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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

GOING FISHING

Washington, March 2.—President Roosevelt got out a big blue shark of the Gulf of Mexico today and mapped a tarpon fishing trip for himself for late April.

CRITICIZES BAILEY

Raleigh, March 2.—The State Farm Bureau federation passed a resolution today criticizing Senator Josiah W. Bailey for his opposition to President Roosevelt's Supreme court reorganization plan.

ACCIDENT FATAL

Winston-Salem, March 2.—D. H. Andrews, 25, of Banner Elk, was killed instantly and Charles R. McKinney, 23, of Linville City, was injured today when a truck on which they were riding crashed into the truss of the Yadkin river bridge on the Yadkinville road, 14 miles west of here.

CHILD KILLED

Lillington, March 2.—Four-year-old J. C. Brantley, Jr., son of a CCC camper here, was killed near here today when run over by an automobile which police said was driven by Grady East, of Piquette Springs. East was released under \$5,000 bond. Brantley said his son was struck when he went to the rescue of a bulldog which had been run over.

AUTO WRECK FATAL

Raleigh, March 2.—Mrs. Elizabeth Holt Peterson, of Raleigh, died tonight of injuries suffered this afternoon in an automobile accident on United States route 1, about a mile south of Youngsville, Franklin county. Officers said her car collided with a machine driven by William Gaffin, of Camden, N. J., who is held without bond pending the outcome of an inquest, scheduled for tomorrow morning.

FIRE LOSS SMALL

Raleigh, March 2.—The state department of conservation and development reported today the loss caused by forest fires in North Carolina during January was the lowest in recent months. The damage was listed at \$4,662. Wet weather was said to have been the principal factor in curbing blazes.

RELEASES WIFE

Nashville, N. C., March 2.—Mrs. Henry Pogleman, arrested Friday in connection with the slaying of her husband, was released from jail here today. Sheriff C. V. Faulkner said he had no evidence against the wife of the prosperous 40-year-old farmer. The sheriff announced yesterday Melvin Coggins, 41-year-old tenant farmer, who also was arrested Friday, had confessed to the killing.

LARGE SUM PAID

Raleigh, March 2.—The unemployment compensation commission reported today it had received \$2,474,166.69 in tax contributions from employers on 1936 payrolls in North Carolina. The records showed that 3,559 employers paid nine-tenths of 1 per cent pay roll tax to the state and one-tenth of 1 per cent to the government. A penalty of 1 per cent a month on delinquent payments became effective at midnight last night.

FOR AND AGAINST

Washington, March 2.—Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, a leader in the senate's regular Republican wing, swung into the battle against the Roosevelt court reorganization bill tonight. He denounced the proposal as "a device that can choke the life out of free American institutions." His radio address was made at the close of day which saw Senator Logan, Democrat, Kentucky, endorse the presidential measure and Representative Summers, Democrat, Texas, assert, in the house, that the way is open for members of the Supreme bench to retire and thus be "co-operating with their government."

Crabtree Joins Gaddy Motor Co.

T. N. Crabtree, who has had 15 years of experience in automobile salesmanship, has joined the sales personnel of Gaddy Motor company, local Chevrolet dealer. Mr. Crabtree, who comes to this city from Durham, will have charge of the used car department. L. L. Carpenter will continue in this capacity of general sales manager.

Demurrer Denied In Election Case

With Toy Pistol



New York . . . Norma Parker, New York's girl cafe bandit, concluded a brief and spectacular crime career, when a cashier grabbed her . . . and learned he was being held up with a toy pistol. Police identified her as the girl who had successfully held up several cafe cashiers recently.

Swaringen Wins First Court Tilt In Controversy

Judge Alley's Decision On Motion to Dismiss Case Handed Down Today

APPEAL INDICATED

Swaringen Suing Poplin For Title to Office as Member of County Board

D. B. Swaringen, Republican, defeated for commissioner by a margin of two votes on basis of the canvass of the vote in the November election, won his first tilt in court in quo warranto proceedings to try Leet Poplin's title to office as a member of the board when Judge Felix A. Alley in Wilkes court today denied a demurrer in the action.

The demurrer was filed by counsel for Poplin asking that the case be dismissed because the complaint did not allege that the controversy upon which the action was brought was heard before the county board of elections or that a contest was filed before the state board.

Argument on the demurrer was heard Monday and counsel on both sides filed briefs of their contentions. Judge Alley's decision was given soon after court opened this morning. Counsel for Poplin indicated that his decision will be appealed to the supreme court.

The election case grew out of the count of votes in the November election in Rock Creek township, where it was alleged Swaringen received 100 more votes than showed on the returns that were certified by the two Democratic members of the board.

Swaringen lost the first move to regain title to office in a restraining order and mandamus proceedings before the quo warranto case was instituted.

Commissioners In Regular Meeting

Little Business Transacted On First Monday; Recess Meeting Held Today

Wilkes county board of commissioners met in regular March session Monday and transacted a number of routine matters. All members of the board, composed of R. G. Finley, chairman, M. F. Absher and Leet Poplin, were present.

An order was passed allowing Miss Mary McNeal a salary of \$125 as case worker for the month of March.

Mrs. Ruth Forester Holder was allowed the use of the commissioners room for work by the WPA library project when the room is not being used by commissioners or the grand jury.

After a number of minor matters were taken up the board adjourned to meet in recess meeting today.

By temperance in all things, we achieve the balance necessary for the full enjoyment of life.

Spring Conference Of Pastors Will Be Held in This City

On March 9 and 10 at First Baptist Church; Expect Many Will Attend

A pastors' conference sponsored by the state Baptist convention will be held at the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 9 and 10, according to an announcement by Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor.

The two-day gathering to be held here is one of 15 spring conferences for Baptist pastors to be held in western North Carolina this year. All pastors are invited to attend.

The conference will open at ten a. m. on Tuesday and close at four p. m. on Wednesday. Lodging and breakfast will be furnished free to all pastors who remain in the city overnight.

"The Impending Revival" will be the theme of the conference and the purpose being outlined as "study, meditation, prayer and fellowship."

The conference here is not confined to any prescribed territory and many pastors in northwestern North Carolina counties are expected to attend.

Mountain View Selects Speakers

Much interest was taken by the students of Mountain View high school in the debate tryout held last Thursday to select the triangular debating team. Eleven students entered the tryout. Those selected to represent the school are: Rosaloe Pendry, Annie Cohee, Margie Pendry and Sherrill Gregory. The alternates are Inez Campbell and John Brooks. The schools making up the triangle in addition to Mountain View are West Yadkin and Westfield. The question to be discussed is: Resolved, that the government should own and operate all electric light and power utilities.

Meat Stolen, Recovered and Guilty Parties Sentenced to State Prison

Mountain Lions In Victory On Tuesday

North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions played a fast cage game here on Tuesday night to defeat Newton, strong title contenders, who apparently were on their way to a conference championship. The score was 20 to 17.

At the end of the first half little scoring had been done but Newton was resting on the big end of a 4-6 count. In the latter period the Lions asserted themselves and played furiously to gain the victory. Strong defensive play was in evidence throughout the contest.

Every going business, small though it may be, contains the germ of a bigger business.

Officers Recover Ruel Mahaffey's Hams and Land Two Youths in Prison

Three hams and one shoulder of meat were stolen from the home of Ruel Mahaffey, the meat was found and returned and two were sentenced for the crime all in one week.

The theft of Mr. Mahaffey's meat was reported to Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies who began an investigation.

Various developments in the investigation pointed to I. C. York and Dave Gregory. One is reported to have turned state's evidence and recovered the meat for Mr. Mahaffey.

They were haled before Judge Alley for trial and were given sentences in state prison.

Women in Government



Washington . . . Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward (above), of Jackson, Miss., is assistant WPA Administrator in charge here of the women's division of Federal work activities. Mrs. Woodward has been in this key position since 1935.

Special Services at M. E. Church to Begin Sunday

Mrs. C. L. Steidley, of High Point, Will Assist Pastor In Series Services

Dr. Rufus B. Templeton, pastor of the First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro, announces special evangelistic services commencing Sunday, March 7.

As special speaker and worker he has secured the services of Mrs. C. L. Steidley, of High Point.

Frank A. Stith, of Winston-Salem, in speaking of Mrs. Steidley has this to say: "In my thirty-five years of church work I have never seen any one who did a better or more lasting job. She is a woman of fine common sense, very tactful and very forceful."

"We have used her three different times at Burkhead in the last ten years—one time for thirty days—and in each case she was instrumental in bringing in from seventy-five to one hundred members and leaves the church feeling good and without any regrets."

"I believe you could not find a more consecrated, effective worker in a meeting. She is capable as a preacher, song leader and altar services."

Such is the estimate of a great Christian leader in one of the churches in Winston.

It is urged that every one attend and take advantage of these services. "We are very happy to know that we have the hearty and sympathetic co-operation of the other pastors in the city; services each day 7:30 p. m., the morning hour for services to be announced later", the announcement said.

Higgins Speaker Victory Dinner In City Tonight

Carlisle Higgins, of Sparta, United States district attorney, will be the feature speaker at the Victory dinner this evening, seven o'clock, a Hotel Wilkes.

The victory dinner is being sponsored by the Democratic organization and profits from the sale of tickets will go to the Democratic national campaign fund.

C. O. McNeil has tickets for sale. The price is two dollars each with one dollar going to the national Democratic fund and the remaining dollar pays for the dinner and incidental expenses incurred. A large attendance is anticipated at the dinner tonight.

Radio facilities will be provided for the reception of an address by President Roosevelt.

Ladies are especially invited.

University Dean To Address Club

Dean R. B. House, of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will be the principal speaker in a meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon. All members are expected to attend.

Court Works Rapidly To Dispose Of Large Number Calendared Cases

Sheriff Has Busy Week and Liquor Violators Losers

Six Illicit Plants Destroyed Last Week by Sheriff and His Deputies

50 GALLONS LIQUOR

And Over 5,000 Gallons Beer Destroyed in Raids of The Past Week

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies have had a busy week and at least six moonshiners have had a very unprofitable week in their illicit business.

Six plants for manufacture of moonshine were destroyed during the week by Sheriff Doughton and his deputies.

The largest and apparently most used of all the plants was found near the Wilkes-Iredell line in the Union Grove R. F. D. vicinity, where a plant, a quantity of liquor and 2,500 gallons of beer for distillation were destroyed.

Other stills at which smaller quantities of liquor and materials for manufacture were destroyed were found in widely separated communities in the county, including one in the Patton's Ridge vicinity, one near Windy Gap and one in Somers township.

Would Abolish Fees, Clerk Hire

Measure Introduced by Ashe Representative Relative to Pay Wilkes Officers

A measure was introduced in the house of representatives at Raleigh yesterday by J. B. Hash, representative from Ashe county, relative to compensation of Wilkes officers.

Although copies of the bill were not available here today it is understood that the measure would not allow the sheriff to retain fees of \$2.05 for land sale certificates and would repeal the act of 1935 allowing extra clerk hire of \$50 per month for the office of clerk of court, register of deeds and sheriff.

Fruit Growers to Meet On Friday

Will Hear Niswonger in a Meeting at Courthouse Friday Afternoon

Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers, an association of progressive orchardists of the Brushy mountains, will hold a meeting at the office of A. G. Hendren, county demonstration agent, Friday afternoon, beginning at two o'clock.

H. R. Niswonger, state horticulturist of the extension service, will be in attendance and discuss orchard problems with the growers. All members are urged to attend and also any interested fruit growers who are not affiliated with the organization. Mr. Niswonger will remain in the county through Saturday to conduct a number of demonstrations.

Schedule of Basketball Tourney Is Interrupted; Finals Monday Night

Due to a misunderstanding Mount Pleasant did not meet Roaring River Saturday night in the Goodwill tournament here and on Saturday night Mount Pleasant will play the winner of the Mountain View-Roaring River games Friday night of this week.

The finals were originally scheduled for Saturday night but the revised schedule calls for finals on Monday night, when cups will be presented the winners boys and girls teams as basketball champions of Wilkes county.

This is the third annual goodwill tourney sponsored by the North Wilkesboro high school for the high schools in the county and has proved to be very interesting to date.

Pension Tuberculars



St. Paul, Minn. . . Rep. J. O. Melby advocates pension for disabled tuberculars under the Social Security Act. His plan would reduce cost to taxpayers and lower present death rate of 70,000 each year from this disease.

County Warden Issues Warning To Fire Setters

Explains Law Relative to Burning Over Lands; Cooperation Asked

With the weather opening up and allowing space for various farm activities, farmers will soon be engaged in burning off "new grounds" and there will be a constant danger of forest fires, Homer Brookshire, county game and forest warden, said this week.

Mr. Brookshire urged people to take every precaution to prevent fires and pointed out the law requiring landowners to notify adjoining land owners and a warden before setting fire. People who by their neglect and carelessness allow forest fires to get out of their control will be prosecuted by the state forest service, he said.

Mr. Brookshire will maintain headquarters at the courthouse in Wilkesboro and may be reached by telephone at the sheriff's office. People are urged to report to the county warden or some district warden in the county. Those who may be reached by telephone include W. H. Nichols, of Purlear, J. H. Stamper and Norman Dancy, who may also be reached by calling Mr. Nichols.

J. R. Spratt, district forester, and E. P. Simmons, district ranger, of Lenoir, spent Monday with Mr. Brookshire in the county.

U. N. C. Alumni To Meet Friday

Dean R. B. House to Address Alumni and Guests at Banquet at Hotel

Alumni of the University of North Carolina will meet on Friday night at a banquet to be held at Hotel Wilkes.

Dean R. B. House will be the principal speaker and will be accompanied by J. Marion Saunders, executive secretary of the alumni association.

All alumni, wives and friends are invited to the banquet. Cost of plates will be 75 cents each.

Long Sentences Given Negro On Burglary Charge

Odell Valentine Gets Minimum 25 Years After Second Degree Is Pleaded

SEVERAL NOL PROSSED

Jail Cases Tried Monday and Tuesday; Several Cases of Larceny

Disposing of cases with remarkable speed, much headway into a badly congested criminal docket was made during the first two days of Wilkes superior court Monday and Tuesday. Judge Felix A. Alley, of Waynesville, is presiding and Solicitor John R. Jones is prosecuting the docket.

The longest term meted out so far was to Odell Valentine, Greensboro negro who recently entered homes of a number of local colored people and who was charged with first degree burglary, a capital offense. He submitted a plea of guilty to second degree burglary and in one case received a sentence of from 15 to 20 years. In another he was sentenced to from 10 to 15 years in prison to begin at the expiration of the first sentence, making a minimum of 25 or a maximum of 35 years in prison.

Other sentences follow: R. S. Green, operating motor vehicle while under influence of liquor, fine of \$25 and sentence of 90 days on roads suspended. Like all other sentences suspended by Judge Alley in Wilkes county, the sentences go into effect on motion of the solicitor at any subsequent term of court where it is shown that the defendant has violated the law.

Gurney Church, operating motor vehicle while under influence of liquor, fine of \$50 and sentence of six months suspended five years as in above case.

Charlie Roberts, assault with deadly weapon, fine of \$25 and cost and six months sentence suspended.

Linville Brown, drunkenness, fine of \$25 and cost.

Numa Porter and Charlie McGlamery, forgery, sentence of six months on road in one case and sentence of 18 months on another court suspended five years.

Ernest Ashley, larceny and receiving, six months on roads.

William T. McQuage, larceny, six months on roads.

Alfred Shepherd, assault, 30 days in jail or on roads.

Ralph Williams, operating motor vehicle while under influence of liquor, six months on roads.

James Hampton, embezzlement, six months on roads.

Chester (Chat) Billings, larceny, two years in prison.

Mr. Wilson Davis, keeping disorderly house, three months in jail.

Harrison Dillard, possession of liquor, sentence of 18 months suspended.

Claude Bumgarner, Brack Bumgarner and Wayne Pierce on a charge of breaking and entering were sentenced to 12 months each on roads.

Carl Shaver, abandonment, sentence of two years in prison suspended on condition he pay cost and five dollars weekly to wife.

I. C. York and Dave Gregory, larceny; York 12 months and Gregory 15 months.

Roland Eckerd, reckless driving, \$25 and cost and sentence of 90 days.

A divorce was granted in the case of J. O. Lytton versus Laura Lytton.

A true bill of murder was returned against Buster Staley for the death of Jim Watts.

Oscar Owens, driver of the car which hit and killed J. H. Pennington on the Boone Trail highway about three miles west of this city over a year ago, plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter and prayer for judgment was continued.

Robert Lee, charged with manslaughter of Mrs. Teague, was taxed with cost and a prison sentence of from 18 months to two years was suspended on condition.

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