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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

### FLOOD FEARS

Feb. 2.—Engineers of the Power company, after examining numerous hydro-gauges on the Catawba river, said today residents of the valley need fear no serious overflows.

### WOMEN KILLED

Jan. 2.—Three women employees of the Cannon mills, Kannapolis, were instantly killed last afternoon when the automobile in which they were en route to work was struck by a south-bound Southern railway passenger train at a grade crossing at North Kannapolis. The dead are Mrs. Zeffie Moore, Mrs. Vertie Klutts and Mrs. Lois Myers.

### IFE EBBING

Danville, Va., February 3.—Hospital authorities tonight fear that life was swiftly ebbing from Iris Moran, six-year-old girl suffering from advanced mastoiditis, after parents had expressed reluctance in omnipotent intervention rather than a skilled medical practitioner. She remained in coma and her pulse was weakening. Three doctors held consultation over her and all agreed that she is too weak for a drainage operation.

### LYNCH ATTACKER

Headland, Ala., Feb. 2.—A strapping, 18-year-old negro farm hand accused of assaulting a white woman was lynched here today, the nation's first lynching victim of 1937. A sheriff's deputy found the bullet-marked body of the six-foot tall negro, Wes Johnson, swinging from a tree in a thicket. Several hours earlier 50 men had stormed the Henry county jail at nearby Abbeville and seized the prisoner.

### ADVERTISE STATE

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—Appearing before the conservation and development committee, Governor Hoey today requested a state advertising program to cost

New York world's fair and a "state exposition of national interest" next year. The state exposition, Governor Hoey said, could be "a parade of North Carolina," with shows possibly at Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Raleigh and somewhere in the east.

### DRAMA WET

Montgomery, Fla., Feb. 2.—The Alabama legislature overrode a gubernatorial veto today and enacted a prohibition repealer which ended the state's 22 years of "bone dry" prohibition. The county option state liquor control bill will bring legal whiskey into Alabama about April 1 in counties voting for repeal in a special election March 10. This action leaves Kansas the only bone-dry state in the nation. Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia and Oklahoma ban hard liquor but permit beer. Counties voting against repeal March 10 will remain under the stringent prohibition laws enacted by a top-heavy dry legislature in 1915.

### Manley Parsons Dies At Boomer; Funeral Tuesday

Funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, at Little Rock Baptist church for Manley G. Parsons, who died Monday following a lingering illness at his home near Boomer.

Mr. Parsons, for many years a prominent farmer and citizen of the Boomer community, was well and favorably known by many people in the county, to whom his death was an occasion of sadness.

### Demurrer Not Heard

No hearing has been held on the demurrer filed by defendant Leet Poplin in the Swearingen-Poplin election suit.

### Episcopal Service

Worship service at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, February 7th, at four o'clock. Rev. D. M. Lackey, Rector, in charge.

## Four High Schools Plan To Re-open on Monday

### Buses Are Unable To Operate Over Many Dirt Roads

### Ronda, Mountain View, Mt. Pleasant and Roaring River Still Closed

### WILKESBORO OPENS

### Traphill, Ferguson, Boomer and Moravian Falls Resume Work

Due to the fact that road conditions have not sufficiently improved, four high and central schools will not open until Monday, February 8, and not then unless road and weather conditions permit.

Wilkesboro, Traphill, Ferguson and Lincoln Heights high schools and Moravian Falls and Boomer elementary schools opened yesterday but buses over part of the roads had much difficulty in operating.

Mount Pleasant, Ronda, Roaring River and Mountain View high schools plan to open Monday.

With many of the leading dirt roads in the county described as elongated mud holes, several days of favorable weather are necessary for sufficient improvement to operate heavily loaded school buses. Sections of the roads are what is termed "routed out" and vehicles cannot operate because of dragging between the routes.

Other difficulties encountered are seemingly bottomless mud holes.

Until this week weather conditions did not permit highway section foreman to drag the

sible until further rains render the dirt so soft that vehicles will again sink.

All of which adds to the general dissatisfaction among rural people off hardsurfaced highways and new appeals for road improvement of a more permanent type are expected to be heard, especially from school authorities who find the school system interrupted and almost disrupted because buses cannot operate to schools where consolidation was brought about on recommendation of state school authorities.

### PICTURES HELD UP

Hollywood, Feb. 2.—Scores of Hollywood people felt the effects of the floods in the middle west and south today when two pictures, scheduled to be made in New Orleans, were postponed. Charles R. Rogers, film producer, cancelled plans to send a camera crew immediately to start work on "New Orleans," and C. B. DeMille has delayed a research expedition to that city to gather data on the life of Jean LaFitte, notorious Louisiana buccaner.

### Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

Wilkes post of the American Legion has planned a very interesting meeting at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse on Friday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Some very important matters are to be discussed and every member is asked to be present.

### Red Cross Funds Here Near \$2,000 But More Needed

### Unprecedented Flood Disaster Leaves Devastation In Wake in Valley

Almost \$2,000 has been contributed to the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross for relief of flood victims in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, it was learned today from J. B. Williams, treasurer of the chapter.

It is recalled that the last call for funds by the national chairman of the Red Cross said the organization would need the maximum given in alleviating distress in the worst flood disaster in recent history and asked peo-

ple to contribute what they could.

Although waters of the Ohio are slowly receding, the emergency needs for relief funds have not lessened. The million people driven from their homes must be clothed, fed, sheltered and given medical care until the great task of rehabilitation gets well under way and they can be re-established in their homes, which at this date are still under water or in areas where waters are receding.

### Special Meeting Court Of Honor

### Will Be Held On Monday Night at Presbyterian Hut, at 7:30 o'Clock

A special meeting of the local Boy Scout court of honor will be held on Monday, February 8, 7:30 p. m., at the Presbyterian Scout hut, at which time Robert Wood Finley, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Finley, will qualify as an Eagle Scout.

Announcement of the meeting was made by T. E. Story, chairman of the court. An invitation is extended to all Scouts, Scoutmasters and others interested in Scouting to attend.

Another special meeting is being planned for the near future at which time young Mr. Finley and two other Eagle Scouts will be so designated.

### C. H. Smithey Is Building Contractor

C. H. Smithey, who was engaged in contracting business for several years before he was affiliated with the Works Progress administration as branch manager, has entered the building contracting business here and has completed a number of jobs.

One of the most recent buildings erected by Mr. Smithey was the new and attractive residence of Dr. J. H. McNeill in the northern part of the city.

Other jobs have included the remodeling of the residence of W. F. Gaddy and he now has contract for the construction of a building in Boone.

### Women in Government



Washington... Women are taking a more and more active leading part in government, as is manifest in a survey of federal departments here. Above is Mrs. Jewell W. Swafford, who is chairman of the United States Employees Compensation Commission.

### Are To Organize 40 and 8 In City

### All Ex-Service Men Requested To Join; 14 Members Already Secured

A chapter of the Forty and Eight will be organized here within a few days in connection with the Wilkes post of the American Legion, it was learned today from Ralph R. Reins, past commander of the Legion post.

Mr. Reins said that 14 of the necessary 15 members had been obtained and asked any ex-service men in the county who desire to be a member to contact him.

In order to acquaint people with the Forty and Eight organization, its purposes and activities, the following comment is taken from the Legion publication:

"For the Good of the Legion." That is the watchword of the Forty and Eight in all of its activities this year. Its entire national program for 1937 has been shaped to promote the work of The American Legion, Harry E. Ransom, Chef de Chemin de Fer, has announced.

First on the Forty and Eight's program of Legion service comes membership work, with exceeding last year's record of more than 100,000 members enrolled for the Legion as the goal. Members of La Societe took a leading part in early enrollment of Legionnaires for 1937 and are continuing their efforts. Hundreds of service stars for securing seven new members or fourteen renewals already have been sent out to Voyagers.

Child welfare work will continue to receive major emphasis in the Forty and Eight. Every Voyager is contributing 50 cents with his 1937 dues to the national child welfare fund, from which financial support is given to the Legion's activities for needy children of veterans. The campaign against diphtheria, carried out with such worthwhile results during the past four years, will be continued. Active support will be given to all other phases of the Legion child welfare program.

Americanism activities also will receive intensive support from the Forty and Eight, especially work among the boys, such as Junior Baseball, Boys States and Boy Scouts, La Societe will give strong aid to the Legion in combating radical efforts and maintaining the ideals and principles of American democracy.

Through its Promenades and Wrecks, the Forty and Eight will continue to bring Legionnaires of different Posts together in a spirit of comradeship and promote closer cooperation among Posts in Legion projects. A large increase in early enrollment indicates a record membership in the Forty and Eight this year.

### W. B. Somers Taking Ford Training Course

W. B. Somers, who joined the Yadin Valley Motor company several weeks ago, is taking a Ford training course in Charlotte this week.

## County Option Liquor Plan Passes In House

### Social Council To Meet Friday Night

The public library will be the subject of discussion on Friday night when the Wilkes County Council of Social Agencies meets at the home of Mrs. C. E. Jenkins at 7:45.

Mrs. Gilbert, a representative of the state library commission, will be present and deliver an address of interest to the members. It is especially desired that every civic organization and all public institutions in the county be represented at the council meeting.

Incidentally—the Wilkes county public library is opening this week in the Girl Scout house.

### Officers Capture Ex-Convict On A Larceny Charge

### William Harvey Hayes, of Rocky Mount, Held For Series Robberies

A man who gave his name as William Harvey Hayes, late of state prison and formerly of Rocky Mount, has been placed in jail at Wilkesboro on charges of stealing from two Ronda establishments and for the larceny of an automobile belonging to R. E. Crater at Ronda.

The charges also include attempting to enter A. H. Roberts store and service station early Monday morning, when after an exchange of shots with Mr. Roberts,

one slain from Mr. Carter at Ronda on Wednesday night, same date the hardware store and garage there were entered.

The capture of Hayes was effected Monday by a posse of citizens headed by E. C. Sparks, deputy sheriff. Hayes was wearing a coat said to have been identified by Ralph Martin, of Ronda, whose store was entered on Wednesday night. The garage at Ronda looted of a quantity of motor oil belongs to Carl Hendrix, who also missed a coat after the establishment had been entered.

Officers have taken Hayes' fingerprints and are investigating to see if his story checks. He told officers that the was released from prison last month after getting some time off for good behavior. So far he has refused to reveal the name of his accomplice in the Ronda robberies or the attempted robbery of Mr. Roberts.

### Ratings Given Cafes in County

### District Sanitarian and County Sanitary Inspector Make Rounds

M. M. Melvin, district sanitary inspector, last week made a thorough inspection of cafes and other eating places in the county. Mr. Melvin was accompanied on the inspection by G. S. Odell, county sanitary inspector.

The ratings given the cafes by the district sanitarian were as follows:

Goodwill Lunch	94.5
Tryme Cafe	83.5
Wonder Cafe	87.5
Eller's Cafe	85.5
F. Street Cafe	81
Green Lantern	81
Liberty Lunch	81
Broadway Cafe	80.5
Jim's Place	79.5
Black Cat Cafe	77.5
Princess Cafe	77.5
Little Grill	77
Moore Bros.	73.5
Rock Diner	72
Green Pig	70
Snappy Lunch	70
Boashe's	69.5
Southside Cafe	64.5
Central Cafe	65.5

### Sheriff Destroys Large Still Sunday

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and other officers raided a still in the Lewis Fork section of the county Sunday. A large plant and a considerable quantity of materials for manufacture of illicit liquor were destroyed.

### Referendum Is Voted Down By Small Majority

### Opposition of Drys Ignored By Representatives On Roll Call Vote

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—The House of Representatives, ignoring vitriolic protests from drys, votes 67-43 late today to allow county option on the liquor question.

As the House cleared its major hurdle of the session and the General Assembly continued at its record setting clip, which, leaders said, presaged early adjournment, the Senate passed the almost equally controversial tobacco compact bill, which will become law tomorrow.

A vote on the county option bill came after the wets had won a victory by the scant margin of two votes in refusing to consider the Hutchins prohibition proposal, which provided for a state-wide referendum to ban the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. Fifty-six representatives favored consideration of the bone-dry measure and 68 opposed it.

Veteran legislators said passage of the county option bill within less than 24 hours after it had been drafted was unprecedented. Under present legislation, hurried through during the final minutes of the 1935 assembly, liquor sales are allowed in 18 of the state's 100 counties.

Incorporating most features of the majority report of the liquor-study commission, the wet proposal would allow counties favoring the sale of spirits to operate also

state levying a flat gross sales tax, the amount of which would be determined by the finance committee. The majority liquor commission report recommended county referenda, but the state was to receive 20 per cent of the profits from retail sales.

A three-man state liquor commission, appointed by the Governor, would be named to establish uniform rules for county-operated liquor stores. The chairman of the body would receive \$6,000 a year and the other two members would be paid on a per diem basis.

The House took up the wet proposal with dramatic suddenness, in a totally unexpected move. Only yesterday, House judiciary committee one authorized a subcommittee to draw up a county option measure allowing counties to retain retail liquor profits.

Whipped hurriedly into shape, the new bill was reported favorably, and the Hutchins prohibition referendum measure reported unfavorably.

Unsuccessfully prohibitionists attempted to force the House to consider the dry proposal. Mrs. Hutchins, of Yancey, only woman House member and sponsor of the bill bearing her name, pleaded for adoption on "behalf of the churches of North Carolina."

### Wilkesboro Town Board In Session

### L. L. Lunn Elected Chief Of Police; Property To Be Advertised

The board of commissioners of the Town of Wilkesboro was in session Tuesday night for transaction of business. The commissioners present were Joe R. Barber, C. E. Lenderman and L. S. Dula, and Mayor W. B. Harris presided.

On motion duly made and seconded, Mamie Anderson was released of the payment of taxes erroneously charged.

The board appointed P. L. Lenderman to serve as tax lister for the year 1937, and ordered a loud telephone bell placed on a convenient point on main street for use of the police department. A similar outfit is now in use in North Wilkesboro.

L. L. Lunn was elected to serve as chief of police and town clerk in the place of Robert Crane, who is now a senate clerk during the present session of the General Assembly.

The matter of advertising unpaid taxes for the year of 1934-35 was taken up and the tax collector was ordered to advertise all property on which the tax has not been paid for three years.

## Draw Juries For March Session Of Superior Court; Alley Will Preside

### Commissioners In Session Monday and Tuesday; Do Routine Affairs

### MATERIALS PROVIDED

### For WPA County Record Project; Miss McNeal Is New Case Worker

Wilkes county board of commissioners in February session drew jurors to serve at the regular term of Wilkes superior court to convene on Monday, March 1. Judge Felix Alley, of Waynesville, will preside over the term.

The commissioners allowed a claim of \$225 for materials to use in indexing records of the office of register of deeds, labor to be furnished by the Works Progress administration.

Miss Mary McNeal, of Columbia, S. C., who has been serving as case worker for the welfare department during the past few months, was employed for a period of one month at a salary of \$100. The appointment was on motion of Leet Poplin, seconded by R. G. Finley, M. F. Absher, Republican member of the board voted for Mrs. Ruby Penderly, of North Wilkesboro.

Jurors for the March term of court were drawn as follows:

First Week  
G. S. Johnson, Walnut Grove; Sylvester Hutchison, Traphill; Manley Harrold, Mulberry; P. M. Baity, Brushy Mountain; Walter Jones, Union; C. A. Byers, Lewis Fork; R. T. Wood, Elk; C. W. Mahaffey, Reddies River; B. L. Johnson, Antioch; J. A. Alexander, Rock Creek; M. W. Williams, Ronda.

Second Week  
O. H. Cannon, North Wilkesboro; J. B. Gilreath, North Wilkesboro; J. M. Reid, Spurgeon; Thomas W. Hayes, Reddies River; W. C. Shoemate, Elk; Alonzo Anderson, Brushy Mountain; J. W. Joyner, Traphill; J. E. DeJournette, Traphill; John P. Steele, Moravian Falls; W. M. Swanson, Wilkesboro; D. C. Miller, Rock Creek; C. D. Hall, Walnut Grove; E. E. Hutchison, Walnut Grove; M. P. Mastin, Wilkesboro; P. G. Triplett, Jobs Cabin; Perry C. Laws, Moravian Falls; J. A. Long, New Castle; H. B. Dodson, North Wilkesboro; Jack Hoots, Edwards; C. L. Byrd, Edwards; E. F. Parsons, Union; N. M. Felts, Somers; J. W. Martin, Reddies River; H. M. Broyles, Moravian Falls; J. R. Parsons, Reddies River; W. E. Parsons, North Wilkesboro; N. M. Myers, Mulberry; W. Blackburn, Edwards; C. R. Triplett, Jobs Cabin; McKinley Hanks, Walnut Grove; Green Earp, Boomer.

Third Week  
Stewart A. Lyon, Traphill; A. C. Woodruff, Traphill; Thomas Absher, Union; W. V. Hendren, Brushy Mountain; John E. Pearson, Moravian Falls; Lee Cornette, Jobs Cabin; M. F. Gorfth, Lewis Fork; T. H. Brookshire, Beaver Creek; M. S. Phillips, Beaver Creek; R. Smithey, Wilkesboro; Gwyn Gambill, Walnut Grove; J. H. Rector, North Wilkesboro; J. O. Brewer, Traphill; R. D. Cooper, Stanton; R. J. Hinchshaw, North Wilkesboro; C. W. Casey, Traphill; W. E. Smithey, Wilkesboro; Coyd C. Anderson, Somers; A. Johnson, Reddies River; George Bradley, Elk; R. E. Walters, North Wilkesboro; O. C. Holcomb, North Wilkesboro; M. D. Hawkins, Elk; C. B. Lomax, North Wilkesboro.

### Honor Students At Greensboro College

In the list of members of the Honor Society, scholastic organization at Greensboro College, recently released were the names of Misses Jane Whicker and Virginia Harris of this city. Eligibility in the society is based on an average of ninety on all college work for two years.

Miss Whicker is the daughter of Attorney and Mrs. J. H. Whicker. This is the second year that she has been included on the list. She is editor of the "Collegian," college newspaper, and is a member of the Honor Society.

Miss Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Harris. This is also her second year in the honor organization. She is a member of the Honor Society.

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