was born in Caldwell county, a daughter of the late William and Sarah Kendall. In 1875 she was married to L. C. Ferguson and they made their home in the Ferguson community until his death in 1908. She was held in highest esteem by many friends and a wide circle of acquaintances.

There are seven surviving children: Miss Blanche K. Ferguson and John Ferguson, of Panama; Miss Beulah Ferguson and T. W. Ferguson, of Ferguson; W. H. Ferguson, Richmond, Va.; L. C. Ferguson, Jr., Dallas, Texas; Mrs. J. R. Hix, this city. Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. T. C. Carlton, Centralia, Kansas; and two step-daughters, Mrs. Lou Ellen Carlton, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Elizabeth Parlier, North Wilkesboro. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, husband and four sisters, Mrs. T. C. Frost, Mrs. Etta Sotenhoecker, Mrs. J. C. Powell and Mrs. Mary Laxton.

Tentative arrangements were made today for the funeral to be held Tuesday afternoon, three o'clock, at Beaver Creek Adventist church, where she was a member. The body will be taken to her home at Ferguson Tuesday at noon where friends may call to view the body. Relatives stated that the casket will not be opened at the church.

### Jealous Wife Kills Husband

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 3.—Brenton Root, 32-year-old contract investigator for a wholesaler, concerned here and son of a prominent family, was shot to death at his home here early today.

His pretty wife, Daisy, 30, was taken into custody shortly after the shooting and was quoted by Patrolmen Bert Hester and H. B. Martin as saying she shot her husband because she resented what she said were his attentions toward a "cigarette girl" at a hotel dance an hour

## Midweek Service To Be Reception

### To New Pastor at North Wilkesboro Methodist Church; Public Invited

The midweek prayer service at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church Wednesday evening, 7:30, will be in the form of a reception by the church to the new pastor, Rev. R. G. Templeton, it was announced today by church leaders.

Rev. Mr. Templeton, assigned to the North Wilkesboro church by the conference a week ago, filled the pulpit for the first time yesterday before large audiences.

He came to North Wilkesboro from Lincolnton, where he served during a part of the last year as pastor. Prior to that time he served as pastor of churches in Florida.

The public is invited to attend the service Wednesday night and it is especially urged that all members of the church be present to welcome Rev. Mr. Templeton and his family to the church.

## Membership In P.-T. A. Is Urged

### List of Paid Members For Current Year To Be Published In Few Days

A list of members of the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association who have paid their dues for the current year will be published in a few days, it was announced today, and any who expect to join and have not paid are requested to notify Miss Elizabeth Finley at once. Miss Finley is chairman of the membership committee.

The local P.-T. A. has a good membership this year but there are yet many who may want to join and for the convenience of these people, the above announcement is made.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Church left this morning for an extended business trip to Florida.