

# Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

**Number 4; Denies 29**  
Raleigh, April 28.—Governor Ehringhaus today paroled four prisoners and declined clemency to 29.

**Auto Deaths Decrease**  
Chicago, April 28.—The nation's campaign to take death off the highways climbed a "starting" peak of success during March—cutting motor tragedy 18 per cent below March, 1935—the National Safety council announced today.

**Ex-Slave Passes**  
Elkin, April 28.—A large congregation of white and negro friends gathered at the Devotion church Sunday afternoon to pay final tribute to "Uncle" Jonah Thompson, negro centenarian, one of the most widely known ex-slaves of this section.

**Payoff; State Debt**  
Raleigh, April 28.—Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer, announced today the state of North Carolina would pay \$6,136,044.50 on July 1 to retire \$2,600,000 of maturing securities and meet interest due on the remainder of its bonded indebtedness.

**In Georgia Primary**  
Washington, April 28.—Extending his campaign for re-election, President Roosevelt today signaled his supporters to enter his name in the June 3 presidential preference primary in Georgia, home state of Gov. Eugene Talmadge.

**Must Thin Jobless**  
Washington, April 28.—Promising the co-operation of the government, Secretary Roper today told the chamber of commerce of the United States that since business must pay the bills, it should develop a broad plan for thinning the ranks of the jobless.

**Use Soap Pistol**  
Henderson, April 28.—Using an imitation pistol, made of soap and blackened with shoe polish, two prisoners overpowered the jailer and escaped from the Vance county jail today, but were recaptured. L. M. Dilda, charged with forgery, was taken shortly after the escape, while Eddy Macon, facing an auto theft charge, was captured a few hours later.

**Young Democrats Meet**  
Raleigh, April 28.—Mrs. Bessie B. Phoenix, of Raleigh, state president of Young Democrats clubs, today invited all cities desiring the convention of the Young Democrats this year to notify her at once. The executive committee will meet here Saturday night to select the site and set the date.

**Hit-and-Run Driver**  
Elkin, April 28.—An intensive search has yielded no information, so far concerning the identity of the hit-and-run driver of a car that knocked down and severely injured two Jonesville women Sunday evening about 9 o'clock as they were walking beside the highway toward their homes in East Jonesville after attending evening service at church in Jonesville.

**Held For Man's Death**  
Salisbury, April 28.—A coroner's jury investigating the death of G. W. (Bill) Baker this afternoon found that Baker had come to his death by a wound on the head and ordered Bert Barger, a white man, held for grand jury investigation under a \$500 bond. Baker was found desperately wounded on a highway near the city the night of April 18 and died next day.

**To Improve Prison**  
Raleigh, April 28.—Prison construction and improvements to cost \$533,000 have been approved by the state highway and public works commission and the work is now under way or will be started soon. Oscar Pitts, acting penal division director, said the largest job was the \$213,000 renovation of the central prison here which has been under way several months.

**Former Resident Of Wilkes Loses Home By A Fire**  
W. S. Church, former resident of Wilkes now making his home at Booneville, lost his home and practically all furnishings by fire Sunday.

The fire originated from the kitchen flue and had gained such headway when discovered that it could not be put out and practically nothing was salvaged. The loss was estimated at \$2,500 and Mr. Church had no insurance covering the property. He has many friends in Wilkes who will sympathize with such regret.

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## Man Sentenced To 5 To 7 Years In Pen For Larceny

**Odell Griggs Gets Long Term For Larceny of L. B. Mastin's Automobile**

### OTHER CASES TRIED

**Court Recessed Yesterday Because of Illness in Judge Sink's Family**  
Odell Griggs, convicted of stealing an automobile from L. B. Mastin, was sentenced in Wilkes court Monday by Judge Hoyie Sink to serve from five to seven years in the state penitentiary. It was brought out that Griggs has a criminal record.

April term of court for trial of criminal and civil cases started Monday morning and will continue through next week. However, there was no court yesterday, the recess being due to the serious illness of a sister-in-law of Judge Sink.

It is expected that the greater part of the term will be taken up with trial of the more than 100 criminal cases now on the calendar. The grand jury, of which C. E. Jenkins is foreman, will submit its report today.

The two cases growing out of an automobile-bus collision 15 miles west of this city last fall are calendared for trial Monday. In these cases John Jones, bus driver, and Dell Richardson, Boone resident, are charged with the deaths of Mrs. Hubert Canter and Miss Wilhelmina Triplett, occupants of the car who died from injuries received in the collision. Several other homicide cases are also pending trial.

Hade Mullis, convicted of carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon, drew a sentence of eight months on the roads and an additional road sentence of 18 months for which he is to abide by the laws of the state.

Millard (Boots) Staley received 12 months on the roads for assault and an additional 18 months suspended on a charge of obstructing a highway.

Cling Bauguess, convicted of abandonment and non-support, must pay \$2.50 weekly to his wife or face an 18 months sentence on the roads.

Reece Oliver, on a charge of non-support, must pay \$5.00 monthly for support of illegitimate child. Robinet Nichols drew a 12-months suspended sentence on a charge of possession of liquor.

A divorce was granted in the case of Ella Mae Wyatt versus Philmore Wyatt.

## Work Under Way On Addition To The Courthouse

**Making Excavation for 35-Foot Extension to Rear of County Building**

Workmen are busily engaged in digging an excavation for the 35-foot extension on the rear of the Wilkes county courthouse in Wilkesboro.

Actual work on the building, a WPA project in cooperation with the county, was started Tuesday and Works Progress administration authorities have promised that the work is to be rushed until the erection is completed.

The first floor of the addition will contain four spacious office rooms for general county use and the second floor will house the agricultural office quarters, for which the project was originated. The agricultural quarters will include adequate office space for the county farm agent, assistant agent, and assembly rooms for gatherings of farmers and for office work in connection with the new farm aid program and other phases of agricultural administration.

## To Have Rummage Sale On Saturday

Wilkesboro Woman's Club will sponsor a rummage sale at Gray's second-hand furniture store in Wilkesboro Saturday. Profits from the occasion will be used for the Community House.

## M'Donald and Hoey Speak in Wilkes

### Anti-Sales Tax Candidate Raps Party 'Machine'

**Winston-Salem Man Unequivocally Opposes Principle of Sales Tax**

### DISCUSSES ISSUES Favors Reduction in Price of Automobile Tags; More Funds for Schools

Dr. Ralph McDonald, anti-sales tax candidate for governor, told a large crowd of people at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Monday afternoon that he favored "forever and eternally" blotting out the sales tax in North Carolina.

The address was delivered at the noon recess of court to a courtroom filled with people who listed for more than an hour as he attacked the sales tax as an "unjust, unfair and undermoral means of taxation." He was introduced by Attorney W. H. McElwee.

He opened his address by a strong endorsement of the Roosevelt administration, whose philosophy he described as "it can be done" in contrast to Hoover's "it can't be done" attitude. He entered into the heart of his address by attacking the present administration in North Carolina as having a "can't be done" attitude.

He praised the characters of his opponents in the race for the Democratic nomination and stated that he was running on what he considered the right side of the issues and added that he wanted the votes of those who agree with his stand on the various issues.

By declaring that vast amounts of wealth in the state are escaping taxation. This wealth, he said, amounts to a billion dollars. He further attacked the taxation system in the state by saying that the tax on corporations had decreased over ten and a half million in the past seven years while taxes on the individual and average man has been steadily increasing. He declared that he was running on the platform of the Democratic party, which platform he described as being opposed to the sales tax and opposed to a tax on land and that he would fight every effort to place a state tax back on land.

He cited five sources from which he said the state should levy revenue to replace the sales tax: (1) income tax on dividends (2) income taxes to reach ten per cent on higher brackets (3) increase corporation franchise tax based on true value on corporations (4) a chain store tax on service stations owned by major oil companies (5) increase the tax on power companies.

He said he was not attacking the Democratic party in North Carolina but that he was fighting "the machine" responsible for the issues to which he is opposed.

In regard to state offices he said he favored increasing pay of those who labor for the state on the highways and the school teachers and in regard to appointive offices he said that if he were nominated for governor it would be a sad day for "awful" course.

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## Shelby Orator Defends Record Of Party in State

### Leads Women Golfers



New York. In high hopes of a successful invasion, Mrs. Glenna Collette Vare (above), is sailing the high seas as captain of the U. S. Women's golf team of eight which is to play in the Curtis Cup matches in England.

## W. A. McNeil Is Candidate For Representative

### Prominent Local Business Man Seeks Nomination by Democrats

W. A. McNeil, prominent business man of this city, filed with the county board of elections today and is a candidate for the Democratic nomination as representative in the General Assembly from Wilkes county.

Mr. McNeil issued no formal announcement other than that he had filed and is a candidate. So far he is the first Democrat in Wilkes to announce for any county or legislative office.

## Home Coming To Be Held Sunday

### At the Wilkesboro Baptist Church; All-Day Program Planned for Occasion

Wilkesboro Baptists are planning a home coming program for Sunday, May 3, in celebration of the completion of 12 additional Sunday school rooms and other improvements on the church building.

An all-day program is planned with public dinner at noon and a large crowd is expected to gather for the occasion. Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory, a well known Baptist minister in western North Carolina, will deliver the sermon at 11 o'clock and many other interesting features are planned for both the morning and afternoon programs.

All living former pastors of the church have been invited to be present. The pastor of the church now is Rev. Avery Church, who has just returned from Louisville, Ky., where he has been engaged in taking a two-months course.

## Prospects Bright For Securing Addition To Federal Courthouse

### THE MOVEMENT TO SECURE AN ADDITION TO THE FEDERAL COURT AND POSTOFFICE BUILDING IN WILKESBORO IS GAINING IMPETUS AND PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT FOR EARLY ACTION, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY FROM CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT.

The movement to secure an addition to the federal court and postoffice building in Wilkesboro is gaining impetus and prospects are bright for early action, it was learned today from citizens who are interested in the project.

It has been pointed out that the small courtroom and limited space in the federal building are entirely inadequate for the court, which serves Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties, and which is the largest court in the middle North Carolina district with the exception of Greensboro.

It will be recalled that a movement was started to have a courtroom and offices included in the North Wilkesboro postoffice building, which was completed last year. But the plans for the building had progressed to the point where the courtroom could not be included in the building.

The business of the Wilkesboro federal court has increased to such an extent over a period of years that during the past few years it has been the custom to hold the court sessions in the county courthouse auditorium, which is much larger. However, the number of county court terms have been increased and occasionally both courts are in session at the same time.

In a recent letter to J. Gordon Hackett, local citizen who has shown quite much interest in public affairs and who has inquired about the possibility of securing a courtroom addition, Congressman Walter Lambeth had recommended to the treasury department that the building be enlarged. Following this the treasury department asked the postoffice department to make a survey to ascertain whether or not additional postoffice facilities are needed at Wilkesboro and it is understood that this survey will be made soon.

Engineers in the office of the supervising architect of the treasury have investigated the possibilities of adding a second story or erecting an addition to the building.

Congressman Lambeth said that he was encouraged by the attitude of the three departments and expressed a hope that some action can be obtained this year.

Steps are being made in departmental offices to ascertain the nature of an addition that would serve the purpose of providing additional courtroom facilities.

He lauded the highway system and declared that the state had spent \$200,000,000 in building a great road system and that there had been no graft. He approved of a surplus in the highway fund, which he said could be used in such emergencies as repairing the roads damaged by the severe winter and went on to say that he favored vast improvement on the secondary roads. He told his opposition to interfering with the highway funds, and continued by advocating a substantial reduction in price of automobile tags.

He praised the work of the state in providing institutions for reclaiming wayward children, correction of physically deformed, education of the blind, care of the insane and mentioned other public services maintained by the state government.

In discussing fiscal matters he said the state government is run more economically than any other in the union and then took up the matter of taxation. He explained that corporations pay taxes same as an individual with a franchise tax in addition and (Continued on page eight)

## Architects Plan 3 School Buildings For Contract Soon

### Gather Information For Call for Bids on Three School Building Projects

### BOND ISSUE \$65,000

### Miller Creek, Mulberry and Benham Will Have New School Plants

Wilkes county board of commissioners have tentatively approved appropriations from a proposed \$65,000 bonds issue for erection of three school buildings in the county.

The proposed projects are a modern high school and elementary plant at Millers Creek, an elementary school building in Mulberry township and an elementary building at Benham.

Plans also call for improvements and addition to the Wilkesboro school building and work at some of the other central schools in the county.

Representatives of the architect firm of Benton & Benton, of Wilson, have been in the county this week gathering information relative to detailed description of proposed buildings, topography of sites and other information necessary in order that bids may be called for at a date as early as possible. It is hoped that the projects may soon get under way because the need of the buildings has been felt quite keenly during the present school term.

Millers Creek has been operating in two very inadequate frame buildings, one of which has been labeled unsafe by state authorities and its use is permitted only temporarily. In Mulberry township one school building was destroyed by fire last year and some of the other schools in the county are in an announcement issued today: "To The Republicans of Wilkes County:

"After careful consideration, I have decided to become a candidate for the office of sheriff of Wilkes county, subject to the Republican voters participating in the primary to be held at the various voting precincts June 6, 1936, and have complied with the law in the payment of the necessary fee to the board of elections of this county.

"If nominated and elected to this office, it is my purpose to perform the duties thereof, fearlessly, courageously and efficiently, and yet in a sympathetic and courteous manner, and am willing to do so, for the salary as provided by law and insist that the laws, increasing the heavy burdens of taxation enacted at the last session of the Legislature, of which the late T. S. Bryan was a member, be repealed. Will appreciate the support of everyone of you, and will do my best to prove to you that I am worthy of your support."

## Plan Educational Meetings On New Farm Aid Program

### County Agent and Assistant to Attend Meeting in Winston-Salem

In order that more farmers may get acquainted with provisions of the new farm aid plan at least six meetings will be held in central communities in Wilkes county during the next two weeks.

At these meetings County Farm Agent A. G. Hendren will be accompanied by a member of the extension service and they will impart a working knowledge of the new farm aid plan to the tillers of the soil. It is hoped that all interested farmers will attend the meetings.

Mr. Hendren and his assistant, W. J. Hanna, will attend a meeting of county agents and assistants in Winston-Salem Friday of this week, at which time additional light will be thrown on the details of the new farm measure by E. V. Floyd, who was in charge of tobacco crop control under the triple A.

Under the new farm plan a farmer will get paid for planting soil building crops in lieu of cash crops.

Vesper Service at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Sunday afternoon, May 3rd, at 7 o'clock. Rev. B. M. Laney, pastor, in charge.

## Mrs. Griffing To Speak At Church

### Featuring the Sunday evening service at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church is the talk to be made by Mrs. A. L. Griffing, superintendent of the Junior department in the Sunday school and a very active worker in all departments of the church. The service is to be in charge of the Sunday school and an attractive program is being arranged for the evening.

Members of the Young Ladies Bible class, of which Mr. P. J. Brame is teacher, will occupy the choir and give a special number, congregational singing led by Mr. Brame, and a short catechism drill by the children in the primary department, will supplement the program.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Glenn Johnson Gets Four Years

### Man Who Was Caught With 5,000 Gallons of Liquor is Sentenced

In the federal court at Salisbury the past week, presided over by Judge Webb in the absence of Judge Hayes who is holding court in New York, the case of Glenn Johnson, Wilkes county man, was disposed of. Johnson was charged with having and concealing whisky on which no federal tax had been paid. In the home of Johnson, April 27, 1935, investigators J. R. Brandon, F. D. Lumpkin, C. S. Felts and J. B. Banks found 5,423 1-2 gallons of whisky, a fact which was admitted by Johnson in his testimony in court in Salisbury, although his measurements indicated a total of 7,093 gallons. Evidence was presented to show that each container which was supposed to hold one-half gallon lacked one pint of doing so.

Johnson pleaded guilty to the charges and Judge Webb sentenced him to four years in the reformatory in Chillicothe, O. Under the law the government is entitled to a tax of \$2 and a penalty of \$2 on each gallon of the liquor seized at the home of the defendant.

## Food Sale

The Mary Brame Circle, of which Mrs. A. B. Johnson is chairman, will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. B. M. Laney, pastor, in May 1, beginning at 2 o'clock.