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Late News of State-Nation Told Briefly

Boost Employee Pay
Raleigh, April 13.—Salaries of state employees are due to be boosted by 5 per cent on July to put them on a basis 25 per cent higher than the pay scale in effect on June 30, 1935.

Prisoner Burned
Morganton, April 14.—Sylvester Roberts, negro prisoner at the state highway prison camp near here, died today from burns received when gasoline with which he was cleaning a truck motor yesterday became ignited.

Grid Star Is Killed
Rockingham, April 14.—Bill Ellerbe, former star tackle on State college and Wake Forest college football teams, died at 10 p. m. today from effects of injuries sustained Sunday afternoon when his car was wrecked near town.

Baby's Mother Found
Kinston, April 14.—Police today said Mrs. Toker Davenport, of Dover, had admitted it was her three-month-old baby boy who was found in the rest room of a local department store yesterday. She told them she was unable to provide for him.

Fountain Boosts F. D. R.
Wadesboro, April 14.—R. T. Fountain, candidate for the Democratic nomination to the United States Senate, declared in an address here tonight there is evidence of prosperity on every hand as he praised President Roosevelt's efforts to bring about economic recovery.

3 Trapped in Mine
Moose River, N. S., April 14.—Scores of workmen, their hope undiminished by the passing of another day, labored tonight with air drills to force a passage through a jagged rockfall that hides the fate of three Toronto men, imprisoned in a mine since Sunday.

Male and Hearty at 103
Phoenix, Ariz., April 14.—Edward McGinley, 103-year-old man, here today, said he'd like to live another 100 years. And, what's more, he predicted, "I'll live 300 more." McGinley said his hobby is "going to the saloon." He explained he walks downtown about every week "to get the old wagon oiled."

Secret Townsend Probe
Los Angeles, April 14.—Cloaking their movements in the utmost secrecy, Townsend plan investigators returned from a mysterious early morning mission today and said they were "on a trail—a mighty hot one." The subcommittee, delegated from Washington to investigate the Townsend old-age pension movement in the state where it originated refused to discuss details of the trip which followed a midnight secret session.

Paul Leonard Is Visitor In City
Secretary of Fair Tax Association Commends Merchants' Association

Officers of the Wilkes County Merchants Association were congratulated this week by J. Paul Leonard of Statesville on the rapidity with which the new organization was completed and put in operation, and now that the association is functioning in the interest of the merchants and the community, Mr. Leonard predicted that its benefits will be appreciated to such extent that it will not be necessary for him or anyone else to ever have to reorganize it again. Just a month had elapsed since Mr. Leonard here to speak at the meeting which gave birth to the new county-wide merchants' organization. He spoke, from notes he used more than ten years ago when he addressed a banquet of the North Wilkesboro Merchants' Association, which he had organized during his administration as executive secretary of the State Merchants Association. The community was without a merchants' organization for several years, but as he stated while here Monday the new association promises to be permanent.

Asked about the prospects for getting an anti-sales tax administration in Raleigh, the ambition of the State-wide organization, Mr. Leonard now serves as secretary of the Fair Tax Association, he quickly answered: "Get the better every day." "It is a business idea," he said, "I am from a State-wide meeting of organized workers in Charlotte, attended by delegates from over a hundred local labor unions of the State, and in all my experience."

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Begin Surfacing On Highway 16 Monday, April 20

To Place Bituminous Surface On First Link of New Highway
BE COMPLETED SOON
Columbus, Ga., Firm Has Contract For Surfacing at \$22,317

Work of placing a bituminous surface on 5.68 miles of highway 16 from the intersection with the Boone Trail at Millers Creek northward toward Jefferson will get under way Monday, April 20, according to word received here from the contracting firm, Hardaway Construction company, of Columbus, Ga.

Contract calls for surfacing with the usual bituminous materials commonly used for mountain roads and \$22,317 is the cost of the project. It is expected that only a few weeks will be necessary to complete the work of surfacing on the 5.68 miles, which ends at the beginning of a seven mile link now being graded.

The grade now under construction will complete this badly needed road to the Wilkes-Ashe line and the intersection with the Blue Ridge parkway, from which point it may follow the parkway to the intersection with highway 16 at Glendale Springs.

Labor for the project beginning Monday will be furnished by the re-employment office in this city.

Making Progress On Construction School Building

WPA Workmen Finishing Mountain View

With weather condition more favorable workmen constructing the modern school building at Mountain View are making considerable headway.

The new school building, a 12-room structure with a spacious auditorium, is the outstanding Works Progress Administration project in Wilkes county and is to cost slightly less than the \$25,000 maximum allowed for a WPA project. However, a portion of the cost, including the major cost of materials, is being paid by the county.

Work was delayed for several days due to inability to secure the necessary materials but the roof will be placed soon and this will enable the work to go forward constantly with little loss of time on account of the weather.

The WPA has experienced little difficulty in furnishing labor of all classes on the building.

When school begins the 1936-37 term, Mountain View, the largest rural school in the county, will have an adequate plant. In addition to the building now under construction, a building was salvaged from the old Mountain View College property and constructed as a Relief Administration project.

Box Supper At Somers School

There will be a box supper at Somers school on Friday night, April 17. Spring music and other entertainment will feature the program. The public is invited to be present and help make the occasion a success.

Solicitor Jones' Health Improving

Solicitor John R. Jones returned Monday from Hot Springs, Ark., where he spent several days in the interest of his health, which is greatly improved.

Others from Wilkes at Hot Springs recently were F. C. Brewer, of Moravian Falls, and J. O. Brewer, of Traphill.

Decoration Day At Round Hill Church

There will be a decoration day at Round Hill church on Sunday, May 31. The day's program will begin at ten o'clock. Everybody is invited to be present with plenty of dinner. A sermon by Rev. Mr. Cothren and addresses by other speakers will feature the day's program.

Miss Beulah McNeil, who holds a position in Salisbury, spent the Easter holidays here in the home of her father, Mr. L. H. McNeil.

IN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY



Colonel Frank Knox, Chicago publisher, appeared to be in the lead over Senator Borah, of Idaho, on the basis of early returns from the Republican presidential primary in Illinois Tuesday. Knox piled up a huge majority in the Chicago metropolitan district, which is calculated to overbalance Borah's lead in the rural sections.

NEXT WEEK PROCLAIMED CLEAN-UP WEEK IN CITY

To the Citizens of North Wilkesboro—Greetings.

The week beginning April 20 has been designated as "Clean-Up Week" and we earnestly hope that every citizen of our town will take an active interest and make a special effort to show visitors and tourists that we have one of the cleanest and most attractive towns in the state, as well as one of the best for business interests.

There can be no better advertisement for a town than cleanliness—clean vacant lots, clean places of business and clean residences.

If everyone would have the proper civic pride there would be no necessity for "Clean-Up Week" and cleanliness would be a watchword the year 'round. However, 'Clean-Up Week' is a good reminder of our civic duty.

We want to assure the citizens that the mayor and town board will cooperate fully with the superintendent of the sanitary department during "Clean-Up Week" and all the time. All rubbish should be placed in convenient places in the alleys behind business houses and homes so that it may be loaded on the town truck and carried away free of charge.

Trusting that full cooperation will be given.

Yours for a clean and sanitary town,
R. T. McNEILL,
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Post L, T. P. A. Is Quite Active

Seventeen New Members Taken in Membership Drive Here Friday

Post L of the Travelers Protective Association, located here, is quite active and during a membership drive here Friday 17 new members were added to the organization.

R. P. Rawley, of Winston-Salem, state secretary, O. D. Patterson, of Greensboro, and T. B. Apperson, of Winston-Salem, were the visiting TPA members here Friday who helped in the drive which boosted the membership of Post L from 62 to 79.

Post L has long been an outstanding organization in the city and has been very active during the past several years. It is expected that many other new members will be added soon.

J. B. Norris is president of the post and Tal Barnes is secretary.

M. E. Revival In Wilkesboro Gains Interest

Rev. A. W. Lynch Doing The Preaching; Larger Crowds Are Attending

The revival meeting starting Sunday at the Wilkesboro Methodist church grows in interest with each service and larger crowds are now attending the services.

The preaching is being done by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Lynch, and he is delivering forceful Gospel messages, each carrying a great thought for the expansion of the Kingdom, and messages that are greatly reviving the church membership of the community.

Mr. Rector Robbins, of Rutherford county, is in charge of the singing, which is adding much to the effectiveness of the services.

The various churches of the community are co-operating splendidly in the meeting and the public is most cordially invited to attend all services.

Evening services start at 7:30 o'clock and the morning services at 9:30 o'clock.

Mr. Sherman Beersars, well known citizen of the Stony Fork community, was in this city yesterday attending to business matters.

Tax Listers Begin Work Here Friday

City and County Listers to Be At City Hall Remainder of April

The county tax listers for North Wilkesboro township and W. P. Kelly, tax lister for the town of North Wilkesboro, will begin work at the city hall tomorrow, Friday, April 17.

The county listers are Jack Pardue and T. J. Frazier.

Tax listing will continue at the city hall through April 30 but all property owners in the city are urged to list on the earliest possible day in order that there will be no rush during the last days of the month.

To Present Play At Moravian Falls

"Follow Me," a comedy-drama in three acts, will be presented by local talent at Moravian Falls school auditorium on Friday night, April 17, eight o'clock. Proceeds from the 15-cent admission charge will go for benefit of the school.

The play has a good plot and promises to be most enjoyable and entertaining. Those making up the cast are Sadie Smith, Hazel Phillips, Rachel Hubbard, Edd Jennings, Lucy Critcher, Lucille Scroggs, Gentry Brown, Lawrence Critcher, Ruth Laws, Jimmie Scroggs, Ella Sue McGee and Claude Laws.

Warns Parents to Keep Children in School Regularly

Welfare Officer Cites Law Relating to Attendance of School Children

Charles McNeil, welfare officer, said today that he is experiencing some difficulty in having parents keep their children in school and warned that many will be prosecuted if the law requiring that children between the ages of seven and fourteen be kept in school is not more generally observed.

He stated that some families in various schools have a chronic tendency to keep their children out of school on the slightest pretext and warned them specifically concerning the law and his duty to prosecute such cases. During the past week he has visited a number of schools and has investigated a number of cases where inexcusable absences were reported.

In order to refresh people's memories in regard to the law, Mr. McNeil cited the school law on attendance as follows:

Section 1. Every parent, guardian, or other person in the State of North Carolina having charge or control of a child between the ages of seven and fourteen years shall cause such child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school in the district in which the child resides shall be in session. The principal, superintendent, or teacher who is in charge of such school shall have the right to exclude the child from temporary attendance on account of sickness or distance of residence from the school, or other unavoidable cause which does not constitute truancy as defined by law, or other person referred to in section one of this act, violating the provisions of the aforesaid section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25), and upon failure or refusal to pay such fine, the said parent, guardian, or other person shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days in the county jail.

17 Homes Destroyed In Fire Near Lenoir

Cotton Mill Community Nearly Wiped Out—One Person Is Injured

Lenoir, April 15.—Driven by a stiff wind, fire today rushed through a group of dwelling houses in Valmead, manufacturing community here, completely destroying 17 of them and damaging eight others, in one of the worst residential fires this town has known.

Three trucks of the Lenoir fire department were sent to the scene, and workers of the Moore Cotton Mill company, most of whom lived in the houses, joined in a battle against the flames that leaped swiftly from house to house, and succeeded in holding the fire within two blocks. The fire, however, razed the 17 houses in slightly less than two hours, raging its way across a wind-swept hilltop. Late this afternoon, fire fighters still were drenching smoldering ruins.

One mother and her newborn baby were rescued from one of the houses in a blazing block after flames had spread entirely over its roof.

State Patrolman Hurt In Accident

W. C. Thomas Sustains Severe Injuries in Motorcycle Mishap Last Night

State Highway Patrolman W. C. Thomas, stationed in Ashe county, sustained severe injuries last night when thrown from his motorcycle on highway 16 on the Blue Ridge.

Although the exact extent of his injuries had not been fully determined early today, word from The Wilkes Hospital, where he was carried last night, was to the effect that his condition is not considered critical.

The officer's home was in Sanford before he was assigned to duty in Ashe county in the highway patrol.

PLAY AT FERGUSON

"Moon River Rancho," a western comedy-drama in three acts, will be presented by Fleetwood high school of Ashe county at Ferguson high school, Saturday evening, April 18th, at 7:30. The players will dress in western costumes. There will be music, singing and dancing in some of the scenes of the play. Admission will be 10 and 20 cents.

Mr. W. K. Sturdivant was in Asheboro yesterday laying plans for the state convention of the North Carolina Burial Association, which will be held there next month. Mr. Sturdivant is president of the organization.

Re-employment Office Seeks Skilled Workers

100 Carpenters Are Called For



Los Angeles . . . Marguerite "Mike" Coswell, 19 (above), can run 100 yards in 12 seconds. She can also toss the discus right around the world mark for women of 142 1-2 feet. She is a Junior College entrant for the 1936 Olympic games.

Remodeling Jail Be Completed

Workmen Have Completed Work of Placing Concrete Roof on Building

Work of remodeling the Wilkes jail into an escape proof and fire-proof institution of detention is expected to be completed within a week.

Today workmen completed work of placing a concrete roof slab on the building and forms and temporary supports are being rapidly removed. The roof will not only serve to lessen the possibility of fire but will remove the opportunity for escapes, several of which had been made through the roof during the past few years.

It is expected that the building will be cleared of materials and ready for occupancy within a few days. A treatment will be given the floors.

During the past three weeks when work was in progress on the bastille a few prisoners have been cared for in some of the cells while a number were taken temporarily to the Yadkin county jail.

Schoolmasters Meeting Friday

Address by Newton Attorney and Musical Numbers Feature Program

Wilkes county schoolmasters club met in April meeting Friday night in the Wilkesboro school building.

After a three course dinner prepared by the home economics department of the school the program, under direction of C. M. Cook, was carried out in a most entertaining manner.

He first presented Miss Iva Faw, who sang an Indian song in a most delightful manner, and Wade Beahrs, of the Mount Pleasant school, who sang a baritone solo, "On the Deep."

Attorney R. W. Whitener, of Newton, a former teacher, spoke very forcibly on "Control of Education." He declared that school people and education authorities are becoming more recognized.

The club expressed a vote of thanks to W. D. Haisacre, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro city schools, for the splendid basketball tournament his school sponsored for the high schools of the county. The next and last meeting of the year will be held on May 5.

Officers Get Two Men at Distillery

Federal Alcohol Tax Investigators Make Successful Raid Monday

Federal revenue agents working in Wilkes Monday raided a large still in the Windy Gap section and arrested two men, Monroe Ashley, alias G. W. Riddeman, and John William Marshall, who were found near the still and taken on a charge of manufacturing illicit liquor.

Officers making the raid were D. E. McShane, J. W. Havel and L. G. Carson. Bonds of \$500 each were filed by Ashley and Marshall following a hearing before J. W. Duis, commissioner. The next term of federal court in Wilkesboro will convene on May 11.

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