

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

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WIP SCRAP IRON Morehead City, April 23.—The Norwegian motorship Fernwood is scheduled to clear port tomorrow with 7,300 tons of scrap metal destined for Iwai and Company, Limited, of Osaka, Japan.

LOST AUTOMOBILE Washington, April 23.—Herbert Hodges, of Greensboro, came by automobile to Washington with a hitch-hiker, as a companion. When he stopped to get a drink at the spring at Poplar and Elm avenues in Takoma Park, Md., the man he befriended drove off with the car and his luggage.

ASSAULT CHARGED Danville, Va., April 23.—William Thornton, 26, textile worker, denied this evening in jail that he had committed any offense against Clara Jane Hawkins, five, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Hawkins this morning. He is charged with an attempt to commit a capital crime but claims he is the victim of mistaken identity.

WOMAN CONVICTED Los Angeles, April 23.—Mrs. Violet Wells Norton was convicted by a federal court jury tonight on a charge of misuse of the mails in her claim that Clark Gable, film star, is the father of her illegitimate daughter. The jury, after an hour and 55 minutes, found the plumb, 47-year-old Englishwoman not guilty of a second charge of conspiracy.

BELIEVED SUICIDE Leakeville, April 23.—The body of Jimmy Jones, 42-year-old Spray resident, a bullet wound piercing his heart, was found in his parked automobile on a road about two miles north of Spray this afternoon about 3 o'clock. A revolver was found beside the body. It was indicated here that no one was held. The body, which was reported found by a passerby, was brought here to be prepared for burial. The deceased had been in ill health for some time.

WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF THE mysterious "J. J. Faulkner"—the man who turned in \$2,980 worth of Lindbergh ransom money when the government impounded gold notes—has been issued in Frenchtown, N. J. Anthony M. Harek, prosecutor of Hunterdon county, said tonight. The warrant charges him with conspiring to kidnap Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.—a crime for which Bruno Richard Hauptmann was convicted and executed.

NAMES LIQUOR BODY Raleigh, April 23.—Governor Hoey appointed a wet, a dry and a "middle of the road" man to the important state liquor commission today, but cast no light on the membership of the new highway and public works body, scheduled to be named late tomorrow afternoon. Cutlar Moore, of Lumberton, described by officials in the Governor's office as the "middle of the road man," was appointed chairman of the liquor commission and will receive a salary of \$6,000 a year.

Schoolmasters to Meet On Tuesday

Last Meeting of Year Will Be Held at Wilkesboro High School Building

Wilkes County Schoolmasters' organization composed of high school principals and teachers, will meet for the last meeting in the present school year Tuesday evening, seven o'clock, at Wilkesboro high school. Dinner will be served by the home economics department of the school.

City Tax Listing Dates Announced

Mrs. W. P. Kelly, tax lister for the city of North Wilkesboro, has announced that tax listing will begin at the city hall on May 7 and continue until May 22 each day except Sundays nine to 12 a. m. and one to five p. m.

The law requires that all property be listed as of April 1. In listing lots owners must give lot and block number and other real estate the names of two adjoining land owners. Failure to list calls for penalties as prescribed by law.

Receive Bids For Construction Road Ronda to Roaring River; Canvassed

Contract Awarded Friday For Second Link North Wilkesboro-Elkin Road

BIDS TOTAL \$93,693.16 For Grading, Surfacing and Structures on 4.08 Miles of Important Highway

The state highway and public works commission in session Thursday received bids for construction of highway 268 between Ronda and Roaring River, the highway having been constructed from Elkin to Ronda about a year ago.

E. W. Grannis, of Fayetteville, was low bidder on grading and surfacing the 4.08 miles of highway for \$58,917.90 and Hobbs-Peabody construction company, of Charlotte, was low bidder for structures for \$35,045.26.

The Wilkes project was one among 13 to cost an estimated million dollars. Bids on the projects were canvassed in a meeting Friday and contracts were awarded the successful bidders.

While local people no doubt rejoice that the work is to go forward on the important highway, some are disappointed because the commission was unable to see its way clear to begin construction on the North Wilkesboro end toward Roaring River. Yet it is hoped that the work will go forward and that the remainder of the highway can be let at an early date.

Meanwhile a great need is felt for completion of the North Wilkesboro-Statesville highway, which has been constructed from Statesville to the Wilkes county line and many interested in the

There is also a demand for the construction of highway 288 westward today Caldwell county along the Yadkin.

Among the projects let last week were two others in this part of the state, including concrete paving on a short stretch of highway 18 at Lenoir and grading and paving 11.55 miles on route 321 near Lenoir.

Commencement For Wilkesboro District May 1st

All Schools Asked to Participate in Various Contests Planned

The Seventh Grade Commencement for the entire Wilkesboro school district will be held at the Wilkesboro central high school on May 1, 1937.

The program for this occasion is as follows:

9:30 Devotional. 9:45 Recitation and Declamation Contest. (one boy and one girl from each school may enter. Speeches should be three to five minutes long).

10:45 Brain Buster Contest. Two representatives from each school. Questions will be taken from seventh grade subjects. Further instructions will follow.

11:15 Spelling contest. Two spellers from each school. 11:40 Awarding seventh grade diplomas. Attendance certificates. Attendance medals.

Field Day 1:00 Yo-Yo contest. Two representatives from each school. Broad jump for boys. One boy each school. High jump for girls and boys. One each from each school. 100-yard dash for boys. One boy each school. 50-yard dash for girls. One girl each school. Basket ball throw for girls. One girl each school. Relay race for boys, three boys from each school.

Note: To win the yo-yo contest the student should be able to bring the yo-yo to his hand when it is hanging still at the end of the line. All fanciful turns and feats will be considered in determining the winner.

A shipment of 57,400 pounds of the TVA superphosphate has been distributed in Randolph County to those farmers keeping demonstration records for the Extension Service.

President Addresses Good Neighbors



Washington . . . President Roosevelt opened the national observance of Pan-American Day by addressing diplomatic representatives of the Americas in the Board Room of the Pan-American Union. Four years ago he outlined his "Good Neighbor" policy with Latin America from this same platform.

Motion Before High Court 28th In Election Case

Swaringen Seeks Dismissal of Demurrer to Quo Warranto Case Pending

Motion for dismissal of a demurrer to the complaint of D. W. Swaringen, who is suing Leet Poplin for title to office as a member of the Wilkes board of commissioners, will be made Wednesday before the supreme

grounds that Poplin's attorneys did not docket an appeal from Judge Alley's decision on the demurrer within the time prescribed by law for such procedure.

It is also alleged by Swaringen through his attorneys that the demurrer is frivolous and is an apparent effort to delay trial of the case which the statutes say shall be expedited in the courts.

It is recalled that Judge Alley heard arguments on the demurrer, which pleaded dismissal of the action on grounds that the matter should have been protested first before the county and state board of elections, and dismissed the demurrer. Attorneys for Poplin gave notice of appeal.

Poplin was served with the papers giving notice of the motion in the early part of his month together with an affidavit by C. C. Hayes, clerk of court, stating that the filing fee was not paid, and no request was made on him that the appeal to the supreme court be made.

The main contention by Swaringen, former Republican chairman of the board of commissioners, is that a mistake of 100 votes was made in the returns from Rock Creek township, which gave Poplin, Democrat, a two-vote lead in the county in the November election.

April Term Of Court Convenes

Judge Felix Alley residing For Two-Weeks' Term For Civil Actions

The regular April term of Wilkes superior court for trial of civil cases convened in Wilkesboro today.

Judge Felix Alley, of Waynesville, is presiding over the two-weeks' term for trial of civil cases and court immediately began work after it convened this morning on the lengthy calendar made-out a few weeks ago by the bar association.

Home Coming At Mt. Carmel Church Sunday, May 2

There will be a home coming day at the Mt. Carmel Baptist church May 2. The public is cordially invited to attend and bring their baskets along.

Rain Cause Of Delay In Street Surfacing Work

Ninth and Sixth Streets and Part of Main Street are Blocked Here Today

Although much progress has been made on resurfacing the streets of the city since contractors resumed work last week, rain Saturday and Sunday caused considerable delay because fair weather is essential to rapid

which is being done. Sixth and Ninth streets, which were begun first, could possibly have been opened to traffic today had it not been for the rain, which wet the surfacing materials which had been mixed and which must be thoroughly dry before it is rolled on the streets.

The superintendent on the job for Hardaway Construction company said today that the work will be rushed as fast as possible and that the streets would be surfaced with the least possible inconvenience to traffic. However, it is necessary to block a street for at least four days, the time depending upon weather conditions.

The type of treatment being given asphalt surfaced streets is calculated to give satisfactory service without maintenance costs for a number of years.

Is Arrested For Larceny of Car

James Wesley Hall Is Bound Over to Court In Default of Bond

James Wesley Hall, negro who has been the inspiration for an almost continual headache for local officers, is again in toils of the law, this time for attempted larceny of an automobile from Yadkin Valley Motor company Tuesday.

Hall, who only two weeks ago had completed a term on the roads for grand larceny after having escaped a number of times, was tried today in city court and bound over for trial in the superior court in default of \$500 bond.

Woman's Club Sponsoring "Clean-Up Week" In City

The North Wilkesboro Woman's club is sponsoring a "Clean-Up Week". We ask every home to try to improve their premises by cleaning and beautifying their yards and vacant lots. The Woman's club is a wide awake organization and is planning to make North Wilkesboro one of the most beautiful little towns in Western North Carolina. Their slogan is "The Beautiful, Clean, Friendly City."

Hackett Named Member Of Highway Commission For The Eighth District

Hayes Benton Is Victim Accident On Sunday Night

Two Others Injured When Automobiles Collide Near Call Postoffice

BENTON RITES TUESDAY

Was Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Benton; Lee Mullis Was Other Driver

Hayes Benton, age 21, was killed and two others were injured in an automobile collision four miles east of Wilkesboro on highway 421 about 11 o'clock Sunday night.

Benton was traveling toward Winston-Salem when the collision with a car driven by Lee Mullis, of Pores Knob, occurred near Call. Benton died shortly after reaching the Wilkes hospital.

Patrolman J. E. Crowell made an investigation of the accident. Benton was a son of Gordon and Violet Shew Benton, of the Delaplaine vicinity and is survived by his parents, two brothers and two sisters: Clyde and Noah Benton, Mrs. Gray Harris and Miss Mary Lucy Benton, the latter of High Point. Funeral service will be held at Antloch church Tuesday afternoon.

Mullis and John Smithy, his companion, sustained painful in-

juries, and were treated at the hospital. No arrests have been made as a result of the accident.

Stokes Lane Is Fatally Stricken

Died Today in Statesville Hospital; Long Career In Public Life Here

D. S. Lane, who for more than a quarter of a century served North Wilkesboro in an official capacity, died about 11 o'clock this morning in a Statesville hospital, where he was carried Friday. He had been in ill health for some time and only recently had recovered sufficiently to resume his duties as superintendent of streets, which position he held for many years.

Mr. Lane was widely known for his sincerity, loyalty and efficiency in public capacity.

During the administration of President Grover Cleveland, he served as a revenue officer and gained an enviable reputation. In later years he served as chief of police of North Wilkesboro for ten years or more and since that time had been affiliated with the city government as street superintendent. He was a familiar figure in North Wilkesboro, where he spent the greater part of his life in the interest of his city and community. Many are saddened at the news of his passing.

He leaves his wife and five children: Fred, David and Joe Lane, by his first wife who preceded him in death, and two daughters, Miss Virginia Lane, a nurse in Davis Hospital, Statesville, and Miss Mary Lane, North Wilkesboro.

News of his death reached the city just before The Journal-Patriot went to press and a more detailed account of the life and accomplishments of Mr. Lane will be carried in this newspaper Thursday.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed this afternoon.

PIE SUPPER 30TH BY RONDA W. M. S.

Woman's Missionary Society of Ronda Baptist church is sponsoring a pie supper at Ronda Gymnasium for the benefit of the church on Friday, April 30, beginning at seven o'clock. String music will provide entertainment and the public is invited to attend.

Strange Cult Victim



Detroit, Mich. . . . Mrs. Irma Duncan burned three crosses on her forehead and inflicted 20 wounds with a razor and red-hot poker when ordered to sacrifice herself in strange religious rites.

Name Halfacre On Board of Directors N. C. E. A. Group

Five From Wilkes Attend Annual State Teachers Meeting In Durham

W. D. Halfacre, head of North Wilkesboro schools, on Thursday was re-elected a director of the North Carolina Education Assoc-

iation. The re-election comes as an honor to Mr. Halfacre and the school system he so efficiently supervises. During the period he has served on the executive board he has been quite active in helping to steer the policies of the organization.

Those from Wilkes attending the sessions were Mr. Halfacre and Miss Strayhorn, of North Wilkesboro; T. E. Story, Misses Cynthia Prevette, Louise Melville, Lucile Scroggs and Mrs. Grace Edwards, Wilkesboro; E. R. Spruill, Mountain View. C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, also attended the convention.

Signers Urged To Attend Meetings

Farmers Will Hear Allotment Forms Explained In Six Communities

A. G. Hendren, county farm agent, has released the following announcement relative to those who have signed or will sign work sheets to participate in the soil conservation program:

All of the farmers who signed work sheets in 1936 will receive in the course of a few days, Form 109, which shows the bases allotted to them. The 1937's for the 1937 signers will follow in May. All signers are urged to attend one of the county-wide meetings listed below where this sheet will be explained. Rather than come to the county agent's office, please attend one of these meetings for the explanation, or see one of your farm committees.

Farmers who have not yet signed a work sheet, will be allowed to sign up at the end of the meetings.

The meetings will be held at the following places on the dates given below:

- Wilkes County Courthouse, Monday, May 3rd, at 9:00 a. m. Dennyville Schoolhouse, Monday, May 3rd, at 7:30 p. m. Mt. Pleasant Schoolhouse Tuesday, May 4th, 7:30 p. m. Millers Creek Schoolhouse Wednesday, May 5th, 7:30 p. m. Traphill Schoolhouse Thursday, May 6th, 7:30 p. m. Bonham Schoolhouse Friday, May 7th, 7:30 p. m.

Lists may be observed piled on the roadside ready for use throughout Yadon County this season as a result of the soil conservation program.

Will Represent District of Ten Nearby Counties

F. L. Dunlap, of Anson County, Will Be Chairman of Highway Body

SUCCEEDS WAYNICK

Governor Hoey Names Entire New Board to Administer Road Funds

J. Gordon Hackett, a pioneer citizen of North Wilkesboro and for many years a prominent figure in public life in North Carolina, was on Saturday appointed by Governor Clyde R. Hoey as a member of the state highway commission to represent a district of ten northwestern North Carolina counties.

Under an act passed by the legislature this year the highway commission was re-organized with a chairman and ten commissioners, each to represent a district of ten counties.

Governor Hoey made a clean sweep in the appointments, appointing Frank Lemuel Dunlap, of Wadesboro, Anson county, as chairman, and appointed an entirely new board.

The chairman, whose salary will be \$7,500 instead of the \$6,000 received by his predecessor,

will begin office on May 1. The commissioners will be paid a fixed sum per day for the actual time spent in official duties.

It is understood that the commission itself will have the task of dividing the state into districts.

Mr. Hackett was appointed for a term of four years. His candidacy was supported by many local political and business leaders and from members of both political parties. He was also endorsed by many prominent people in other parts of the state. His appointment no doubt is a source of much gratification to those who supported his candidacy and the people of this section who so much desired that a highway commissioner be chosen from Wilkes county and North Wilkesboro, a natural center for several counties in this part of the state.

Also of local interest is the fact that another member of the newly appointed commission, Samuel W. Bason, of Caswell, county, is a brother of W. J. (Dick) Bason, local Sinclair gasoline and oil distributor.

Mr. Hackett will represent the eighth district. One of the proposed districting plans would place Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Forsyth, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Watauga and Yadkin in this district. However, Governor Hoey explained that this proposed plan had no better chance of being adopted by the commission than others proposed in the legislature but his appointments had been made so that any districting plan proposed could be used.

As commissioners of the ten highway districts to be set up by the commission, the Governor appointed: First, D. Collin Barnes of Hertford county, for six years; second, Ernest V. Webb, of Lenoir county, for four years; third, Robert Grady Johnson of Pender, for two years; fourth, T. Boddie Ward of Wilson, for two years; fifth, Samuel W. Bason of Caswell, for four years; sixth, D. B. McCrary of Randolph, for six years; seventh, Thomas R. Wolfe of Stanly, for two years; eighth, J. Gordon Hackett, of Wilkes, for four years; ninth, T. Max Watson of Rutherford, for six years; and tenth, E. L. McKee of Jackson, for two years.

The retiring commissioners are: Julian Wood of Chowan county, W. C. Woodard of Nash, J. A. Hardison of Anson, Ross Elgmon of Rowan, and . . . (Continued)