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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

**Stratton Parole**  
Raleigh, March 10.—Governor Stratton today granted paroles to three State's prisoners and refused clemency requests of 88.

**Corn Leading Crop**  
Raleigh, March 10.—Corn, grown in every county of North Carolina, covers a greater acreage than all the cotton, tobacco and small grains produced in the state, Dr. G. E. Middleton, in charge of some research work for the North Carolina experiment station, said today.

**Long Machine Rules**  
New Orleans, March 10.—Complete political domination of Louisiana was within the grasp of the powerful machine built by the late Huey P. Long tonight as the sole remaining obstacle, the mayorship of New Orleans, appeared ready to tumble.

**Honor Justice Brogden**  
Durham, March 10.—All five justices of the state Supreme court assembled here this afternoon for a service honoring the memory of Associate Justice W. J. Brogden, of Durham, who died last October 29, after serving almost 10 years on the Supreme court bench.

**Abandon Camp Plans**  
Raleigh, March 10.—Chairman C. M. Waynick of the Highway and Public Works commission said today plans to construct prison camps with about \$390,000 worth of PWA funds had been practically abandoned as the Federal agency seemed to have sidetracked the application.

**Explosion Causes Fire**  
Birmingham, Ala., March 10.—Explosion of a 10,000 gallon tank of gasoline at the Texas company's distribution plant here today caused a fire that resulted in \$40,000 to \$50,000 damage and overcame two firemen during the fight to control the blaze.

**Two-Pound Baby Lives**  
Bristolville, March 10.—A two-pound baby boy born Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in a local hospital here today lived for an hour. Physicians, declining to give the public the names of the parents at present, declare the infant is perfectly formed and has an excellent chance to survive.

**Hit Farm Machine Prices**  
Washington, March 10.—Farm spokesmen urged Congress today to authorize a Trade commission investigation of farm machinery prices. Fred Breckman, spokesman for the National Grange, attacked what he called the farm machinery manufacturers' "trust."

**Loot Office of \$1,000**  
Danville, Va., March 10.—Police there were investigating a robbery which netted nearly \$1,000 in the office of J. William Scroggs in the Masonic Temple building. The thief entered the office with a key, worked the combination of the safe and stole \$600 of Scroggs' money, \$200 belonging to Scroggs' brother, Dr. Raymond Scroggs, also a small leather bag with some valuables.

**Roosevelt, Knox Lead**  
Manchester, N. H., March 10.—Roosevelt-placed candidates for places on the New Hampshire delegation to the Democratic national convention took the lead in early returns from today's state-wide presidential primary. Although unpledged, Republican candidates favorable to Colonel Frank Knox's candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination led in the first returns tabulated.

**Fractures On Right Side**  
Kansas City, March 10.—If you must have a fractured skull, try to keep it on the right side. That's the advice Dr. Ernest Sachs, St. Louis brain specialist gave surgeons at a medical clinic here today. The left side of the brain controls speech nerves and will stand less removal of gray matter than the right side, Dr. Sachs said.

**Mountain Lions In Lenoir-Rhyne Tourney Today**  
Mountain Lions of the North Wilkesboro high school will go to Hickory today to participate in the Lenoir-Rhyne high school basketball tournament. Many western North Carolina schools will be represented in the tournament which begins today. It was not learned when the boys will meet in the counter.

## Grand Jury Makes Report of Routine Duties; 98 Bills

**Report to Judge Sink Enumerates Duties of Body During Session**  
**EXAMINE PROPERTY**  
County Institutions in Good Shape; Inmates Are Well Cared For

Grand jury for the March term of criminal court examined a total of 98 bills of indictment, according to the report submitted to Judge Hoyle-Sink, presiding at the term.

In addition to passing on bills of indictment the body made investigations of county and state property and institutions in the county, finding nothing amiss and making but few recommendations.

Following is the complete report submitted by E. F. Brown, foreman:

To the Honorable Hoyle Sink, judge presiding at the March term of superior court for Wilkes county, beg to submit the following report:

Number of bills examined, 98; true bills, 65; not true bills, 13; bills returned for lack of evidence, 20; number of presentments, 6.

We visited the county home in a body and found the following: number of inmates in home, 35; number in tubercular hut, 7; number of prisoners, 3; stock on farm—mules, 10; horses, 1; hogs and pigs, 21; milk cows, 21; dry cows, 8; heifers, 7. Plenty food-stuff is on hand for inmates and stock for 12 months.

The grand jury found the prison camp in good condition and all the prisoners well cared for.

We visited the county jail and found 27 prisoners and found the jail well kept and all bedding nice and clean. We recommend that the automatic lock on the cells be repaired.

We visited the sheriff's office, the clerk's office and the office of the register of deeds and found these offices well kept. We recommend that there ought to be extra room for the clerk of court as he is somewhat crowded.

We wish to thank his honor for the very fine and instructive charge to this body and also the court and all officers for their kindness and consideration to us. We wish to say, however, that we have tried faithfully to perform our several duties to the best of our ability.

**Singing Classes Preparing For Fifth Sunday Singings To Be Held March 29**  
**Blue Ridge Capped With Snow Today**

While people in "sunny Wilkes" were breathing the invigorating air of a beautiful spring morning today following a refreshing shower last night they could cast their gaze northward and westward upon the snowcapped Blue Ridge.

## BAILY OPPONENT IN SENATE RACE



Durham, March 11.—David L. Strain, of Durham, candidate for the Democratic nomination to the United States senate, returned to his headquarters here this week after a trip over the State with the flat prediction that "President Roosevelt will be returned to office by an even bigger majority than was given him in 1932. And what is more significant," he added, "is that most of the progressive Republican elements realize it."

## Merchants' Association Started In Meeting Monday Night; Organization To Be Perfected In Meeting Tonight

A temporary organization of a Wilkes County Merchants' Association was formed in a meeting of interested local merchants held Monday night at the city hall.

Temporary officers and board of directors were named and it was decided that the permanent organization be made tonight (Thursday) in the second meeting, which will be held in the city hall at seven o'clock.

Miss Frances Cashion made a survey among the business firms and secured a total of 14 members prior to the meeting Monday night, at which time nine others were enrolled and one since that time, making the total membership of 24.

J. Paul Leonard, of Statesville, for several years secretary of the organization in the state, was present Monday night and made the principal address, outlining the benefits that may be derived from a merchants' association.

He explained its purpose is to bring the merchants into closer fellowship and to promote better relations. He explained that another purpose of a merchants' association is to educate the public to a realization of what the merchants are doing for the people and added that "other towns are benefitting from our lack of a merchants' association."

C. O. Hadley and J. Paul Gilliam, prominent Statesville merchants, were also present and corroborated the remarks made by Mr. Leonard.

At the meeting Monday night W. R. Absher was made temporary chairman and Miss Frances Cashion temporary secretary. The board of directors, named to serve temporarily, is composed of Lincoln Spahnour, W. R. Absher, R. M. Brame, Jr., Carl W. Steele, W. F. Gaddy, W. M. Day, Bill Prevette and W. G. Gabriel.

Every merchant and other business men of the city are urged to be present at the meeting tonight. Much interest is being shown in the new organization.

**Two Stills and Two Men Taken**  
**By Federal Officers in Call Community Saturday; Bonds Are Filled**

Federal revenue agents working in Wilkes raided two stills and made the arrest of two moonshiners Saturday.

## Proposed Power Lines Talked In Meet Wednesday

**Sixty-Five People From Several Communities Attend Meeting Yesterday**  
**JONES IS SPEAKER**  
**Butner Also Makes Talk; Ferguson and Traphill Lines Discussed**

A total of 65 people representing a number of the leading rural communities in Wilkes met at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Wednesday afternoon to discuss plans for rural electrification.

Much interest was manifested in the gathering and prospects appearing bright for the construction of two rural lines of considerable length and a number of line extensions this year, it was brought out.

The meeting served to clear up many false impressions about what the government is doing and plans to do in rural electrification.

D. E. Jones, assistant rural electrification specialist of the extension service, explained that the government will loan money on long term basis for construction of small power plants but explained that nowhere in North Carolina was this plan being used, explaining further that extension of lines from present lines of utility companies was the more practical and feasible plan and the plan to which interested rural people should work.

Proposed lines from Wilkesboro to Ferguson and from Mountain View to Traphill were discussed at length and these lines appear likely of construction soon.

M. G. Butner, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company, was present and explained the rural electrification policy of his company and pledged cooperation to the fullest possible extent. Many rural lines of the company have been constructed in Wilkes and with the interest being shown by people of other communities it appears likely that other lines and extensions may be constructed before the end of the year.

## N. W. H. S. and Wilkesboro Split

**North Wilkesboro Boys and Wilkesboro Girls Winners in Rival Games**

Playing two of the most exciting games of the season, North Wilkesboro boys defeated Wilkesboro boys and Wilkesboro girls won over North Wilkesboro here Friday night.

Spectators agreed that both games were topnotchers in exciting play. At the end of the half North Wilkesboro boys were leading 7 to 6 with both teams played so tightly on the defensive that little scoring was possible.

In the latter half, however, the Mountain Lions pulled away to a lead of 17 to 9 at the end of the game.

North Wilkesboro girls were leading at the end of the half 13 to 8 but Wilkesboro rallied fast in the latter five minutes of the game to climb into a 24 to 20 lead.

**ATTEND CONVENTION COCA-COLA BOTTLERS**

W. A. and C. O. McNeil, of the Coca-Cola Bottling company here, returned the latter part of the week from Atlanta, Ga., where they attended the international convention of Coca-Cola bottlers.

## Meekins Will Address Republican Convention

**Will Be Held on Saturday, Mar. 21**  
**Precinct Meetings To Be Held on Preceding Day Throughout County**

W. C. Meekins, chairman of the executive committee of the Republican party in North Carolina, will deliver the keynote address in the Wilkes county Republican convention to be held on Saturday, March 21, at the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

Announcement that the state G. O. P. chairman will be present to address the convention was made here today by J. M. Brown, chairman of the Wilkes Republican executive committee.

Call for the county convention was issued several days ago by Chairman Brown and Kyle Hayes, secretary.

Township and precinct meetings for the purpose of perfecting township organizations and electing delegates to the county convention will be held on the day preceding the convention date, making the date for this precinct meetings Friday, March 20.

The precinct meetings will be held at the voting places in the various precincts at two o'clock, with the exception of North Wilkesboro Nos. one and two, which will have their precinct meetings at 12 o'clock noon for the convenience of those who are employed in offices or industrial plants and who would be unable to attend a precinct meeting if held at two o'clock.

Much interest is being shown among the leaders and even in the rank and file of Republicans in the county in regard to campaign.

## Cage Tourney To Commence Today; 8 County Schools

**Interest in County**

Much interest has been shown in plan for the annual goodwill basketball tournament sponsored by the North Wilkesboro high schools for participation by teams of all other high schools in the county.

The tournament will be played on the splendid court of the North Wilkesboro school gymnasium near the school building and the first eliminations will be this afternoon and tonight.

The eliminations will continue Friday, Saturday and Monday with the final and championship games on Tuesday night. Admission to games on each afternoon or night will be 15 and 25 cents.

Attractive trophies have been secured to award the winners, both boys and girls. No team can be classed as being strong enough to be a sure winner and the tournament race is expected to be fast and brilliant. Basketball fans from all communities are invited to attend as many games as they wish.

Following is the schedule: Today at 2:30 in the afternoon Roaring River and Traphill will play in the first elimination. At 7:30 tonight Ferguson and Traphill will play. The elimination will continue with Mt. Pleasant (Continued on page eight)

**Teachers Meeting To Be On Saturday**

A general teachers meeting for teachers in Wilkes county is called to be held in the Wilkesboro school building on Saturday, March 14, beginning at ten o'clock.



**Mother Rifle Champ**

Alameda, Calif. Shirley Turner (above) is the women's rifle champion of California, scoring 613 out of 680 ball-eyes. She is 21, weighs 122 pounds and shoots a 14 pound rifle. She is also mother of a 2-year-old daughter.

**Hubert Olive to Speak to Kiwanis**

Former Commander of Legion in State to Be in This City on Friday

Hubert E. Olive, past commander of the American Legion in North Carolina, will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in weekly luncheon meeting at Hotel Wilkes Friday noon.

News that Mr. Olive will be the speaker and spend Friday in the city was released this week by C. T. Doughton, who will have charge of the program. It is expected that there will be a full attendance of club members.

**Fried Chicken Supper**

A fried chicken supper will be given on Friday night, March 20th, starting at 6 p. m. at The Wonder Cafe.

The supper is sponsored by the Young Ladies' Bible Class of the Wilkesboro Methodist church, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## Soliciting Contributions To Buy Equipment For Fire Department

**Teachers Meeting To Be On Saturday**

Members of the city fire department have been soliciting contributions for the purpose of some badly needed equipment.

Response on the part of manufacturers and many other business men of North Wilkesboro has been very good and those who have been working the project have been successful in raising a considerable sum, although more is yet needed in order to be able to provide first class equipment that will enable the firemen to more efficiently carry out their tasks.

Among the equipment needed are ladders, smoke masks, salvage covers, rubber coats and other items.

The people of the city realize the importance of an efficient fire department and can understand that adequate equipment is essential for efficiency.

Help the City Fire Department By Contributions For Purchase of Equipment