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To Meet Payments Raleigh, Dec. 15.—The state of North Carolina will meet \$6,887,700 in interest and bond maturity payments January 1.

More Drunken Drivers Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Fifteen more drunken drivers were arrested in North Carolina in November than in October, the state highway patrol reported today, and 72 more than were pinched in September.

Killed In Crash Parris Island, S. C., Dec. 13.—An army flier identified as Major Arthur K. Ladd, of Langley Field, Va., was killed in the wreck of his single-seater fighting plane near Dale, a tiny hamlet of this (Eaufort) county today.

Fewer Confederates Raleigh, Dec. 13.—The ever-present scythe of Old Father Time cut another wide swath in the thinning ranks of surviving Confederate veterans from June to December this year in North Carolina, and there were 54 fewer names on the soldiers' pension rolls today.

Six Million Visit Parks Washington, Dec. 13.—Secretary Ickes reported today that visitors to national parks, monuments, and other areas administered by the Interior department totaled 6,337,206 during the fiscal year ended June 10.

Check Up On Sun Berlin, Dec. 13.—Two German physicists claimed today that three years of observation with a special clock has shown a day has 4-1,000 seconds less than 24 hours because of the varying speed of the earth's rotations.

Killed In Auto Wreck Fayetteville, Dec. 13.—Joseph E. Hulon, 46, plant overseer of the Rockfish Cotton mills at Hope Mills, died in Pittman hospital here at 8 o'clock this morning from injuries received seven hours earlier when his car overturned on the Fayetteville Lumberton highway, in upper Robeson county.

Indians Block Parkway Cherokee, Dec. 13.—A compromise proposal advanced by the federal government in an effort to reach an agreement with the Cherokee Indians concerning the route for the scenic parkway through the Indian reservation, was rejected today by the tribal council following a two-day debate. The vote was four for the government's proposal and seven against it.

Two Children Burned Morganton, Dec. 13.—The explosion of an oil lamp was blamed today for the death of two children in a fire that destroyed their farm home six miles from here late last night. From the ruins of Mrs. Ralph H. Spainhour's residence, searchers today brought the bodies of her 13-year-old daughter, Barbara, and her 11-year-old son, Dan.

Many Descendants Mount Airy, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Eliza Burchett Phillips, who died here last week at the age of 85, had, so far as can be ascertained, the record in this community and perhaps in this part of the country for the largest number of living descendants. Mrs. Phillips is survived by 9 children, 61 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren, a total of 126 living relatives in direct descent. Most of them are residents of this section.

County Farm Agent Attending Meeting A. G. Hendren, farm agent for Wilkes county, is attending the annual meeting of county agent at State College this week.

Important Meeting Of Juniors Tuesday Night Every member of the North Wilkesboro Junior order council is especially urged to be present in the important meeting to be held on Tuesday night. There will be degree work and nomination of officers. Other matters of importance will be taken up.

Honor Hose Buyer P. W. Eshelman, president of Wilkes Hosiery Mills, was one among more than 100 hosiery manufacturers and selling agents who gathered at Hotel Plaza in New York City Thursday night to honor Hurbert B. Cutting, who is retiring after 28 years as buyer for the P. W. Woolworth Company.

Mayor's Safety Proclamation

Whereas, the President of the United States has called on the people to unite in a national effort to cut down the rising tide of death and destruction on the streets and highways of the nation; Whereas, the Governor of North Carolina has pledged the cooperation of this state in this national effort; Whereas, the law enforcing officers of North Carolina have inaugurated through the Institute of Government a systematic and continuous program of accident prevention and motor vehicle law enforcement through the distribution of 500,000 copies of "Guides to Highway Safety," Now, therefore, I, R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, call upon all high school authorities, all local officials and employees, all citizens' organization and automobile drivers, and the heads of all business enterprises, to procure and study "Guides to Highway Safety" without delay, and to devote the first meetings of their respective organizations in January, 1936, to a program of accident prevention and motor vehicle law enforcement as the starting point of a larger program of crime prevention and criminal law enforcement.

R. T. McNEIL, Mayor.

Safety Program Being Taught In Schools of County Thru December

Stirs Hauptmann Doubt



Trenton, Dec. 13.—Detective Ellis Parker (above), noted New Jersey detective, reported to still be working on the Lindbergh kidnap murder case, is quoted as having said that "Bruno Hauptmann is not the man."

R. G. Finley Buys Hotel In Boone; McCoy Is Manager

Management Plans Improvements On Widely Known Tourist Hotel

R. G. Finley, North Wilkesboro manufacturer, has purchased the Daniel Boone hotel in Boone.

The hotel, named after the famous pioneer, was offered for sale by the Security National Bank, Greensboro, trustee, and Mr. Finley's bid was \$36,750 for the hotel and realty at the foreclosure sale.

The hotel was constructed by a company of Boone and Watway citizens as a tourist hotel, and is a modern brick structure with a construction cost far greater than the amount of Mr. Finley's bid in the foreclosure sale.

J. B. McCoy, manager of Hotel Wilkes in this city, and who has been manager of the Boone hotel for the past few years, will be retained as manager. Many improvements have been planned to be effected this winter in time for the next tourist season.

Conferences In M. E. Churches

Held Sunday For North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and Moravian Falls

Rev. A. C. Gibbs, presiding elder of the Mount Airy Methodist district, attended quarterly conferences at Moriah's Chapel for Moravian Falls charge, Union church for Wilkesboro charge and North Wilkesboro Methodist church Sunday night.

At each conference the presiding elder preached and the business session followed. An all-day service was held at Moriah's Chapel with the sermon by Rev. Mr. Gibbs in the morning. In the afternoon he preached at Union and representatives of the three churches on the charge, Wilkesboro, Union and Roaring River, were present. A budget for the year was adopted.

On Sunday night the conference was held here and in the business session reports disclosed that all departments of the church are in excellent shape with all organizations and departments of the church actively functioning.

Outline of Safety Program by Institute of Government Given

Through the aid and cooperation of the school system, the Institute of Government in North Carolina is carrying on a safety program in the schools.

Many pamphlets on "Highway Safety" have been distributed in the schools and much attention is being given this extra curricula work.

Following is an outline of the safety program now under way in the state:

1. Distribution during December of 500,000 copies of "Guides to Highway Safety" as the basis of instruction (1) to all officials and employees in city halls, county court houses, and state departments; (2) to members of citizens organizations, business houses, and automobile drivers; (3) to 150,000 students and teachers in 851 high schools, as the beginning of a state-wide program of accident prevention and motor vehicle law enforcement.

2. Systematic discussion during the first weeks of January (1) by 150,000 students and teachers in 851 high schools, (2) by all citizens organizations of men and women, (3) by members of all business organizations, (4) by city councils, county commissioners, and all groups of public officials and employees.

3. Systematic instruction in Schools of Law Enforcing Officers to be conducted every month in every city and county of the state by Judges and Solicitors of the Superior Courts, Recorders' Courts, Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police, analyzing accidents of the previous month and mapping out programs of prevention for the next month.

4. Copies of "Guides to Highway Safety" may be procured from City Halls, local school authorities, or the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N. C.

5. The monthly magazine, "Popular Government," will furnish a clearing house of information each month on street and highway accidents in North Carolina and safety programs and campaigns as they develop throughout the State. Write to the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Holidays In City School Begin 20th

And Work Will Be Resumed On January 1; Closing Date Is May 29

In a meeting of the North Wilkesboro school board Friday afternoon it was decided that city schools will disband for the Christmas holidays on December 20, Friday of this week, and that work will be resumed on January 1.

A full two-weeks will not be given this year, due to the fact that opening of the school was delayed in the fall on account of the textbook situation.

By allowing ten days for Christmas holidays the city schools will close on May 29, getting in the net term of 175 days required by schools that are members of the Southern Association of Accredited Schools.

The noted Bay State Orchestra, which was so favorably written up in the "Miss Charlotte" column of the Charlotte Observer recently, will furnish the music at the dance to be under the auspices of the Junior Women's Club on the night of December 26.

Sales of Auto License Plates Started In City

J. C. McDiarmid Reports Brisk Business at Branch Bureau Here

REDUCTIONS WELCOMED Patrolman Handling Applications For Hire Licenses At City Hall

SALES OF AUTO—Sale of automobile license plates for 1936 began in North Wilkesboro Saturday at the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club located at Yadkin Valley Motor Company on the corner of Ninth and C streets.

J. C. McDiarmid, manager of the license bureau, reported a brisk sale of plates all day Saturday and all indications this morning pointed to a steady sale today.

Reduction in automobile plate prices from 55 to 40 cents per hundredweight are welcomed by the motorists but attention is called to the fact that truck rates are the same as last year.

For hire licenses to be used on cars or trucks for hire may be applied for at the city hall, where Patrolman Johnson will handle applications.

Automobile and truck owners are again warned that the 1935 plates will expire at midnight on December 31 and all who can possibly do so are asked to buy their plates now in order to avoid a rush and congestion at the license bureau office during the latter days of this month.

Members of Corn Clubs In Wilkes Make Good Record

Thirty-two Members Make Average Yield of 63 Bushels; 103 Highest

Thirty-two members who made up the 4-H corn clubs in Wilkes county this year gave the county the best record in the state for yield and achievement. It was learned from L. R. Harrill, club leader for the state, on a recent visit to Wilkesboro.

The highest yield of any corn club member in Wilkes was 103 bushels on the club acre grown by Don Gregory, of the Hays community. The average yield for the 32 corn club members was 63 bushels per acre or a total of more than 2,000 bushels on the 32 one-acre projects.

This splendid yield, together with the fact that Wilkes club members made almost a clean sweep on prizes for exhibits at the state fair, including sweepstakes and county prize, placed Wilkes corn clubbers in an outstanding position in the state.

An achievement day was observed in November and each of the 32 members exhibited ten ears of corn, making up what visiting agricultural authorities declared was one of the best corn shows of its size they had ever witnessed.

Marriage Licenses

Licenses to wed were issued during the past few days by Old Wiles, register of deeds, to the following couples: G. F. Reavis and Lizzie Brandon, Yadkinville; John Caudill, Dehart, and Janie Hamby, Absher; Hugh M. Wilson and Ruby Davis, both of Statesville; Reiller Love and Leona Blackburn, both of Roaring River; D. M. Hamby and Pearl Mabe, both of Ronda; Charlie Small and Octavia Jarvis, both of Roaring River.

Roaring River P. O. Is Looted

Several Dollars In Money Is Stolen and Postoffice Ransacked

Thieves entered the postoffice at Roaring River some time Sunday night and stole several dollars.

The theft was discovered this morning by Mrs. Bessie Caudill, postmaster. After the thieves had entered the building the small amount of funds not in the safe were taken and packages were opened and ransacked. Attempts to open the office safe, however, were futile.

So far no clues have been discovered that promise to lead to the identity or capture of the guilty party or parties.

10 Prisoners Crawl Through Hole In Wall at Prison Camp

Naming 4-H Champions for 1935 Difficult Task



CHICAGO...Crowning the 1935 Boy and Girl 4-H Club champions this year was difficult enough, even before they came to the "Health" group. Then the headlock developed... The scoring was so close that the judges named seven champions. They are shown in the top picture, reading, left to right, Howard Cobb, 18, Greens, N. Y.; Eloise Ganss, 16, Vicksburg, Miss.; Frederick Abel, 20, Gadsden, Ala.; Marion McLaughlin, 15, Trenary, Mich.; J. Alton Biffle, 20, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; June Castine, 15, Ridgeway, S. C.; and Charles Jordan, Jr., 18, Beloit, Kas. Below are the national Boy and Girl Leadership champions, Viley Johnson, 19, McAlester, Okla. and Betty Brown, 19, Emporia, Kas.

Nine Whites and One Colored Get Out of Road Camp

Negro Recaptured; Large Posse Searching For Nine Other Escapees

Of the ten prisoners who escaped from the convict camp in Wilkesboro Saturday night, nine were still at large today, it was learned from E. L. Hight, camp superintendent.

The prison break, the first in recent years at the Wilkesboro camp, took place Saturday night about six o'clock while the guards and camp force were eating supper. The escape was made through a hole in a wall of one of the buildings and camp officials are at a loss to learn when and by what means the hole was made.

The escapees include nine white prisoners and one negro, John Gambill, who was sentenced to two years in Cleveland county for larceny. He was recaptured soon after the break and the nine whites are still at large, although a posse of 18 men are being used in a diligent search through the hills of this section.

The escaped convicts not recaptured so far are Roy Beck, serving two years for larceny in Guilford county; Howard Brackett, sentenced at Gastonia to serve three years for larceny, Leo Williams, sentenced from Guilford county to three to five years for bigamy; Jack Presnell, serving a two-year sentence for larceny in Haywood county; Price Miller, sent up from Guilford county to serve six months for assault on female; Ray Hoffman, sentenced in Greensboro to serve 15 months for forgery; Will Brown, serving a two-year sentence imposed in Mecklenburg county for larceny; Bernard Ball, four years for larceny and receiving in Forsyth county; Knox Brown, two years on a larceny charge in Iredell county.

Camp officials expressed a hope that some of the escapees can be apprehended shortly. Before the break Saturday night prisoners in the camp numbered 83, all of whom are short termers used to work on roads in this section.

3 Wilkes Youths At Wake Forest

Growth and Progress of Baptist Institution Told in News Dispatch

Wake Forest, Dec. 14.—Three men from Wilkes County are among the 100 students enrolled this year at Wake Forest College.

They are J. S. Brock, a sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brock of Pores Knob; Bill Dancy, a junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dancy, of North Wilkesboro; and J. J. Anderson, a senior, son of Mrs. Annie Anderson, of North Wilkesboro.

These men are taking a prominent part in the campus life at the Baptist institution. Mr. Anderson is organist and director of the student choir. He is also a member of the Eusebian Literary Society and music director of the Baptist Student Union.

During the past five years, the administration of President Thurman D. Kitchin, the enrollment at Wake Forest has almost doubled, and the physical plant has been materially expanded.

Beginning in 1932 with the construction of a new medical building, not a month has passed when some building project was not under way. The college now points with pride to over \$600,000 worth of new buildings, including, besides the medical school structure, a new administration building, athletic stadium, gymnasium and students' union.

This recent development at Wake Forest, North Carolina's senior Baptist institution and the oldest and largest Baptist college for men in the United States, was made possible largely by its 15,000 alumni, whose contributions have paid for all but the new plant, except \$50,000, and Announcements are still coming.

Negro Prisoner Returned From Circleville, Ohio

Clemmons Fletcher To Be Tried For Throwing Man Into Hot Slop

Clemmons Fletcher, negro who is alleged to have thrown Jim Cheek into a vat of boiling slop at a still in the Traphill community about a year ago, was brought from Circleville, Ohio, Saturday night and placed in the Wilkes jail to await trial in the March term of court.

A message from Ohio police to Sheriff W. B. Somers several days ago stated that Fletcher, a negro with a bad reputation, was being held and had been identified as the one wanted in Wilkes. Requisition papers were filed and H. C. Kilby, chief deputy sheriff, left Thursday to bring Fletcher back. He was accompanied by D. B. Swearingen, chairman of the county board of commissioners.

Federal Officers Arrest 3 Men In Distillery Raid

John Foster, John Henry Ford and Curtis Blevins Facing Federal Charge

Investigators of the federal alcohol tax unit working in Wilkes county Tuesday afternoon destroyed a medium capacity still and arrested three men in the Brier Creek community.

John Foster, Curtis Blevins and John Henry Ford were the three men who are facing trial in federal court as a result of the successful raid by the federal officers. Foster and Ford filled bonds in the sum of \$500 each and Blevins was remanded to jail in default of bond.

The still, which apparently had been operating busily, and large quantities of materials were destroyed. Officers taking part in the raid were J. C. Fortner, L. L. Kirksey, Deputy Marshal W. A. Jones and Robert Jones.

Wilkesboro Student Wins Trophy In Mars Hill Declamation Contest

Window Display By Children In Kindergarten Class

Class Making Splendid Progress Under Direction Mrs. J. L. Clements

The window display of toys and art work at the Carter-Hubbard Publishing company on Ninth street was made and prepared by children in Mrs. J. L. Clements' kindergarten classes this year.

It is an interesting display which the public is invited to inspect and reflects the splendid training the children are receiving under Mrs. Clements' direction.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE OPERETTA

"The Magi's Gift," a colorful operetta of the Christmas season, will be presented by the North Wilkesboro junior high school in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening of this week. A small admission fee will be charged. All are invited to attend. Admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

Lee Settle Winner in Contest Among High Schools In Western North Carolina

Lee Settle, student of Wilkesboro high school, returned from the recitation and declamation contest at Mars Hill Saturday night and brought with him the silver trophy awarded to the school winning in the declamation contest for schools of western North Carolina.

The title of the winning declamation was "Toussaint L'Overture." The preliminaries were held on Friday afternoon and the finals on Saturday morning. Twenty-nine high schools in various parts of western North Carolina were represented in the declamation contest.

In the recitation contest Miss Eda Phillips represented Wilkesboro. The contestants were carried to Mars Hill by Prof. Zeb Dickson, a member of the high school faculty.

Young Mr. Settle, a senior this year, has made quite a reputation in speaking and debating during his high school career. Last year he was a member of the Wilkesboro debating team that represented the school in the state.