

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

R. HAS STY ON EYE Warm Springs, Ga., March 16.—President Roosevelt was reported by aides today to be treating a sty on his left eye.

FIRM INCREASES PAY New York, March 16.—Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, announced today employees will receive extra compensation of 14 per cent for March under its wage and salary plan.

HANDS OFF POLICY Salisbury, March 16.—Elders and deacons of the Third Creek Presbyterian church, near Cleveland, have voted unanimously in joint session to oppose the opening of the grave of Peter Stewart Ney, believed by many to have been Michael Ney, marshal of France, and Napoleon's "right-hand man."

PENAL POPULATION Raleigh, March 16.—The state penal division reported today its average daily population during February was 9,087. The division reported receipt of 1,560 persons from courts and discharge of 1,524 prisoners who completed sentences as it handled 10,542 persons. There were 28 escapes and 25 recaptures.

SIMMONS FOR PLAN Raleigh, March 16.—Former Senator F. M. Simmons is backing President Roosevelt in his advocacy of judicial changes in the United States Supreme court and in the inferior federal courts. Today declaring himself wholly in accordance with the President, Mr. Simmons said he does not wish to amplify the statement with any reason for the faith that is in him.

To Begin Revival Wilkesboro Church

Announcement has been made of the beginning of a revival at the Wilkesboro Methodist church on Monday night, March 22.

Rev. A. W. Lynch, pastor, will be assisted during the revival by Mrs. C. L. Steidley, of High Point, who has been assisting in the meeting at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church during the past few weeks.

Mrs. Steidley has made a most favorable impression here as a minister and evangelistic worker. A cordial invitation is extended everybody to attend the revival in Wilkesboro.

Mr. Andrews Joins Furniture Firm

Mr. A. H. Andrews, well known local citizen, has purchased an interest in the Wilkes Furniture Exchange, and will devote a part of his time to the business in the future.

Mr. Andrews holds a responsible position with the Wilkes Hosley Mills and has many friends in this section who will be interested in knowing that he has acquired an interest in the local firm, which is located on Tenth Street.

Mr. Andrews has his partners Messrs. J. G. Chipman and M. G. Steelman, both of whom are well known throughout Wilkes and adjoining counties.

Advertisement for Easter seals: 8 MORE DAYS TO BUY SEALS. Includes a drawing of a child and a seal.

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MARCH TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT SELF-LIQUIDATING; MANY FINES, COSTS PAID

One Of City's Landmarks Is Being Removed

Building Until This Week Occupied by Hustler Was Erected in 19th Century

One of, if not the oldest, of North Wilkesboro's buildings is being razed.

The building until this week occupied by the North Wilkesboro Hustler was erected during the very earliest development of North Wilkesboro.

The North Wilkesboro Hustler was established in North Wilkesboro by T. J. Robinson in 1896 and was first operated in the second story of a frame building which stood where S. V. Tomlinson's building is now located on the corner of A and Ninth streets.

The old building, one of the few remaining landmarks of the pioneer days of North Wilkesboro, is being razed by its owner, G. G. Foster, who plans to use some of the materials in a residence which he plans to erect at Millers Creek.

INCOME WILL BALANCE WITH COSTS CHARGED

Fines and Costs Taxed By Judge Alley Will Show Profit For the County

Court Costs Have Been Burdensome on County For Past Several Years

Following the March term of Wilkes superior court, during which numerous criminal cases were tried, Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes finds a very unusual situation—the term was self-liquidating from a financial standpoint.

This situation is very unusual in that during the past several years court costs have been outstanding in the county general fund and has presented one of the most vexing problems to face the county commissioners, who have the unpleasant task of meeting current expenses for the county on a tax levy of 15 cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property.

In the term which closed last week and over which Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, presided, a majority of the convicted defendants and those who entered pleas of guilty were taxed with cost and other punishment, which frequently included fines, was meted out as Judge Alley saw as fit and just.

As a result of the fines and costs taxed the office of the clerk has received to date approximately \$1,800 and paid out in witness fees in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

The law provides that fines go to the county school fund while costs merely take care of the actual costs charged in the suit and of course do not represent a profit, although payment of cost does mean that the cost of the action to the county has been saved and is not an addition to the taxpayers' burden.

Costs in cases where no person was taxed with payment of the cost must of necessity be paid from the county general fund and considering the general fund alone would of course show a loss but the fines going to the county school fund, also maintained by the county tax levy makes the gross income of the court term exceed the net expense to the county.

Special Services To Close Sunday

The series of special evangelistic services under way at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church will close Sunday. Mrs. C. L. Steidley has been assisting the pastor, Dr. Rufus B. Templeton, in the meeting and has been doing the preaching. The services have been well attended and a most cordial invitation is extended everybody to attend the remaining services during the series.

International Shoe Company Raises Wages

Five Per Cent Wage Increase Announced Is Effective This Week

The International Shoe company plant here has announced a wage increase of five per cent to all employees in effect this week, it was learned today from C. P. Walter, superintendent of the tannery plant.

This makes a total of ten per cent wage increase to employees during the past six months. Only a few months ago a five per cent boost went into effect. The wage boost announced this week begins with Monday, March 15.

The International Shoe company, with headquarters in St. Louis, is a leader in the industry and it is presumed the wage increase will affect all its plants in many parts of the country.

Game Protector Says Streams In County are Being Stocked Rapidly

Streams of Wilkes county are being stocked with game fish as rapidly as possible, it was learned here Tuesday from H. Grady Farthing, of Boone. Mr. Farthing, district game protector, was here on a visit with Homer Brookshire, county game protector and forest warden.

Streams on the southeast slope of the Blue Ridge from Roaring Gap to Caldwell county have already been stocked with trout, Mr. Farthing said, and on Tuesday he and Mr. Brookshire inspected a number of streams in the Brushies and these are to be stocked soon with bass and other kinds of fish which would thrive in those waters.

Mr. Brookshire announced the appointment of seven deputy wardens in the county as follows: Ray Holloway, Joynea; Fred McNeill, Ferguson; A. N. Staley, Wilbar; Sanford Prevette, Union Grove; H. H. Beshears, Walsh; Richard Pierce, Purlear; and Lloyd Hendren, Gilreath. Mr. Farthing highly complimented the work of Mr. Brookshire, who began his duties last month.

North Wilkesboro Is In Semi-Finals Of Cage Tourney

Defeat West Jefferson Tuesday; Mountain View Also Makes Good Showing

North Wilkesboro moved up a notch in the Northwest basketball tournament at Winston-Salem Tuesday by defeating a strong West Jefferson five 27 to 23.

Here is the way the Winston-Salem Journal, sponsor of the tourney, sized up the contest: A big and rangy team from North Wilkesboro, of Wilkes county, moved into the third round by defeating a hard-fighting quint from West Jefferson, of Ashe county, in the second afternoon game by the score of 27 to 23. North Wilkesboro, with the entire team shooting well, gained an 18-9 lead in the first half and (Continued on page eight)

ANNOUNCE BIRTH Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bentley, of this city Wednesday, a fine boy, B. F. Bentley, Jr. Mother and child are patients in the Wilkes Hospital.



Young Angler Catalina, Calif. Little Charles Thompson is wondering if Jonah might have been swallowed by this 17-lb. rock cod. Usually they run around one-half to two pounds in weight, but Charles' fish is nearly as big as he is.

Terms Syphilis Greatest Public Health Menace

Health Officer to Prepare a Number Newspaper Articles For Publication

Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, is preparing a number of articles for publication in The Journal-Patriot dealing with syphilis.

In commenting on the articles to be published in a series at an early date, Dr. Eller explained that syphilis, once a malady to be spoken of only in a guarded manner, has now become public health enemy number 1, and one of the greatest scourges to afflict the human race.

In order to successfully combat the disease, which as a matter of fact is not partial to any class of people, Dr. Eller said it is very necessary that people know the nature of the disease and the myriads of ways through which it may be contracted.

Discussion of the disease, Dr. Eller explained, has now been brought out into the open for public attention and the more attention it receives the more people will become enlightened to means of prevention and treatment.

The series of articles are also expected to touch on some problems facing health departments in treatment and control among the people who are without funds and who must of necessity be cared for through the public health department.

During the past few weeks moving pictures and illustrated lectures have been presented in some of the schools and a concerted drive to call attention of people to the disease which now tops tuberculosis as the leading cause of death in the nation will be launched.

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Appeal Decision In Election Case

Poplin Takes Up Demurrer Ruling To Higher Court

Is Latest Development In Swaringen-Poplin Election Controversy

WANT EARLY HEARING Swaringen's Counsel May Move That Appeal Be Heard Immediately

Counsel for Leet Poplin have appealed the decision of Judge Felix E. Alley dismissing a demurrer in the Swaringen-Poplin election controversy.

D. B. Swaringen, former Republican chairman of the board of commissioners, has instituted suit against Poplin to regain title to office, mainly on the basis of an alleged mistake of 100 votes in the returns from Rock Creek township to the county board of elections.

The demurrer in the case was heard before Judge Alley in the March term of court and he denied the plea of Poplin's counsel that the case should be dismissed because the complaint failed to allege that a protest was filed before the county or state board of elections, saying that quo warranto proceedings was the proper remedy at law and that it was not necessary to file protests with the elections boards, as the demurrer contended.

Counsel for Swaringen accepted the case on appeal Monday afternoon and it was filed and served.

Counsel for Swaringen have indicated that they will move that the appeal be heard before the supreme court at once in order to expedite trial of the case in the event Judge Alley's ruling on the demurrer is sustained on the appeal.

Twelve Go To State's Prison

Nine Sentenced During Last Term; Three Go After Losing Appeals

Twelve Wilkes county people were added to the state prison population last week as a result of the March term of court.

They were: Odell Valentine, a total of 20 to 25 years for burglary; William Harvey Hayes, 18 to 24 months; I. C. York, 12 months; Dave Gregory, 15 months; Claude Bumgarner, Wayne Pierce and Brack Bumgarner, 12 months each; Chester Billings, one to two years; Nick Darnell, two to three years. Bettie Triplett, Walter Triplett and Will Dula, sentenced to from 15 to 20 years at a previous term for murder, were taken to begin their sentences.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and Deputy Wade Gilbert, accompanied by W. H. McElwee and Bill Minton, carried the prisoners to the state prison at Raleigh.

District Building and Loan Group To Have Meeting In This City 14th

Group 8 of the North Carolina Building and Loan League will hold its annual meeting on April 14 in North Wilkesboro, according to an announcement by J. B. Williams, secretary of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association, who is district president.

The meeting will be held at seven p. m. in the ballroom of Hotel Wilkes and more than 100 visitors are expected from the several counties and associations in the district. Among those who will address the meeting will be O. K. LaRoque, of Winston-Salem, president of the Home Loan bank; Frederick Willetts, of Wilmington, president of the N. C. Building and Loan League; George Crane, deputy insurance commissioner of the Building and Loan division; and Jack Stevens, secretary of the N. C. Building and Loan League.

The associations in the district are North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Boone, Granite Falls, Lenoir, Morganton, Marion, Taylorsville, Valdese and Spruce Pine. The district meeting will be the first ever held in North Wilkesboro. Mr. Williams will preside. A feature of the meeting will be the district Keesler Memorial essay contest, which has proved to be of much inspiration to high school students in the state. Miss Mary Parsons, a student of Wilkesboro high school, will represent Wilkes county in the contest. Miss Parsons won in a recent contest held in the office of W. A. Stroud, secretary of the Wilkesboro Building and Loan association. Don't take your easy money and give it to some wise buy in the stock market.

Planning Formal Opening Library Friday; To Form Local Association

Library Located in Reins-Sturdivant Building On Main Street

ASKS CO-OPERATION Book or Cash Donation Equals One to Membership in the Association

Wilkes county public library will formally open to the public on Friday, March 19, in the Reins-Sturdivant building on B street.

While much yet remains to be accomplished before a creditable library is a reality, the opening Friday will be the beginning of a drive calculated to gather a public library of many hundred volumes.

The library is one of the major objectives of the Wilkes County Council of Social Agencies, a central civic organization composed of representatives of 32 organizations and public institutions.

In connection with the opening W. K. Sturdivant, chairman of the council, announced the invitation for membership in the library association. Each person who contributes a book, new or used, suitable for use on the library shelves or makes a cash donation of not less than 25 cents will be entitled to membership in the association, which will elect a steering committee to determine the policies of the library as a public institution.

Many volumes have already been donated and these will be supplemented with a loan of books from the state library commission, making a total of about 600 volumes for the formal opening Friday. Memberships in the association are expected to make it possible to double the number of books within a very short time.

However, announcement of the opening of the library emphasizes the fact that the library will be a public institution for enjoyment and enlightenment of all the people of the county, regardless of whether or not one is a member of the association or has made any donation. However, public spirited people who are able to donate either a book or cash are urged to do so as early as possible in order that the library book collection may grow rapidly and be more beneficial to the people of the county.

The building to house the library has been very beautifully refurnished and shelves were prepared by the NYA woodworking project now being carried out in Wilkesboro.

Everybody is invited to the opening Friday and the council of social agencies respectfully solicits the aid and cooperation of the people of the city and county who for the first time will have public library facilities available.

Relative to book donations attention is called to the fact that no one should refrain from donating a book because of its condition. The book mending project maintained by the WPA will gladly repair any worn or torn books which may be donated to the library.

Miss Mable Hauser, who is connected with the WPA library project, will have charge of the library.

New Manager Local J. C. Penney Store

Mr. J. C. Yarborough, who has been connected with the J. C. Penney Company for nearly ten years, is the new manager at the local J. C. Penney store. He succeeds Mr. A. Z. Griffing, local manager for more than two years.

Mr. Yarborough came to the city from Winston-Salem where he was assistant manager, and Mr. Griffing went to the Winston-Salem store to take his place, the exchange being a mutual one.

While in the city Mr. and Mrs. Griffing have made many friends who regret to see them leave the city. Mr. Yarborough is said to be a capable merchant, and is expected to soon take his place in local business and civic circles. Mrs. Yarborough and children will move to the city within the next few days.

Only one automobile in four is bought for cash.