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Accidents To Be Reported
Charlotte, Jan. 13.—Lowrance L. Morris, Jr., 20, of Monroe, died in a Charlotte hospital today of injuries he suffered in an automobile wreck near here yesterday.

3,978 Licenses Revoked
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 12.—The highway safety division announced today it had revoked 3,978 automobile driving permits since November 1, 1935, and that 200 revocations had expired.

Communicable Diseases
Raleigh, Jan. 13.—Diphtheria cases in North Carolina reported to the state board of health dropped to 45 last week from 61 the week before while chicken pox cases rose to 134 from 101 and measles went up to 43 from 21.

Neighbors In News
Glenora, Jan. 12.—Gordon Morrow, 19-year-old youth who discovered the body of kidnaped Charles Mattson near Everett, Wash., yesterday, is the son of a native of Caldwell county, D. C. Farthing, local resident and a schoolmate of the father, Charles Morrow, revealed here this afternoon.

Airliner In Crash
Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—A twin-engine transport smashed into the Tehachani foothills, a scant 10 miles from its goal, in murky weather today with fatal injuries to one and serious to several of the 18 persons aboard. Dr. E. S. Bennett, rescue physician, reported tonight that J. Braden, of Cleveland, a passenger, was killed in the crash of the Salt Lake City airliner.

See Business Upturn
New York, Jan. 12.—Business optimists found a sustaining morsel of news today in reports that the machine tool industry had made a brisk new year start. Long noted for its sensitivity to business currents, the machine industry for many months has been out in front of the comeback of heavy industries producing equipment and heavy materials of the machine age.

Kills Three; Then Self
Washington, Jan. 13.—An elderly man gone suddenly mad killed three members of his family with a hammer and pistol tonight, wounded two others, and threw himself in front of a speeding freight train. He was ground to death. Detectives who rushed to the home of the man, Corbin Boardman, 65, a retired telephone company employee, could not establish a motive for the wholesale killing immediately.

Had Luck Victim
Kinston, Jan. 12.—Oscar Dawson was convinced today that bad luck runs in cycles. Last summer he sustained a \$400 loss from a fire in his small sawmill in South Kinston. There was no insurance. In the fall fire destroyed a barn on a farm he operates. The loss was several hundred dollars. Today he reported that a burglar had entered his home and robbed his pants pockets of more than \$200.

Maybe He Deserved It
Charlotte, Jan. 12.—Robert Barnes stumped into recorder's court today on artificial legs furnished him by the state of North Carolina and was bound over to Superior court under \$3,000 bond on a murder charge. The negro, whose legs were amputated as the result of an infection that developed while he was serving a short sentence in a Mecklenburg prison camp, was alleged to have shot Harris, another negro, to death recently.

Sight Restored
Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 12.—An operation so rare that it has been completely successful only three times in surgical history today enabled a young negro servant girl to see partially out of a profoundly totally blind eye. An elderly white woman's left eye, removed because of cancer, provided a sound cornea for "eye window" which was divided between the girl and an older negro woman.

Road Projects Will Give Employment To Many in County During This Year

Work Has Begun on Highway 16 Near Glendale Springs Postoffice; Men Assigned

OTHER WORK STARTED

Two Rock Quarries to Open Up; Begin on Sparta-Roaring Gap Road

Public Works projects will furnish employment to a considerable number of jobless in the five county district of the North Carolina State Employment service, it was learned today from James M. Anderson, manager of the district office located here.

Nello Teer, who was awarded contract in December for grading and crushed stone surface on the last link of highway 16 between Millers Creek and Jefferson, has begun work on the project and several men have been assigned to work by the employment service office.

Albert Brothers, who hold contract for a section of highway grading and surfacing between Sparta and Roaring Gap, will begin work within a few days.

Work will get under way this week near Laurel Springs on a rock quarry from which rock will be mined to surface a link of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Other rock quarry projects are to begin soon and all experienced in this line of work are asked to keep their registrations in force at the employment office.

Registrations not renewed at three month intervals are dropped from the active files, from which men are selected when calls for workers are received at the office.

Mr. Anderson said that men experienced in driving hydraulic dump trucks are needed on road projects in Ashe county.

Legion Will Aid Public Library

Decided in Meeting Friday to Award Medal in Wilkesboro School

The Wilkes Post of the American Legion, which a few weeks ago offered a bronze medal to the most outstanding student in North Wilkesboro high school on his or her record of courage, honor, service, leadership and scholarship, in its January meeting offered an identical award to the most outstanding student in Wilkesboro high school.

Commander Frank E. Johnson or some other representative of the post will formally offer the medal within the next few days before the Wilkesboro high school student body.

The meeting of the post Friday night was well attended and the Legionnaires showed much interest in proposed activities. The post will contribute toward the formation of a public library here.

Following the meeting the members enjoyed coffee and doughnuts as refreshments.

Indict Four For Violation of Law

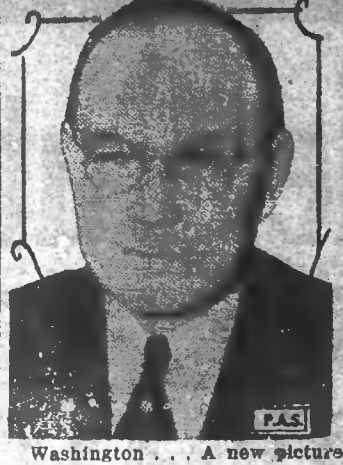
Requiring Parents to Send Children to School Regularly; Warning Made

Charles McNeill, Wilkes county's welfare office, on Monday issued warrants for four parents for failure to keep their children in school in compliance with the compulsory school attendance law.

In commenting on the warrants, Mr. McNeill said that he was making every effort to see that the full effect of the law may result and issued a warning for parents to keep children between the ages of seven and 14 (both ages inclusive) in school unless a good and lawful excuse is rendered. He pointed out that keeping children out of school to help with work is not a lawful excuse.

Jones: How is your wife's driving coming along? Smith: She took a turn for the worst last week.

Secret Service Head



Washington... A new picture of Frank J. Wilson, 50, now head of the Secret Service, succeeding Wm. H. Moran, retired, who served 14 years. Wilson has been acting chief since Sept. 8, 1936.

Sale of Licenses Plates Ahead Of Number Sold '36

More People Purchased Tags Than at Same Time Last Year

Through Tuesday afternoon sale of automobiles and truck licenses plates at the branch office of the Carolina Motor club in this city had exceeded the number sold through January 12 last year by 472, it was learned today from Mrs. W. B. Lantz, in charge of the bureau.

Highway patrolmen have expressed themselves as noticing the difference, indicating that more people had found it possible or convenient this year to buy their tags than during January, 1936.

The rush for plates at the license bureau has subsided, although many plates are sold each day. The bureau is able to accommodate all requests to buy licenses without them forming into waiting lines.

Through Tuesday 3,483 pairs of tags were sold for automobiles as compared to 3,183 on the same date last year. Truck licenses sold over the same period for 1937 were 1,058 to 891 last year and trailers were 50 this year to 45 last year.

Kidnaped Boys Is Found Murdered

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 11.—Battered and nude, the body of kidnaped Charles Mattson was found today in the snow-crustured brushlands near Everett, 50 miles from the home from which the 10-year-old boy was abducted two weeks ago.

"I feared it," said Dr. W. W. Mattson, the boy's father, as he sped toward the spot where a youthful hunter stumbled upon the body this morning.

Frozen stiff, the body of the boy for whom \$28,000 ransom had been demanded lay a half mile west of the Pacific highway, six miles south of Everett. Identification was made positive by Paul Seava, close friend of the Mattson family. He had been mentioned as a possible intermediary.

No longer held back by fear of blocking the bizarre ransom negotiations which Dr. Mattson had pursued, partially through newspaper ads, the full force of 40 "G-men" was unleashed by the finding of the body, its identification made difficult by the bloody beating of the kidnaper.

When first told the bruised little body had been found by Gordon Morrow, 19, a hunter, Dr. Mattson refused to believe it was his son "until I see the boy with my own eyes."

"I feared when they pulled that boy out into the night that something like this would happen," he said.

Justice department agents intercepted Dr. Mattson en route to Everett and turned back with him toward Tacoma, where his son's body, escorted by officers, arrived late today and was removed to a mortuary.

Eighteen Wilkes Youths Enlisted In CCC Monday; Will Aid Needy People

Applicants Selected by Welfare Officer and Certifying Agent on Basis Of Help to Needy

SIX MONTHS' PERIOD EXAMINATIONS ARE GIVEN AT GREENSBORO; CAMP ASSIGNMENTS MADE

Eighteen Wilkes youths enlisted at Greensboro Monday for a six-months' period in Civilian Conservation Camps, it was learned today from Charles McNeill, county welfare officer.

The youths who enlisted were carefully selected, Mr. McNeill said, on the basis of adaptability and the amount of help the boys through their pay could render to families being cared for by welfare and relief agencies. After passing examinations at Greensboro the successful applicants were assigned to various camps, several of the Wilkes boys going to a camp near Danville, Va.

Names and addresses of those from Wilkes assigned to camps were Tracy Sanders, Darby; Robert Parsons, Boone; Claude Cox, Traphill; James Blackburn, Purlear; Willie Johnson, Wilkesboro; Asberry Ballard, Knottville; Julius Walsh, Cricket; William Cleary, Moxley; Edwin Williams, Roaring River; Estel Jennings, Halls Mills; Paul Hall, Dehart; Roy Queen, Wilkesboro route 2; Rom's Sanders, Darby; John Jones, Springfield; Cecil Eary, Ronda; Hobert Wyatt, Halls Mills; Walter Beasars, Wilkesboro; Joe Joines, Pores Knob.

Miss Bennett On Staff of Health Department Now

Miss Eloise Bennett and Mrs. Bertha Bell County Health Nurses

Miss Eloise Bennett, formerly of Burnsville, has joined the Wilkes county health department and is now engaged in her duties as public health nurse with Mrs. Bertha Bell, who has been working in the county for a number of years.

Miss Bennett is a daughter of Dr. W. L. Bennett, of Burnsville. She trained at Mission hospital in Asheville, graduating in 1933 and since has taken post graduate work at Vanderbilt, Carolina and Peabody.

Miss Bennett is well qualified by training and experience for public health work and has been received most favorably in her work in Wilkes.

Oldest Resident Of County Dead

Mrs. Fannie Alexander Holbrook Passes at Age of 97 Years, 14 Days

Mrs. Fannie Alexander Holbrook, wife of the late Joseph S. Holbrook, of Traphill, died Wednesday at her home at Traphill.

She was born on December 30, 1839, a daughter of the late John Alexander, of Wilkes, and Mrs. Mary Thompson Alexander, of Alleghany, making her age 97 years and 14 days. She was probably the oldest resident of the county.

Her husband died in 1920 and the nearest surviving relatives are grandchildren. She was the mother of the late John A. Holbrook, prominent lawyer who died in 1910. The grandchildren are Miss Beatrice Holbrook, of Traphill; Dr. J. S. Holbrook, of Stateville; John A. Holbrook, Jr., of Washington; and there is one great-grandchild, John A. Holbrook, III. Of the other relatives is one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mattie McNeill Holbrook.

A member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent families, Mrs. Holbrook possessed a remarkable character that made for her many acquaintances and friends.

Funeral services was held this afternoon at Traphill Baptist church conducted by Rev. S. L. Eshwin and Rev. L. W. Venable.

RECALLS DAYS IN COLLEGE WITH SOONG

J. G. Hackett Has Letter Written To Him By Now Famous Character

Many have arrived at the conclusion that after all this world is a small place.

With all the headline news in the papers recently about the first family of China and the proposed elevation of Charles Soong to the head of the government, J. G. Hackett, of this city, recalled his college days at old Trinity college, when he and Charles Soong were classmates and friends.

Mr. Hackett has a letter he received from the now famous Chinaman after he left Trinity. In recalling incidents about the college days of the man who is now China's most famous, Mr. Hackett says that he was a very brilliant student and endowed with a personality that made him many friends among the college student body.

Cooperation Is Extended Here In Traffic Rules

Several Tickets Issued To Drivers Who Neglect To Observe Rules

Generally speaking the public has cooperated splendidly with the attempted reformation of traffic conditions in North Wilkesboro, it was learned today from J. E. Walker, chief of police, and by observation in the city.

On Monday morning traffic ordinances limiting parking time to two hours on principal streets went into effect and also ordinances regulating the manner in which vehicles shall be parked. Many tickets have been issued, mainly to those who neglected to move their cars or who parked incorrectly. The ordinance specifies that cars shall be parked forward on the right side of the streets where parking is parallel to the curb and where parking is at an angle shall be between the lines.

It turns have been cut out around the Boone monument at the intersection of Main and Tenth streets, thus eliminating a cause of frequent traffic congestion.

Millers Creek P.-T.A. To Meet January 21

The P.-T. A. of Millers Creek, will meet January 21 at 7:00 p. m. The feature of the evening will be an address by superintendent W. D. Halfacre of North Wilkesboro. His subject will be "Modern Methods of Teaching."

The three-point legislative program will be discussed by the President, Professor T. W. Hayes. "We hope for a good attendance, as we are sure the things to be discussed will be of interest to all who have children in school or are interested in an education for the children," the announcement said.

Robert Cranor Is Clerk At Raleigh

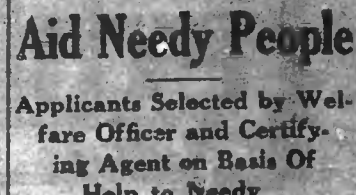
Robert Cranor, a son of Attorney and Mrs. H. A. Cranor, of Wilkesboro, has resumed his position as a clerk of the North Carolina legislature, which is now in session.

Mr. Cranor has served in the position of clerk for a number of years. L. L. Lunn is serving as Wilkesboro police chief while Mr. Cranor is in Raleigh.

Simeon W. Pulliam Is Taken By Death

Final rites for Simeon Wesley Pulliam, prominent business man of King, who died Monday after a three month's illness, were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock and from the King Moravian Church at 8 o'clock. Rev. Edward C. Helmick, Rev. F. W. Grabs, Rev. E. A. Holton and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl conducted the services and interment was in the church graveyard.

Vermont Victor



Putney, Vt. Here's farmer George D. Aiken of this place, elected Governor of Vermont in the November election. He has been given the title "most victorious Republican." He carried 9 of 14 counties. He will commute to the capital.

Local B. & L. To Meet January 25

Will Be Annual Stockholders' Meeting; 1936 Was A Successful Year

Stockholders of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association, which has just closed one of the most successful years in its history, will gather in annual meeting at the city hall here on Monday night, January 25, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting will be for the purpose of hearing the annual report of the secretary-treasurer, J. B. Williams, election of directors for the ensuing year and the transacting of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Following the stockholders' meeting directors will meet to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The 5th series is now open and every stockholder is asked to boost this series. The association is anticipating another very successful year.

Many Will Attend Course In Poultry

Extension Specialist Will Observe and Examine Sick Chickens

A large attendance is expected at the poultry short course to be conducted at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Friday, January 22, by members of the extension service.

The short course will be for county farm agents, assistant agents and poultrymen of Wilkes and adjoining counties.

Representatives of the extension service will include C. F. Parrish, R. S. Dearstyne and B. C. Moyer.

Following the discussion of general subjects pertaining to the poultry industry in the forenoon there will be an afternoon session devoted to a round table discussion of poultry problems with special emphasis on diseases of poultry. Any poultrymen who are puzzled regarding diseases in their flocks are invited to bring diseased birds for observation and examination.

Attends Meeting Fair Association Managers In State

W. A. McNeil, president and general manager of the Great Wilkes Fair association, attended a meeting of North Carolina Association of Fairs in Raleigh Monday and Tuesday. The meeting was well attended by fair managers and secretaries from all parts of the state and was an enjoyable occasion. Governor Hoey addressed the group in banquet meeting.

Violet Erickson Contest Winner

Miss Violet Erickson, a student of Wilkesboro school, was adjudged winner in the county fact finding contest sponsored recently by the Winston-Salem chamber of commerce for counties in the vicinity of Winston-Salem.

Farmers In Wilkes Sign Applications For Cash Payment Under New Setup

Appointments Made In Various Communities For Benefit Participating Farmers

CHECKS IN FEBRUARY

Signature On Application Is Last Requisite Act On Part of Farmer

Wilkes county farmers, about 900 in number, this week are attaching their signatures to applications for cash benefits for complying with provisions of the soil conservation act which is proving to be a substantial substitute for the triple A among farmers in this section of the state.

The county was divided into eight communities for administration of the soil conservation act and appointments have been held for the purpose of farmers gathering to sign applications which were made up in the county reports of community committees.

On Friday, January 15, participating farmers in Union, Reddies River and Mulberry townships will sign applications at Reddies River postoffice from nine to 12 a. m. and at Haymeadow schoolhouse from 1:30 to four p. m.

On Saturday, January 16, participating farmers in Lewis Fork, Jobs Cabin, Elk and Stanton townships will sign applications at Summit from nine to 13 a. m. and at Claude Pearson's store from 1:30 to four p. m.

Signing the applications will be the last act on the part of the farmers requisite to receiving benefit checks, which are expected some time in February. Applications are forwarded from the county agent's office to Raleigh for final re-check before checks are issued.

The new farm act is expected to prove of greater benefit to Wilkes farmers because of the fact that it includes more diversified farming than the triple A and places emphasis on soil improvement and conservation, which are becoming more generally recognized as the most essential needs of agriculture. Many have been heard to speak favorably of the act because there is nothing compulsory, the farmer merely getting paid for the provisions he wishes to carry out voluntarily.

Epidemic Scarlet Fever Is Feared

Several New Cases Reported In North Wilkesboro and Rural Sections

Several new cases of scarlet fever in North Wilkesboro and in a number of rural communities have caused the Wilkes county health department to issue a warning for parents to keep their children out of public gatherings until the threatened epidemic subsides.

Scarlet fever, it is pointed out, is a mild disease within itself but the danger lies in complications which may prove serious or even fatal. For this reason parents of children who have contracted the disease are urged to use every precaution in caring for the children.

Final Vouchers On Triple A Are Paid

Seventeen Wilkes Farmers Receive \$1,941 for Wheat Acreage Reduction

County Agent A. G. Hendren has distributed the last government vouchers to farmers for carrying out contracts under the now invalid triple A.

Seventeen checks totaling \$1,941.43 were distributed this week, completing the payments for the wheat crop contracts covering the last wheat crop harvested. Contracts for crop reduction were signed before the AAA was declared unconstitutional.

Woman's Club Meeting

North Wilkesboro women's club will meet Monday afternoon, 2:30, at the home of Mrs. J. R. Hix with Mrs. A. E. Johnston and Mrs. Ralph Duncan as special hostesses.

Episcopal Service

Vesper service St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon, January 17th, at four o'clock. Rev. B. M. Lockyer, rector, in charge.