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PAY ROLL STOLEN
New York, March 26.—Three gunmen took a \$2,711.95 pay roll from messengers of the Court Press, Inc., today and escaped after tying their victims to hot steam pipes.

HELD FOR DEATH
Kannapolis, March 26.—Hubert Peacock, truck driver, faced reckless driving charges here tonight in connection with the death late today of Doris Jeanette Dennis, aged nine. Peacock was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Howard Barnhart shortly after the accident and lodged in jail pending further investigation.

LOWER DEATH TOTALS
Henderson, Tex., March 26.—Miss Anna McMechen, American Red Cross worker, finished a week's relief work in the New London school disaster area today and estimated the total number of dead might be near 350. Previously she estimated the toll at 455, but said duplications in the list, and listing of injured as dead probably would reduce the number considerably.

YOUTH IS KILLED
Princeton, N. J., March 26.—Richard L. Wortham, of Asheville, N. C., Princeton University sophomore, died today of injuries suffered Wednesday in an automobile collision on the Freehold-Hightown road. Wortham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Wortham, of Asheville, died without regaining consciousness at the University infirmary. Dr. Albert J. Sekerek, assistant Mercer county physician, attributed death to a fractured skull.

MURDER-SUICIDE
Canton, O., March 26.—Three little children looked on late today while their mother was shot to death and their father probably fatally wounded in a quarrel climaxing domestic difficulties. Police Chief Ira Manderbaugh said that James Monticue, 36, shot his wife through the heart, then fired a bullet into his own head when Mrs. Monticue refused to patch up a recent estrangement. Monticue was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

BACK TO CAPITOL
Aboard Roosevelt Train En Route to Washington, March 26.—President Roosevelt headed back to Washington tonight after a two weeks' vacation at Warm Springs, Ga., which aides said had proved beneficial in preparing him for the long and busy days ahead in pressing his 1937 program. Several score colonists at the Warm Springs foundation for infantile paralysis sufferers gave him a cherry send-off at the village station where his special train pulled out at 2:30 p. m. (c.s.t.)

PATROL RADIO
Raleigh, March 26.—Captain Charles D. Farmer, head of the highway patrol, said today the patrol's short-wave radio system might be put into operation by the latter part of May, if favorable weather prevails. Broadcasting stations are to be located at Raleigh, Elizabethtown, Asheville, Williamston and Salisbury. Farmer said, and work on the Raleigh towers started today. Sending equipment will be installed in the Raleigh station within two weeks, he added.

NEW COURT PLAN
Washington, March 26.—Senator Connally (D.), Tex., an opponent of the Roosevelt court legislation, produced a new constitutional amendment idea tonight with the explanation that it "just so happens" it would carry out the wishes of the President. His suggestion was that the size of the Supreme Court be fixed at nine, with retirement of justices made voluntary at 70 years of age and compulsory at 75. The amendment would remove five present members of the court immediately upon ratification.

Wedding Invitation At Mountain View
The elementary department of the Mountain View central school requests the honour of your presence at the wedding of "Jennie Lou" to "Tom Thumb" on Thursday night, April first, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, eight p. m. This is the first performance to be given in the auditorium of the newly constructed elementary building. The public is cordially invited to come and visit with us. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

All Farmers Urged To Attend Erosion Meeting April 3rd At the Courthouse

Expect Large Attendance at Gathering to Be Held at Courthouse Saturday

WILL SHOW PICTURES

Talkies Will Illustrate Best Ways of Erosion Prevention and Control

All farmers in Wilkes county are urged by County Agent A. G. Hendren and other farm authorities to attend a soil erosion meeting to be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Saturday, April 3, beginning at ten o'clock. The meeting is described as something different from the usual soil erosion lecture in that the major portion of the facts to be given will be in the form of a talking moving picture. Special arrangements will be made in the building for this purpose. E. T. Erickson, of the state CCC coordination, will be in charge of the meeting and district Agent O. F. McCrary will also be present. Interest in control of soil erosion is evidenced by the fact that more than 1,000 farms in Wilkes participated in the soil conservation act last year and several who did not participate last year have already signed work sheets and plan to practice soil improving and soil conserving methods this year, for which they will receive cash payments as prescribed in the farm act which replaces the triple A and which has proved even more popular among the people of the county in that it takes in more diversified farming. Wilkes is listed as one of the more badly eroded counties of the mountain and piedmont area and for this reason attendance of all farmers is urged at the meeting to be held on April 3, at which time the best methods of erosion control and prevention will be graphically portrayed. It will not only be shown how erosion already at work can be effectively controlled but emphasis will also be placed on erosion prevention on soils which have not been so severely ravaged by erosion.

New Building For New Hope Church
To Erect Brick a Veneer Structure; Five Rooms and an Auditorium

New Hope Baptist church, one of the largest churches in the county, is planning the erection of a brick veneer church building at the site of the present building near Parlear and work will get under way within the next few days. It was learned today from a member of the building committee. The new building will contain a spacious auditorium and five Sunday school rooms and is being financed by cash and labor subscriptions by members and friends of the church. The estimated cost is \$3,500. Of this amount about two-thirds has been subscribed. Rev. A. W. Eller is pastor and the members of the building committee are E. E. Hayes, R. M. Church, C. F. Canter, J. T. Vannoy, Hubert Canter, Roby Eller and Vernon Eller. Those who have not paid their subscriptions or who wish at this time to subscribe any amount may get in touch with E. E. Hayes or deposit the amount to the New Hope church account in the Deposit & Savings bank.

Pays His Taxes With 249 Nickles
Times must be getting better! J. A. Hendren, of Call, who last year paid his taxes with pennies he had saved up, went into the sheriff's office Friday and paid his taxes for this year with 249 nickles. Mr. Hendren told Deputy Sheriff Odell Whittington he had been saving every nickle he received since October but lacked a small amount having enough to pay his tax. The remainder he paid in other change.

Latest Model of Sky Line



LOS ANGELES... Pauline Prior, pretty aviatrix, displays a model of the latest type transport plane. The sectional model shows all details of the interior of a large Douglas Sky Line.

Board Directors Of Northwestern Bank In Meeting

Central Board Newly Consolidated Bank in Organization Meet Today

Board of directors of the newly formed Northwestern Bank, a consolidation of four of the leading banks in northwestern North Carolina, were in meeting today at the Deposit & Savings bank headquarters of the institution, to elect officers and managing personnel. At the time The Journal-Patriot went to press this afternoon the directors had not completed their meeting. The member banks are Deposit & Savings Bank here, The Bank of Sparta at Sparta, the Watanga county Bank at Boone, with a branch at Blowing Rock, and the Merchants and Farmers Bank at Bakersville with a branch at Burnsville. Three directors were elected by the stockholders of each of the institutions involved in the merger. The bank will have total resources of about \$3,000,000.

Examination For Laborer Position

Notice has been posted at the North Wilkesboro postoffice relative to a civil service examination to fill the position of charman-laborer, at the postoffice. Application must be in the office of the manager of the 4th U. S. civil service district, Washington, D. C., by April 7. The wage will be 50 cents per hour and the examination will be on physical ability.

Terracing Demonstration

A demonstration of terracing has been arranged by Mr. R. S. Thornton, vocational agriculture teacher of Mountain View for Wednesday March 31. The demonstration will begin at 9:30 a. m. and continue until 6:00 p. m. All farmers who are interested in terracing or soil conservation are requested to be present for this demonstration to be made on the farm of Mr. W. F. Alexander near Hay Meadow on the Hays-Mulberry road about three miles north of Hays.

Explains Action On Tax Measure

McDuffie Had Bill to Allow Special Levy Recalled and Tabled in House

Attorney F. J. McDuffie, Wilkes county representative in the legislative session which closed last week, today explained his action on the measure which would have permitted the county commissioners to make a special levy of 22 cents to supplement the county general fund. Mr. McDuffie said he introduced the measure in courtesy to W. H. McElwee and J. M. Cooper, county attorneys, and that after it had passed the house and gone to the senate he had it recalled and tabled in the house.

Asks Farmers To Exercise Patience

County Agent's Office Assured That 1936 Checks Will Arrive Shortly

The department of agriculture has assured County Agent A. G. Hendren that checks for compliance with the 1936 soil act, expected for several weeks, will arrive shortly. Meanwhile the statement is given out that farmers whose checks arrive will be notified through the mail. Mr. Hendren and associates regret the delay in payment, although final applications were forwarded several weeks ago and checks have been expected daily during the past month. Wilkes farmers will receive in the neighborhood of \$20,000 for last year. Those who did not sign work sheets last year may participate in the new program by calling at Mr. Hendren's office and signing a work sheet for this year.

Gives Dinner At Mount Pleasant

The Home Economics department at Mount Pleasant, which was installed this year, served a very enjoyable meal Friday, March 6, at 4:30 p. m.

The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Eller, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Minton, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill, Dr. A. J. Eller and Miss Bennett, Dr. W. W. Miles and the Mount Pleasant faculty. The meal was followed by short speeches from the guests of honor.

Officers Discuss Safety of Traffic

Sergt. W. B. Lentz, of the state highway patrol, and J. E. Walker, North Wilkesboro police chief, appeared before the North Wilkesboro high school in the assembly period Monday and discussed safety before the school. Sergt. W. B. Lentz talked about highway safety and Chief Walker's talk was concerning safety of children. He highly complimented the nine students who do patrol duty on street intersections and the boys who have done such splendid work in this capacity were on the platform with the officers.

Annual Music Concert April 2

Music pupils of Mrs. T. W. Shuford, instructor for First National Institute Allied Arts, will give their second annual recital at the North Wilkesboro school auditorium at 8 o'clock on April 2. The public is invited. The program promises to be interesting with solos, duets, trios and quartets, consisting of Cello, Violin, first and second violins and accordion accompaniment, also solo. The ensembles of violin and guitar will have 40 players as one big orchestra. The students here will take part in the Morganton Recital and in Hickory April 4 at 8 p. m. in Paramount Theatre.

Dr. Crane Speaks To Three Groups Of People Friday

Director of Mental Hygiene Holds Interest of Social-Minded People

Dr. Harry Crane, eminent psychologist and director of the division of mental hygiene of the state board of charities and public welfare, Chapel Hill, spent Friday in the Wilkesboros and discussed three subjects before three audiences.

Dr. Crane spoke first at noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, using as a subject, "The Unrecognized Underprivileged Child." He touched upon phases of the subject little discussed in that he explained there were two types of underprivileged child, inferior and superior intellectually. He discussed the difficulties and needs of dealing with both types to make of them useful citizens.

"Emotional Health of Our Children" was the subject discussed by Dr. Crane before patrons and teachers of Wilkesboro school Friday afternoon. Following the address he led a discussion and answered many questions asked by the teachers.

In the evening he spoke before a meeting of the Wilkes County Council of Social Agencies held at the public library. His subject was "The Social Worker as a Mental Hygiene Factor," in which he discussed, biases, prejudices, likes and dislikes. The meeting, over which Chairman W. K. Sturdivant presided, was well attended. W. D. Halfacre, chairman of the library committee, made a brief report in which he said plans were under way for establishing branches of the library in various communities and he issued an invitation for the people of the county to make free use of the library.

Guests at the Kiwanis meeting at noon Friday included Dr. A. J. Eller, Mrs. Bertha Bull and Miss Nora Bennett, guests of T. E. Story; W. H. H. Waugh and Robert Morehouse, guests of H. H. Morehouse; Mrs. Eugene Olive, guest of her husband; J. C. Saunders, of Bainbridge, Ga., guest of R. G. Finley.

Officers Capture 3 Men at a Still

Federal Agents and Deputy Raid Large Outfit in Antioch Vicinity Friday

Federal officers and Odell Whittington, deputy sheriff, made a very successful liquor raid Friday in Antioch township when they captured three men and destroyed a 300-gallon capacity still. The men, who filled bond for appearance in federal court, were Wilson Shew, Roy Wyatt and John Grinton. The officers destroyed 1,200 gallons of beer, 200 gallons of liquor and vast quantities of materials for liquor manufacture at the large plant.

Child Is Injured Playing on Road

Police Chief Issues Warning About Using Coaster Wagons On Streets

A child was hit and painfully injured near here Friday while playing on the highway with a coaster wagon. J. E. Walker, North Wilkesboro police chief, has issued a warning of the danger involved in children playing on streets. Mr. Walker stated that the practice is all too prevalent and urged that parents use every precaution to see that their children refrain from this dangerous practice.

Miss Scroggs Named Secretary Merchants

Miss Rose Wade Scroggs has assumed her duties as secretary of the Wilkes County Retail Merchants' association, which has offices over Carlton Hardware store. Miss Scroggs was named by the board of directors of the association to succeed Miss Blaine Nichols, who resigned last week.

CONSERVATION CAMP TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED WITH FULL COMPANY FOR EROSION WORK



Winter Haven, Fla. . . . Gall Armour, famous danseuse, rehearses for her Gardenia Dance at Florida Cypress Gardens where thousands of the fragrant wax blossoms are now in full bloom.

J. M. Bumgarner, Former Officer, Taken By Death

Career Included 28 Years as Deputy and Number of Years Deputy Marshal

James Marshall Bumgarner, who gained an enviable reputation as an officer during the 15 years he served as chief deputy sheriff of Wilkes county and the term he served as United States deputy marshal, died at his home in Wilkesboro at 5:30 a. m. Friday. He had suffered an attack of influenza two weeks before his death and pneumonia developed during the second week of his illness.

Mr. Bumgarner's career as an officer began when he was first appointed chief deputy by Sheriff J. H. Johnson. From that time he served continuously through the terms of Sheriffs Johnson, P. E. Brown, W. D. Woodruff and G. G. Elledge.

Soon after he relinquished his position as chief deputy sheriff of the county in 1928 he was appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal by Marshal Jenkins and served for about three years.

The many years he served in Wilkes county as deputy sheriff and the time he was deputy marshal brought him into contact with a great number of the people of the county and this part of the state and in his official capacity and as a citizen he won the friendship of a host of people and was perhaps personally known by more people than any other citizen of his county.

His acquaintance with so many people and the fulfillment of his duties in an official capacity broadened his education and knowledge until he was well versed in many subjects. During the past few years he had been engaged in general collecting business and farming.

Since early manhood he had been actively affiliated in political life with the Republican party and exerted much influence among the many people with whom he was acquainted.

He was a member of a widely known Wilkes family. He was 59 years of age, and a son of H. Bumgarner and the late Angeline Millam Bumgarner, who died in 1928. On December 16, 1911, he was married to Miss Emma Pennell, a daughter of the late W. T. Pennell, of Greensboro. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in December, 1936.

Surviving are his father, his wife, and one daughter, Miss Helen Bumgarner, a student of W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro. Also surviving are three brothers and two sisters: W. Percy and Melvin Bumgarner, Wilkesboro route 1; Harley Bumgarner, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. James Jenkinson. (Continued on page five)

FULL COMPANY HAS 200 MEN; WORK PLANNED

Say Ample Erosion Control Work Needed to Keep Men Busy Three Years

INSPECT PROPERTY

Buildings in Fair State of Repair; Move Branch Camp Back to Base

Arrangements are rapidly being completed to re-establish a full company Civilian Conservation camp at the James camp site near Parlear, 15 miles west of this city, it was learned today from unofficial but reliable sources.

The plans call for re-establishment of the full company as a soil erosion control unit and is expected to be filled at the next enlistment call on or about April 1.

The James camp was one of the first established in this part of the state and was set up as a forestry unit. The company was housed in tents during the first summer, when two large barracks, assembly hall, mess hall, infirmary and officers quarters were constructed.

Having completed a greater part of the planned forestry work the camp as a company was disbanded two years ago and a branch camp of the Morganton company was set up with about fifty men to complete some unfinished forestry work. These men are to be returned to the base camp near Morganton.

Realizing the great need of erosion control in the county and having completed many programs of work at other points, plans were laid a few months ago to re-establish a full company of about 200 men and devote attention to erosion control, which was practiced on a small scale by a small crew of the company before it was disbanded about two years ago.

Those who have considered the proposition are of the opinion that the camp will have ample work for a full company within a prescribed radius for an indefinite time, at least three or four years.

Army officers have visited the camp site on several occasions recently to ascertain and plan for any work that needed to be done before the full company of men were sent in. The buildings were reported to be in good condition and little work was found to be necessary.

Badly Burned In Explosion of Gas

Lish Parsons Severely Injured When Match Ignites Gas in Auto Tank

Lish Parsons, a resident of Wilkesboro route 1, was severely burned Saturday when an automobile gas tank exploded.

Mr. Parsons was standing by when a match was struck as an automobile tank was being filled with gasoline. His condition is described as quite serious. Treatment is being rendered at the Wilkes hospital.

Box Supper At Buggaboo School

Announcement has been made of a box supper to be held at Buggaboo school 2 1/2 miles northwest of Ronda on Saturday night, April 3, seven o'clock. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of Macedonia Baptist church. The public is cordially invited to attend and help to make the occasion a success.

Legion Meeting To Be April 8

Announcement has been made of the postponement of the April meeting of the American Legion from Friday night of this week to Thursday night, April 8, 7:30. Some interesting features are being planned and Legionnaires are urged to make plans now to attend.