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Late News Of State, Nation Told Briefly

FILLED IN WRECK
Rockingham, July 13.—An unidentified man thought to be John Paul Meagher, 67, Philadelphia, 35, died in the Hamlet hospital at 7:45 o'clock this morning from injuries sustained seven hours earlier in a car wreck four miles south of Rockingham.

LIGHTNING FATAL
Richmond, Va., July 13.—Lightning killed two persons and struck down a third in Virginia today as electrical disturbances accompanied showers that sharply reduced the uncomfortably high temperatures of the past several days.

FALL PROVES FATAL
Goldsboro, July 13.—Claude C. Townsend, 41, fireman at a sawmill in the Broadhurst Bridge section of Wayne county, died in Goldsboro hospital Monday night from injuries received when he fell from a truck Monday evening, the wheel passing over and crushing his head.

SHOWERS COOL AIR
Continued showers cooled the country's middle section yesterday, but weather forecasts indicated it was only temporary respite in the high temperatures that prevailed for a week. Discomfort from high humidity succeeded the hot spell. Deaths attributed to the heat fell sharply, however, and the fatality list was almost stationary at 375.

BEFORE COMMITTEE
Washington, July 13.—President Roosevelt's eldest son, James, agreed today to disclose his income tax returns in response to a Republican demand. The lanky younger Roosevelt, who is one of his father's secretaries, appeared unexpectedly before the senatehouse tax committee when it renewed its study of personal holding companies alleged to be used as tax avoidance devices.

LAMBETH SPEAKS
Washington, July 13.—Representative Walter Lambeth of Tennessee, 50, of the eighth North Carolina district, today warned that government spending must be reduced, and proposed that Congress prepare constitutional amendments permitting taxation of incomes derived from federal bonds and the levying of taxes on incomes paid county, state and federal employees.

FILLED AT SWITCH
Wilson, July 13.—J. W. Smith, 45, engineer for the Wilson ice plant, was electrocuted at the plant this afternoon. Witnesses said a bolt of lightning apparently struck the power line as he pulled the switch. High winds that accompanied the thunderstorm were reported to have done considerable damage to power lines in various parts of the country. Some hail was reported.

GOOD FARM PROSPECTS
Raleigh, July 13.—Two State college extension specialists joined today in forecasting improved yields of farm crops and better conditions for poultrymen in North Carolina this year. E. C. Blair, extension agronomist, said rainfall 99 per cent normal in April, May and June had resulted in the condition of pastures and the corn crop being good and this was considered "indicative of the general condition of crops." C. J. Maupin, poultry specialist, said better corn and wheat crops indicated for this year are being reflected in lower feed prices and "still further improvement is in prospect between now and November."

BAILEY APPLAUDED
Washington, July 13.—Senator Bailey concluded today the speech begun by him yesterday in opposition to the court bill substitute, a forensic effort of four hours duration. The North Carolina senator, acclaimed again by his colleagues, proclaimed the steadfastness, and the fixed purpose, of the members identified with the opposition, and in concluding his address this high note was sounded: "And God helping us, when we shall have finished here, it shall be said that our courts are still independent, that justice is present in this land, that the fountain is unpolluted, that our children after us, as our fathers and forefathers before us, shall have security in the knowledge that justice shall be done though the heavens fall."

Reply To Answer Filed Wednesday In Swaringen Vs. Poplin Litigation

Denies Failure to Protest Election Returns Before the Election Board

JUDGMENT IS CITED
Counsel Estimates 500 Witnesses, Be Subpoenaed For the Trial

The latest development on the Swaringen-Poplin election controversy in Wilkes was the filing of a reply to the answer filed Thursday by Poplin's counsel. The reply to the answer was filed yesterday, by Swaringen's attorneys.

The answer filed last week set up a defense to the complaint by alleging that a mandamus action dismissed by Judge J. H. Clement soon after the election on November 3 covered the case. Another allegation was that Swaringen had lost his right to sue by failure to protest the election with the county board of elections.

In the reply to the answer failure to protest the count of the vote which left Poplin in the lead for commissioner by a margin of two votes was denied and it was further alleged that the plaintiff and his party "protested said election and count in the favor of the defendant with all the power that was within them the first day of the returns," and that the election board adjourned in Wilkesboro to meet in North Wilkesboro to canvass the returns. They further alleged in the reply that the result of the election was never proclaimed at the courthouse door.

The reply also referred to the judgment of the supreme court denying the demurrer in the case of *Swaringen vs. Poplin*, the demurrer having contended that the case should be dismissed for lack of cause of action and because the election protest was not made before the election boards.

County Board Equalization Performs Duty

In Meeting Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Courthouse

Wilkes county board of equalization, composed of the county commissioners, met with Tax Supervisor W. P. Kelly at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to hear complaints and make adjustments on assessment of property for taxation.

City Schools Will Open September 6

Buildings Being Cleaned and Made Ready for Another Year of School Work

Many People Of Advanced Age Seek Aid

Ages given in applications for old age assistance at the office of Charles McNeill indicate that Wilkes is the county of longevity of life and that many have passed the 65th birthday by two decades.

In fact the applications have brought to light the fact that the county has one person who has lived to the ripe old age of 108. She is Mary Parks, of Roaring River, colored woman who has vivid memories of the slave age in the south.

Her age was attested by Felix Parks, who said he knew that the colored woman was forty years old when he was born and that she was a slave belonging to his father, Col. Parks. Five aged colored people who found difficulty in establishing their exact ages called Monday to make application and stated that they were slaves before the War Between the States.

Senator Robinson Majority Leader; Dies In Capital

Had Been Democratic Leader in U. S. Senate For the Past 15 Years

Washington, July 14.—Senator Robinson, Democrat of Tennessee, was found dead in his bed today at the age of 64.

The sudden death of the Senate leader shocked the capital and threw the administration's legislative program into turmoil.

Robinson who had been Democratic leader since 1922, was personally in charge of the administration's two major legislative campaigns to enact President Roosevelt's bills to reorganize the courts and the executive departments. His colleagues generally had expected his appointment to the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Van Devanter.

Although Robinson's health had not been quite as good as in former years, his sudden death was a tremendous shock to his senatorial colleagues and all of official Washington.

The Democratic leader had been working with terrific energy during recent weeks in an effort to devise a compromise court bill for which he could obtain Senate approval. The substitute measure now under debate was drafted under his direction.

He also had given close personal attention to the government reorganization program. Two or three weeks ago he personally introduced a compromise bill to carry out the Chief Executive's reorganization program and had called his committee to begin work on it today.

Some of the Arkansas Senator's closest friends, however, had been disturbed by his physical condition. He had missed several days from the Senate during recent weeks due to the strain on his physique.

President's Son Weds Ethel DuPont



Old Christiana Hundred, Del. . . Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., immediately after the wedding ceremony. They are going to spend their honeymoon abroad.

Commissioner Agriculture And Grange Leaders To Speak July 23 At Picnic of Pomona Grange



Latest Invention

Land Is To Be Advertised Soon

Those Who Have Not Paid Taxes for Year 1936 Are Urged to Pay at Once

Real estate on which county taxes have not been paid will be advertised during the month of August and sold on the first Monday in September.

The town of North Wilkesboro will advertise during the same month and sell one week later.

Rapid Decrease Noted In Number Of Men In Wilkes County on WPA Rolls

Dropped From Peak of Over 800 to Only 249; Many Find Better Jobs

The fact that the relief load in Wilkes county as shown by WPA rolls has decreased from a peak of over 800 about two years ago to 249 at the present time is considered as an evidence of improved business conditions and a willingness on the part of a great many relief clients to accept jobs from other sources.

T. D. Heffner, division engineer, said today that the relief load has been steadily and rapidly decreasing during the past two years, that many who worked on relief projects have returned to farming, that many others have found jobs from private employers and that some were out off from the work projects.

Of the 249 who are still at work on the various projects it is estimated that more than 50 per cent are unable to do a full day's work as a result of contractor work as a result of contractor work as a result of contractor work.

Delightful Affair Is To Take Place at Cain's Picnic Grounds at Moravian

Addresses by Kerr Scott, state commissioner of agriculture, state Grange leaders and prominent local people will feature the program for the annual Wilkes county Pomona Grange picnic to be held at Cain's picnic grounds one mile north of Moravian Falls on highways 16 and 18 Friday, July 23.

T. W. Ferguson, Wilkes Pomona master, will preside and the picnic meeting will open at 10:30 with the singing of America and invocation by Mrs. J. M. German, Pomona chaplain. The address of welcome will be delivered at 10:40 by J. M. German, past Pomona master and one of the master farmers in the state last year.

A. G. Hendren, Wilkes farm agent who is sponsoring the picnic occasion, will introduce Ben Wilson, of Raleigh, state Grange master. Mr. Wilson will present W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, who will speak at 11:10.

The address of Mr. Scott will be followed by addresses by E. G. Finley, chairman of the agriculture committee of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, and an address by J. Gordon Hackett, 8th division highway commissioner. The address of Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, state Grange lecturer, will conclude the program.

But another big feature follows the addresses—that to be the picnic dinner as only the good women of Wilkes can prepare. The dinner is scheduled for 12:50 and a sports program under direction of Miss Rosa Billings and Dan Holler, assistant county agent, will follow.

To Canvass City For Jars Monday

On Monday, July 19, Boy Scouts under direction of Gordon Finley, Scoutmaster, will canvass North Wilkesboro for the purpose of collecting empty jars, which the ladies of the city have been asked to donate to the county welfare department.

The jars collected will be filled by the WPA gardening project and be returned to the welfare department for distribution to destitute families and for school lunches during the coming winter.

Any size amount and kind of jars which can be sealed will be greatly appreciated by the welfare department.

If those who have jars which they will donate will leave them on the front porch Monday morning a Boy Scout will collect them some time during the day.

Hundreds May Be Disappointed In Expecting to Receive Assistance For Aged in Social Security Plan

Gaither Bretholl On Rescue Ship
Golden Bear Freighter Saves 750 People From Certain Doom On Volcano Island

The American freighter Golden Bear lost one crew member but by heroic measures rescued 750 persons from imminent disaster when two great volcanic eruptions destroyed the town of Rabula, New Britain, New Guinea, May 29.

Captain E. M. Olsen of the Golden Bear described the cataclysm and rescue upon arrival today of the Matsun freighter.

Risking envelopment of his ship and all hands in the lava flow, Olsen said his men made their way ashore to lead 750 persons, mostly women and children, out of the doomed city.

Victor A. Costner, the Golden Bear's radio man, disappeared, Olsen said, as crew members groped their way ashore in pitch darkness, through downpours of volcanic ashes and pumice.

Olsen said more than 250 persons perished under the searing lava. He said hundreds of others would have perished had they not received warning and a chance to escape on the Golden Bear. Other accounts of the disaster had estimated the dead at 500.

Gaither Bretholl, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, of Moravian Falls, was a member of the ship's crew.

Commissioners Will Make List Eligible Jurors

981 Names of Citizens Who Have Paid 1936 Taxes Compiled by Kelly

Wilkes county board of commissioners in recess session Wednesday received a list of 981 citizens of Wilkes county who have paid their 1936 taxes. The list, to be used as eligible jurors, was compiled by Accountant W. P. Kelly pursuant to an order of the commissioners.

The commissioners will meet again on Friday of this week to pass upon the names to go into the jury box and are expected to draw jurors for the March term of court.

Other business transacted by the board included an order authorizing the accountant to execute a contract with the state to provide for fire protection in the county, at a cost of not more than \$500 to the county for the ensuing fiscal year.

Coal dealers' license were issued to Wilkes Milling company, North Wilkesboro Ice and Fuel company, and Bob's Fuel Yard.

Last Rites Held For Granville Burchette 13th

Funeral service was held at Pisgah church Tuesday for Granville Burchette, age 35, widely known citizen of the Dockery community. He died Monday at the Wilkes hospital.

Mr. Burchette leaves his wife and several children. Pall bearers at the funeral were Albert Alexander, Seaborn Gambill, Jesse Joiner, Cline Gamble, Paul Brown and Hubert Billings.

Honorary pall bearers were F. C. Forester, W. B. Somers, S. V. Tomlinson, C. T. Doughton, Paul Billings, Wiley Brooks, Rob Hayes, Judge Johnson J. Hayes, C. C. Hayes, Old Wiles, J. M. Brown, Beech Blankenship, W. W. Gambill and Ross Brown.

Welfare Officer Tells Under What Conditions Assistance Is to Be Paid

IS NOT A PENSION
People Lacking Income to Obtain Bare Necessities Will Be Ones Helped

Approximately 1,000 Wilkes county people have called at the office of Charles McNeill, county welfare officer, to make application for old age assistance and aid to dependent children under the state social security act.

All the sad part of it is that if all these people are sincerely expecting to receive aid hundreds are doomed to disappointment.

The general trend of conversation on the subject is relative to "old age pensions for persons over 65" and the mistaken idea that all people over 65 are to receive monthly checks has been going the rounds.

The old age assistance for which applications are being made is not a pension and age 65 is only one of the many qualifications for eligibility. It is merely a form of assistance to those people over 65 whose incomes are insufficient to provide subsistence compatible with decency and health.

In other words only the most needy and those unable to provide bare necessities or who have no relatives in the state able to assist them will be helped. Those to receive aid must have lived in the county one year prior to making application and must have been residents of the state during the five of the past nine years.

Some of the same regulations apply to aid to dependent children. The children must be living with father, mother, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, uncle or aunt who are unable to give them proper care and who have no near relatives able to provide for them. If the father is living efforts must first be made to compel him to support the children.

From citing a few of these rules laid down by the state it is evident that not all who have applied will be eligible for aid, Mr. McNeill said. In fact, it is estimated that only 315 will be eligible for old age assistance and 300 children for aid to children.

The welfare office has been unable to fill applications as fast as people call at the office and their names and addresses have been registered. They will be notified by mail on what date to call to complete the application and it will be useless for them to call at an earlier date for that purpose.

Officers Capture Men And Number Stills In County

Outfit Is Destroyed Monday Near Hunting Creek; Several Arrests

Sheriff C. T. Doughton, Deputy George Holland and federal officers made a successful liquor raid in the Hunting Creek vicinity Monday, destroying an outfit on what is known as Little Mountain Creek. No arrest was made.

During the past week federal officers made a general roundup of stills in various sections of the county, making five arrests and destroying over 400 gallons of illicit liquor.

Revival Meeting At Mt. Carmel Church

A revival meeting will begin at Mt. Carmel Baptist church the third Sunday in July with the pastor, Rev. D. C. Stanton in charge of the services, assisted by Rev. John Webster, of Taylorville. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and witness the services.

Episcopal Services

Vesper services at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Sunday afternoon, July 18th, at four o'clock. Rev. B. M. Latta, pastor, in charge.