

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

NO COMEDY!
Hollywood, Feb. 24.—A comedy and a comedian, Sally Hinkle and Bert Wheeler, became man and wife today after a marriage ceremony that was no comedy to either. "I was so choked up, I could hardly say the words," Wheeler said.

LINDY MISSES GALE
Calcutta, Feb. 28.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's speedy monoplane rushed him into Calcutta today just ahead of a Bengal gale which flattened native villages along his route. He and Sir Francis Younghusband, British Indophile, remained in this eastern city to talk over aviation routes and flying conditions while Mrs. Lindbergh waited 700 miles westward, at Nagpur.

BURNED TO DEATH
Burlington, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Sallie Ross Ray, 63, was fatally burned yesterday afternoon when her clothing caught fire as she attempted to beat out a blaze in a field near her home, Kimesville, route 1. She was removed to a local hospital where she succumbed last night.

MITCHELL IN OFFICE
Washington, Feb. 26.—Hugh G. Mitchell, national president of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Statesville, was in Washington today to open the organization's offices here prior to launching an intensive fight for the passage of restrictive immigration measures which will be introduced in the present session of Congress.

SHOOTS HIMSELF
Clinton, Feb. 26.—J. W. Cooper, 21, member of a prominent Sampson county family, committed suicide Thursday night at his home, two miles from Salemburg, by shooting himself with a shotgun. The load entered the left breast. He was found this morning by his father, John Carr Cooper, in a garage at the home. It was the second similar case in Sampson county in less than four days.

NAMED FOR N. C.
Washington, Feb. 26.—One of the two new battleships which the navy is soon to construct will be named in honor of North Carolina, it became known here today. Secretary of Navy Claude Swanson authorized Representative William Umstead, chairman of the House navy appropriations committee, to announce that North Carolina had been selected for the name of one of the ships.

SNOWS ON DUST
Guymon, Okla., Feb. 26.—Green wheat thrust up through a white mantle over the panhandle country tonight as a winter storm transformed the southwest "dust-bowl" into a near-brimming "snow-bowl." Farmers' crop hopes rose as the dust-laying snow fell. A blanket from one to two inches thick was spread over the "blow lands" from southern Kansas across most of the Oklahoma panhandle.

GUILTY BURGLARY
Mt. Airy, Feb. 26.—Tom Mattin, 24-year-old Mount Airy negro, was found guilty of first-degree burglary by a Surry county jury late this afternoon and was sentenced to die in the gas chamber March 26. The first person to receive a death sentence in Surry county in over twenty years, Mattin will be the fourth man and the only Surry negro ever sentenced to die, according to existing records.

D. R. WILL SPEAK
Washington, Feb. 26.—A series of conferences with members of Congress having been attended with indifferent results, President Roosevelt will carry his judiciary reform case direct to the country on March 9. His fireside chat has been arranged for 10:30 o'clock, on the theory that eastern folk, including those of early retiring habits, will sit up for this event, while the address will come at about the right time for the broadcasting stations in the west.

SENTENCED TO DIE
Wilmington, Feb. 26.—A jury convicted Edgar Leroy Smoak, accused triple poison slayer, of first degree murder tonight and Judge J. H. Clement sentenced the tall, stooped carpenter's helper to die April 23 in the gas chamber. The 39-year-old defendant, who had kept a stoical calm during his five-day trial on an indictment charging him with the murder of his young daughter, Annie Thelma, appeared to be stunned by the verdict.

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May Re-establish C. C. Camp As Soil Erosion Control Unit

Officer Inspects Grounds Located In Wilkes County

Opinion Expressed That Erosion Control Work Occupy Camp's Time

FIELD FOR WORK

Has Been Branch of Morganton Camp for Several Months With 50 Men

If there is sufficient demand for soil erosion control work, the James Civilian Conservation Camp located near Purler may be re-established, it was learned unofficially today.

The James camp was established in 1933 with a quota of approximately 200 men and was set up as a forestry camp.

Before it was discontinued two years ago as an individual camp unit, much forestry work was done, including making fire trails in many forest areas throughout this section. A number of roads were also constructed, including a road to the summit of the historic Rendezvous mountain, where a state park is located, and various other roads and truck trails.

If the camp is to be re-established, it is understood it will be a soil erosion camp with emphasis being placed on soil erosion control, which has been recognized as sorely needed in this particular section.

After the James camp was disbanded a branch camp of the camp located near Morganton was established with about fifty men and has been operating as such since that time. Much of the forestry work not completed when the camp was disbanded has been resumed.

An army official from Fort Bragg recently inspected the camp site and equipment, presumably with the aim in view of ascertaining whether or not the camp is in condition to house a full company should it be re-established.

The camp property, located on a small stream about four miles from Purler in the Blue Ridge foothills, consists of barracks, assembly hall, mess hall, officers' quarters and other necessary buildings for a full company. The property is said to be in splendid condition.

Some soil erosion control work was accomplished by members of the James camp but the county is still considered a suitable field for work sufficient to furnish a full company employment indefinitely.

Orchardists Will Hear Niswonger In Two-Day Meet

Extension Horticulturist Will Meet With Fruit Growers of the County

H. R. Niswonger, horticulturist at State College and a member of the extension service, will be in Wilkes on March 4 and 5 to conduct demonstrations in orchards of members of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers' association.

The visit of Mr. Niswonger prove very helpful to the orchardists, who gather at appointed times and places to attend the various demonstrations.

Legion to Meet On Friday Night

West Jefferson Horse Shoe Pitchers Invited for Match With the Local Post

There will be a regular meeting of the Wilkes post of the American Legion on Friday night, March 5, beginning at 7:30 at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. All members are asked to be present to take part in the meeting and the recreational period following.

West Jefferson post has been invited to a horse shoe pitching contest with local Legionnaires.

The unfinished cathedral of St. John the Divine has standing room for 40,000 people.

World's Finest Roads Carry World's Worst Drivers



MIAMI, Fla. — Lucius B. Conolly (above), of Melbourne, Australian Highway Commissioner, is here on a motor trip around the world. After 18,000 miles across countries circling the globe, he says, "America is a country with the world's finest roads and the world's worst drivers."

Goodwill Basketball Tournament Will Be Completed at School On Saturday

James V. Neal Accident Victim

Husband of Former Resident of This City Killed Near Mayodan Thursday Night

James V. Neal, resident of Walnut Cove, was killed Thursday night when a road construction machine which he was operating overturned near Mayodan. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Alva Hart, of this city, and one daughter, Jimmie. Funeral service was held at Stokesburg Methodist church Sunday. Relatives of Mrs. Neal here attended the service.

Government To Make Crop Loan

To People Unable to Obtain Credit Elsewhere; May Make Application

Applications for emergency crop loans for 1937 are now being received at the county agent's office at Wilkesboro, for D. M. Hale, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

These loans will be made only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source, as provided by regulations issued by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1937 crops and in no instance may exceed \$400.

Farmers are not eligible for these loans if they can borrow from an individual production credit association bank or other concern. Emergency crop loans will not be made by the Farm Credit Administration to standard rehabilitation clients of the Resettlement Administration whose current needs are provided for by Resettlement.

As in the past, the security for these loans will consist of a first lien on the crop financed. Landlords, or others having an interest in the crops, will be required to waive their claims in favor of the lien to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of the approved loans will be issued by the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Columbia, S. C.

Badin, Feb. 23.—A blanket 10 per cent wage increase to all hourly-rated employees, said to mean a \$100,000 boost in the annual pay roll, was announced today by the Carolina Aluminum company here. Effective March 4, the wage boost is the latest of several increases announced by the company within the last six months.

First Games Played Thursday and Friday; Goodwill Is Object

The goodwill basketball tournament began Thursday afternoon

tween two of the eight high schools in the county. On Thursday night two other games were played.

Millers Creek and Mount Pleasant forfeited their games because of inability to practice and prepare teams for the event.

The semi-finals will begin Thursday of this week and the finals will be played Saturday. Attractive cups will be awarded the winners.

Traphill boys and girls defeated Ferguson's teams in the opening games of the tournament Thursday afternoon, the boys winning easily 27 to 11 while the girls fought hard to gain a 19 to 12 decision with a goal in the last half minute of play.

Second Warning About Chickens

Police Chief Again Asks the People in City to Keep Chickens Confined

Some residents of North Wilkesboro have heedlessly disregarded the recent warning relative to allowing chickens to run at large within the corporate limits of the city, it was learned today from J. E. Walker, police chief.

This is the season of the year when chickens can do most damage to gardens, lawns, flowers, etc., and it is imperative that poultry owners within the city keep their chickens from trespassing.

There is a city ordinance which prohibits people from letting chickens run at large and unless there is voluntary obedience the police department will take steps to impose penalties prescribed, Mr. Walker said.

Shafter Brock Honor Student

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brock, of Pores Knob, recently received the following letter from President Thurman Kitchin, of Wake Forest, relative to the record being made by their son, Shafter Brock, at the college:

"Your son has won the scholastic distinction of being in the highest ten per cent of our student body, so I am writing to offer you my warmest congratulations.

"You may be sure that we would like to fill our college with young men of this type."

New Evidence In Alleghany Murder Case Pointing To Number Suspects

Elva Brannock Was Not Killed Where Body Was Found, Findings Point

REPORT IS PREPARED

By Sheriff Erwin and Will Be Given to Solicitor for Consideration

New and startling developments that change the theory of the crime and point more definitely to the guilt of an unnamed suspect in the Elva Brannock assault murder case in Alleghany county have been uncovered, it was learned here.

That the 16-year-old school-girl was not killed or assaulted at the place where her body was found and that her body, lifeless for hours, had been carried there by more than one person is indicated by the new evidence.

When asked about the reports current here, R. C. Jennings, assisting Sheriff Irvin of Alleghany in the investigation, did not deny that the new evidence had been found, but refused to elaborate, saying that Sheriff Irvin heads the investigation.

It was reported here that Mr. Jennings and other members of Sheriff Erwin's force of investigators found an old washing tub about 200 yards from where the body was found and evidence tending to show that the girl's body had been carried in the tub to where it was found on February 12, five days after she disappeared while on her way to school.

The body was not lying flat on the ground, but was propped up from the ground, indicating that the body had been put there after rigor mortis had set in and that she had been dead a considerable length of time.

Officers have not confirmed reports of other evidence that would more definitely link one or more of the suspects with the case.

It is authoritatively learned that Sheriff Erwin has prepared a detailed report of the investigation and evidence to date and will present the report to Allen Gwyn, solicitor of the eleventh judicial district, of which Alleghany county is a part.

Mr. Jennings did state here tonight that Sheriff Erwin and his splendid corps of deputies have been untiring in their efforts to bring the guilty party to the bar of justice and that he feels that one of the obstacles has been removed and which uncovers, in his opinion, and points unerringly to the guilt of one of the suspects who is now in jail. He declined to state who the suspect is and where he is in jail, saying that such information and making public of the evidence might hinder the apprehension of the other party or parties to the crime and that Sheriff Erwin was bending every effort to unravel the mystery.

Robertson Talks On Old Age Tax

Collector of Internal Revenue Addresses Local Kiwanis Club

Charles H. Robertson, of Greensboro, collector of internal revenue, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday in a program in charge of Attorney A. H. Casey.

Mr. Robertson devoted some time to explanation of methods of collecting federal payroll taxes for old age pensions and unemployment insurance.

The collector stated that the tax must be paid and that it was his duty to collect it, although he intended that the collection be as painless as possible. Employers are required to pay the taxes to the collector each month.

Ellis Island originally contained 3.3 acres but now has 27.5 acres. Much of the made land is "foreign soil" from vessels permitted to dump their ballast here.

March Term Of Court Begins; Decision Election Case Expected Tuesday

Victory Chairman



C. O. McNeil, who was named by Lon Folger, National Democratic Committeeman, as Victory Dinner chairman for Wilkes. The dinner will be held Thursday, March 4, at Hotel Wilkes, beginning at seven o'clock.

Many to Attend Victory Dinner Here March 4th

Expect Large Crowd at Democratic Gathering Celebrating Victories

The dinner will be held at Hotel Wilkes on the evening of March 4th, under the auspices of the Democratic National Committee, today made public the names of the members of his committee who are cooperating with him in an effort to make this the most successful gathering of its kind in the history of North Wilkesboro. The members of the committee are: J. R. Rousseau, C. T. Doughton, J. C. Reins, D. J. Carter, Milton Cooper.

This is one of a large number of such dinners being held simultaneously in every section of the country in honor of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vice President John N. Garner, to commemorate the completion of their first four years as the nation's leaders and to raise sufficient money to pay off the deficit left over by the recent presidential campaign.

Invitations to subscribe to the Victory Dinner are being mailed as rapidly as possible and reservations will be made in the order that they are received, according to Mr. McNeil. Dinner tickets have been priced at \$2.00 per plate, of which \$1.00 will defray the actual cost of the dinner, the balance to be forwarded to the Democratic National Committee as individual contributions toward the Victory Dinner fund.

A. D. Folger, Director of Victory Dinners in North Carolina today issued the following statement through Mr. McNeil:

"Every true Democrat and friend of President Roosevelt should join wholeheartedly in this nation-wide party rally. Not only is it honoring two very great Americans, but it is solidifying the ranks of the party and at the same time raising money for a purpose which should be dear to every Democrat rejoicing over the tremendous victory of last November."

It is planned to have President Roosevelt's address, which will be brought to every dinner by means of a nation wide hook-up of all major radio chains, from the \$100 per plate dinner at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, broadcast at 10 p. m.

WANT BUILDING

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The building commission authorized by the general assembly recommended to Governor Hoey today the issuance of \$800,000 in bonds to finance the erection of a new state office building here.

Attorneys File Briefs in Case

Many Cases Pending Trial in March Session of Wilkes Superior Court

JUDGE ALLEY PRESIDES

Solicitor Jones Prosecuting Docket; Announce Date Cases Be Tried

Decision on the demurrer asking dismissal of the Swaringen-Poplin election suit was deferred by Judge Felix A. Alley in Wilkes superior court this morning following argument by counsel on both sides and a decision is expected Tuesday.

The demurrer asking dismissal of the suit wherein D. B. Swaringen, Republican, is suing Leet Poplin, Democrat, for title to office as commissioner was the first matter before court at its opening this morning following an instructive charge to the grand jury by Judge Alley, of Waynesville, who is presiding over courts in the 17th judicial district the first half of this calendar year.

Attorneys Eugene Trivette, W. H. McElwee and J. M. Cooper represent Poplin while Swaringen's counsel is Attorneys C. G. Gilreath and J. H. Whicker, of the local bar, and Attorney Marlon Allen, of Elklin.

Judge Alley requested that each side file briefs for his consideration before rendering a decision on the demurrer.

Many criminal cases are pending trial in the present term of court and Solicitor John R. Jones is prosecuting the docket. Announcements of dates and cases to be tried are made by the solicitor.

Begins Duties As Attorney for Park Service

R. C. Jennings Takes Position and Has Office in Deposit & Savings Bank Bldg.

R. C. Jennings, local attorney and special investigator, today assumed his duties as attorney for the national park service of the department of the interior in this locality.

Mr. Jennings will maintain offices in the Deposit & Savings bank building and it is understood he will handle many legal matters in connection with land options and development of park areas along the route of the Blue Ridge parkway in this part of the state.

Scout Service Is Held in City

Three Awarded Eagle Badges in Appropriate Service at First Baptist

Three Boy Scouts were presented Eagle Scout badges Sunday night in an appropriate service at the First Baptist church here.

W. E. Vaughan Lloyd, Scout executive of the Winston-Salem district, introduced E. Banks Newman, Scout commissioner, also of Winston-Salem, who encouraged Scouting and insisted on cooperation from the parents, declaring that Scouting does not replace church or home training but it calculated to supplement these institutions of training the worthy citizenship.

The three Scouts who were awarded Eagle badges were Paul Haigwood, Robert Wood Finley and Pat Williams, Jr.

Oregon has every character of climate and soil known to the temperate zone; from desert to densely vegetated coast areas where rainfall is abundant.