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ERADICATE RATS
Raleigh, March 19.—The WPA announced today approval of a \$12,260 project to eradicate rats in Charlotte.

AUTO SALES HIGH
New York, March 19.—Retail sales of passenger cars and trucks in the United States in January and February broke all previous records for the period, it was reported today by Alfred Reeves, vice president of the Automobile Manufacturers association.

BIG POTATO CROP
Raleigh, March 19.—R. B. Etheridge, chief of the division of markets of the agriculture department, said today he expected an increase of 30 per cent in Irish potato acreage in North Carolina this year. Last year 82,000 acres were planted to potatoes, Etheridge said, and the price average was \$1.65 a bushel.

EXPLOSION KILLS 9
Johannesburg, South Africa, March 19. Forty native miners were killed today and 33 were missing in a gas explosion in the Simmer Jack gold mine in the Germiston region, near Johannesburg. Twenty others were in a critical condition when brought to the surface.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE
Greenville, March 19.—A young woman, whose identity is not definitely known, lies near death in Pitt General hospital tonight after an effort to end her life in a local hotel yesterday by taking poison. The woman about 20 years of age, registered at a local hotel Monday morning between 1:30 and 2 o'clock as Billie Parker, of Raleigh. It was later learned, however, that her home is in Martinsville, Va.

TABLES TURNED
Plymouth, March 19.—The same high school boys, who last Monday went on a brief strike because of lack of heat in the building vacated again Wednesday—this time because things got too hot for them as fire broke out in the auditorium. The building was cleared and the fire department called. However, a high school boy had already cut off a ventilator fan and smothered the blaze.

CREATE DISTRICT
Raleigh, March 19.—The state senate, in session tonight, passed the bill introduced in the house by Representative Garrett, of Rockingham county, which takes Stokes county away from the 12th judicial district, leaving only Guilford and Davidson in that district. The new district, to be known as the 21st, will be composed of Rockingham, Caswell, Stokes and Surry counties. The 11th district, after the rearrangement, will be made up of Forsyth, Alleghany and Ashe counties.

TRIES TO KILL SELF
Winston-Salem, March 19.—Declaring in what was meant to be a farewell note that he was "dogged by his wife" into desperation, Clyde Maynard, 29, a painter, this morning slashed his throat with a razor blade in a suicide attempt before City Court Judge Bailey Lipfert. Cited on a capias for failing to comply with a court judgment requiring him to support his wife, Maynard, standing before the judge's stand, pulled a safety razor blade from his pocket and ripped several slashes in his throat after being sentenced to three months at the county home.

Mayor and Aldermen Announce Candidacy

City Election To Be Held May 4th

Will Elect Mayor, Five Commissioners and Two On School Board List
PRIMARY APRIL 19TH

Candidates Have Until April 14 to File for Any of the City Offices

Mayor R. T. McNeil and all members of the present board of commissioners of the city of North Wilkesboro will be candidates to succeed themselves in the municipal election to be held on Tuesday, May 4.

The board of commissioners as now constituted is S. V. Tomlinson, Hoyle M. Hutchens, Dr. R. P. Casey, Ralph Duncan and T. S. Kenerly. Mr. Kenerly was elected Thursday to fill the unexpired term of R. G. Finley, now a member of the county board of commissioners.

Their announcement follows: "Owing to the fact that we have under way much unfinished work and having been urged by many citizens of the city to take this course, we, the mayor and board of commissioners of the city of North Wilkesboro hereby announce for re-election to the respective offices we now hold. We believe our records as officials of the city are worthy of your hearty support."

Resolutions calling the city primary and election were passed in a call meeting of the county board of elections Saturday. The board of elections is composed of Attorney J. Milton Cooper, chairman, J. C. Newman and J. C. Grayson.

The board of elections appointed A. G. Kenerly registrar and J. B. Norris and Glenn Cox were appointed as judges. The election will be held at the city hall, which will be the only voting place for the city.

The registration books will be kept open for new registrations on April 3, 10 and 17. The resolutions setting forth arrangements for the primary and elections appear elsewhere in this issue of The Journal-Patriot.

Two members of the local school board will be elected in the municipal election. D. J. Carter and J. B. McCoy, whose terms expire this year, will be candidates to succeed themselves.

Teachers Have Good Meeting

Lay Plans for Commencement and Seventh Grade School Examinations

Wilkes county teachers in meeting Saturday laid plans for seventh grade examinations on April 8 and also discussed plans for seventh grade commencement to be held soon.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, presided and conducted the devotional. T. E. Story outlined plans for the seventh grade examinations and the assembly decided that the tests would be given in the central schools on April 8 and students from the individual schools will gather at the central schools in their respective districts.

R. V. Day, principal of Millers Creek school, made a talk relative to seventh grade commencements. Each central school will have a commencement for the seventh grade graduates in its district.

Delegates and alternates, 22 of each, were elected to attend the state teachers convention on April 22, 23 and 24.

REV. C. W. ROBINSON IN PULPIT SUNDAY

Rev. C. W. Robinson, beloved pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, has recovered from a recent illness and was able to fill the pulpit in his church Sunday.

Mr. F. G. Holman returned Sunday on an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Spivey, at Rhob Square.

CHEF DE GARE



Marshal W. T. Dowd, of Sanford, who in addition to his duties for the government is well known in public life as Grand Chef De Gare of the "Forty and Eight" in North Carolina. He was here recently to assist in putting members of the newly organized vulture "through the wreck."

Administration Cost Farm Act Low In Wilkes

Only One County in Northwestern District Has a Lower Cost Ratio

The cost of administering the soil conservation act in Wilkes county for the year 1936 was only \$2.34 per farm, according to a report sent out by State College and the extension service.

The Northwestern district is composed of 23 counties. Only one county had a lower cost per farm under the new soil act, that being Orange with \$2.14. The highest costs were reported in Granville and Person counties, where the soil program administration cost was \$5.63 per worksheet.

In approximate figures the soil act in Wilkes county in the neighborhood of \$2,400, which is deducted proportionately from the payments to the farmers.

However, a five per cent boost was made in the scheduled payments and this increase is calculated to offset administration costs.

Checks to more than 900 Wilkes farmers for complying with provisions of the act are expected daily at the office of County Agent A. G. Hendren. The soil act is handled through offices of county agents. The payments are expected to total over \$30,000, there being 1,041 farms covered by worksheets.

Cut Four Stills Near Windy Gap

Sheriff and Federal Agents Make Successful Raids; They Find 65 Gallons

The past week-end proved quite unprofitable to several moonshiners in Wilkes county.

On Saturday night Sheriff Doughton confiscated a car and destroyed 65 gallons of liquor on a county road in Walnut Grove township but the operator proved to be a good sprinter and made his escape in the brush.

On Thursday federal agents and Sheriff Doughton destroyed four large plants in the vicinity of Windy Gap but no arrests were made. There were indications that liquor was being manufactured on a tremendous scale and vast quantities of materials for manufacture of illicit liquor were destroyed. Only a few gallons of liquor were found.

Farmers Should File Worksheets During This Month Says Dean Schaub

Asks Farmers to Complete Worksheets Signup During Remainder of Month

MUST NOTE CHANGES Those Who Signed Last Year Need Not Sign a New Worksheet

North Carolina farmers who wish to take part in the soil conservation program this year for the first time should file worksheets with their county agent by March 31, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

However, he added, growers who participated last year do not have to file new worksheets, as those which were filed in 1936 will be good in 1937.

But if any change has been made in the size of a grower's farm, or if he is operating a different farm this year, he should notify his county agent at once, the dean continued.

Payments for diverting soil-depleting crops and for carrying out soil-building practices will be made only to growers who have filed worksheets, he added.

The worksheets, he explained, are not a binding contract; they merely list information about the acreage of different crops grown on the farm and the use made of each field.

Such a worksheet is needed to determine the amount of payments a grower can become eligible to receive and what he should do to earn the payments.

Compliance with the program is entirely voluntary, Dean Schaub stressed. The AAA is offering payments to growers who wish to carry out certain soil conservation farming operations.

The sooner worksheets are filed, he continued, the sooner the county offices will be able to tell new participants what they will need to do to earn the full amount of their payments.

Finley Tells Of County Finances

Chairman of Board of Commissioners Makes an Enlightening Club Talk

R. G. Finley, chairman of the Wilkes county board of commissioners, made a very enlightening talk on county government and county finances Friday before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

The program was in charge of D. J. Carter and the address by Mr. Finley was supplemented by two enjoyable readings by Miss Martin, of Greensboro College.

Mr. Finley explained that the county bonded debt is almost one and one-half million dollars and that the valuation is \$12,800,000 as assessed for taxation. At the present time, he said, the county is in default about \$100,000 on principal and interest on the bonded debt.

During the past five years, he said, the county has not paid its operating expenses in full and is in the hole about \$80,000. He continued by explaining that the constitutional limit for the general funds from which operating expenses are paid is 15 cents on each hundred dollars valuation of property and that the funds derived from the 15 cent levy are much smaller than the appropriations. The general fund appropriations for the current year amount to \$68,000 and he went on to explain that current bills on file total between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

How to balance the general fund, he said, is the perplexing problem facing the board of commissioners. He discussed the problem in an open and candid manner and held the rapt interest of the club members assembled.

Clinton Smoot was a guest of E. G. Finley and a Mr. Allison, of Greensboro College, was a guest of W. E. Jones.

In the Kiwanis meeting on March 13 Rev. Watt Cooper, Presbyterian minister, was the feature speaker in a program under direction of W. K. Sturdivant.

Last Obstacle In Way Bank Merger Removed; to Organize

Battleship New York Sails for Coronation



Washington . . . The Battleship New York will participate in an international naval review at Spithead on May 18 in connection with the coronation of King George VI. The New York was Admiral Rodman's flagship when he commanded the Sixth Battle Squadron during the World War.

Wilkes County Public Library In Formal Opening; Good Response Call For Books and Cash Offers

Glendale Springs Man Escapes With Life by Few Inches

Noah Lyle barely escaped death last week while working on the road near the "jumping off" place when a rock weighing about 150 pounds fell some 90 feet from a cliff above him and struck him sidewise. Had the rock struck him, death would have been instantaneous. His shoulder was crushed, and some ribs broken. He was hurried to the hospital here where it is thought he will recover, although the accident is proving very painful.

Wilkes county public library opened Friday and was accorded much support and patronage by the people of the city and county both Friday and Saturday, which were set apart for the formal opening and the beginning of a drive for membership in the county library association.

The library is located in very suitable quarters in the Reins-Sturdivant building on B street and is in charge of Miss Mable Hauser, who is connected with the WPA library project.

The library project was instituted by the Wilkes County Council of Social Agencies, a central civic organization combining efforts of various groups.

A contribution of a book suitable for library use or a cash donation of not less than 25 cents entitles anyone to membership in the library association, which will have annual meetings and elect a committee to steer policies of the library. However, the library is being formed as a public institution for the benefit of all the people of the county.

The library opened with about 600 books and donations since that time have increased the library to about 700 volumes.

The library will be open each day from ten a. m. to five p. m. except on Saturdays, when it will remain open until six p. m. Everybody is invited to visit the library and avail themselves of the opportunity for good reading. Book or cash donations will be accepted at any time and the council desires to enroll a great number of the people of the city and county in the library association.

Books that are suitable for library use but are worn will be repaired and placed in the library for use. Announcement of this fact is made in order that no one will refrain from donating a good book because of its condition.

Dr. Crane Coming To City On Friday

Dr. Harry Crane, phycologist at the University of North Carolina, will have a busy day in Wilkes county Friday, March 26.

At noon he will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club. In the afternoon he will address a gathering of the Parent-Teacher association and other school patrons at Wilkesboro school and at 7:30 in the evening he will address the Wilkes County Council of Social Agencies in a meeting to be held at the Wilkes County Public Library. The public has a cordial invitation to hear Dr. Crane, a noted educator, before the council meeting.

Bakersville Bank Stockholders In Meeting Saturday

Board of Directors Composed of Three From Each Member Bank

HEADQUARTERS HERE

May Elect Officers and Perfect Organization in a Meeting On Monday

Early merger of four of the leading banking institutions in this part of the state into the organization of the Northwestern Bank with headquarters here was practically assured Saturday when stockholders of the Merchants and Farmers bank at Bakersville, with a branch at Burnsville, approved the plan.

The consolidated bank will include the Deposit & Savings bank here, which will be headquarters, the Bank of Sparta, the Watauga county bank and a branch at Blowing Rock and the bank at Bakersville and its branch at Burnsville. Stockholders of each of the banks have now approved the proposal, which has the backing of Gurney P. Hood, state commissioner of banks, and each member bank has elected three members to the board of directors.

It was learned today that the board of directors has planned a meeting to be held at the Deposit & Savings bank here on Monday, March 29, for the purpose of perfecting the organization and electing officers.

The Northwestern Bank will start operations with a paid capital of \$150,000, surplus of \$75,000 and undivided profits of at least \$25,000 or perhaps a considerably larger sum. Resources will total in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000.

Three directors elected by stockholders of the Deposit & Savings bank some time ago are R. L. Doughton, J. T. Provette and N. B. Smither. The directors elected by the other branches of the Northwestern Bank are as follows:

W. W. Mast of Valle Crucis, W. D. Farthing and Paul A. Coffey of Boone, R. A. Doughton of Sparta, M. A. Higgins of Eunice, M. E. Reeves of Laurel Springs, W. C. Berry of Bakersville, John C. McBeo of Spruce Pine, and G. W. Greene of Toecane.

Revival Opens In Wilkesboro

A series of revival services opens tonight at the Wilkesboro Methodist church. Rev. A. W. Lynch, pastor, will be assisted by Mrs. C. L. Steidley, of High Point, whose work in the revival during the past few weeks at the North Wilkesboro church was the source of so much favorable comment.

Services will be held at 9:30 a. m. and in the afternoon at 3:30 will be a special service for children. Evening services will be held at 7:30 p. m. and everybody is invited to attend.

No Extension On 1936 Payroll Taxes

Raleigh, Mar. 20.—No extensions of time for paying contributions on 1936 payrolls to the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission will or can be granted liable employers after April 1, the U. S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue in Washington has informed the State commission. In other words, unless the nine-tenths of one per cent of the 1936 payrolls is paid to the State commission by April 1, the employers will be required to pay the full one per cent to the Federal government, and, in addition, must pay the nine-tenths of one per cent to the State Commission. Chairman Charles G. Powell was informed in Washington. Mr. Powell urges payment this month, so employers will not be subject to the heavy penalty.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Payne on Saturday at the Wilkes hospital a daughter, Bettie Chace, weight 11-2 pounds.

5 MORE DAYS TO BUY EASTER SEALS

Every crippled child has the right not only to care, treatment and education, but to such treatment as will fit him or her for self-support, either wholly or partially, as the conditions may dictate. Without such practical application education is likewise purposeless.

(Article 6 of The Crippled Child's Bill of Rights)