

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

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FALLS TO DEATH Charlotte, Feb. 19.—Charles Falls, 40, fell from an overpass here today and was killed. He lost his balance while walking beside the railway tracks and tumbled head-first 18 feet to the pavement.

TWO DIE IN WRECK Concord, Feb. 19.—Injuries received in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon near Harrisburg proved fatal today to C. K. Galloway, Cabarrus farmer, in a local hospital. His wife succumbed Tuesday to injuries received in the same accident.

WANT PART PROFITS Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Raleigh's city commissioners put in a formal request today for a slice of liquor sale revenues if Wake county votes for alcoholic beverage control stores. In a resolution addressed to Wake's members of the general assembly, the commissioners asked that municipalities be permitted to share on a per capita "or some other equitable basis" in the profits.

DEAD SUSPECT Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 19.—Fingerprints of a man found dead in a freight car at Portola, Calif., Monday night are being studied at the federal bureau of identification here, agents said today. Interest in the case was aroused because the dead man resembled descriptions of the kidnaper of Charles Mattson, 10, of Tacoma, Wash.

RAINS ON DUST BOWL Guyton, Okla., Feb. 19.—Begrimed residents of the high plains "dust bowl" breathed tonight the first respite in six days from choking clouds of blowing soil as federal and state forces marshaled a determined fight to check the "black blizzards." Light rain, snow and subsiding winds largely dispelled the fog of dust from parts of western Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Texas, but new dusts spread a pall over central Oklahoma.

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Highway patrolmen arrested 2,612 persons in January, Captain Charles D. Farmer reported today, and conviction of 2,072 with acquittal of only 54 followed at court trials. Fines of \$21,977.84 and costs of \$13,793.22 were levied on the violators and patrolmen reported recovery of \$10,175 worth of stolen property. Inspecting 15,113 vehicles, including 182 accidents, the patrolmen traveled 291,979 miles. There were 204 arrests for driving drunk.

PLANTS RESUME WORK Detroit, Feb. 19.—General Motors corporation's automotive plants rapidly neared capacity production tonight as its negotiators ended four days of conferences with union representatives on issues remaining from recent strikes. The nation's biggest automobile producer reported 222,000 of its approximately 235,000 employees at work today; the relatively few idle were workers in plants where material shortages still delayed operations.

Baptist Boy Scout Troop Reorganized; Much Interest Taken Two important meetings have recently been held for the purpose of reorganizing the Baptist troop of Boy Scouts, which has been inactive for the past few months.

The two meetings have been largely attended by both those who wish to be members of the troop, and also others who are interested in seeing the movement go forward. Much interest is being taken in the work and all indications are that the work will soon be going along splendidly.

About thirty boys have enrolled thus far, with Isaac Duncan as Scoutmaster, and R. C. Jennings, Claude Elledge, Hale Jones and Effner Eller as assistant Scoutmasters. Each of these officials will be in charge of distinct phases of scouting, and will put special emphasis on his particular subject. It is hoped that within a very short time a hut will be erected, and until that time, the meetings will be held in the City hall. The next meeting will be on Friday, February 26, at seven p. m. Every member is urged to be present at this meeting, as there is some important work to be done at that time.

Will Begin Cage Tournament Here Thursday; Eight Schools Will Join

Goodwill Basketball Tournament to Be Staged for Third Year at School FINALS MARCH 6TH

Championship Boys and Girls to Be Decided in Elimination Games

The third annual Goodwill Basketball Tournament sponsored by the North Wilkesboro high school for the schools of Wilkes county will open at the local high school gymnasium on Thursday afternoon, February 25, when Ferguson and Traphill meet in the first elimination game.

The annual tourney was instituted three years ago by the high school here as a promoter of goodwill among the high schools in the county and each year the tournament has been a decided success. Much interest has been shown and another successful tournament is anticipated for this year.

The Wilkes County Schoolmasters' club for the past several years sponsored a county schedule whereby the championships, both boys and girls, were decided but this year did not arrange (Continued on page eight)

Arranging For Victory Dinner

Dinner in Celebration Democratic Victories March 4th at Hotel Wilkes

In celebration of Democratic victories in the November election will be held at Hotel Wilkes on the evening of March 4th, seven o'clock. It was learned today from C. O. McNeil, chairman of the Victory Dinner for Wilkes county. The dinner to be sponsored locally is one of many to be held throughout the country on the same date in celebration of President Roosevelt's overwhelming victory on November 3 and announcements of the dinners have been received with much interest.

Lloyd Succeeds Atkinson Here

Local Policeman Resigns To Accept Position With Firm In Valdese

Lane S. Atkinson, for the past several months a member of the North Wilkesboro police department, has resigned to accept a position in Valdese with the J. M. Brinkley Lumber company, his resignation to take effect March 1. The board of commissioners of the city met Saturday, accepted Mr. Atkinson's resignation and appointed C. V. Lloyd, who has been connected with Smoak Furniture company, as his successor. Ralph Duncan was sworn in to succeed I. E. Pearson, resigned, as a member of the city council. Mr. Atkinson has a good record as an officer here. He and his family will make their home in Valdese.

Unusual Fatal Accident Bobby Black, four-year old boy, of Matthews, Mecklenburg county, was instantly killed Friday when he fell from a sewing machine and stuck a fire poker in the back of his head. The child was alone in the room at the time. He was playing with a poker, and had taken it with him when he climbed on top of the sewing machine. In some manner he fell, and drove the sharp end of the iron poker in his head.

At Grain Problem Conference



Washington. . . Farm leaders from all parts of the country conferred here with the Secretary of Agriculture, Henry Wallace, to study plans for an "ever-normal" granary. The plan calls for storage of excess production in good years. In the conference, left to right, seated: Senator Elison D. Smith, Secretary Wallace and Rep. Marvin Jones. Standing: E. H. Everson, Farm Union President; Louis J. Taber, National Grange Master; H. R. Tolley, AAA; and Edward A. O'Neal, president, American Farm Bureau Federation.

GOLD, SILVER AND FELDSPAR FOUND ON L. S. LOWE'S FARM NEAR MORAVIAN; IS ASSAYED

Three valuable minerals, gold, silver and feldspar, have been found on the farm of L. S. Lowe near the village of Moravian Falls four miles south of Wilkesboro.

Just how valuable the property may be for mining purposes has not been ascertained but Mr. Lowe stated definitely that the three minerals had been found in quartz veins on the farm.

Assays are being made from a number of samples to determine the extent of the three minerals and the probability of development. Reports are expected from the assays in a short time.

Begins Work As Game - Forest County Warden

Homer Brookshire Gets Combination Job With Department of Conservation

Homer Brookshire, popular young man of the Moravian Falls community, has been appointed game protector and forest warden for Wilkes county and began his duties in that capacity last week.

The two offices were combined by the department of conservation and development and Mr. Brookshire will serve in both capacities. Previously W. W. Barber, of Wilkesboro, was game protector, and W. H. Nichols, of Purlar, was forest warden. The consolidation was calculated to be in the interest of economy.

H. Grady Farthing, of Boone, is now district game protector, Wilkes having been moved from the district under W. C. Lisk, of Richfield, to a district composed of Northwestern North Carolina counties. J. R. Spratt, of Lenoir, is district forester and E. P. Simmons, also of Lenoir, is district ranger.

Find Still Near Millers Creek

Deputies Destroy Big Plant and Beer Before Any Liquor Is Made

Officers were a move ahead of moonshiners Friday and destroyed a large distillery near Millers Creek before its operators were able to make a drop. Deputies Odell Whittington and J. M. Beshears, accompanied by Winfield Nichols, constable of North Wilkesboro township, raided the large plant, which had a capacity of 200 gallons. A large quantity of beer, estimated at 2,000 gallons, was destroyed but there was no evidence that any liquor had been made at the still. Five Nash county farmers have agreed to run five-year crop rotations on their farms and to keep records on the results.

Board Chairman Seeks Way To Match Revenue With Appropriations

R. G. Finley Confers With Representative Local Government Commission Relative To Finances

R. G. Finley, chairman of the Wilkes county board of commissioners, and W. H. McElwee, one of the county's attorneys, were in Raleigh Wednesday conferring with representatives of the local government commission relative to Wilkes county finances.

A problem that has been bothering county authorities for years is how to finance the county's general fund from the general tax fund levy of 15 cents on the hundred dollars' valuation of property, the levy being limited to that figure by the state constitution.

During the past several years the general fund has been running behind and there are several thousands of dollars in unpaid claims now pending and many have been pending for some time. During the past year the appropriation for the county not including debt service was about \$65,000. This, however, includes the poor fund and health fund. The total tax levy for all these funds is 27 cents on the hundred

Farmers Gather For Educational Meeting Relative To New Soil Act

Compliance Supervisor Talks to Farmers From All Sections of County

MANY FARMERS ATTEND Round Table Discussion Is Held in Afternoon; Patton Heads Discussions

Wilkes farmers showed their interest in the soil conservation act by attending the educational meeting held at the courthouse Friday afternoon. The court auditorium was almost filled throughout the afternoon as H. A. Patton, compliance supervisor, went into detail concerning the act, explaining many of its principal phases. Every section of the county was represented in the crowd, estimated at more than 350 farmers.

After the act was explained in general a round table discussion was held in which Mr. Patton answered many questions pertaining to benefit payments for diversion and for soil improvement. Cash payments will be made to farmers who divert land from cash crops and who grow crops calculated to improve and conserve soil.

Further meetings will be held in various communities throughout the county in order to broaden opportunities for farmers to learn more of the soil conservation program before the sign-up of work sheets for this year begins, County Farm Agent A. G. Hendren said.

For the year 1936 about 1,000 farmers signed work sheets and more than 900 complied with provisions for payment. There is no compulsion, a farmer merely getting paid for the practices he wishes to carry out in accordance with rules for payment.

In the meeting held Friday questions of payments to owners and tenants, rates of payments for diversion of certain crops and for growing soil improvement crops were explained by Mr. Patton.

Safety Picture Feature Friday Kiwanis Meeting

Kiwanians and Many Guests See Accident Problems and Remedies Shown

Through the courtesy of the Coca-Cola bottling company here, a very impressive illustrated safety talk was given before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday in a program in charge of J. B. Williams.

For the program, which dealt extensively with the accident problem, there was a large attendance of club members and many guests, representing firms and industries in the city which use motor vehicles. (Continued on page eight)

Bank Merger Is Expected Soon

Action on Part of Bank at Burnsville Deferred In Meeting Friday

The proposed consolidation of four of the leading banks in Northwestern North Carolina to the organization of the Northwestern Bank was again delayed Friday when stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank at Bakersville deferred final action on the plan, which has already been approved by stockholders of the three other banks—the Deposit & Savings Bank in North Wilkesboro, The Watauga County Bank in Boone and the Bank of Sparta at Sparta.

Under the plan North Wilkesboro would be headquarters for the three-million dollar institution and the general board of directors would have three members from each of the four member banks. Although the plan was not approved at Bakersville Friday it is expected that the consolidation plan will go forward.

Hackett Endorsed As Commissioner Of Road District

Kiwanis Club Gives Endorsement to Local Man In Meeting Friday

J. Gordon Hackett, North Wilkesboro citizen long prominent in public life in the state, county and city, was endorsed Friday in meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club as a candidate for member of the state highway commission.

The matter was brought before the civic organization by Postmaster J. C. Reins, who explained that the state highway commission was about to be reorganized with a commissioner for each district. He pointed out that North Wilkesboro would be a logical center for a district and that it would be entirely fitting that a local man be named a member of the commission.

Mr. Reins made a motion that the club endorse Mr. Hackett for the position and the motion was approved by the club.

Make Progress On School Buildings

About 100 Men Given Employment on Three PWA School Jobs Past Week

Contractors are making progress on two large school buildings in Wilkes county and hope to have them completed by midsummer, it was learned today from a Public Works engineer in charge.

The two buildings now under way are the Millers Creek and Mulberry school plants. The other PWA school project is the Benham building, which has been constructed and is being made ready for occupancy. Workmen there at present are engaged in drilling a well and the heating system has been installed. The new Benham building will be used during part of the present term.

Approximately 100 men were given employment on the school buildings during the past week and the aggregate weekly payroll at this stage of the project is over \$2,000, there being many skilled or semi-skilled workmen used in construction work.

Ronda Teams Win Basketball Games

Ronda high school basketball teams, both boys and girls, have been quite successful in recent contests. The boys defeated West Yadkin there 24 to 23 and the girls won 13 to 8. The Ronda boys beat Mountain Park 35 to 25 while the Ronda girls lost to Mountain Park 17 to 16.

Sheriff Erwin Is Hopeful of Early Break In Case

Three of Suspects Are Being Held in Wilkes Jail on Federal Liquor Charges

Sheriff Walter Erwin, Alleghany officer in charge of the investigation into the assault-murder of Pretty Elva Brannock in the Saddle Mountain section of Alleghany county on February 8, is hoping for an early break in the case but in an interview with a representative of this newspaper Friday declined to make any predictions about when the expected break in the case may come.

Sheriff Erwin declined to make any comment on findings, if any, from questioning Connie Wright, age 28, being held in Wilkes jail on moonshine charges by federal officers, other than that he did not attack much importance to the detention of Wright as far as the girl murder case is concerned.

Lost His Case

"Gentlemen of the jury," shouted the anti-New Deal lawyer, in a suit concerning processing taxes on hogs, "there were over six million hogs slaughtered; please remember that fact—6,000,000 hogs—just exactly 500,000 times as many as there are in the jury box." Needless to say, he didn't win his case.