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TWO ARE REPRIEVED

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Governor Hoy said tonight he had granted a 30-day reprieve to Albertus Sylvester Grier, Mecklenburg negro, scheduled to die Friday for the murder of Waddell Massey. Robert Glenn Brown, scheduled to be executed Monday, will be reprieved for 30 days, the governor said.

DISCOVER BODY

Cleveland, Feb. 23.—The discovery of a woman torso-slaying victim—Cleveland's eighth since September, 1934—sent police tonight in search of a sex-crazed, surgically-skilled maniac they believed responsible. A fireman came upon the torso, cleverly severed from the arms, head, and legs, on the shore of Lake Erie in Cleveland's East Side.

GREER IMPROVING

I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home at Thomasville, who has been seriously ill following an operation for appendicitis last week at Burrus Memorial Hospital, High Point, was reported to be resting comfortably last night. Attaches at the hospital said at midnight that Mr. Greer had a better day, than usual yesterday.

MOTHER AT 15

Charlotte, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Ed Freeman, who looks as if she should be making doll dresses, takes without fanfare this thing of marrying young. She became a wife at 13 years of age, and now at 15, with a baby on her knee, considers herself an "old married woman" who likes to be taken for "16 or 17."

NO CALDWELL ELECTION

Lenoir, Feb. 23.—A referendum on whether Caldwell county will establish county owned and operated liquor stores is not expected at the present time, members of the county board of commissioners say. Chairman Mark Safford and Commissioner Walter Carpenter both expressed the opinion that a vote would not be taken until the next year. Safford presented the board or a demand had been expressed otherwise.

TO HAVE CONFERENCE

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Members of the state highway and public works commission and the school commission will confer here Friday on methods to minimize transportation emergencies of the sort that closed rural schools in more than 20 counties this winter. Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the highway commission, said the meeting was arranged by Taylor B. Attmore, of Washington, N. C., chairman of the school commission's transportation committee.

TOWNSEND HEARING

Washington, Feb. 24.—Dr. Francis E. Townsend's counsel argued in United States district court today that the California physician's "walkout" on a house committee investigating his old age pension plan was not contempt. Asking for a directed verdict freeing his client of contempt charges brought by the house, Attorney Elisha Hanson said there was nothing in the statutes to sustain an indictment in view of the government's own evidence.

SUGGESTS EXEMPTION

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, chairman of the committee which successfully sponsored a bill amending to the state constitution last November, said today he had written members of the general assembly asking for a \$300 tax exemption on home-steads. Although an amendment authorized the legislature to fix exemptions as high as \$1,000, advocates promised during the campaign they would not request the full amount this year.

WOULD REVISE ACT

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The House appropriations committee heard the first rumblings today of a storm brewing on proposed social security legislation for North Carolina as it voted for a redraft of measures designed to permit state participation in the federal program of assistance to indigent aged, dependent children and blind. Chairman D. L. Ward of Craven stated he probably would name a subcommittee tomorrow to iron out "objectionable features" of the drafts that passed the Senate with only Senator Bell of Mecklenburg casting a dissenting vote. He said he "hoped they would be able to work out a satisfactory substitute."

Safety Mobilization Program Launched



An Appeal

Towson, Md. . . . Joseph H. (Toots) Finkelstein, 17, has been missing from his home here since Sept. 24th. . . . His parents beg assistance in locating him. Joseph is 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, has dark brown curly hair, olive complexion, freckles and hazel eyes.

District Attorney Will Be Speaker At Victory Meeting

Carlisle Higgins Secured for Address at Democratic Meeting March 4th

Carlisle Higgins, United States district attorney in the middle North Carolina district, will be the speaker at the Victory Dinner to be staged by the Democratic organization at Hotel Wilkes on the evening of March 4, seven o'clock.

Announcement that the district attorney will be the speaker was made today by C. O. McNeil, secretary of the Wilkes Democratic executive committee. Mr. McNeil is chairman of arrangements for the Victory Dinner here and has tickets for sale.

Dinners will be held throughout the country on the evening of March 4 in celebration of Democratic victories in the November, 1936, election. Democrats from various sections of the county are expected to attend the dinner here and the invitation is extended to any from adjoining counties.

Game Protector For District On Visit to County

Farthing Says Streams Being Stocked With Fish; Compliments Sportsmen

H. Grady Farthing, of Boone, game protector in this district composed of seventeen counties, said Monday that various streams in Wilkes county are being stocked with fish and that efforts are being made to conserve and promote the development of game and fish in the county.

Mr. Farthing spent some time in the county with Homer Brookshire, of Moravian Falls, who began his duties last week as game protector and forest warden in Wilkes. Mr. Brookshire succeeds W. W. Barber as game protector and W. H. Nichols as forest warden.

The district game protector said that many of the streams in the mountains are ideal for trout while other streams are suitable for bass and other types of fish. He paid high tribute to sportsmen in the county, and pledged the cooperation of his office to their interests.

Pearson Improving

The condition of I. E. Pearson, prominent local merchant who has been very ill from swallowing a number of bichloride of mercury tablets, is described as better at the Wilkes hospital, where he is convalescing.

Child Is Recovering

The condition of Miss Ethel Brooks, young lady of the Dehart community who is said to have shot herself in the chest with a rifle about ten days ago, is reported as favorable at the Wilkes hospital, where she is being treated.

Heads Merchants



C. G. Day, president and general manager of Rhodes-Day Furniture Company, was elected president of the Wilkes County Retail Merchants' association for the coming year.

Local Voiture Forty and Eight Is Formed Here

Organization Composed of Prominent Legionnaires In This Section

A voiture of the Forty and Eight, which has its motto, "Fun, Fellowship and the American Legion," has been formed here with prominent Legionnaires of Wilkes, Ashe and Alleghany making up the charter membership of 16 members.

In a meeting held last week a temporary organization was affected and a wrecking crew (Initiation team) is expected here early in March to put the members through the "wreck."

The organization received its name from capacity inscriptions on box cars in France during the World War, "40 hommes at 8 Chevioux" meaning forty men and eight horses.

The officers of the charter organization here are as follows: R. H. Reins, chef de gare; Edward Barr, of West Jefferson, chef de train; A. G. Finley, commissaire intendit; J. M. Quinn, conducteur; Charles Porter, card de la porte; E. P. Robinson, lampiste; W. J. Bason, commis voyageur. The other members are R. P. Casey, Don Coffey, T. A. Finley, L. M. Nelson, W. B. Somers, P. G. Wright, of West Jefferson, C. W. Higgins, of Sparta, and A. F. Kilby.

Membership in the voiture of North Wilkesboro is not restricted to any given territory and it is expected that many prominent Legionnaires from several posts will join. Membership is by invitation.

W. T. Dowd, of Sanford, United States marshal, is grand chef de gare in the state.

Local members are awaiting with fearful anticipation going through the "wreck" (initiation) but they say they have something to look forward to because the organization promises each fatality a full military funeral.

Employment Service Will Be Able To Refer Many Men to Jobs Soon

With calls now being received and with jobs soon to be opened the North Carolina State Employment Service office located here and serving five counties is in position to refer many workmen to jobs. It was learned today from James M. Anderson, district manager.

Skilled laborers in various trades are much in demand at the present time but there is also calls occasionally for unskilled labor from able bodied mature men.

The most recent calls for skilled labor included skilled machinists and millwrights at 73 to 85 1-2 cents per hour. Skilled pipe fitters with industrial experience at the same wage, pipe welders at \$1.01 per hour, electricians with industrial experience, experience in power house and conduit work. The wage offered the latter class is 85 1-2 cents per hour. Any in the district, composed of Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany, Alexander and Watauga counties who are qualified for these positions are asked to call at the office here for an interview if they are interested.

Day Is Elected Head Merchants Association

Directors Name Furniture Dealer to Head Organization In County

GABRIEL ALSO NAMED

Belk's Manager Will Be Vice President; Support Promised Officers

Charles G. Day, Sr., president and manager of the Rhodes-Day Furniture Company, was elected president of the North Wilkesboro Merchants Association for the ensuing year at a meeting of the board of directors held in the association's office Tuesday afternoon. W. G. Gabriel, manager of Belk's Department Store was elected vice president.

Mr. Day succeeds Carl W. Steele, local jeweler, who served the association well during the past year, and Mr. Gabriel succeeds Mr. Day who was vice president last year.

Action on the election of a secretary for the coming year was deferred until a later meeting of the board of directors, and W. C. Marlow was elected a director to succeed J. B. Williams, resigned.

The director's meeting was an enthusiastic one and all present voiced the need of having a wide-awake association in the city, and pledged more active support to the officers and entire membership.

Within the next few days, President Day is expected to name several committees and work of the new year will be started with the aim in mind of promoting North Wilkesboro as the shopping center of this vast territory and to make the association worth even more to each individual member.

The board of directors for this year is composed of W. G. Gabriel, president; C. Hubbard, W. C. Marlow, W. S. Cassel, Tal Pearson and A. F. Kilby. By virtue of being immediate past president, Carl W. Steele is a member of the new board.

May Enter Photos For Cash Awards

Amateur photographers — in fact anyone who likes to take pictures—have a chance at the ten dollars in cash prizes to be given by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club for the best pictures to use on postcard views to advertise North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county.

The first prize will be five dollars and there will be three other prizes. The contest is open to all and those who enter pictures should keep in mind that scenes of general interest which would favorably publicize this section have the best chance of winning one of the prizes. Pictures will be judged on this basis, although it should be kept in mind that the picture should be suitable for reproduction.

Pictures entered at the contest may be left by personal call at Hotel Wilkes or mailed to J. B. McCoy, North Wilkesboro.

March Term Court Will Open Monday

Held In Shooting



Snow Hill, Md. . . . Mrs. Jeanette Trader, estranged wife of the late Clarence J. Trader, electric utility owner, is being held on an indictment charging murder. She claims her husband shot himself when she refused reconciliation.

Hundreds Cases Pending Trial In Superior Court

Two-Weeks Regular Term Will Be for Trial of Criminal Cases

JUDGE ALLEY PRESIDES

Solicitor Jones Will Prosecute Lengthy Docket; to Make Out Calendar

March term of Wilkes superior court, one of the two two-weeks terms each year devoted to trial of criminal cases, will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, March 1, with Judge Felix Alley, of Waynesville, presiding.

As time for court opening nears the docket is increasing with reports from magistrates and it is expected that a docket of more than 275 cases will be before the court. However, there are no cases of unusual interest, although a number of cases in which homicide is charged are pending trial.

The first matter to face the court following the regular procedure of charging the grand jury will be a hearing on a demurrer brought by the defendant in the Swaringen versus Poplin election case in which Swaringen, Republican, is suing Poplin, Democrat, for title to office as a member of the county board of commissioners.

No formal calendar has been made out and Solicitor John R. Jones is expected to arrange a calendar on opening day of court. All defendants are required to be in court on opening day in order that they may learn when their cases are to be called.

Following are jurors for the first week:

- G. S. Johnson, Walnut Grove; Sylvester Hutchison, Traphill; Manley Harrold, Mulberry; P. M. Baily, 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. Walls, Edwards; O. H. Carlton, North Wilkesboro; J. B. Gilreath, North Wilkesboro; J. M. Reid, Spurgoon; Thomas W. Hayes, Reddies River; W. C. Shoemate, Elk; Alonzo Anderson, Brushy Mountain; J. W. Joynes, 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. Broyhill, 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.

Is Convicted For Violating Health Law on Watershed

Wiley Johnson Tried Wednesday; Sanitary Inspector Issues a Warning

In a hearing yesterday before a magistrate Wiley Johnson, a citizen of Reddies River township, was convicted for failure to comply with health laws. He had refused, the county sanitary inspector said, to construct a privy. Johnson lives on the watershed of Reddies River, from which North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro derive their water supply.

Johnson was fined \$15 and cost, suspended on condition that he comply with the laws in question within six days.

G. S. Odell, sanitary inspector, explained that the law provides a maximum penalty of \$50 or 30 days in jail and that the law will be strictly enforced relative to sanitation on the watershed. He warned that those who do not have a satisfactory method of sewage disposal should arrange for such at once.

Special Scout Service Sunday At Church Here

Three Will Be Awarded Eagle Badges at Service First Baptist Church

At a special service to be held at the First Baptist church in this city Sunday night, Eagle Scout badges will be awarded to three Scouts who have attained Eagle rank, it was learned today from T. E. Story, chairman of the local Scout court of honor.

The three Scouts are Paul Halgwood, Robert Wood Finley and Pat Williams, Jr. Their merits were passed in recent meetings of the court of honor. A special program is planned for the occasion with an address by H. Bank Newman, of Winston-Salem, Scout commissioner for the Winston-Salem district. W. E. Vaughn Lloyd, also of Winston-Salem, Scout executive, will be present and take part in the service, which will begin at 7:30.

The special service is of special significance to those interested in Scouting and everybody is invited to attend. Only two other Scouts have attained Eagle rank in the history of the organization here.

Did Not Take Poison

The report that Ballard Kelly, local cave operator, had taken poison in Knoxville, Tenn., on February 16, proved to be erroneous and although he has been very ill, he is recovering at his home here, it was learned today.

Warns People Of Milk Ordinance

Is Violation of Law to Deliver Milk Without Obtaining Proper Permit

G. S. Odell, county sanitary inspector, has called attention to the fact that some few people are disregarding the public health ordinance passed by the county and are delivering milk to customers without a permit as required by law. The punishment, Mr. Odell said in issuing a warning to people thus engaged, is a fine of \$50.

Those who desire to deliver milk to customers as a regular business must have a permit, which may be obtained by meeting certain sanitation requirements for producing grade A milk.

The ordinance does not prohibit one neighbor from furnishing milk to another.

Miss Kitter Bower is spending some time in Hickory with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Miller.