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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

Execute 3 Negroes
Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 14.—Three negroes—one calm, another singing spirituals and another weeping—died in the electric chair at the state penitentiary in the short space of 16 minutes today.

Dynamite Large Still
Hertford, Aug. 14.—Twenty-nine sticks of dynamite were required to destroy the largest illicit liquor factory ever captured in this county when Norfolk federal agents raided the still in the township Tuesday afternoon.

Killed Sister-in-Law
New Brookland, S. C., Aug. 14.—Sheriff H. Cromer Oswald said tonight G. W. Sloan, 49, of near here, had confessed beating his 44-year-old sister-in-law to death at his home Wednesday afternoon. The woman, Miss Ethelyn Bragdon, was found dead in a bloody bed in Sloan's home, where she lived.

Hold 3 For Robbery
Hickory, Aug. 14.—George Tait, alias George Hill, of New York, and Marvin Brookshire, of Newton, charged with breaking and entering in Salisbury, Newton and other places, were brought to Hickory by Statesville police to trace stolen goods, which the boys claim they pawned here.

Probe Irregularities
Raleigh, Aug. 14.—Maj. L. P. McLendon, of Greensboro, chairman of the state board of elections, said tonight the board would meet here Monday afternoon to study reports from seven county boards of investigations of alleged irregularities in the July 4 primary.

Three Airmen Killed
New Kent Courthouse, Va., Aug. 14.—Three army airmen of the Langley Field force were killed last night in the flaming wreck of their two-motored biplane in a back-country cornfield, and an army board of inquiry today reviewed circumstances of the crash without immediately divulging findings.

Hamilton Optimistic
Los Angeles, Aug. 14.—Mail to Republican national headquarters from southern Democratic states is much heavier than in 1928, when former President Herbert Hoover carried several of them, John D. M. Hamilton, drum major of the Republican presidential campaign, reported here today.

Heart Is Laid Bare
Fayetteville, Aug. 14.—A handle from the door of a truck is the slim clue held by county officers here by which to apprehend the hit-and-run driver who fatally injured Luella McNeill, 30-year-old negro woman, near here Wednesday afternoon. The door of the truck, standing open, struck the woman, tearing open her breast and laying her heart bare. She died three hours later in a local hospital.

Escapes Gas Chamber
Wentworth, Aug. 14.—Odell Oakley, Reidsville negro, who for the past few months has faced the shadow of death at the state penitentiary at Raleigh, was given a second trial here this afternoon and sentenced to not less than 12 and not more than 15 years in prison. Judge Frank M. Armstrong passed the sentence after a brief hearing. The state has accepted a second degree burglary charge.

Loot Deputy's Home
Winston-Salem, Aug. 14.—While Floyd Teague, Forsyth county deputy sheriff, was searching for chicken thieves, his home near here was being ransacked and robbed. Teague captured the chicken thieves in another section of the county, but the robbers of his home got away. The desk in his home was rifled, deeds and other valuable papers scattered about the room, and a .32-caliber pistol and an undetermined amount of money stolen.

Landon Maps Campaign
Estes Park, Colo., Aug. 14.—A series of traveling conferences with state and county Republican leaders was arranged by Gov. Alf M. Landon today as he charted his Eastern presidential campaign tour. Ralph West Robey, member of his research staff, conferred with the government finance and banking—a subject which some Republican leaders expect the governor to discuss at West Middlesex, Pa., where he opens his Eastern drive.

Five Divorces Are Granted In Twenty Minutes

Matrimonial Knots Untied Rapidly in Wilkes Court Friday Afternoon

Possibly a record was set in Wilkes court Friday afternoon when five divorces were granted within twenty minutes, versus Viola Baldwin, tested and the issues were presented to the jury in rapid order. The divorces were as follows: Julia Somers versus Dock Somers; Glenn Jenkins versus Roxie Jenkins; Tom Davis versus Estelle Davis; Freeman Smoot versus Viola Baldwin Smoot. Two divorces were granted for two years' separation and three on grounds of adultery.

Seven Adult and Nursery Schools Begun Today

W. R. Craft Supervisor in Three Counties; Number of Teachers Cut

Five adult and two nursery schools opened the 1936-37 term in Wilkes county today, it was learned from W. R. Craft, ERE supervisor in Wilkes, Alexander and Surry counties. He said that only 750 teachers are provided for in the state this year and that the number in Wilkes had been correspondingly lowered. The nursery teachers are Misses Clara Gentry and Myrtle Norris, and the adult teachers are as follows: Rev. I. C. Woodruff, C. J. Jones, W. H. Hurley, Mrs. Mae Lackey and Mrs. Irene German. This type of work has been carried on for the past three years and has been considered of much value to adults who wish to learn to read and write or to increase their knowledge of fundamental subjects. Home making is also taught extensively.

PC Association Has Good Record

Unit in Winston-Salem Serves Farmers of Northwestern Counties

Returning from Asheville, where he attended a group meeting of directors of production credit associations, Mr. Paul J. Vestal, a director of the Winston-Salem Production Credit Association, which serves Forsyth, Davidson, Stokes, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin counties, said that the record made by the production credit associations in the first three years they operated is an indication of the service they can offer.

In the third Farm Credit Administration district, comprising the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, the total loans made by production credit associations in these states during the three years aggregated \$34,155,143, while this year the associations have to date made loans totaling \$13,697,865, Mr. Vestal said. "The production credit associations," said Mr. Vestal "have quickly extended the benefits of cooperative credit to the short-term lending field. Farmers in every county have access to this credit. For the first time in the records of American agriculture, loans for production purposes have been made available to individual farmers in all parts of the country at the interest rate of 5 per cent a year—and the borrower pays interest only for the time he actually has the money.

"The production credit associations do not lend government money. All of the funds they loan are obtained from investors through the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank. The associations discount their members' paper."

DECORATION DAY AT DEHART CHURCH

The fifth Sunday in August will be decoration day at Dehart church. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Woman and Two Men Go On Trial For Lives In Wilkes Court Today

Body of Infant Found In Well In Eastern Wilkes

Officers have uncovered no clue that promises to lead to the identity of the parties who threw the lifeless body of an infant in an old abandoned well near the home of John Shore about three miles northwest of Elkin in Wilkes county early Sunday morning. Sheriff W. B. Somers and I. M. Myers, coroner, made quite a lengthy investigation Sunday but report no progress toward identifying the guilty parties. Mr. Shore told the officers that about two o'clock Sunday morning a car stopped near his residence and that the motor was left running while someone left the car for a few minutes and returned and left in the car. He said he saw the car through his window.

Hits Magistrate And Is Jailed For Contempt of Court

Tom Swain Gets Thirty Days For Assaulting George Smith in Courthouse

In Wilkes superior court Friday, Tom Swain was jailed for thirty days by Judge J. H. Clement for contempt of court. According to the court record, George Smith, magistrate, had tried some cases some time ago in which Swain was interested, and Swain evidently did not like the way in which the cases were handled by the justice. Swain proceeded to pounce upon Smith with his fists and caused quite a commotion. The judge was informed of the affair and after hearing some evidence passed the jail sentence on Swain for contempt.

Laymen's Day Held At Union

Impressive All-Day Service Held Sunday; Pastor Begins Revival

Laymen's Day was appropriately observed Sunday for the Wilkesboro Methodist charge with an all-day service at Union church. Attorney F. J. McDuffie presided and made the feature address during the morning program. An abundant dinner was spread on the grounds at noon and in the afternoon addresses were made by W. H. Worth, of Jefferson, district lay leader, A. S. Cassel, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro Methodist Sunday school, and by Rev. A. W. Lynch, pastor. On Sunday night Rev. Mr. Lynch began a series of revival services at Union church. The public has a cordial invitation to attend the revival, which will continue for a week or longer.

ATTENDS DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

J. R. Rousseau, chairman of the Wilkes county Democratic executive committee and a member of the Democratic state executive committee, attended the meeting of the state committee in Raleigh Friday night, at which time the state organization was perfected. Attorney J. E. Holshouser, of Boone, is attending court in Wilkesboro this week, he being one of the defense attorneys in the murder case now on trial.



Farm Boy Mercy
Lincoln, Nebr. . . . Because members of Shirley Temple's family think Sterling Powell, 15 (above), farm boy of Grant, Nebr., is only an impulsive and imaginative youth, they have suggested to Federal authorities that he be not prosecuted for writing a threatening letter, demanding \$25,000.

Has Application Blanks For Vets

Welfare Officer Will Aid Veterans to Be Admitted to CC Camps

Charles McNeil, county welfare officer, said today that he has a number of application blanks for veterans who wish to enter Veterans' Conservation Camps. The lowest pay offered veterans in camp is \$30 per month and expenses and the camps offer good opportunities for needy veterans who have no gainful employment. The department is asking that applications be filed as soon as possible because the next enlistment will be about the first of the month. Any veterans who may be interested are asked to get in touch with Mr. McNeil.

Scout Court Of Honor In Meeting

On Tuesday night the Scout court of honor met at the Presbyterian Scout hut and awarded a number of merits to three Scouts. Those passing merits were as follows: Pat Williams, cooking; Paul Cashion, forestry and scholarship; Robert Wood Finley, who passed athletic merit, was given life Scout rank.

Anderson's Second Offense

Thus Anderson was convicted on the charge of murder for the second time. He previously had served several years of a sentence for killing Columbus Bottoms in the same community in 1923. He has not been tried on the charge of arson, it being alleged that he burned his own granary and 250 bushels corn. Charlie Owens, age only 17, was convicted of assault with intent to commit rape on the person of a young girl and the judgment of the court was that he be confined in prison for a term of three years, suspended on condition that he be admitted to Eastern Carolina training school (Continued on page eight)

Three Defendants Are Charged With Murder Cline Hall

Betty and Walter Triplett and Will Dula Facing Capital Charge

SPECIAL VENIRE OF 75

Dock Anderson Convicted of Second Degree Murder Second Time

Wilkes Superior court convened this morning for the second week of the August criminal term and started on a first degree murder case. Miss Bettle Triplett, her brother, Walter Triplett and Will Dula were arraigned Friday before the court and entered their plea of not guilty on the charge of slaying Cline Hall in the Darby community. A special venire of 75 men were summoned to appear in court today for the trial. Twenty-four regular jurors for the second week makes the total of 99 men from which the murder case jury can be selected.

The case is the most recent murder trial on the calendar, it being alleged that the slaying took place on July 27 and that Hall's death was caused by a knife wound in the chest inflicted by the woman defendant, Walter Triplett is also alleged to have inflicted knife wounds on Hall's person and it is not known what specific part Dula is alleged to have had in the slaying. Attorneys are Eugene Trivette, of this city, T. R. Bryan, of Wilkesboro, and J. E. Holshouser, of Boone.

Doek Anderson Guilty

For the second time in his life Dock Anderson, of Windy Gap, has been convicted of second degree murder. The jury returned a verdict of second degree murder with a recommendation for mercy "due to the fact that the slaying took place in his own home" Thursday after about four hours deliberation but sentence has not been passed. Witnesses testified for the state that Anderson killed Dink Love with a chair at the Anderson home in December, 1934. Anderson claimed self defense, saying that he killed Love as he was advancing on him with a knife after he had ordered him from his home. However, witnesses quoted Anderson soon after the slaying as saying that he truck at Leonard Love and hit Dink and that he had nothing against Dink.

Many Examined In T. B. Clinic

First week of the tuberculosis clinic being conducted in Wilkesboro by the county and state health departments cooperating was quite successful, it was learned today from health officials. Dr. H. L. Seay, clinician from the state sanatorium, examined 143 suspects during the first week and the clinic will continue through Friday of this week. Dr. A. J. Eller, health officer, expressed approval of the way the clinic is progressing but called attention to the fact that many appointments can yet be made for examinations this week of people who have reason to believe they may have contracted the disease. No charge is made for the examinations and those in need of examinations are urged and requested to take advantage of the opportunity afforded this week. Appointments should be made with the county health office, located in the courthouse.

Returns From Trip

W. A. McNeill returned yesterday from a most enjoyable motor trip of eight days' duration which carried him as far north into Canada as Montreal and Ottawa. While in Canada Mr. McNeill had the opportunity of looking over some of the attractions booked for the Great Wilkes Fair this year and he was highly pleased with them. Incidentally, Mr. McNeill said he found much favorable sentiment for President Roosevelt in the northern part of the United States, especially in upper New York state.

Our Speed Girl



Berlin, Germany . . . Here's a picture of the United State's flying speed girl, Helen Stephens of Fulton, Mo., who broke the world's record for women in the 100 meter dash in 0:11.5 seconds, to win the Olympic crown.

Collect Library Volumes Friday In Wilkesboro

People Who Have Books to Donate Asked to Be Ready For Collectors

Wilkesboro residents who desire to help the movement for a public library for the town and who will donate one or more books are asked to have their volumes ready Friday, August 21, when someone will call for the books. The library project in Wilkesboro is being sponsored by the Wilkesboro Woman's club and Mrs. Julius C. Hubbard is chairman of the library committee and is in charge of collecting the books Friday.

At Conference in New York Today

Mrs. Jones Attends Conference Eastern Division Republican Club

Mrs. John R. Jones, of this city, Republican national committeewoman for North Carolina, and Mrs. Eugene Hester, of Reidsville, state Republican vice chairman, left Sunday for New York City, where today they are attending an important Republican conference relative to the presidential campaign now under way. Those attending the conference are national committeewomen and state vice chairmen of the eastern division of the Women's National Republican club, an organization that is to play an important part in the campaign. The conference was scheduled for today only.

Paints Pictures Of Wilkes Scenes

California Artist Makes Splendid Picture of Stone Mountain

Miss Lois Ballou, of San Francisco, California, has been visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, at Abersher, and has been painting pictures of scenes in Wilkes. Miss Ballou is a graduate in art and has an art studio in San Francisco. Her work has been highly complimented and she is considered an artist of rare ability. Recently she completed an excellent picture of Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, and has painted pictures of other mountain scenes in Wilkes.

FAIR OFFICIALS CHECK ALL ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE BIGGER FAIR SEPTEMBER 15-19

Officials of the Great Wilkes Fair, which will hold its eleventh annual exposition for Wilkes and adjoining counties here September 15-19, both dates inclusive, are checking all arrangements and contracts for attractions in order to assure the thousands who annually attend the event that the fair will be bigger and more entertaining than in any previous year. W. A. McNeil, president and general manager, has been in Toronto, Canada, during the past week looking over some grandstand attractions that have been contracted for the fair here. The cash outlay for the free acts this year will be double what was paid for the sensational acts a year ago and should provide real entertainment, Mr. McNeil said. With farm crops in excellent state, the increased cash premium offerings should attract an exhibit hall full of exhibits of farm and home products. is the opinion of fair officials who have distributed 2,000 premium catalogues and are now ready to receive entry blanks. Anyone who has not received a premium list may obtain one by seeing or writing J. C. Wallace, secretary. The midway attractions will be furnished by Marx Greater Shows, which has been enlarged by the purchase of Virginia Amusement company. The grandstand is being enlarged for a greater seating capacity and a larger platform is being constructed for the band. Following the usual custom, Tuesday, September 15, will be school children's day when they will be admitted on free tickets. The full fair program of all attractions, including grandstand acts and fireworks at night, will be carried out through all five days and nights of the fair. As an added attraction to add interest for every attendant, a new Ford V-8, an electric refrigerator, a bedroom suite and a Philco radio will be given away during the fair, one prize each night to someone attending the exposition.