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### Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

#### CHILD LABOR

Wash., Feb. 9.—Governor ... children were employed in ... work.

#### LONDON TO SPEAK

Topuku Kan., Feb. 9.—Former Governor Alf M. Landon said tonight he would comment upon President Roosevelt's proposed changes in the judiciary at the National Republican Lincoln Day club banquet in New York February 12.

#### AUTO CRASH FATAL

Henderson, Feb. 9.—Hubert Bernard Cooley, of Nashville, brother of Representative Harold F. Cooley of the fourth congressional district, was killed instantly last night when his automobile crashed into a bridge abutment at the North Carolina-Virginia state line about 20 miles north of here.

#### RECOVERY CITED

New York, Feb. 9.—Riding the recovery tide, United States consumption of textiles in 1936 shot to the highest point since the world war. Progress was not uniform, however. Big gains in the use of cotton and rayon contrasted with somewhat smaller consumption of wool and silk.

#### ACCUSED MAN DIES

Salisbury, Feb. 9.—William T. McCord, 39, who was to go on trial in Rowan Superior court Wednesday for the murder of his wife's brother-in-law, Curtis Hubbard, died at a local hospital late Monday, death being caused by pneumonia. McCord claimed Hubbard had ruined his home and also tried to kill him at the time he shot Hubbard in the McCord garage.

#### FREAK WRECK CAUSE

New Bern, Feb. 9.—A snowball thrown at his car windshield by children along the road caused Capt. Robert Tritton, of the Salvation army, to lose control of his car near Fort Barnwell. It skidded and jumped over, causing a sprain in the left shoulder of Mrs. Olin Winstead, one of the passengers in the car.

#### RETURNS TO PRISON

Charlotte, Feb. 9.—Robert (Eightball) Barnes, Charlotte negro who lost his feet from gangrene while serving one prison term, faced a longer one tonight. He was convicted of second-degree murder for the shooting of ... Harris, another negro, on a street here December 18, and Judge T. B. Finley sentenced him to serve five to eight years.

#### REPORTER JAILED

Flint, Mich., Feb. 9.—After spending the night in the Genesee county jail for contempt of court, Johnston D. Kerkhoff, a reporter for a New York newspaper, was released today on order of Judge Paul V. Gadola of circuit court. The citation for contempt was based on Kerkhoff's refusal to discuss a newspaper story in which he described a "brutal beating" allegedly given a strike sympathizer by a band of terrorists.

#### DAVIS ARGUES CASE

Washington, Feb. 9.—Nine silent, attentive Supreme court justices heard John W. Davis assert today that a news writer and his product are inseparable. Any interference with the hiring or discharging of a reporter interferes, he said, with the right of that man's employer to publish freely. Davis, speaking for the Associated Press, declared the national labor relations act, as it has been applied to that press association, is a "direct, palpable and undisguised attack on the freedom of the press." "How," he asked, "can a newspaper remain master of its business, if those who compose its news columns are no longer selected by it?" The national labor relations board had ordered the press association to reinstate Morris Watson, a discharged employe.

#### District NYA Meeting Held

Supervisors From 15 Counties Gather at Wilkesboro in Meeting on Friday

National Youth administration supervisors from 15 of the 18 counties in this district gathered at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Friday for a conference. Miss Frances Biresidine, of Greensboro, third district supervisor, presided at the meeting and much time was spent in a general discussion of policies of the NYA. Miss Inez Absher is supervisor for Wilkes county.

## More Permanent Type Road Work Can Be Done With Better Equipment

### Gravel Trucks and Rock Crushers Needed to Make WPA Work Effective

#### LABOR AVAILABLE

### Road Project Main Source Of Employment for WPA In This Section

Because travel over secondary roads has been practically impossible during the past month, people of this section of the state have been prompted to ask why WPA labor cannot be used to carry out a more permanent type of road improvement work that will more nearly assure all weather travel, especially over school bus and mail routes.

Until recently a greater part of WPA labor on the roads was used in grading, ditch digging, etc., but little was done to place the roads in condition for regular travel in wet weather.

In several mountain and borderline counties, including Wilkes, WPA labor is used mainly on roads, there being few other projects on which the men on WPA rolls are fitted for work. This situation does not exist in many piedmont counties, where little or no road work is done by WPA forces.

WPA officials explain that rules and regulations of the Works Progress administration do not allow funds in any substantial amount to be used for materials or equipment. More work to place the roads in condition for all weather travel has not been done, it is learned, because the state highway commission has not furnished adequate equipment, including gravel trucks and rock crushers, to keep the WPA forces employed in this type of work.

A better type of road improvement work could be carried out, WPA officials say, if the state highway commission could furnish more equipment.

## Ralph Duncan Is Member of Board

### Named on City Board Filling Unexpired Term I. E. Pearson, Who Resigned

North Wilkesboro mayor and board of commissioners in recess session yesterday accepted the resignation of I. E. Pearson as a member of the board and appointed Ralph Duncan to fill his unexpired term.

Present at the meeting were Mayor R. T. McNeil, S. V. Tomlinson, Hoyle M. Hutchens and Dr. R. P. Casey.

Mr. Pearson was first elected a member of the board in May, 1931, and would have completed three terms in May of this year. Ill health is attributed as the cause of his resignation.

His successor, Mr. Duncan, was elected a member of the city board of commissioners in May, 1931, and served until 1934, when he resigned to take office as a member of the county board of commissioners for a term of two years.

The board now has four members, S. V. Tomlinson, Dr. R. P. Casey, Hoyle M. Hutchens and Ralph Duncan. No one has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of R. G. Finley, who resigned to take office as a member of the county board of commissioners in December.

Charlie McGlamery and Numie R. Porter Carried to Jail in Default Bond

Charlie McGlamery and Numie R. Porter were placed under bonds of \$2,000 each in a hearing before Mayor R. T. McNeil on forgery charges.

## Marriage of Child Bride, 9, Demounced



KNOXVILLE, Tenn. . . Bitterly assailing the mountain marriage of 9-year-old Eunice Winstead to 22-year-old, 6 ft., Charles Johns, January 19, Tennessee club women, ministers and jurists are asking the state legislature to act to prevent such disgraceful unions in the future. Photo shows 9-year-old bride (arrow), with her father, mother and other members of the family, before their mountain home. The father and mother said "they planned no interference with the children" when asked if they would seek annulment of the marriage.

## Training Course Being Conducted In NCSES Office

### Interviewers in Employment Service to Be Aided By Additional Manuals

David H. Stowe, supervisor of the North Carolina State Employment Service, has been conducting a training course in the district employment office here for all office staff workers.

The aim of the course, which was conducted Tuesday and Wednesday, is to train interviewers in the use of occupational manuals made up by the department of labor. With the use of these manuals interviewers will be able to ascertain more definitely the qualifications of an applicant for a job.

This is intended to improve the service professionally. If an employer asks for a laborer who can do a specific kind of work the employment service by use of the occupational manual will be able to refer the man who is best suited by training and experience to perform the desired tasks. This is especially beneficial in classifying men for construction work in its many phases.

The training course will also enable interviewers to ascertain what other types of work are related to the various trades. If an applicant cannot be placed under his primary classification the service is often able to place him in some similar kind of work for which he is suited.

Mrs. G. E. Crowell, field representative, has been assisting in the courses offered. James M. Anderson is head of the employment service in this district.

Mr. Anderson said today that calls for skilled workers in various trades continue to come in from various offices in the state and urged full registration of all skilled workers not now gainfully employed.

Recently there have been calls for domestic help and those who desire this type of employment, either white or colored, would do well to keep their registrations in force.

W. M. S. To Have Charge of Service Methodist Church

## Demurrer In Suit Is to Be Heard On Opening of Court

### Judge Alley Says Action To Be Heard on First Day March Term Court

The demurrer filed by counsel for the defendant in the Swearingen vs. Poplin election suit was not heard before Judge F. A. Alley in Asheboro Monday but will be heard on the first day of the March term of Wilkes Superior court in Wilkesboro on March 1.

Judge Alley had previously signed an order at request of attorneys for Swearingen that the demurrer by defendant's counsel asking for dismissal of the case be heard before him at Asheboro Monday but it was explained that the law did not give a judge authority to set hearings on demurrers, which according to law are to be heard at the regular term of court.

Hearing on the demurrer, it is understood, will be the first matter of business following the judge's charge to the grand jury. The demurrer asks dismissal of the case on the grounds that the complaint did not allege that a protest of the vote on commissioners for Rock Creek township as certified by the two Democratic members of the county board of elections was heard before the county board of elections or filed with the state board of elections. The demurrer also asks that the case be dismissed on the grounds that the complaint did not allege that the defendant was responsible for any alleged errors.

The attorneys for Swearingen first agreed that the demurrer be heard before Judge J. A. Rousseau, resident judge of the district, but counsel for Poplin did not agree to the proposal, hence the appearances before Judge Alley.

The election suit was instituted by Swearingen, former Republican member of the county board of commissioners, who was defeated by Poplin, Democrat, on basis of returns certified by the two Democratic members of the county election board, the center of contention being the vote in Rock Creek township, where it is alleged Swearingen received 441 votes instead of 411 as shown on the returns.

Attorneys C. G. Gilreath, and J. H. Whicker, of the local bar, and W. M. Allen, of Elkin, are appearing for Swearingen while Poplin is represented by Attorneys Eugene Trivette, J. Milton Cooper and W. H. McElwee, of the local bar.

## Will Open Crest Store In Boone

S. T. Taylor, owner and manager of Crest 5 and 10 cent store here, and a completed chain of stores of the same name throughout this section, is planning to open a Crest store in Boone on or about March 15.

The store in Boone will be located next door to the bank building.

## Merger of Banks To Be Approved On February 19

### Stockholders Sparta Bank Vote Approval of Plan In Meeting Tuesday

#### FOUR MEMBER BANKS

### Bakersville Bank to Hold a Meeting to Consider the Plan on February 19

Stockholders of the Merchants and Farmers bank at Bakersville are to meet February 19 to consider the consolidation plan whereby four of the leading banks in this part of the state will consolidate and form the organization of the Northwestern Bank.

Members of the consolidation are to be the Deposit & Savings Bank, of this city, which will be headquarters. The Watauga County Bank at Boone, the Bank of Sparta at Sparta and the Merchants and Farmers Bank at Bakersville. The bank at Bakersville has a branch at Burnsville and the Watauga county bank has a branch at Blowing Rock.

Approval of the consolidation plan was given by stockholders of the Watauga county bank on January 30. The Deposit & Savings Bank here on Monday, the Bank of Sparta on Tuesday and the Merchants and Farmers Bank was to have considered the plan yesterday but the matter was deferred for final action until February 19.

Combined resources of the Northwestern Bank will be well over three million dollars. Deposits will approximate two and one-half millions.

The capital of the bank as proposed will be common capital stock, \$100,000; surplus \$75,000; undivided profits, \$25,000; reserves approximately \$24,000.

The organization will have a general board of directors with three members from each member bank. R. L. Doughton, J. T. Everett and N. R. Smith are members of the general board of the Deposit & Savings Bank.

The consolidation of the banks is supervised by Arthur P. Hood, commissioner of banks, who has aided in the plan.

## Republicans To Attend Lincoln Dinner Friday

### Wilkes county is expected to send a large delegation to the annual Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro on the night of February 12, at which time Senator Hartley, staunch Republican of New Jersey, will be the speaker.

Those who desire to attend the Lincoln Day dinner are requested to be at the courthouse in Wilkesboro at noon Friday. Transportation facilities will be provided.

## Quota Is Raised 13 Times Here

J. B. Williams, treasurer of the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross, reported this morning that the sum of \$2,080.10 had been contributed in Wilkes to food relief. This represents 13 times the original quota of \$160.

Those who wish to contribute further may send or mail their contributions to Mr. Williams.

## Mountain Lions Have Two Games

North Wilkesboro high school teams, boys and girls, will play Elkin here today and Lenoir at Lenoir Friday night. The first game here will start at 7:15 and a large attendance is expected.

## All Stars Defeat Mooresville Five

North Wilkesboro athletic association basketball team defeated Mooresville here Tuesday night 29 to 21 in a fast contest. Jones was the high scorer for the winning quintet.

## To Begin Work On Bluff Park Project



### 8-Year-Old Inventor

New York . . . Perhaps many boys of 8 years have invented worthwhile gadgets, but Norman B. Bierman of New York (above), filed his application for patent on a closet clothes rack when he was 7-1-2 years old and now at 8 has been granted a U. S. Patent on his rack, making him one of our youngest inventors.

## Three Scouts To Receive Eagle Award Feb. 28th

### Special Service Planned At First Baptist Church; Honor Court Meets

A very interesting meeting of the Boy Scout court of honor was held Monday night at the Presbyterian Scout Hut.

In addition to the court there were 20 Scouts present and they showed much interest in the purpose of the meeting.

It was explained in the meeting that this week is Anniversary Week of the Scouts and several of the Scouts reported that they had been listening to the Scout addresses over radio in the afternoon.

Robert Wood Finley completed his work which entitles him for the Eagle award. A public program is planned for the evening of Sunday, February 28, at the First Baptist church, at which time there will be a special service with the Eagle award to be publicly presented to three Scouts, Robert Wood Finley, Pat Williams, Jr. and Paul Haigwood. Only two other Scouts have attained Eagle rank in the history of Scouting here. They were Joe McCoy, Jr. and Hale Jones.

## Officers Arrest 2 Men at Stills

### Federal Officers and Sheriff Doughton Make Successful Raids Near Traphill

Sheriff C. T. Doughton in company with Deputy George Holland and federal officers raided a still in operation and confiscated a new still which had not been used, in a raid Monday in the Traphill community.

Two colored men, Vestal Hanser and DeWitt Parks, were arrested and hauled before Commissioner J. W. Dula, who released them under bonds of \$500 each for appearance at the May term of federal court.

About 750 gallons of mash were destroyed at the still found in operation and a new cooper still was found where it had been concealed in the forest. The new still has been on display on the courthouse lawn.

## Teams Split Twin Cage Games Here

North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro high school teams split a twin bill here Tuesday night in the annual basketball classic between the two rival schools on opposite sides of the Yadkin.

North Wilkesboro boys had little trouble in winning 25 to 6 over the Wilkesboro Remblers, who were somewhat inexperienced because of lack of practice during an enforced holiday of a month while the school was closed on account of bad road conditions.

The girls' game was a thriller with the outcome of the fast contest in doubt until the last seconds of the game. Wilkesboro girls finished in the lead by a margin of one goal, 19 to 17.

## Territory Near Basin Creek To Be Developed

### WPA Men Now at Work On Road Project Soon To Be Transferred

About fifty WPA workers and a number of people residing in that locality will be assigned to work within the next few weeks on development of the Bluff Park area near the Blue Ridge Parkway on the Summit of the Blue Ridge between Laurel Springs and Airblows.

Land for the Bluff Park, one of the outstanding scenic spots on the Blue Ridge Parkway in northwestern North Carolina, was optioned along with right of way for the parkway and it is understood that about 2,000 acres were optioned around the headquarters of Basin Creek in Walnut Grove township.

Several homes are located in the area but it is understood that the Resettlement administration will place or care for the families whose lands were optioned.

Sam P. Weems, of the national park service, is in charge of the development project and has requested the available men now working on WPA projects in that vicinity. It was learned today that a crew of about 40 men which have been working on the Abshers-McGrady road will be transferred to the park development project when the road project nears completion. However, other labor will be used in the Bluff Park with preference being given to those who owned land in the area and assignments will be made through the employment service office located here.

The development work was to have begun on February 1 but was delayed on account of weather and road conditions in that vicinity. Since work had not been completed on the WPA road project from Abshers to McGrady at the foot of the Blue Ridge on highway 18 the road, which will be the main outlet from the park in this direction, was not suitable for travel at that time and men assigned to the job would have been unable to reach the scene of operations. At this time work of grading that road nears completion and it is understood that Mr. Weems will get the park project under way in a short time.

The Bluffs have long been known as an outstanding area of majestic grandeur and abounding in scenic interest but has not been publicized because of its inaccessibility to motor travel. The area is one of the many interesting places that the Blue Ridge Parkway will open to the eyes of the world.

The exact nature of the development planned in the Bluff Park has not been learned here but it is understood that trails will be constructed from the parkway to the main points of interest, camping sites will be constructed and it has been reported that a lake is contemplated on the creek, which at several points falls great distances over the precipices of the mountain side.

## Recover Stolen Car Near City

### Charlie Bauguess In Toils of Law Three Times On Larceny Charges

Charlie Bauguess, of the Fairbains community, for the third time is in toils of the law for larceny of automobiles.

On Tuesday afternoon he is alleged to have stolen J. I. Myers' car and wrecked it near the city limits on highway 13; where city police officers arrested him. He was said to have been in a drunken condition.

In a hearing Wednesday morning before Mayor R. T. McNeil bond for his appearance at the March term of Wilkes court was set at \$1,500. Bauguess has a lengthy record for larceny of motor vehicles. He recently served a term following conviction on a charge and he was arrested with the same offense two years ago.