

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

Blast Kills Boy Auburn, N. Y. — Raymond Payne Jr., 9, of Norfolk, Va., died in a hospital here of injuries suffered when he hammered a dynamite cap with a stone.

Junaluska Fund Rises High Point, Aug. 18.—A total of \$87,000 has been pledged in the save Junaluska campaign, it was announced tonight by Dr. W. A. Lambeth, director, who said that he had high hopes of getting the remaining \$18,000 by September 1.

State's Finances Good Raleigh.—Three tax checks totaling more than \$4,000,000, received by the state during the last month, helped swell the cash balance of North Carolina's general operating fund from \$600,787.17 on July 1 to \$5,509,503.17 on July 31.

Killed On Highway Shelby, Aug. 18.—J. B. Biggerstaff, 55-year-old farmer, died Monday from injuries suffered Sunday night when he was struck by an automobile as he walked along a highway. Azlea Hollins, 20-year-old negro, was held as the driver of the car and a preliminary hearing was set for tomorrow.

Suicide Victim Goldsboro, Aug. 18.—Clifton Eatmon, 17, son of Mrs. B. A. Eatmon of Goldsboro, shot himself to death at Sims, near Wilson, Saturday. He placed a shotgun against his breast and pulled the trigger. Despondency because of ill health was given as the motive for the deed. V. C. Martin, Wilson county coroner, ruled that an inquest was unnecessary.

Plan Atlantic Hops Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Dick Merrill, veteran air mail pilot on a vacation, and Harry Richman, singing stage and movie star, completed a trans-continental flight here today and immediately set Saturday morning as tentative time for the start of their round trip speed flight to Europe.

Takes His Own Life Martinsville, Va., Aug. 18.—Jesse W. Sawyers, 61, well known Fieldale citizen, committed suicide early today at Fieldale baseball park by firing a bullet from .38 Colt special through his brain, death coming instantly. Coroner J. W. Simmons investigated the tragedy, learning that the act was attributed to despondence over ill health.

Lake Changes Climate Chicago, Aug. 18.—Airplane pilots who fly over Boulder Dam each day on transcontinental trips said today that the lake created by the dam was slowly changing the climate of Southern Nevada and Northeastern California. The pilots said instruments in their ships showed that the water backed up behind the concrete horseshoe on the Colorado River was cooling the air for miles around.

Another Hotel Killing Chicago, Aug. 18.—Capt. Daniel Gilbert of the State's attorney's police announced tonight that Rufo Swain, alias James Jason Gray, a negro gambler, had confessed the slaying of Mrs. Mary Louise Trammell, 24, in her hotel room Sunday. Captain Gilbert, with Swain and several other officers, left immediately for the State street hotel in which Mrs. Trammell's nude and beaten body was found to reenact the crime.

Crushed By Tractor Walnut Cove, Aug. 18.—Jack Little, 38, of Pine Hall, owner of a saw mill situated near the Dan River, seven miles from Walnut Cove, was critically injured tonight about 6:45 o'clock when he was crushed by a tractor. Little was driving the tractor across a small creek and had started up a steep bank on his way out of the creek bed when the machine overturned on him pinning him under the steering column.

Watch Food Prices Washington, Aug. 18.—WPA officials said today they are keeping a close watch on the Labor Department's index of food prices to see if relief workers' wages are in line with the cost of living. Attention was focused on this activity by the request of a delegation, which said it represented a large number of WPA workers in Detroit, for an increase from \$60 to \$72 in the monthly allowance for unskilled labor there. The delegation contended food prices and rents had increased so that workers' families could not live on \$60 a month. Its request is pending.

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Over 100,000 Acres In Wilkes Covered by Work Sheets In New Farm Act

Genius Grows Up



New York... Back in 1922, Miss Natalie Crane of Brooklyn (above), was hailed a child poet genius at 9. Now Natalie is 23 and this fall goes on the lecture platform to fulfill the literary promises of her childhood.

Tobacco Farmers Much Interested

Total Acreage Of Crop Lands Participating Is Over 30,000

A total of 990 farms in Wilkes county have work sheets to participate in the 1936 soil conservation act and work of checking compliance with provisions for which benefits are paid are soon to begin. Supervisors have been attending conferences and have been taught their duties in checking compliance with provisions of the act. Figures for the county show that 80 per cent of the tobacco farmers have signed up to participate in the soil conservation (Continued on page eight)

Lack of Projects May Hamper Work Of WPA in County

Need Surveys For Roads In Order To Continue Road Improvement

600 NOW GIVEN WORK. 425 Men And 177 Women On WPA Payrolls In Wilkes County

Lack of desirable projects and difficulties concerning the continuation of the county-wide road project may seriously hamper the Works Progress administration in supplying work to about 600 relief cases in Wilkes county, it was learned today from T. D. Heffner, division engineer in charge of the branch office here. This situation has largely developed because many of the highway projects made up some time ago are nearing completion and the state highway commission has so far failed to make additional surveys for projects of permanent improvement on farm-to-market roads. Under the present WPA setup the sponsor of a project must put up 30 per cent of the total cost. Towns and communities in need of various projects would do well to take advantage of the opportunities afforded, is the opinion of many who are interested in securing projects of general benefit. At the present time there are approximately 425 men on WPA payroll in Wilkes county and the last report showed that 177 women are employed. Work is now progressing on a street improvement project in this city, which calls for gravel surfacing second street and Boston Avenue. The Trogon road project has been completed. Mr. Heffner said there is possibility of other street improvement projects being worked out.

Three Defendants Are Convicted Of Murder Cline Hall; 2nd Degree

Drought Cattle Invade Capitol Grounds



Bismarck, N. D.—Hungry cattle whose rangelands are now barren dust-covered plains, finally invaded the North Dakota state capitol grounds here last week, nibbling at such grasses as had survived the scorching heat which gripped this state for weeks.

Woman And 2 Men Sentenced 15 to 20 Years In Prison

Betty Triplett, Walter Triplett And Will Dula Face Long Term

WILL APPEAL CASE

State Had Asked For Verdict of First Degree For Slaying Cline Hall

Not less than 15 nor more than twenty years in the state prison was the sentence handed down by Judge J. H. Clement in Wilkes superior court Wednesday to Betty Triplett, Walter Triplett and Will Dula for the murder of Cline Hall at the home of Zeb Triplett near Denny on July 27. The defendants were placed on trial for their lives and the state asked for a verdict of first degree murder. After about five hours deliberation the jury returned a verdict of second degree murder against all three defendants. The trial was completed rapidly, considering that a capital offense was alleged. The jury was selected Monday from the regular jurors and a special venire of 75 men. The state completed its evidence Monday afternoon. Highlights of the state's evidence was the death bed statement of Hall, who was quoted as saying that Walter Triplett inflicted knife wounds on his body and that the woman made the fatal stab in his chest. The defendants went on the stand to deny the charge. Walter Triplett admitted cutting Hall's arm but neither of them admitted knowledge of how the fatal wound was inflicted. Other witnesses told of how a wild party was in progress when the altercation occurred and that they saw the three advancing on Hall and that Hall had struck Walter Triplett and Betty Triplett with a piece of slab. After judgement was rendered in the case defense attorneys made their motions and gave notice of appeal to the supreme court. Appearance bonds were set by Judge Clements at \$15,000 each. Solicitor Jones was aided in the prosecution by J. M. Brown, Eugene Trivette, W. H. McElwee, T. R. Bryan and J. E. Holshouser were the defense attorneys. Following the capital case Robert Lee was tried for the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. G. Teague, in an automobile accident over two years ago. A verdict had not been rendered at the time The Journal-Patriot went to press this morning. Fred Glass, charged with the murder of Lum Anderson about four years ago, was scheduled to be tried today.

Mystery Of Baby's Body In Well Is Partially Cleared By Discovery Of Its Mother And Arrest Elkin Woman

Friday Is Date To Collect Books

For Public Library In Wilkesboro; People Asked To Give Books

Tomorrow (Friday) is the date for collection of books in Wilkesboro for the Wilkesboro public library. Mrs. Julius C. Hubbard is chairman of the library committee of the Wilkesboro Woman's club, which is sponsoring the library project, although the institution will be for use by the public. Any who have any volumes they wish to donate are asked to have them ready Friday, when a complete canvass of the town will be made in an effort to collect a considerable number of volumes. Those who have books they wish to donate should give them to the collectors regardless of their condition. Workers employed by the book mending project of the WPA will repair any worn or damaged books given the library.

Baby Was Born Dead Saturday Night In Hospital At Taylorsville

Officers yesterday reported the discovery of the mother of the dead girl baby found in an old abandoned well in eastern Wilkes Sunday morning.

Mrs. Flake Brown, of Elkin, was found by Sheriff Mays, of Alexander county, yesterday at the hospital at Taylorsville and hospital attaches identified the rubber glove box in which the baby's body was found as coming from the hospital.

According to the story told officers by Mrs. Brown she gave birth to the slightly premature child Saturday night and that the baby was dead when born. This statement was born out by physician who attended her at that time. After its birth, she said, her sister, Mrs. John Hudspeth, of Elkin, promised to take the baby's body and have it buried in the family plot in a cemetery. Instead the baby's body was taken and placed in the old well three miles northwest of Elkin near the home of John Shore, who said there were two men in the car that stopped near his house while they went to the well. Mrs. Hudspeth was taken into custody Wednesday and brought to Wilkesboro, where she was placed under a bond of \$2,000. However, she refused to discuss the affair in any way and would make no statement that tended to throw any further light on the case or reveal the identity of the men who threw the package containing the body into the old well. Mrs. Brown, it was learned here, had been separated from her husband for more than a year.

Lightning Strikes 2 Houses Friday

Severe Storm Strikes In Hays Community; Dancy, Higgins Homes

Lightning hit two residences and slightly injured one person Friday during a storm in the Hays community. The home of C. H. Dancy was badly damaged by the bolt. All posts were knocked from the porch, strips of weatherboard and ceiling were torn off and other damage was noticed. Mrs. Ezra Dancy was badly shocked but soon recovered. During the same storm, which was accompanied by rainfall of cloudburst proportions, the home of Boyd Higgins was somewhat damaged when hit by lightning but no one was hurt. The light power is the vehicle on which most of the other mental faculties are transported.

Free Use Re-employment Facilities Will Broaden Service, Officials Say

LONNIE CANTER DROPS DEAD AT NOON TODAY

Lonnie Canter, well known local citizen who lived about half a mile west of this city, died suddenly at noon today, presumably from a heart attack. Mr. Canter had been employed by the Wilkesboro Manufacturing company for a number of years and had many friends over the county. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Julia Canter, and the following children: Isaac, Milwaukee, Wis.; Hoy, North Wilkesboro; Grady, Furler; Mrs. Estelle Parsons, Richard and Louise Canter, North Wilkesboro. Funeral arrangements had not been made early this afternoon.

Urge Registration Of Unemployed Skilled Laborers At Office Here

In order that the re-employment service may serve the greatest possible number of people, officials of the local office which serves Wilkes and four adjoining counties are asking that unemployed persons, industry and individuals needing laborers of any kind get in touch with the office. A full registration of unemployed, especially those skilled in any trade or labor, is essential in order that efficient service can be rendered those in need of workers and in order to serve the jobless, officials pointed out. The local office has succeeded in placing practically all skilled workers registered and any in the territory who are not gainfully employed are asked to keep their registrations in force by periodic renewals. At the present time there are calls for experienced jack hammer men and those who have had experience in driving a large Hugg truck. All available tractor drivers and machine operators have been placed on the Blue Ridge parkway construction projects. In order to point out the scope of the employment service it was reported today that the office has a call for an experienced white woman cook at substantial wages. Many placements are being made by the local office, which is in charge of J. B. Hash.

OFFICER NABS COUPLE AND CARGO OF LIQUOR

Hickory, Aug. 19.—Thirty-one cases of bottled in bond whisky, valued at \$1,200, was captured late Tuesday night by Corp. Carlyle Ingle, of Lenoir, who arrested a Wilkesboro man, and a woman accompanying him in a truck bearing the load of liquor, about six miles from Blowing Rock on the Lenoir-Blowing Rock highway. Arrested on charges of possession and transportation of illegal liquor and reckless driving while transporting the cargo, Henry Clay Holland, 43-year-old Wilkesboro man, was brought to Lenoir where he gave bond amounting to \$1,100. His young woman companion, Treva Ray, of Deep Gap, Watauga county, gave a \$200 bond. Trial for the two was set for September 8 before Judge A. R. Crisp in Lenoir.

Mrs. Jones Says Prospects Good

For National Republican Ticket; Has Returned From Conference

Mrs. John R. Jones, of this city, Republican national committee woman from North Carolina, returned Wednesday from a conference of Republican women from 18 states composing the eastern division of the National Republican Women's Clubs and brought reports encouraging to Republicans interested in the success of the Republican national ticket. Mrs. Jones was accompanied to New York by Mrs. Eugene Hester, of Reidsville, state vice chairman. They report that the conference they attended in New York City Monday was an enthusiastic gathering from every representative state. "Prospects for the success of the national ticket, as well as local Republican tickets, in these states are very bright," Mrs. Jones said, "and the national ticket seems to be gaining in popularity every day." While in New York, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hester spent sometime in eastern headquarters, 3 W. 51st street, in conference with Mrs. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., eastern manager, and Miss Natalia Couch, eastern director of the woman's division. They brought back encouraging reports of the campaign.

CURRENT AND GOOSEBERRY BUSHES BEING REMOVED TO PROTECT WHITE PINE TIMBER

"White pine trees in Wilkes county should remain free from a serious disease known as the Blister Rust," declared Dr. R. W. Leiby, state Entomologist, who spent several days here recently inspecting the removal of currant and gooseberry bushes which are able to breed the rust disease and pass it on to white pine trees. Thousands of these offending bushes have been removed in the county by WPA workers during the past three summers and the work will be completed in Wilkes county this week, said Dr. Leiby. This has only been possible, he declared, by the unusually fine cooperation given to supervisor Ferguson by citizens of the county who have realized the importance of permitting the pulling of currant and gooseberry bushes, both wild and cultivated that were found growing within 900 feet of any white pine tree. "There are, as far as we can estimate by close surveys, at least 200,000 acres of 5 per cent and more white pine in Wilkes county," said Dr. Leiby. "Foresters believe this is a tree of more than average value because of its usefulness, rapid growth and ability to reseed itself. Removal of all the currant and gooseberry bushes that the WPA workers could locate by systematic search and checking on their removal a second season to get any sprouts that were overlooked, means that no blister rust can get on white pine in the country. Naturally we are a bit proud of the work done here," said Dr. Leiby. This blister rust WPA project has employed an average of 15 men during each of three summers which resulted in a federal

Skull Fractured In Fight Sunday

Officers Seek John Lackey For Alleged Attack On Bob Cannon

Bob Cannon, Alexander county resident who had been working in this city, is a patient in the Wilkes hospital, where he is apparently recovering from a fractured skull he is said to have received at the hands of John Lackey here Sunday. The two men, who were caring for some livestock pastured on the fairgrounds, engaged in a quarrel which later developed into a fight, officers said, and Lackey struck Cannon on the head with a shotgun, fracturing his skull. Efforts on the part of officers to locate the alleged assailant have so far been unsuccessful. Ice Cream Supper There will be an ice cream supper at Friendship Methodist church near Millers Creek Saturday night, August 22, at eight o'clock. It is sponsored by the Epworth League and everybody is invited.

Preaching Mission To Begin Sept. 2

Dr. Warren W. Way Secured For Series of Services at St. Paul's Parish

Rev. Warren W. Way, D. D., rector of St. James church in Atlantic City, will preach twice daily during the preaching mission to be held at St. Paul's parish, beginning September 2 and running through September 9. Dr. Way is well known in North Carolina. For three years he was rector of St. Luke's parish, Salisbury. From there he was called to be rector of St. Mary's junior college in Raleigh, which position he held for more than fourteen years. He has had wide experience as a preacher, pastor and educator and the congregation feels fortunate in that his services have been secured for the mission. Cottage prayer services are being held each Thursday evening during August in preparation for the meeting. The service Thursday evening of this week will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, beginning at eight o'clock. Mrs. Alva Stuckey and two sons, Alva, Jr., and George, of Richmond, Va., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Church. Mrs. Stuckey is Mrs. Church's sister.

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