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Many Developments Planned In Park Area

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

LIGHTNING HITS 3

Salem, July 24.—Lemar Marshburn, farmer of Forsyth county, and his son, Thomas, coming in at their home where they have been employed since Tuesday when they were struck by lightning. During a heavy electrical storm Marshburn and two sons, Thomas and Hugh, were making their way home across a field on the plantation when all three were struck down by lightning.

HOLD YOUNG DRIVER

Hickory, July 24.—W. D. Bostain, 17-year-old West Hickory youth, was arrested on a charge of operating an automobile without a driver's license early this afternoon after his vehicle had collided with a bicycle ridden by Nevert Lutz, about 12, inflicting serious injuries. In addition to a concussion of the brain and possible internal injuries the girl suffered lacerations about the body and cuts on the head.

OFFERING REWARD

San Francisco, July 24.—Sydney S. Bowman, close friend of George Palmer Putnam, announced today a reward of $2,000 for any information which would "definitely clear up the mystery" surrounding the disappearance of Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Capt. Fred Noonan. Putnam is the husband of Miss Earhart, who, with Noonan, was lost in the south Pacific on an attempted world flight.

THREE INJURED

Hendersonville, July 24. — Three men were injured, two seriously this afternoon when a tire blew out and the automobile in which they were riding, plunged 150 feet or more down a steep embankment on the Greenville highway, about 20 miles south of Hendersonville, in South Carolina. The injured, all brought to the Patton Memorial hospital here, are: H. D. Phillips, 57, Greenville carpenter; H. D. West, University Ridge, Greenville, and T. B. Ballard, Jr., of Tuxedo, Henderson county.

ADVISES SOLONS

Washington, July 24. — Dr. George W. Calver, whose job is to guard the health of members of Congress, prescribed for them today less worry and more relaxation. Noting that the death of Senator Robinson, the majority leader was the fourth since the start of the session due to heart disease, he advised: "We might profit more by being less tense, do less driving of ourselves, to relax and enjoy life as we pass through it."

DIES IN POVERTY

Budapest, July 24. — Gabor Szakacs, 44, inventor of a flame thrower used by the central powers during the world war, died in poverty yesterday after a kidney operation. He was credited with inventing 40 new devices used by Germany and Austria during the world war. They included a machine gun and a steel-piercing bullet. Szakacs was believed wealthy, but police said his only presentable suit of clothing was in pawn.

TO FIGHT SYPHILIS

Chicago, July 24.—Health officers began the country's first mass attack on the syphilis plague today by polling Chicagoans on the question of submitting to free blood tests administered by family doctors. Dr. Louis Schmidt, head of Mayor Edward J. Kelly's committee for control of venereal disease, said that in Chicago the problem has been divorced from superstition, ignorance and false modesty and hence it is "the logical city for the first popular referendum and actual abatement of syphilis."

MAY RUN WIDOW

Little Rock, Ark., July 24.—A Democratic party dispute in Arkansas over selection of a nominee to succeed the late senate majority leader Joseph T. Robinson today brought the name of his widow to the forefront as a possible independent candidate. Persons close to Mrs. Robinson said she had received many telegrams urging her to run against Gov. Carl E. Bailey, nominated by the Democratic state committee yesterday to enter the special election which Bailey will call, probably for September 14. Committee action in making the nomination itself, instead of calling a party primary, threatened a rift in party ranks.

Two More Papers Filed In Election Suit By Attorneys For Both Parties

Rejoiner to Reply Filed By Counsel For Leet Poplin, Defendant

SUR-REJOINDER FILED

By Counsel For Swaringen; Illegal Votes For Swaringen Alleged

Latest developments in the Swaringen-Poplin election suit wherein Swaringen, former Republican chairman of the board of county commissioners, is suing Leet Poplin, Democrat, for title to office as a member of the board, where the filing of a rejoinder to the reply to the answer and the filing of a sur-rejoinder to the rejoinder.

In the rejoinder filed by Poplin's counsel it was again alleged that the matters covered in the controversy were heard before Judge J. H. Clement in a mandamus action soon after the election and dismissed by that jurist, and denied that Judge Clement in his judgment suggested any further action in the matter.

The rejoinder alleged that neither Swaringen nor anyone in his behalf protested the election or asked a recount of the votes from Rock Creek, where Swaringen contends he was credited with an even hundred votes less than he received.

Another allegation in the defendant's rejoinder, considered somewhat surprising at this stage of the case, was to the effect that illegal votes were cast for Swaringen on election day, November 3.

In the sur-rejoinder filed by Swaringen's counsel the allegation that illegal votes were cast for Swaringen was denied, saying, in effect, that Democrats were in charge of the election machinery and that the right to vote of persons who vote for Swaringen was closely scrutinized by Democratic registrars and election judges. The sur-rejoinder also pleaded the statute of limitation.

With the last papers filed the case is now scheduled for trial in the August term of Wilkes superior court beginning on August 9. Plaintiff's counsel indicated that about 500 witnesses will be summoned, including 411 residents of Rock Creek township whom they say have signed affidavits that they voted for Swaringen while the returns from that precinct credited him with 341 votes.

Called Meeting Of Republicans

Chairman And Secretary Call Meeting of Committees For July 31

J. M. Brown, chairman, and Kyle Hayes, secretary of the Wilkes county Republican executive committee, have called a meeting to be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon, July 31, two o'clock.

The call for the meeting requests the presence of every member of the county Republican executive committee, every member of all township committees and all other Republicans who wish to attend.

Wilkes People Are Planning to Attend Farm, Home Week

The annual Farm and Home Week, of farmers' convention, will be held at State College in Raleigh next week, beginning Monday and continuing through Saturday, August 7.

It is learned that a number of Wilkes people are interested in attending the week this year and those who plan to attend are asked to get in touch with A. G. Hendren, Wilkes farm agent.

Funeral Services For Robinson

Washington, D. C. . . . President Roosevelt, Cabinet Officers, members of the Diplomatic Corps and fellow members of the Senate joined in solemn tribute to the late Senator Joseph T. Robinson during State funeral rites here.

Two Girls Arrested For Stealing Horses

A record was established in Wilkes county Friday when sheriff C. T. Doughton arrested two girls for stealing two horses.

They were Mary Helen Lowe, 16, of Statesville, and Elizabeth Foy, 14, of Maysville, who confessed to stealing two horses from a barn on the farm of Mrs. E. R. Minton in the Hunting Creek vicinity Thursday night.

The girls, scantily clad in "shorts" made by cutting off the legs of men's pants, were arrested by Sheriff Doughton about a mile west of Hunting Creek at eleven o'clock Friday morning. They were riding the horses and readily confessed that they took them from Mrs. Minton's barn last night. They had ridden 18 miles.

The girls were lodged in jail and Friday afternoon Mrs. Minton obtained warrants formally charging them with the crime of horse stealing.

The girls, who had been staying in the Hunting Creek community for a few days, would give no explanation of their sensational horse stealing act, other than to say they took the horses and decided to leave. When Sheriff Doughton asked why they didn't steal a car instead of a horse the older girl explained that a car would run out of gas but a horse would not.

They were observed in this city at 11 o'clock Thursday night hitched parked on the Boone Trail. One wore blue overall pants and a red bandana around her breast. The other had a similarly odd outfit. In passing through Millers Creek they made fast time, so fast that the smaller one was thrown to the road when the horse whirled to one side. She suffered a crushed heel and several painful scratches and bruises.

Car Cuts Down White Pine Tree 16-Inch Diameter

Another unusual automobile accident, miraculous in that no one was killed, was reported in Wilkes Saturday night about eleven o'clock, when a 1937 model Ford left highway 18 about five miles north of this city, ran over the bank of the road, cut down a white pine 16 inches in diameter, ran across a ditch, left the ground, knocked branches from an apple tree and finally stopped when it hit a third tree.

The car, reported to have been traveling between 85 and 90 miles per hour, was said to have been driven by Hal Miller, accompanied by Robert Hartley in the front seat. Miller and Hartley received serious injuries and are in the Wilkes hospital. Two other men in the back seat were not injured.

The battered wreck pulled to this city attracted the attention of hundreds today. The front bumper, which was literally wrapped around the tree by the crash, was in the shape of an almost complete circle.

Eight other wrecks in which cars were badly damaged but no persons seriously injured, were reported in Wilkes during the week-end.

Accepts Position As FFV Salesman

Warner Miller, Jr., who has held a position at Spainhour's for the past two years, has accepted a position with Southern Biscuit company, makers of the widely known FFV products.

Mr. Miller will serve the many patrons of the company in Wilkes, Yadkin, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Alexander counties.

Age Of Applicant May Be Verified By Bible Record

Over 1,000 Seeking to Apply For Aid; Many New Ones Call Daily

The age of an applicant for old age assistance may be verified by Bible record provided they have the Bible with the original birth entry, it was learned today from the office of Charles McNeill, county welfare officer.

Over 1,000 people have called at the office to make application for old age assistance or aid to dependent children. It has been impossible for the office staff to fill out this great number of applications and their names and addresses have been recorded.

Each one will be notified on what date to return when the application forms can be filled and they are asked to wait patiently until they receive a card telling on what day to return. On the return they are asked to carry along the family Bible if they have not already verified their age by Bible record or some other means.

Home Coming at Olin Sunday, August 1st

The Methodist church at Olin, in Iredell county, will observe its twelfth home coming on Sunday, August 1. The pastor, Rev. D. H. Rhinehart, will deliver the sermon at eleven o'clock.

All former pastors, residents, and friends are invited to attend. Dinner will be spread at noon in the church yard. In the afternoon visitors will be given an opportunity to see old friends.

Extension specialists predict a great increase in the planting of alfalfa and pasture grasses this fall with a corresponding heavy increase in the use of grass and legume seed.

Commissioner Of Agriculture Tells Grangers Of Work In the Department

Pomona Grange and Kiwanis Club Enjoy Joint Picnic On Friday

IS LARGELY ATTENDED

State Grange Master And Lecturer Speak At Picnic; Other Features

Something of what the state department of agriculture is striving to do was outlined in an address by W. Kerr Scott, state commissioner of agriculture, in an address before the annual Wilkes County Pomona Grange picnic held at Pine Ridge picnic grounds near Moravian Falls Friday.

The picnic, always an enjoyable occasion, was well attended. The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club and a number of visitors joined the Grange in the picnic.

The program opened at 10:30 a. m. with T. W. Ferguson, Pomona master, presiding. J. M. German, past Pomona master, delivered a brief address of welcome and Harry B. Caldwell, lecturer of the state Grange, introduced the speaker.

In the outset Mr. Scott commended the Grange for the steady progress it is making in the state and for having attained a number of objectives. Then he launched into a resume of the outlined purposes and objectives of the state department of agriculture during his administration.

Relative to the change in personnel of the state department of agriculture he said that when he took office 55 per cent of those employed were residents of the city of Raleigh and that over 40 per cent were closely related. He said that because the farmers are paying for the department by fertilizer and seed taxes and for the sake of efficiency he changed the personnel situation and placed in those positions rural people from one end of the state to the other.

After telling much about the duties of the department in disease control, seed inspections, maintaining museum, fertilizer analysis, farm statistics, inspection of weights and measures, and research work, he spoke encouragingly of the prospects for agriculture.

He mentioned, however, some of the improvements and developments needed for the upbuilding of country life, pointing out that 70 per cent of the farm population is on dirt roads and that it is a waste of tax money to try to operate school buses over roads which are at times impassable. In conclusion he said he hoped to see agriculture in North Carolina progress at a pace in keeping with the development of industry in the past 20 years.

County Agent A. G. Hendren presented Ben Wilson, of Alamnace county, master of the state Grange. Mr. Wilson spoke briefly, bringing greetings from many Pomona Granges in the state. He

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Home Coming At Moravian Falls

All Day Service At Beulah Methodist Church Planned For August 1

Rev. J. C. Gentry, pastor, has announced a home coming service to be held at Beulah Methodist church at Moravian Falls on Sunday, August 1.

All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend the all-day service, which will make the close of a very successful revival at the church.

Sunday school will convene at ten o'clock, sermon at 11 and the sacrement immediately following. Dinner will be served at noon. All those attending are asked to carry along well filled baskets. The afternoon service will begin at 2:30. Special music is planned for both the morning and afternoon services.

Youngest Living Mother

Port Arthur, Tex. . . . Mrs. Dan Gonzales, 13 years old, holds the title of World's youngest living Mother. Her first child was born before the child-mother was 12, and her second a month after she was 13.

N. C. S. E. S. Office Setup Formed Into Larger Districts

District Office Serving This City Will Be in Hickory After Aug. 1

Effective Monday, August 2, the North Carolina state employment service will be reorganized into ten districts, combining several of the present district setups.

The district now being served by the office here has been absorbed into the Hickory district and will be known as district number 1 with headquarters in Hickory. However, it is definitely understood that the office here will continue in the same manner as at present and will serve Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, the only difference in territory will be that Alexander county, formerly served from North Wilkesboro, will be served out of Hickory.

There will be no change in the personnel of the local office, the only change in policy being that it will be under the management of the Hickory office instead of being a separate unit as at present.

So far it has not been decided whether James M. Anderson, present district manager, will be retained here or will be named to head the district with headquarters in Hickory. Appointments have not been made, with the exception of state director, R. Mayne Albright being re-appointed.

The reorganization is designed to provide for more effective and economical administration of the employment service and more especially administration of the unemployment compensation act.

The counties in district 1 will be Catawba, Caldwell, Burke, Avery, Alexander, Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga.

Rousseau Tells Of State Taxes

Another Penalty on Schedule B Taxes After Aug. 1; Cites Sales Tax

J. R. Rousseau, state collector of revenue in Wilkes county, today warned that an additional penalty of five per cent, making a total penalty of 10 per cent, will accrue on unpaid schedule B taxes after August 1.

He also called attention to the new sales tax law, saying that every man in business would do well to familiarize himself with the new sales tax law in order that he may not be penalized for inadvertant failure to comply with its provisions. In some cases, he said, manufacturers are affected by the new law which went into effect July 1.

Ice Cream Supper

There will be an ice cream supper Saturday night, July 31, at Boomer schoolhouse. Proceeds for the baseball club. Everybody invited.

Wilkes-Alleghany Area To Be Best ParkDevelopment 200 Miles Parkway

Park Service To Begin Construction Hotel On Summit of Wildcat Rock

WEEMS PROJECT MAN

Riding Stable Concession, Camp Sites, Many Developments Planned

The Bluff Park in northern Wilkes and southern Alleghany will contain 6,000 acres of rugged mountain scenery and will be the outstanding wayside park and maintenance point for a distance of about one-third of the Blue Ridge Parkway, it was learned today from Sam P. Weems, project manager for the national park service.

The park service plans the development of 13 wayside parks and work is now going forward on three of the projects, the Bluff Park, a wayside park in Surry and Alleghany counties and one in Virginia.

However, the Bluff Park in Wilkes and Alleghany is the largest of these wayside stops for the vacationists who will travel the scenic boulevard and construction of a 50-room hotel near the summit of the Blue Ridge that at the top of "Wildcat Rock" will begin in a short time. The hotel, to be constructed by the park service, will probably be leased as a concession, Mr. Weems said.

Another major development in the 6,000 acre area will be a lake on Roaring Branch covering about 30 acres. Around the lake supplied with water by one of the most beautiful of mountain streams, will be numerous camp sites. The entire area will be laid off in horse trails and the park service is contemplating the erection of concession stables for vacationists. Minor developments will include picnic tables, shelters, stone fireplaces and many conveniences for those who travel the parkway.

Mr. Weems said that many of the land owners in the park area had been paid for the property and all had been optioned. Those who have not received checks, he said, will be paid as soon as the titles can be abstracted in accordance with the strict rules required by the government.

Veterans Loan Fund Available

The following excerpts from a letter from Graham K. Hobbs, commissioner of the World War Veterans Loan Fund, to Frank M. Johnson, commander of the Wilkes Legion post, will be of interest to veterans:

"The World War Veterans Loan Fund is again in condition and position to assist Veterans in purchasing and acquiring homes—either town or farms—by making loans in accordance with law and prescribed regulations. Now is the time and opportunity for Veterans who do not own homes to acquire them.

"We have approximately ($500,000.00) one-half million dollars in the Bank to be loaned to honorably discharged veterans who were citizens of North Carolina at date of entry in the service and who otherwise meet and comply with the requirements of law and regulations. Six per cent is the rate and three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) for 12 years is the maximum amount and time of a loan. However, at present no loan is made in excess of 60 per cent of our appraised value of the security offered and must be repaid in monthly or semi-annual installments. We require first mortgages. Loans may be made to construct new homes. Speculative or investment loans for the purpose of resale can not be made. [illegible] must be a good [illegible] risk and the [illegible] of on his home [illegible]