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Escapes Caught Raleigh, Aug. 28.—Two long-term convicts who escaped from a prison gang in the heart of Raleigh this morning, boarded a freight train which carried them past central prison, and fled through Raleigh's city park, were recaptured today.

Census of Blind Raleigh, Aug. 28.—Dr. Romas S. Cheek, director of the state commission for the blind, announced today that William C. Johnson, University of North Carolina graduate, has been engaged to direct a WPA census of the blind, the first state-wide census ever attempted.

Typhoon Kills 379 Seoul, Korea, Aug. 29. (Saturday).—A typhoon swept the Southern Korea peninsula yesterday, killing at least 379 persons, an official announcement today said. Eighty-nine persons were missing, 45 were injured and property damage was heavy, the statement asserted.

Burglary Conviction Whiteville, Aug. 28.—Charles Smith Chadbourn negro, was convicted of first-degree burglary—a capital offense—tonight. Smith was charged with entering the home of Mrs. Sarah Lyles, a widow, with the intention of attacking her. The negro claimed his case was one of mistaken identity.

Wet and Dry Claims Wilson, Aug. 28.—Wet claims of improved conditions since legalization of liquor in seventeen North Carolina counties were denied by Rev. John Barclay, Christian minister, of Wilson, before the state liquor commission today. Rev. Mr. Barclay cited figures which he said showed an increase in arrests for drunkenness, drunk driving and illegal sale of liquor in Wilson since the sale was opened.

Investigate Floggings Whiteville, Aug. 28.—In customary secrecy the grand jury today began its investigation of a series of "night-rider" floggings in a remote section of the county. Nearly a score witnesses, including three of the six alleged victims, were examined by the jury. The witnesses today included Mrs. Bertha Fowler and her daughter, Inez, who claim a masked, robed band cut their hair, beat them and ordered them out of the county.

Execute Themselves Huntington Park, Calif., Aug. 28.—A young man who had lost his job and "did not believe in God" lay down with his pretty young wife in a homemade lethal chamber today, and enacted a bizarre replica of a legal execution. Several hours later police, wearing gas masks, found the bodies of the man, 28-year-old Durad V. Clevenger, and his wife, Grace, 24, lying on the floor beside a pan of deadly chemicals used to execute condemned criminals in states where lethal gas is used.

Jumps 86 Stories New York, Aug. 28.—With a smiling farewell, "So long, folks," Robert Francis Erskine, a young newspaper reporter, pushed himself from the parapet on the 86th floor of the Empire State building today and hurtled to his death on the sidewalk, 1,056 feet below. Erskine, 23, a reporter for the Bronxville (N. Y.) Press, shot past three setbacks and smashed at the rate of about four miles a minute into the sidewalk on West 33rd street. A half-dozen sightseers on the observation tower floor saw him wave a newspaper, clamber over the ledge and spin out into space.

Home Coming Held At Adley Church A large crowd attended the home coming service held Sunday at Adley Methodist church. The day's program began with Sunday school and at eleven o'clock there was an address by W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of North Wilkesboro city schools. At noon a bounteous dinner was spread on a long table picnic style, and was very much enjoyed.

In the afternoon short talks were made by P. J. Brame and A. S. Cassel, of North Wilkesboro. H. J. Steelman, a former president of the community, and M. R. Church. A quartet composed of J. B. Henderson, Dewey Minton, R. R. Church and Zeb Dinkson rendered several numbers. The home coming was the beginning of a revival which will continue through this week. Rev. J. C. Gentry is pastor.

Over-rule Protest Concerning Route Of Highway 115

Highway Commission in Raleigh Decides on Route as is Now Posted

PROGRAM IS MAPPED Governor Asked to Allocate Large Sum for Improvement of Bus Routes

The state highway commission in meeting in Raleigh Friday overruled a protest asking that highway 115 be rerouted from the survey which has been made and posted in the courthouse at Wilkesboro.

Three members of the commission heard the protest at Wilkesboro Tuesday and decided upon the route as surveyed, which follows closely in the vicinity of the present dirt road. An appeal was filed by Attorney W. H. McElwee, representing the protestants, to be heard before the full commission Friday in Raleigh.

The commission refused the request for rerouting, claiming that it would cost approximately \$30,000.

The commission Friday completed the proposed \$2,810,000 road betterment program for which Governor Ehringhaus will be asked to allot funds from the highway surplus.

Chairman Waynick said the program would be presented to the governor either Saturday or early this week. The Governor had previously indicated he would approve the allocation of funds.

If funds are obtained between 300 and 500 small road improvement projects would be started as soon as possible, Waynick said. Most of the work would be done on county roads, particularly school bus routes and other important secondary roads.

Plan Widening Of "C" Street

Engineer Working Up Project To Be Submitted To Works Progress Group

During the past week an engineer has been working on specifications for widening of C street in front of the new postoffice building. Harry Dula was in charge of this work.

A WPA project is being made up and will be submitted for approval by district and state WPA officials. If the project goes through a considerable sum will be saved the city in that the greater part of labor cost and part of the cost of materials will be paid through the Works Progress administration.

Wellborn Family Reunion Sept. 13

Annual reunion of the Wellborn family will be held at the home of Rev. F. M. Wellborn 17 miles east of Wilkesboro in Wilkes county on Sunday, September 13. An interesting program has been arranged for both morning and afternoon. A feature of the day's program will be the basket dinner at noon, to which all attending are requested to contribute with baskets well filled with good eats.

All members of the family, relatives, friends and others interested have a cordial invitation to be present.

Mrs. W. M. Clanton Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held at Walnut Grove Baptist church near Pores Knob today for Mrs. Eva Pearson Clanton, age 65, wife of W. M. Clanton. She died Friday from an illness of heart disease.

Surviving are her husband and the following children: Mrs. Dora Borsodes, Mendota, Illinois; Mrs. Ida Holland, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Bessie Pennell, Ernest, Charles and Carl Clanton, Pores Knob; Mrs. Zora Smith, Mendota, Illinois. Last rites were conducted by Rev. C. C. Holland, pastor.

Kisses Hitler



New York. The Olympic games in Germany made a hit with Mrs. Carla De Vries (above) of Norwalk, Calif. She was there and being near Fuehrer Adolf Hitler in his lodge at the stadium, she planted a kiss on his unsuspecting countenance.

Several Injured When Lightning Hits Two Houses

Home of Rev. Purvis Parks and C. W. Wiles Struck During Storms

During the thunder storms in this county Wednesday and Thursday two homes were hit by lightning and several were injured.

On Thursday lightning hit the home of Rev. Purvis C. Parks near Cycle postoffice in eastern Wilkes. Three of his children were seriously hurt and the eldest suffered severe burns. However, their condition is not now considered critical and all are expected to recover. Considerable damage was done to the house.

On Wednesday afternoon lightning hit the home of C. W. Wiles near Hays and one child, Lizzie Lee Wiles, was burned and badly shocked but is well on the road toward recovery. Others in the building were not hurt, although the top of the chimney was torn off, various parts of the house splintered and some damage done to beds and other furnishings.

City Schools To Begin Wednesday

Everything in Readiness for Beginning of 1936-37 Term; Prospects Good

North Wilkesboro city schools will open the 1936-37 term on Wednesday morning of this week, 8:40 o'clock.

Children expecting to attend school are requested to be present on opening day on time in order to get started to work without confusion or delay. Books may be purchased or rented at the school.

Formal opening of the elementary school will be on Friday morning, nine o'clock. Formal opening for the high school department will be Monday morning, nine o'clock. The public is cordially invited to these programs.

A large enrollment is expected. Faculties of the high and elementary schools and the colored school totals thirty teachers.

Ice Cream Supper Be Tuesday Night

Wilkesboro Woman's club on Tuesday night will sponsor an ice cream supper at the courthouse—rain or fair weather. The occasion has been announced twice to be held on the courthouse lawn and each time was rained out. If it rains Tuesday night the ice cream supper will be in the courtroom and if weather permits will be on the lawn.

Good Revival At Oak Forest Church

One of the most successful revivals in a number of years at Oak Forest Baptist church in the Dellaplane community closed Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Purvis C. Parks, was assisted by Rev. J. S. Bryant. The services were largely attended and much interest was shown.

Civic Leaders Will Ask City Board To Allocate Funds To Secure City Playground and Recreational Park

Council of Social Agencies To Meet With Commissioners Tuesday Evening; \$3,000 Needed to Secure Playground

The Wilkes county council of social agencies, a delegation from the Kiwanis club and other interested citizens will meet with the North Wilkesboro board of aldermen at the city hall Tuesday evening, 7:30, to ask the city to allocate funds to secure a city playground and park in cooperation with the Works Progress administration.

For some time the council, a civic organization made up of representative of 32 social agencies and institutions, has had under advisement a plan whereby the Riverside swimming pool can be converted into a recreational park and a municipal playground can be constructed between E and F streets.

A project can be worked up, sponsors say, whereby the city can obtain a recreation park and playground valued at \$20,000 provided \$3,000 can be raised locally. This will be the main purpose of the meeting before the city board of commissioners on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. R. Absher, chairman of the council, said today that the meeting before the board on Tuesday evening would take the place of the regular September meeting previously announced to meet at A. F. Kilby's residence on Friday night. Every member of the council, representing the 32 organizations and institutions, is urgently requested to be present Tuesday evening. Any other interested citizens are also asked to attend the meeting, regardless of whether or not they are affiliated with the council of social agencies or any civic organization.

The proposal was laid before the Kiwanis club Friday at noon by Rev. Eugene Olive and received the backing of the club, the public affairs committee being designated to represent the club in the meeting before the city board Tuesday evening.

The council committee on recreation is composed of A. F. Kilby, Rev. Eugene Olive, A. H. Casey, Dr. R. B. Templeton, T. E. Story, W. D. Halfacre, J. H. Whicker, W. K. Sturdivant and T. D. Heffner.

Dock Anderson Gives Up Appeal

Betty and Walter Triplett Unable to Fill Bonds; Still in Jail

Dock Anderson, convicted of the murder of Dink Love two years ago at the Anderson home in the Windy Gap community and sentenced by Judge J. H. Clement in the August term of superior court to from 10 to 15 years in state prison, was reported today to have given up his appeal to the supreme court and will be taken to Raleigh this week to begin his sentence.

Anderson had been in jail since his trial, being unable to fill appearance bond of \$10,000 set by Judge Clement. Thus Anderson will begin his second sentence for murder, he having served about seven years of a term imposed in 1923 for the murder of Columbus Bottoms in the same community.

Betty Triplett and Walter Triplett, who appealed from a second degree verdict and sentence of from 15 to 20 years for the murder of Cline Hall near Denny in July, are still in jail. The other prisoner, Will Dula, who received the same sentence, has filed his bond of \$10,000 required by the court.

Merchants View 'Along Main St.'

Interesting Slide Film Shown in Meeting Held at City Hall Thursday

Members of the Wilkes County Retail Merchants association, along with business men affiliated with hardware stores gathered at the city hall Thursday night and were entertained and inspired by a slide film entitled "Along Main Street," which was shown under auspices of the Coca-Cola bottling company here.

The film, which has been widely acclaimed as a beneficial lesson on the subject of "Salesmanship," was very much enjoyed by the large number attending the meeting.

Kiwanis Programs For This Month

T. E. Story, secretary of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club has announced program chairman for meetings to be held during September as follows: September 4, S. V. Tomlinson; September 11, P. W. Eshelman; September 18, Genio Cardwell; September 24, inter-club meeting of Elkin, Statesville and North Wilkesboro clubs here.

Deaf and Dumb Negro Sentenced to Die for Assault on Jonesville Lady

Raymond Early, alias "Dummy" Moore, 21-year-old Jonesville deaf and dumb negro, was sentenced to die by Judge John H. Clement in Yadkin county court Friday after the jury had returned a verdict of guilty of criminal assault on the person of Mrs. Mary Wilkins, 28-year-old wife of Lewellyn Wilkins, of Jonesville.

The negro was sentenced to die in the gas chamber at state prison on Friday, October 30. The jury received the case at 3:15 and returned their verdict one hour and 10 minutes later. The deaf and dumb prisoner, who heard the sentence of death from the fingers of the interpreter, sat stolid, seemingly not understanding what it was all about until sentence was completed. At this point his eyes turned toward the back corner of the court room, where his deaf and dumb wife had remained throughout the trial. The interpreter stated that at no time during the trial or while sentence was being passed did the defendant make any remarks of any kind except to let him know that he understood fully the proceedings around him.

It is learned that the jury took only one ballot to convict the negro of the first-degree offense, and that only one member of the jury at any time was opposed to the verdict. When their deliberations were first begun one member suggested a second degree verdict, but soon joined the majority.

Attorneys for the condemned Negro made a motion to set aside the verdict, but was overruled. They then gave notice of appeal and was allowed sixty days to file pleadings. The state was allowed forty days in which to answer. The appeal, if perfected, will automatically stay the sentence of execution.

Mrs. Wilkins, alleged victim of the attack, was the first witness for the state. She related how she was awakened at 3 o'clock in the morning with a sheet pulled tightly over her head, and the negro attempting to assault her. Her screams aroused her husband and when he entered the room he was badly beaten by the intruder, as was her four-year-old son when he handed his mother a stick with which to defend herself. When the deaf and dumb negro was arrested and taken to the hospital Mrs. Wilkins identified him as being the one who ran from the room off a front porch, where she got a look at him from a porch light.

Attorney Otis Reynolds, of Elkin, represented the negro defendant and Attorney A. E. Hall of Yadkinville, assisted the solicitor in the prosecution. One of the interesting and impressive sights of the trial was the interpreter, imparting to the deaf and dumb negro each question and answer of the witnesses, making it a slow process to try him. More time is required to speak the sign language. The interpreter was R. C. Fortune Jr. of Jonesboro.

A Tyler Weds Cowboy



New York. Miss Margaret G. Tyler, 24, (above), granddaughter of former President Tyler, went West this season. Now comes word that she has become the bride of Clifford Glenn, 22, Montana cowboy and they are now on honeymoon.

Work on Parkway Is Going Forward At Rapid Speed

Parkway Development Expected On Optioned Lands Near Abshers

With work progressing at the present rapid gait, that section of the Blue Ridge parkway between the Carolina-Virginia line and Deep Gap—about 55 miles—should be virtually completed in a year from this date.

Contractors are pushing work on six projects and are using every daylight hour in an effort to complete their work in the specified 12 months from time of beginning, although at least one contractor may be late in getting his part of the boulevard grade completed. Approximately 1,500 men are being given employment on the parkway.

From a point near Roaring Gap the parkway will follow closely the summit of the Blue Ridge and will afford the user an unexcelled panoramic view of the Blue Ridge country and a great portion of Piedmont North Carolina. The parkway traverses Allegheny county in a southwest-easterly direction and touches Wilkes county first at a point near Air-bells Gap on the Blue Ridge.

From that point it swings along the summit in Wilkes and Ashe counties to Deep Gap, from which place the Boone Trail highway will be used temporarily to Boone.

A wide right of way has been obtained and in addition to the scenic easements about 7,000 acres of land has been optioned for park and recreation purposes. Included in this land is about 2,000 acres of the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge in Walnut Grove township in Wilkes county. On this land is some beautiful mountain scenery, including the Bluffs, an almost perpendicular precipice of stone extending from the foot nearly to the summit of the Blue Ridge. It is understood that camp sites, playgrounds and possibly a small lake may be constructed on the headwaters of Roaring River near that place.

The parkway will be within 25 miles of North Wilkesboro over three state highways—highway 18 toward Sparta, highway 16 toward Jefferson, and highway 60 (federal 421) toward Boone.

Pores Knob Route Two Is Extended

A three-mile extension has been placed on Pores Knob rural mail route 2 effective September 17.

The extension will reach to Salem church and will serve about 30 families, all in Alexander county. W. A. Jennings is carrier.

MR. M. G. BUTNER ON CHICAGO TRIP

Mr. M. G. Butner, local branch manager of the Duke Power Company, left Charlotte Saturday morning in company with a group of other power company's managers for a week's trip to Chicago. Mr. Butner is a guest of his company as a result of the local branch having won first place in its respective group in the hot water and electric range campaign conducted several weeks ago. The race was a spirited one between the North Wilkesboro and Hickory branches, the former winning by a margin of only a few points.

Enrollment In County Schools Is at High Peak

All Except Two Schools in County System Begun 1936-37 Term

HOW TO OBTAIN BOOKS All Books Are Being Handled by Teachers or County Superintendent

Reports from a number of the leading high and elementary schools in Wilkes county indicate that the enrollment on opening day—Thursday—exceeded the opening enrollment a year ago by a considerable number.

All schools in the county system with the exception of two have opened the 1936-37 term. Two elementary schools will open a month later in sections where farmers are unusually busy with tobacco crops.

No books, either high school or elementary, are being handled by independent dealers this year and all are being handled either thru the office of the county superintendent of schools or through teachers of the individual schools. Those who prefer to buy books may purchase them at the superintendent's office in the courthouse or any books except high school math and Latin courses may be rented at the schools. Parents and students are kindly asked to please keep this information in mind in order that there will be no delay or confusion regarding textbooks. The rental on books is one-third of the retail price.

Schools were begun Thursday with little confusion and are now operating smoothly.

North Wilkesboro city schools, a charter unit, will open on Wednesday, September 2, and books for students in the city schools will be rented or sold at that school.

Wilkesboro, the largest school in the county system, reported an enrollment Friday of 708 students, 280 of whom are in the high school department. This number exceeds by 50 the enrollment on opening day last year. The large enrollment presents a grave problem because the building is very crowded and the need of additional classrooms is not to be disputed.

McNiell Reunion On Sunday, 6th

Dr. Foust, Dr. Stanbury and Others on Interesting Program

Arrangements have been completed for the annual reunion of the McNiell family to be held at Millers Creek school six miles west of this city on Sunday, September 6.

The McNiell reunion is an annually anticipated event that attracts several hundred members and relatives of this widely known family. Attendance this year is expected to exceed that at any previous reunion and a very interesting program has been arranged by the program committee, headed by Judge Johnson J. Hayes as chairman.

The morning program will include an address by Dr. J. I. Foust, president emeritus of W. C. U. N. C. Greensboro, and other addresses during the day by Dr. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of West Market Street Methodist church, Greensboro, Judge Hayes, Attorney R. H. McNeill, Attorney Ed Bingham, Senator Peter McNeill, Attorney Joseph M. Prevette, Prof. C. B. Eller and others. James Larkin Pearson, secretary of the McNiell family organization, will have charge of the period devoted to adoption of a constitution and by-laws.

Everybody is asked to be prepared to add to the dinner feature of the program. A picnic style dinner will be spread at noon and there will be a lengthy recess for conversation and renewing acquaintances.

MISS NICHOLS MEMBER WILKESBORO FACULTY

A last minute change was made in the Wilkesboro school faculty when Miss Eloise Starr, sixth grade teacher, resigned because of ill health. Miss Mary Nichols, of Millers Creek, who graduated from A. S. T. C., Boone, was elected to fill the vacancy. This will be Miss Nichols' first year as a teacher.

Mrs. W. W. Barnhart and two sons, William and Eugene, visited for several days last week here in the home of Mr. ...