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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

Meekins Injured
Rutherfordton, March 15.—Judge Isaac M. Meekins was injured as the Republican candidate for President at the Rutherford county Republican convention here yesterday.

Accident Is Fatal
Tarboro, March 15.—Jonas G. Owen, 35, of Pinefort, was dead today as result of injuries received when the oil truck he was driving overturned on old Sparta bridge near here late Saturday.

Libraries Increase
Raleigh, March 14.—Libraries in 1935 public and elementary high schools of the state contained 1,482,889 volumes in the school year 1934-35, a large gain in the past five years.

Indorse Landon
Asheboro, March 14.—Randolph county Republicans in convention this afternoon unanimously indorse Gov. Alfred M. Landon, of Kansas, for President and called attention to the need of reduction in governmental costs.

Floods Threaten
New York, March 14.—Convinced by rain and thaw, New England rivers swept great ice packs toward the sea Saturday night, threatening coastal cities with the same flood devastation that already has wrought havoc among their head waters.

Tax Collections Gain
Washington, March 15.—Tax collections far ahead of last year and well above budget estimates were anticipated today by the treasury from the first quarterly installments on 1935 incomes. Officials had estimated a minimum of \$438,000,000 would be received during the month in making budgetary calculations, but privately, the treasury expects considerably more.

Robbery Attempt Fails
Winston-Salem, March 14.—Two sharp explosions in the American Oil company's plant here aroused nearby residents early today and police who were called arrested an "amateur" robber. The pair, found near the building, gave their names as Charles M. Huffman, of Winston-Salem, and D. Frank Huffman, of Davidson county.

Meteor Lights Sky
Newark, N. J., March 14.—The most brilliant meteor to flash across eastern skies in recent years, turned night into noonday brightness early today and roused hundreds of sleepers from their beds with its tremor. The phenomenon occurred a few minutes before 3 o'clock and although apparently centering over New Jersey, was visible throughout a large part of the eastern seaboard.

Duel Fatal To Two
Brooklyn, N. Y., March 15.—An early morning pistol fight in a street of the east New York district today claimed the life of a policeman and his opposing duelist. The shooting, according to Michael A. Lyons, third deputy police commissioner, arose after an argument in a cafe where both victims were drinking with two other patrolmen. The dead are Patrolman Donato V. Pasquarella, 31, and James Blasi, 35, a chauffeur.

Fight For Hauptmann
Trenton, N. J., March 14.—A desperate fight to save Bruno Richard Hauptmann from the electric chair will be made in the next two weeks. Failure means Hauptmann must die, probably on the night of Tuesday, March 31. His chief counsel, C. Lloyd Fisher, said today Hauptmann is aware his chances of escaping execution are slim, but is ever confident he will be granted a stay of execution.

Erecting Building On C Street Here

Modern Two-Story Structure Being Constructed Adjacent to L. S. Lowe's Store

Workmen are engaged in laying a foundation for a modern two-story structure on C street adjacent to the L. S. Lowe store opposite the new postoffice. The new building, a modern brick structure, will be the property of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Frank [Name]. The work will be rushed [Name] regard to what the will house have public.

Dean Schaub Tells Details About New Farm Aid Program

Farmers to Be Paid For Devoting Part of Land to Soil Building Crops
THREE OBJECTIVES
Hope to Re-establish Farm Income at Fair Levels in the Nation

Soil conservation grants of 15 to 20 million dollars, probably will be paid North Carolina farmers this year under the new farm program. The exact amount, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, will depend largely upon the number of farmers entering the program and the amount of land on which grants are to be paid. Although no contracts will be signed, as under the old AAA, farmers will be paid for devoting part of their land to soil-building or soil-conserving crops, he explained.

The three major objectives of the soil conservation and domestic allotment act are: Conservation of the soil thru wise use of the land. This will also check the overproduction of soil-depleting cash crops. Re-establishment and maintenance of farm income at a "fair level."

Protection of consumers by as (Continued on page eight)

Loss By Forest Fires in County Decreasing Fast

Only 19 Fires in 1935 and Estimated Fire Loss of \$2,314

The number of forest fires, number of acres burned over and the amount of damage in Wilkes in 1935 showed a marked decrease as compared with figures for 1934, it was learned today in a report from the state department of conservation and development and released by W. H. Nichols, of Purlear, Wilkes county fire warden.

There were only 19 fires in Wilkes last year as compared with 36 in 1934 and the average number of acres per fire in 1934 was only 32 compared with 332 during the preceding year. In 1934 there were a number of disastrous fires, the worst one being a fire which spread from Surry county, then without fire protection, into Wilkes and burned over a vast area.

W. K. Belchler, district forester, points out that the size of the average fire in 1935 being smaller than in 1934 indicates increasing efficiency and is a true barometer of the warden service. The 15 northwestern counties constitute the state forest service's district two, and they have a total forest land area of about 2,308,000 acres, exclusive of national forest lands. Of these 15 counties, there are seven at present co-operating with the state in forest fire protection as follows: Alleghany, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Rutherford, Surry and Wilkes. The forest area of these seven counties, again exclusive of federal lands (which are given (Continued on page eight)

Permit Required For Selling Milk

All Who Sell Milk Must Get Permit and Have an Inspection Made

In accordance with a milk ordinance passed in a recent meeting of the county board of health, all who sell milk to consumers in Wilkes county must have a permit from the county health officer, G. S. Odell, sanitary inspector, said today.

It is not only required that they have a permit but must have an inspection by the sanitary inspector. Meanwhile the drive to raise the standard of all dairies is going forward and those who maintain and operate dairies are making arrangements as rapidly as possible to meet all requirements for selling grade A milk. The sanitary inspector will soon make an inspection of all dairies, cafes and eating places and make public their ratings according to sanitary standards adopted by the state.

A. H. Graham and Campaign Manager



Above are pictured A. H. (Sandy) Graham, left, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, and A. D. Folger, right, of Mount Airy, his campaign manager. Elsewhere in this newspaper is an account of Graham's policies as outlined in a radio address Thursday night.

Merchants' Association Organization Perfected

GOP Convention To Be Saturday
In Meeting Held Thursday Night
Will Meet Again Thursday Night of This Week; 28 Members

Local merchants in a meeting Thursday night perfected the organization of a Wilkes County Retail Merchants' association.

The organization was started on Monday night with 24 members when J. Paul Leonard, C. O. Hadley and J. Paul Gilliam, of Statesville, explained the organization and assisted in setting up a temporary organization. A total of 27 members were in the organization at the time of the meeting Thursday night, at which time various committees were named. Before the work of the organization was started Thursday night, many merchants addressed the meeting and expressed their views as to the benefits and that should result from the association and pledged wholehearted co-operation of their firms. Practically all lines of business were represented and much enthusiasm, together with a splendid spirit of co-operation and goodwill, prevailed throughout all discussions.

It was pointed out by a number of those who addressed the meeting that this is the first attempt in at least 15 years to form an association here and that the city and its business has grown to the point where such an organization is not only needed but is essential.

W. R. Absher, named temporary chairman in the first meeting and who will continue to serve in that capacity, presided at the meeting Friday night. Miss Francis Cashion, who made the canvass of merchants of the city before and since the organization was started, was elected secretary for a period of three months and will maintain headquarters at Carl W. Steele's jewelry store.

Committees named Thursday night are as follows: Finance—Carl W. Steele, chairman, A. S. Cassel and A. L. Griffing. Membership—C. G. Day, chairman, W. G. Gabriel, R. M. Brame, Jr., Ira Payne and Bill Prevette. Trade Expansion—Lincoln Spainhour, chairman, W. F. Gaddy, John K. Blackburn, C. E. Jenkins, Jr., T. S. Kenerly, F. D. Forester and A. A. Cashion. Other committees will be named as the organization progresses.

The next meeting of the association will be held at the city hall on Thursday night, March 19, at 7:30, at which time it is expected that there will be a number of new members and discussion of a number of problems of interest to merchants in all lines of business.

Jay Anderson Teaches Class in Hymnology

Jay Anderson, son of Mrs. Annie Anderson, of this city, is teaching a class in Hymnology at Wake Forest College, where he is in his senior year.

Pupils Of Miss Robinson Will Appear In Recital

Pupils of Miss Ellen Robinson's classes in piano and voice will appear in recital on Thursday afternoon, 3:30, in the school auditorium. The public has a most cordial invitation to attend.

Three Schools In Tournament Here, Finals Tuesday

Semi-finals To Be Played Tonight; Fast Basketball is Displayed
INTEREST IS HIGH
Trophies to Be Awarded to Boys' and Girls' Champions in Tourney

Three schools remain in the race for the championship title to be decided in the finals of the Wilkes county Goodwill basketball tournament on Tuesday night. The tourney got under way Thursday afternoon and night with the first eliminations and has been noticeable because of a fast brand of basketball and a splendid spirit of sportsmanship between the eight high school teams in the county.

The tournament is being sponsored by the local school for the purpose of cultivating sportsmanship and goodwill and attractive trophies will be presented the boys' and girls' champions. The trophies will be the permanent property of the schools winning them in the tournament. Tonight Wilkesboro and Mountain View teams will play in the semi-finals and on Tuesday night the winners of the games tonight will play Mount Pleasant teams for the titles.

Following are results of the games played so far:

- Thursday**
 - Traphill 9, Roaring River 26 (girls).
 - Traphill 10, Roaring River 26 (boys).
 - Mountain View 88, Ferguson 10 (boys).
 - Mountain View 56, Ferguson 12 (girls).
- Friday**
 - Wilkesboro 31, Millers Creek 11 (girls).
 - Wilkesboro 15, Millers Creek 16 (boys).
 - Mount Pleasant 22, Ronda 13 (boys).
 - Mount Pleasant 30, Ronda 25 (girls).
- Saturday**
 - Mount Pleasant girls defeated Roaring River 26 to 17 and Mount Pleasant boys won over Roaring River by the slight margin of 32 to 30.
 - Admission to the games is 15 and 25 cents.

New Grade on 16 Near Completion

Machinery Used Day and Night to Make Progress on Jefferson Highway

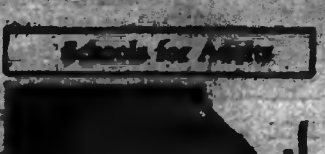
Workmen are making much headway toward completion of grading a seven-mile link of highway 16 from Wilbar to the intersection of the Blue Ridge Parkway survey on the summit of the Blue Ridge. The new grade has been completed for over five miles and the construction forces are now blasting the grade along the steeper inclines on the south side of the main ridge formation of the Blue Ridge on what is colloquially termed "the jumping off place" because of its ruggedness and picturesque beauty.

T. M. Strider and company, contractors, have been using two shifts of workmen daily in order to rush the work when weather conditions permit and equipped their machinery with lights in order to keep work progressing after nightfall. After the grade is completed a crushed stone and gravel surface will be applied and a bituminous surface will later be given after the crushed stone and gravel surface has been thoroughly settled and packed.

Meanwhile contract will be let this month for bituminous surface on the link previously graded, which extends from the intersection with the Boone Trail at Millers Creek five miles to Wilbar, the beginning point of the project now under construction. Engineers who are familiar with the new survey on number 16 agree that it will compare favorably with the Boone Trail highway, which is generally recognized as the best highway that now crosses the majestic Blue Ridge.

Mrs. J. C. Smoot is in Charlotte visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Poind.

Will Employ Many On Scenic Parkway



St. Louis... C. R. Reed (above), Superintendent of Minneapolis, Minn., schools, is a staunch advocate of night schools for adults, like those in this city where 9,000 adults are enrolled.

Re-Employment Office Registering Many People for Work on Road
With weather conditions favorable dirt will soon be flying on more than fifty miles of the Blue Ridge Scenic Parkway extending from the Carolina-Virginia line southward to Deep Gap on the Blue Ridge between North Wilkesboro and Boone. Contracts have been awarded for six links comprising the first North Carolina sector and construction has been under way for the first two links, which traverse Alleghany county to a point near Airbellows Gap on the Blue Ridge.

L. W. Lunsford Passes At Home In Somers Section

Col. Lunsford Was Widely Known in County and State; Funeral Sunday

Col. Lewis Washington Lunsford, who was for more than half a century a well known and familiar figure in Wilkes county, passed away at his home in Somers township Friday morning at 2:30. He had been ill for several weeks and death was attributed to heart disease. Although he had been in poor health for some time, his death was a great loss to the community.

Col. Lunsford was born in the eastern part of the county and left the county for a few years of his youth to work in the cattle and wheat regions of Kansas. He returned to Wilkes and married Miss Sarah Ann Jarvis, who survives him. They had eight children, all of whom are living, as follows: Lonnie Lunsford, Spurgeon; Kernel Lunsford, Columbia, S. C.; R. B. Lunsford, Spurgeon; Cleve Lunsford, Chicago; Mrs. J. S. Henderson, Greensboro; Mrs. W. G. Myers, Cycle; Mrs. D. C. Mathis, Rural Hall; Mrs. Ada Mayberry, Spurgeon.

For several decades he took an active part in political and community life and was probably the best known elderly man in the county. His home was known by his many friends as an abode of genuine southern hospitality and warm friendship. In addition to his community, church and political activities, he was a devout member of the Masonic lodge. Throughout his life he was a stalwart and sincere worker in the Democratic party and on several occasions made the race a candidate for county offices, at one time being on his party's ticket as candidate for sheriff of the county. For more than fifty (Continued on page eight)

Will Speak To Superintendents

W. D. Halfacre on Program of North Carolina Education Association

W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of North Wilkesboro city schools, will address the division of county and city school superintendents when the North Carolina Education Association convenes this week in Raleigh. The convention will open on Thursday and continue until Saturday noon. Supts. Eller and Halfacre and a number of Wilkes teachers are expected to attend. Speaking from the standpoint of a school executive Supt. Halfacre will discuss "Pre-service Training of High School Teachers." Others on the program for addresses on similar topics include Dr. Bryan, of Wake Forest, and Dr. Tamm, of the University of North Carolina.

Work Begins This Week On Thirty Miles of Roadway

Work is scheduled to begin next week on the next three links, a distance of about thirty miles along the summit of the Blue Ridge to Bengie. Contract for the remaining link from Bengie to Deep Gap was awarded some time ago to C. A. Ragland, of Louisville, and it was learned today that he expects to start work soon. Work would have already been under way had the contractors been able to move machinery over state highways with bituminous surface to project starting points along the route. Representatives of the district re-employment office here have been busily engaged during the past few weeks in registering all available labor along the route for work on the parkway in order to speed up the construction.

A representative of the district office here will be at Lee J. Church's store near Summit on Thursday, March 19, and Thursday, April 2, 9:30 a. m. until noon, for the purpose of registering applicants for work on the parkway. On Friday, March 20, and Friday, April 3, 9:30 until noon, a representative will be at Arthur Green's service station at Deep Gap for the same purpose.

3 From Wilkes on GOP Committees

Mrs. John R. Jones, J. T. Prevette and P. E. Brown Are Named
Three prominent Wilkes county Republicans have been appointed on important committees of the state convention to be held in Raleigh on March 24. Mrs. John R. Jones has been named on the platform committee, which will meet in Raleigh at seven o'clock on the evening preceding the convention to draft the party's state platform. Irvin B. Tucker, of Whiteville, is chairman. J. T. Prevette has been named on a committee of five on plan of organization. Halsey B. Leavitt, of Asheville, is chairman and a meeting will be held in Raleigh at the same hour of the platform committee meeting. P. E. Brown is a member of the Resolutions committee, which will also meet on the evening preceding the state convention. It is understood that Mrs. Jones, Messrs. Brown and Prevette plan to attend the meetings of their respective committees.

Issues Warning To Robin Killers

District and County Game Wardens Say Robin Killing is Law Violation
W. C. Lisk, district game warden, and W. W. Barber, county game protector, today issued a warning against killing robins. They pointed out that both federal and state laws protect robins at all times and that there is no open season. Anyone who kills robins is liable to prosecution in federal or state courts. The game protector issued the warning.