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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

Fumes Are Fatal
Salina, May 28.—Three men are dead, four others are in Johnston County hospital and one in Max hospital, Raleigh, in critical conditions as a result of inhalation of nitrous acid fumes while cleaning out a vat at the local plant of the Virginia-Carolina corporation here today.

Auto Tops Gm
Raleigh, May 28.—Automobile license sales reached a total of 48,917 pairs of plates today compared with 42,703 on the corresponding date in 1935. State motor vehicle division officials predicted a new registration record would be reached in late summer. The present high mark was 52,176 sold last year.

Woman Is Drowned
Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 28.—Coast guards of the Youngstown station, a few miles north of here, watched the lower Niagara river tonight for parts of a woman's body which apparently had been dismembered by last spring's ice crush. The watch was set after the thighs of a woman were taken from the water near the Youngstown Yacht club last night.

37 Are Drowned
London, May 26.—Tragedy struck today at a ferry boat filled with gay children and at a fish-bone fisherman in the North sea, with a toll of 37 dead. The ferry, carrying a party of youthful picnickers across the Thava river near Auzpitz, Czechoslovakia, capsized as the laughing children crowded the deck, waving to their friends on shore. Thirty children and one man drowned; nine were saved.

Travels Long Way
Palmer, Mass., May 26.—A toy balloon which, according to an inscription on it, was sent into the air in Kentucky came down in a tree here Monday. The balloon, about two feet in diameter, was found by Miss Edith Norcross near her home. Attached to the balloon was a card asking the finder to return it to the post, by William C. Jackson, of Crabtree, Ky.

45 Sentenced In May Session of Federal Court

22 Are Carried to Atlanta and 16 to Chillothe Reformatory

ADJOURNED YESTERDAY

Number of Cases on Docket Disposed of by Consent Judgments

Thirty-eight received prison sentences and eight jail sentences in the federal term of court which closed in Wilkesboro today.

The criminal calendar was completed Tuesday and the civil docket was light with a number going off by consent judgment or compromise route. Judge Johnson J. Hayes presided over the term.

Deputy Marshals W. A. Jones and Fred M. Lomax will leave today for Atlanta to carry 22 prisoners to Atlanta. Yesterday Deputy Marshals T. C. Blalock and John Current left for the industrial reformatory at Chillothe with 16 prisoners. Eight were given jail sentences.

Following are criminal cases disposed of this week:

Guy Billings, fined \$100 and sentenced to year in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Mastin, fined \$176 and placed on probation for three years.

V. Cooper Pardue, fined \$100 and placed on probation for three years.

Andrew, Mack and Robert Benze, three years probation.

Lee Vestal Pardue, probation and not to drive automobile or truck for 12 months.

D. H. Pardue, three years probation.

Clay Parker, three years probation.

Leona Blackburn, temporary probation; Charlie Blackburn, fined \$100 and sentenced to six months in jail.

Walter Sparks, fined \$100 and sentenced to year in Chillothe.

Frank Anderson, fined \$200 and sentenced to 15 months in Atlanta.

Fried First Doughnut



New York. Major Helen Purviance (above), of the Salvation Army, is credited with "frying the first doughnut in France" for our doughnuts during the World War. She is now dean of women at the Army Training College here and was given a party last week.

Memorial Service Here on Saturday

Will Be Held at Marker on Memorial Avenue; Dr. Templeton Speaker

As has been the custom for many years, Memorial Day on Saturday, May 30, will be appropriately observed in North Wilkesboro by a memorial service under auspices of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

The service will be a special tribute to those who so bravely sacrificed their lives in the conflicts in which this country was engaged.

The service will be held at the memorial marker on Memorial Avenue at 7:30 p. m. but those who are to take part in the line of march are asked to assemble at 7:25 leave Hotel Wilkes for march to marker in following order: color guard, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts.

7:30—Assembly by bugler at marker; song, "America," prayer, quartet, address; playing of wreaths on marker; salute by firing squad, song, "Star Spangled Banner." Return in line of march to starting point.

Mr. R. B. Templeton, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, will deliver the address.

The tribute to those who died in the four wars will be by the following: Mrs. P. W. Eshelman representing Daughters of American Revolution; Mrs. Floyd M. Jennings representing United Daughters of Confederacy; Mrs. U. A. Miller representing Spanish-American War veterans and auxiliary; Mrs. W. R. Absher for Legion Auxiliary.

June Session of Superior Court Begins Monday

Judge Hoyle Sink to Preside Over Two-Weeks Civil Court Term

June term of Wilkes superior court for trial of civil cases will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, June 1, with Judge Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, presiding.

Calendar for the term, which will be for two weeks, was arranged by a review meeting of the Wilkes Bar association.

Several hundred cases are pending trial and the calendar is made up in chronological order according to the date of starting of suit. The earlier cases date back three or more years. A number of cases have been set by court order for trial on certain days of the term.

Brushy Mountain Fruit Growing Industry Inventories \$1,250,000

Statistical Information Supports Move For Test Fruit Farm in Wilkes County

In support of the movement to secure a test fruit farm or experiment station in Wilkes county D. S. Broyhill and B. C. Price, prominent orchardists, and A. G. Hendren, Wilkes farm agent, have gathered some interesting information regarding the present status and prospects of the fruit growing industry in Wilkes and Alexander counties.

According to the summary made there are more than a half million trees in commercial orchards and the orchards have a gross value of more than \$1,250,000, not including family orchards for home use where little or no attention is given the trees.

The following prepared summary released by the county farm agent is self explanatory:

The following is a summary of the information gathered by D. S. Broyhill and B. C. Price of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association; and, from the information obtainable, in the opinion of the committee gives a very conservative estimate of the operations of the fruit growers of Wilkes and Alexander counties.

In arriving at this estimate, we have consulted the Wilkes

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Remodel Plant of Local Factory

Workmen Engaged in Rebuilding Portion of American Furniture Co Building

Work of remodeling a section of the American Furniture company's plant began this week.

A part of the old building is being completely renovated and when the work is completed the plant facilities will be greatly improved.

The remodeling of a portion of the plant is not expected to seriously hamper the usual operation of the factory or curtail its production to any great extent.

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO FILE APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS IN FARM PLAN

Interested Farmers Should Fill Application This Week For Benefit In Aiding Them To Improve Soil

Farmers of Wilkes county who are in any way interested in the new farm aid program should secure work sheets and make application to participate in the program this week, according to advice given by A. G. Hendren, county farm agent.

There is nothing compulsory about the plan, Mr. Hendren stated, and no contracts are being signed but unless application is made by Saturday, May 30, no farmer can expect any benefits. After making application the farmer may operate his farm in accordance with his own wishes and be paid according to the things he does that are approved under the plan.

The procedure to be followed is to secure work sheets either from any member of the county or community committees or by calling at the office of the county agent at the courthouse in Wilkesboro but particular attention is called to the fact that no application will be received after Saturday of this week.

Under the new farm act farmers will be paid for soil building and soil conserving practices and for growing soil building crops in lieu of cash or market crops.

There will be no hope for any farmer receiving benefits if he does not make application during the remaining days of this week, Mr. Hendren said.

BAR SUPPORTING MOVE FOR COURT FACILITIES

Send Resolution Asking Addition to Federal Court Building to U. S. Senators and Representatives of Eighth and Ninth Congressional Districts

The bar association of the Wilkesboro court of the middle North Carolina district passed a resolution at federal court in Wilkesboro this week pointing out the need of a larger courtroom and asked that congressmen and senators use every influence to secure a second floor on the present building.

The committee who drew the resolution was composed of Clarence Higgins, district attorney; Henry H. Hartsell, chief of the middle district; Judge T. C. Bowie, of West Jefferson; Kyle Hayes and Milton Cooper, local attorneys.

The resolution, copies of which have been forwarded to Senators J. W. Bailey and Robert R. Reynolds, Congressman Walter Lambeth and R. L. Doughton, sets out that the courtroom facilities in federal court at Wilkesboro are so inadequate that there is not seating capacity for the defendants alone in an ordinary term of criminal court, to say nothing of court officials, attorneys, witnesses and interested spectators. The courtroom seats less than 100 people.

The resolution went on to point out that the business of the Wilkesboro court, which serves Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, is second only to Greensboro in volume and that the courtroom facilities are below those of any other court in the middle district.

It has been the custom to use the county courthouses for criminal terms but with the number of county terms increased there is frequently a conflict and both courthouses are in use at the same time.

Congressman Walter Lambeth, of the eighth district, has contacted the office of the supervising architect and he has reported that an addition to the present one-story building or the addition of a top floor is possible. The general opinion locally is that a second floor would be more advisable as a courtroom and the present courtroom could be used very well for the grand jury.

For President



Boston. John W. Alkon (above), 40-year-old hardwood finisher of Chelsea, Mass., has been nominated for the Presidency by the Socialist-Labor Party.

Head of School System In State Will Speak Here

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin to Be Commencement Speaker Here Friday Night

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, will deliver an address on Friday night in the final program of the North Wilkesboro high school commencement. The program, which will take place in the school auditorium, will begin at eight o'clock.

The class night program will take place at the school on Thursday night, (tonight), eight o'clock, and will be in the form of a celebration of the centennial in education.

The North Wilkesboro school this year remained on the accredited list of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges and retained its membership in the association by virtue of maintaining a term of nine months and continuing to meet all other requirements. The school has enjoyed a most successful year.

Following is the commencement program for Friday night:

Song—"America, the Beautiful," all led by Miss Elizabeth Zurburg; Miss Ellen Robinson, accompanist.

Invocation, Dr. R. B. Templeton, pastor Methodist church.

Awarding of prizes and medals, Chairman and others.

Music—"O Sole Mio," Di Capua, Girls' glee club, Miss Elizabeth Zurburg, director.

Introduction of speaker, J. R. Hix, Chairman Board of Education.

Commencement address, Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction.

Music—"At Parting," MacDowell, Misses Mildred Bryant, Annie B. Pardue, Gwendolyn Hubbard, Mary Nichols.

Announcements, W. D. Half-acre, superintendent city schools.

Class valedictory, Miss Sarah Pool.

Presentation of 7th grade certificates, J. B. McCoy.

Presentation of high school diplomas, D. J. Carter.

Benediction, Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor First Baptist church.

Two Students Win Trip To Raleigh In Spelling Match

Double Creek Girl and Girl From Maple Springs Are County Winners

C. B. Eller, Wilkes county superintendent of schools, yesterday carried two students on a sightseeing trip to Raleigh. They were given the trip by virtue of winning first and second places in a county-wide spelling contest held in Wilkesboro Saturday.

The plan of the county-wide contest included a spelling match at each of the eight district seventh grade commencements and in the contest Saturday these winners contested for the county prize offered by Supt. Eller.

Miss Mabel Hendren, of the North Wilkesboro school faculty, pronounced the words and Gertrude Gambill, a student of Double Creek school in the Mountain View district, won first place when all others were eliminated. Ruth Barnett, of Maple Springs school in Mount Pleasant district, won second place and the right to accompany the winner on the trip to Raleigh.

They were accompanied to the state capital by Supt. Eller, Miss Blanche Hutchison, teacher of Miss Gambill, and Prof. E. R. Spruill, principal of Mountain View district schools.

The contest aroused quite much interest in spelling among seventh grade students in all parts of the county and many of the pupils made excellent records in the art of spelling correctly.

Miss Margaret Perry arrived Sunday from Winston-Salem where she has been a patient in a hospital since receiving injuries two months ago in Greensboro. Miss Perry was struck by a car while crossing the street. She is now at the home of her sister.

Auto Parts Co. in Better Location

Has Moved to Former Home of Gaddy Motor Co. on "C" Street

The Auto Parts company, widely patronized firm which has operated for several years on the corner of B and Tenth streets, has moved to its new home on C street in the building until a month ago occupied by the Gaddy Motor company.

The building on C street was purchased about a year ago by the Auto Parts firm, of which Ralph Reavis is proprietor, but (Continued on page four)

Preparations Under Way For June 6 Primary; Much Interest Shown

Hard Softball Game Expected Here Saturday

Traffic Club Team From Winston-Salem to Play Summers' All Star Outfit

One of the highlights of the current sport season in North Wilkesboro will be the softball game here on Saturday afternoon between Summers' all stars representing North Wilkesboro and the Traffic Club team from Winston-Salem.

The Traffic club aggregation are city champions in Twin-City and they boast an undefeated record so far this year. Odell Sapp, star football and basketball player of U. N. C., is the leading pitcher for the Traffic club team, which has an offensive at the bat with an average of 333.

Summers' lineup reads like this: Wallace Lb, Horton C, Moore Sb, Davis rf, Crowe ss, Smith p, Templeton of, Miller 3b, O. Jones lf, E. Jones Sb, Howies, pitcher.

Admission charge of ten cents will be made but ladies will be admitted free.

State Absentee Ballot Applications May Be Obtained From Registrars

While candidates for the various nominations by both parties are busy working for their own interests, the county board of elections has been quite busy making preparations for the event.

State ballots have been received by James M. Anderson, chairman of the Wilkes board of elections, and also the absentee ballots which may be voted on candidates for state offices.

Under the new law governing absentee voting in Wilkes county a person who is out of the county or physically unable to attend the primary may vote absentee on the state ticket but there will be no absentee voting on county offices except by state or federal employees who may away from the county. These provisions are specified in the absentee ballot law passed by Wilkes county in the 1935 legislature.

Absentee ballots and applications are being distributed to the

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WPA Projects To Be Made Up Soon For New Program

Conference Held at Methodist Church-Hut Here on Tuesday Morning

PROJECTS DISCUSSED

Officials Want to Know What People Want in Way of WPA Activity

Work of the Federal Works Administration, supervisors of various projects under the WPA, and representatives of many civic and business organizations met on Tuesday morning at the Methodist church hut to discuss benefits from various projects which have been maintained and to ascertain the sentiment in regard to what activities should be continued under the new relief program to be launched after July 1.

The point was stressed that people should be considering now what they want in the way of WPA projects and to make up such projects for submission June 1 or as early thereafter as possible in order that the new program might get under way without delay.

Among the WPA officials present were C. H. Smithey, director of the North Wilkesboro branch office serving five counties; Miss Ella Holman, field supervisor of woman's work for the branch office; Miss Euzelia Smart, district director of woman's work; T. D. Heffner, field engineer; Miss Margaret Gilbert, field representative of the library work; Miss Clyde Scroggs, head of woman's division in Wilkes county; and Miss Lucile Hamby, superintendent of the recreation projects.

The meeting was opened by Miss Holman and Miss Smart presided over the conference. Miss Smart discussed various projects, including the clothing projects, and the training afforded those who were and are now employed in such work. The great help that the sewing rooms have been to welfare departments in furnishing garments was mentioned, also the fact that the book mending project has saved quite a tidy sum in repairing books of school and public libraries. Miss Gilbert spoke especially concerning book mending and in connection with this suggested the maintenance of libraries for summer reading as a helpful project.

Mr. Smithey spoke briefly and explained that under the new set up it is expected that the sponsor of projects will be required to furnish 30 per cent of the total cost. Rev. Eugene Olive, representing the committee to ascertain prospects for a city playground, spoke briefly.

Representatives of various educational, civic and business organizations who spoke in the conference included: W. D. Half-acre, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools; C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes county (Continued on page four)

Letter Carriers To Meet May 30

Annual Convention Will Be Held at Experiment Station, Statesville, Saturday

Annual meeting of the Brushy Mountain district of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' association and the ladies' auxiliary will be held at the Piedmont Experiment station at Statesville on Saturday, May 30, according to an announcement this week issued by the officers of the organization.

The meeting will open at 10:30 a. m. with Dewitt Hoover presiding and the order of the morning program will be as follows: opening song, "America"; invocation, devotional service, by chaplain; address of welcome, J. W. Atwell, of Statesville; response, W. O. Bowman, of Taylorsville; announcements; recognition of new carriers and postmasters; address, Rev. J. G. Winkler, of Cool Springs; appointment of committees; short business session; adjournment for dinner.

Afternoon Session

Beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon the order of the afternoon program will be similar; report of committee on plans for next meeting; report of committees; unfinished business; new business; general discussion; election of officers; adjournment.