

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

To Inspect Dry Area Washington, Aug. 25.—President Roosevelt left the capital at 10:55 p. m. tonight for his tour of the drought stricken area.

Tobacco Prices Good Whiteville, Aug. 25.—More than 500,000 pounds of tobacco brought an average of \$26.58 cwt. yesterday. No averages were available for today's sales.

Held In Death Whiteville, Aug. 25.—Wallace Williamson, Cerro Gordo youth, was held for the grand jury today in connection with the death of Warren Coleman, killed when Williamson's car hit his bicycle.

Freed Of Death Whiteville, Aug. 25.—A direct verdict acquitted Johnny Humphrey, 20, of a manslaughter charge for the deaths of his father, E. Humphrey, and Owen Lightman, Fayetteville traveling salesman, in an automobile accident.

Killed Father; 10 Years Goldsboro, Aug. 25.—Lila Mae Woodward, 23, submitted to a second-degree murder charge today in the butcher-knife slaying of her father, Jethro Woodward. Judge E. H. Crammer sentenced her to 10 to 15 years. Woodward died several hours after the daughter stabbed him in the leg.

Landon In New York Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Governor Alf M. Landon reached the final speaking stop of his Eastern campaign swing today and plunged immediately into conferences on party strategy for winning New York's 47 electoral votes which included a chat with Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

Plan Test Flight New York, Aug. 25.—Dick Merrill, flying veteran, and Harry Richman, the singer-actor, said tonight they would fly their monoplane "Lady Peace" to Newfoundland and back tomorrow in a test hop, preliminary to taking flight on their projects round-trip flight to London Friday.

War Secretary Ill Washington, Aug. 25.—Secretary of War Dern was fighting for his life in Walter Reed General Hospital tonight after a serious setback in his long illness from influenza. War Department officials said the 64-year-old secretary's condition was "alarming" with heart and kidney complications. John Dern, the only member of the family not here, was called from Chicago to be at his father's bedside.

To Extend Seed Loans Washington, Aug. 25.—Congressional appropriation of funds for 1937 seed loans to farmers was forecast today by President Roosevelt as a major drought relief move. His statement was made at a press conference preceding his departure tonight on a tour of drought stricken states. It topped a round of developments which included an official prediction that heavier government purchases of drought-distressed cattle will be made unless good fall rains occur.

Showers Bring Relief Chicago, Aug. 25.—Showers and cooling breezes started a rout of a late August heat wave from much of the Middle West tonight as President Roosevelt began a journey into the area for first-hand drought information. General rains during the day over Illinois, Wisconsin, parts of Michigan and Indiana were to be followed, forecasters here said, by showers and lower temperatures in parts of the Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska and possibly Kansas and Missouri.

2 Men Taken By Federal Officers

50 Gallons Found in Home; Blowing Rock Man Remains in Jail

During the past week federal alcohol tax unit investigators working in Wilkes County have made two successful liquor hauls. On Friday eight officers confiscated and destroyed 50 gallons of illicit liquor found in the residence of Frank McNeil in the vicinity of Ferguson. After a hearing before U. S. Commissioner J. W. Dula McNeil was bound over to federal court by a bond of \$1,000. Theodore W. Green, of Blowing Rock, was still in jail today in default of a \$1,000 bond fixed in a commissioner's hearing after he was arrested by revenue agents. He is said to have been hauling about fifty gallons on a truck.

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Would Construct Link of Highway In Near Future

Highway Commission Says Funds Ready for Hunting Creek Highway WERE HERE TUESDAY

Protest Heard in Regard to Route; Route as Shown by Map Favored Chairman Capus M. Waynick and two other members of the state highway commission in Wilkesboro Tuesday gave assurance that the Wilkesboro-Statesville highway by way of Hunting Creek will be constructed at an early date. Chairman Waynick and Commissioners Ross M. Sigmon and E. F. Allen were here to attend a meeting at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, at which time a protest in regard to the location of the road was heard and the decision given that the road would be constructed along the survey which has been posted for some time in the courthouse, the survey. (Continued on page eight)

City Schools to Open 1936-1937 Term Wednesday

Formal Openings Will Be Held Friday and Monday Mornings

North Wilkesboro city schools will begin the 1936-37 session on Wednesday morning, September 2, at 8:40 o'clock. Prospects are bright for a successful term. The city schools will again operate for a period of eight and three-quarters months. Last session North Wilkesboro was one of the twelve public high schools in North Carolina that retained membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Within the past three years three graduates have been accepted to institutions of higher learning outside of North Carolina. These pupils were accepted without comprehensive examinations because of the fact that the city high school is a member of the association.

Thirty teachers compose the faculty of the city schools—16 elementary, nine high school, and five in the colored school. The faculty follows: Elementary—first grade, Misses Sallie Outlaw, Sam Johnson and Julia Belle Foy; second grade, Mrs. Susie H. Williams, Miss Emma Eller and Miss Beatrice Pearson; third grade, Miss Elizabeth Finley and Miss Etta Turner; fourth grade, Miss Rebecca Moseley and Miss Ruby Blackburn; fifth grade, Miss Mable Hendren and Miss Kathryn Troutman; sixth grade, Miss Nonie Gordon and Miss Gertrude Williams, seventh grade, Miss Louise Foy and Miss Elizabeth Zurburg.

High school—superintendent of city schools, W. D. Halfacre; history, Miss Mabel Topping; latin, Miss Estelle Ardrey; math, Ralph Barker; french, Miss Nell Rousseau; commercial, Miss Carrie Bell Strayhorn; home economic, Miss Catherine Turner; english, Miss Ann McLaughlin; science, R. P. McKee; custodian of grounds, T. J. Haigwood.

Colored school—F. E. Parker, Edena Johnson, Helen Warren, Sylvia Shepherd and Charles Martin. Teachers meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon, 2:30. Both school buildings have been placed in first class condition in anticipation of school opening. The roof of the elementary building has been painted, windows cleaned, floors oiled, and buildings and equipment are in sanitary condition throughout.

Children who attended the city schools last session and who are to be in the first seven grades this year are requested to go Wednesday morning to the classrooms they occupied last year. From these rooms the promotion lists will be read and then the pupils will be directed to their respective classrooms for the ensuing session. It is important that these instructions be carried out to the letter to avoid confusion. Pupils who did not attend the city schools last year, but who this year are to enter grades one through five, are to assemble in the auditorium at 8:40 o'clock Wednesday morning, and there directions will be given for their classification. This applies to all (Continued on page eight)

ON ALUMNI PROGRAM 29TH



Chapel Hill Aug. 26.—R. B. House, dean of administration at the University of North Carolina, and Head Football Coach Ray Wolf will be among the speakers at a rally of western North Carolina alumni of the university to be held in Asheville at Recreation park on Saturday evening, August 29. The festivities, which are expected to attract several hundred Carolina alumni from the western section of the state, will get under way at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. An old-fashioned barbecue and Brunswick stew will be served at 6 o'clock, and the meeting will be brought to a close around 7:30.

Wilkes Asking Over Million Road Refund

77 Counties Ask For \$56,970,188

Commission to Meet in Raleigh Friday to Study Claims

Wilkes county has filed a claim with the state of North Carolina for \$56,970,188. The exact amount of the claim filed for Wilkes by the county attorney, A. H. Casey, was \$1,118,000, which includes the bonded road and bridge debt and equipment.

J. G. Hackett, of this city, is a member of the commission recently appointed by Governor Ehringhaus to study and examine claims filed by the various counties in the state. So far little encouragement has been given the counties seeking refunds by state officials. Seventy-one North Carolina counties Tuesday night had filed claims totaling \$56,970,188 with the commission investigating highway debts. The figures exceeded by close to \$7,000,000 the maximum total predicted by officials of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and by approximately \$48,000,000 the figure named in a refunding bill presented to the last General Assembly. The total bonded road indebtedness of the state's 100 counties is approximately \$55,000,000. Twenty-one counties each claimed the state owed them more than \$1,000,000 for roads constructed before North Carolina took over the highway system in 1931. The deadline for filing the claims was midnight Tuesday. Totals were announced by Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, chairman of the investigating commission. The group will meet in Raleigh Friday to consider the petitions. Highway officials pointed out that if all the claims were paid, (Continued on back page)

Miss Robinson To Open Studio Here Wednesday

Miss Ellen Robinson, talented music instructor, will open her studio Wednesday, September 2, in the North Wilkesboro high school building. Miss Robinson is well known to the people of the city, having been music instructor here for several years. Lessons will be given in piano and voice.

BEST FREE ACTS IN HISTORY OF WILKES FAIR PROMISED AT ANNUAL EXPOSITION THIS FALL

W. A. McNeil, president and general manager of the Great Wilkes Fair, said today that the grandstand attractions for the fall September 15-19 would undoubtedly be the most thrilling and entertaining ever presented before fair visitors in North Wilkesboro. Mr. McNeil returned recently from a trip to northern states and to Toronto, Canada, where he saw some of the acts coming here. The acts were presented in the Canadian Exposition. The cash outlay for free acts this year is about doubled the amount spent for the grandstand attractions last year. In making up the program of free acts the element of fun and hilarity was not left out and one of the funniest attractions ever to appear in front of a grandstand is that of "Aunt Jermima's Pancakes." This act consists of a woman and two men and this fall will be on the road for the first time after more than two years of highly successful showing in New York City. This is only one of the many free acts and others will be mentioned in later news articles. Meanwhile arrangements are being made at the fairgrounds here for caring for capacity crowds with as much comfort as enlarged and the grounds are being placed in tip-top shape. Not possible. The grandstand is being one detail is being overlooked because the fair is calculated to draw perhaps the largest crowd ever to assemble in this city for any event.

Resettlement Spends \$10,196 In This County

Greater Part of This Sum Was in Loans Advanced to 43 Persons

IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

Grants to 90 Persons Totalled \$2,438; One Farm Debt is Adjusted

Payments totaling \$10,196.00 were made in Wilkes County by the Resettlement Administration from July 1, 1935 to June 26, 1936, according to information received here. Of these payments loans totaling \$7,758.00 were made to 43 persons and \$2,438.00 of grants to 90 persons were disbursed. An additional activity of the Resettlement Administration, that of farm debt adjustments, showed that in Wilkes County 1 case had been adjusted through May, 1936 involving an original indebtedness of \$100.00 with resultant savings of \$20.00. In addition to the saving through adjustment there were cases where loans had been extended or where a reduction of interest rate had been effected. Further benefit from this activity was noted in the taxes paid as a result of adjustments. The State of North Carolina had received rehabilitation loans through June 26, 1936, amounting to \$1,834,985.56 which were actually certified for payment. There remained the sum of \$202,718.52 in unpaid commitments. Rehabilitation grants during the same period were advanced in the sum of \$321,611.97. A total of 7,441 persons in North Carolina received loans, while 9,238 persons were the recipients of grants.

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Council Of Social Agencies To Meet

Announcement is made of the September meeting of the Wilkes county council of social agencies, central civic organization, to be held at the home of Mrs. A. F. Kilby on Friday night, September 4. This organization, although young, has done some very effective civic work and members representing all affiliated organizations and institutions are requested to attend the September meeting, at which time many important matters will be taken up.

Rev. L. B. Murray, well known Baptist minister of State Road is a patient in a Statesville hospital this week. His condition is not regarded as critical but he will probably undergo an operation next week.

County Schools Open 1936-37 Term Today

Prospects Bright For Good Session

Average Attendance Expected to Be Greater Than in Last Term

IS EARLY OPENING

Hope to Complete Half Term by Christmas and Close Early in Spring Wilkes county schools began the 1936-37 term today with prospects bright for a good school year. The earlier opening date this year was set by C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, and the county board of education in order that half the eight months' term may be completed before the Christmas holidays. All county schools opened today with the exception of fourteen small schools which opened a month ago in outlying districts. The uniform opening dates are calculated to greatly facilitate school administration problems for county school authorities. North Wilkesboro city charter schools will open on Wednesday, September 2. Enrollment and attendance are expected to exceed last year's figures. The enrollment last term was slightly over that of the previous year but the severe winter weather, interrupted school schedule and other difficulties pulled the average attendance under that of the 1934-35 term. This year the school buses have been routed over what appeared to be the most feasible routes and the...

Attendance Law Will Be Enforced This School Term

Parents Must Show Legal Excuse or Be Prosecuted, McNeil Says

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Very few changes were made in facilities of the high and central schools and only one change in principals. C. M. Cook, Roaring River principal, resigned to accept a similar position in Iredell county and Wm. H. Davis, for seven years a member of the Ronda high school faculty, now heads Roaring River district schools and is high school principal. The other principals are: Wilkesboro, T. E. Story; Ferguson, Grady Tester; Mount Pleasant, S. E. Matthews; Millers Creek, R. V. Day; Mountain View, E. R. Spruill; Traphill, Carl Hendrix; Ronda, W. L. Bowman.

Preaching Mission At St. Paul's Will Begin September 2

Services Will Be Held Through September 9; Dr. Way To Do Preaching

Rev. Warren W. Way, D. D. L.L.D., who is to assist Rev. B. M. Lackey in a preaching mission at St. Paul's Episcopal church, will arrive in the city on Tuesday of next week. While here he will be entertained at the Hotel Wilkes. The first service of the mission will be held on Wednesday evening, September 2, at 8 o'clock. The schedule of services for the mission are as follows: A preaching service every evening at eight o'clock during the mission from Wednesday, September 2, to Wednesday, September 9th inclusive. At ten o'clock each morning Dr. Way will conduct a service of meditation and instruction. On Sunday, September 6, the following services will be conducted: holy communion at 7:30 a. m.; church school and Bible class 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon 11:00 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon at eight. Friends and visitors are welcome to all services. In preparation for the mission there will be held a cottage prayer meeting and song service on Thursday evening of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dula at eight o'clock.

Recovering From Lightning Injury

Bolt Rips Clothing and Shoes From Roaring River Resident Tuesday

Mrs. Curtis Johnson, of Roaring River, is recovering from injuries received Tuesday of last week when lightning hit her home while she was preparing her table for supper. Mrs. Johnson was painfully burned and severely shocked but regained consciousness after a short time. Her shoes and part of her clothing were torn from her by the bolt, which did considerable damage to the house. Mrs. Johnson was carried by ambulance to the Wilkes hospital here, where she was treated for a short time and has returned to her home well on the road toward recovery.

NYA Will Aid Needy Students

Halfacre Explains Plan for Helping Children Defray School Expenses

W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of the city schools, after attending the conference called by the state NYA director in Newton on Tuesday of this week, stated that needy youths between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five who desired to continue their education may submit applications for work sufficient to earn a small remuneration to assist in defraying their school expenses. Applications of needy boys and girls in the age limits as above stated should be filled at the earliest possible date with the school authorities. The National Youth Administration (Continued on page eight)