

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

JAPS VERSUS CHINESE
Peiping, Aug. 4.—(Wireless)—Japan's Asiatic Army announced 33 miles south of Peiping today, more than halfway to the Szechwan region where Japanese commanders expect a Chinese army to take the first massed stand against Japan's march through North China.

YADKIN MAN HURT
Elkin, Aug. 3.—Spencer Fowler, 19, son of R. C. Fowler, near Booneville, who was injured in an automobile accident during the week-end, continued in a serious condition at a hospital here tonight. The youth has failed to rally from severe head and internal injuries sustained when a car in which he was a passenger overturned.

COLLECT 6 MILLION
Raleigh, Aug. 3.—Governor G. E. Howard, chairman of the unemployment compensation commission, said today North Carolina employers through July had paid a net of \$1,325,427.44 to the unemployment compensation fund. The contributions represented nine-tenths of one per cent of employes' 1936 pay and 1.3 per cent of 1937 pay rolls.

DR. NICKS HURT
Elkin, Aug. 3.—Dr. C. E. Nicks, local veterinary surgeon and operator of an animal hospital, sustained a fractured shoulder and severe bruises which sent him to the hospital when his motorcycle on which he was riding yesterday afternoon was struck at a road intersection in the outskirts of Jonesville by a car driven by a Brooks Cross Roads service station operator.

GETS BIG FEE
Washington, Aug. 3.—A statement by Attorney General Cummings disclosed today former Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of North Carolina, received \$10,000 compensation from January 1 to June 30 as a special assistant attorney for the justice department. Cummings disclosed government cases involving alleged violations of a 1934 act banning munitions shipments to belligerents, in South America's Chaco war.

BIG GRAIN CROP
Chicago, Aug. 3.—The nation's richest grain harvest since 1929 was envisioned today by Chicago crop experts. They predicted in their monthly forecasts that the United States would reap 4,813,000,000 bushels of major grains—wheat, corn, oats and rye—this year compared with 2,964,000,000 bushels in 1936. At current market prices this huge golden harvest would have a value of \$3,114,760,000, or 14 per cent greater than last year.

Wilkesboro's New Drug Store Will Open Tomorrow

Will Be Known As Newton's Cut Rate Store; Located Opposite Courthouse.

Wilkesboro's new drug store which will be known as Newton's Cut Rate Store, will be opened to the public tomorrow.

The new store is located in the brick building known as the J. T. Ferguson building near the courthouse which has been completely remodeled especially for a drug store. The interior of the building has been repainted and new tile floors have been constructed, all of which give the store a smart, attractive appearance.

A complete new stock of drugs has been placed on the shelves, and a full line of optometric service will be offered in addition, as well as an up-to-date X-ray service.

The store will be operated under the management of Mr. Walter Newton, who will be assisted by Dr. O. H. Craven, a registered pharmacist.

The management of the new store cordially invites the patronage of the people of Wilkesboro and county, and will be highly pleased to have them pay the town's new drug store a visit.

Mrs. Lou Adams' Funeral Is Held

Mrs. Lou Adams, age 49, died yesterday at her home in Reddies River township following a brief illness of paralysis.

She is survived by three children, Rich Adams, of Wilkesboro, sons 1; Mrs. Iva Sebastian, of North Wilkesboro route 1; and Mrs. Annie Milton, of Millers Creek.

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Wilkes County Tax Rate Is Fixed At \$1.06

Subpoena 411 Witnesses For Election Case Aug. 9

Judge Clement to Preside at August Session Of Court

Election Case Holds Spotlight; About 175 Criminal Cases Pending

NO NEW MURDER CASES Many Misdemeanor Charges Reach Superior Court; Term For Two Weeks

A subpoena was issued Tuesday from the office of C. C. Hayes, Wilkes clerk of superior court, bearing the names of 411 witnesses summoned to appear in court to testify in the Swearingin versus Poplin election suit, wherein Swearingin, Republican, is suing Poplin for title to office as a member of the county board of commissioners.

The 411 named in the subpoena, counsel for Swearingin said, were those who have "sworn on the Bible" that they cast votes for Swearingin in the election held on November 3, whereas the returns from Rock Creek credited him with 341. This represents the contention in the suit, Poplin having been certified as winner of the election by a majority of two votes in a total vote in the county of approximately 15,000. Swearingin claims that his vote in Rock Creek was 342.

While the court is in session with cases accorded other Republican candidates. This battle in the courts, and which has already made a trip to the supreme court on a demurrer decision, has attracted much interest.

Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, presiding over courts of the 17th judicial district for fall terms, will preside over Wilkes court beginning on Monday, August 9. The term is for trial of criminal cases, although the quo warranto election case takes precedence over any other cases before the court.

About 175 cases are pending trial during the term but it is interesting to note that few are charged with felonies and that many misdemeanor charges have been reached the superior court, many by appeals from decisions of magistrates.

No murder case has been docketed for Wilkes court during the past six months, an unusually good record for Wilkes county during recent years.

Hold Local Negro On Theft Charge

Clinton Hackett Bound to Court For Theft of Jim Dancy's Pickup

Clinton Hackett, local colored man who recently saw four months action on the roads for larceny, is again in toils of the law this time for stealing a pickup belonging to Jim Dancy.

He took the pickup from where it was parked on Forester avenue, drove it for some time, and wrecked it on highway 18 in the northern outskirts of this city.

He was tried here Monday in city court, sentenced to four months on the roads for driving while under the influence of liquor, and bound over to superior court on the charge of auto larceny.

D. J. WHITE TO PREACH AT SMITH CHAPEL 15TH

Rev. D. J. White, of Ronda, will preach at Smith Chapel near Union Grove on August 15, that date being near his 76th birthday anniversary. The public is cordially invited to the service, which will begin at 11 o'clock.

Making Progress Placing Crushed Stone Surface On Roads In Wilkes

WPA Engineer Says Better Results Are Being Obtained Than Formerly

OUTSTANDING PROJECT Greater Part of WPA Labor Being Used on County-Wide Road Project

With better cooperation from the highway department and more equipment available Works Progress administration laborers in Wilkes are making rapid progress placing a crushed stone surface on leading secondary roads and school bus routes. It was learned today from T. D. Heffner, division engineer.

Through cooperative effort between the highway commission and the WPA many miles of secondary roads have been placed in condition for all weather travel.

Some rapid progress has been made in surfacing the Brushy Mountain road, work on which is now nearing completion. Three crews have been used, one to construct drainage and shape the grade, one to break out rock and the other to work with the crusher and distribute the stone on the road.

The Cricket-Hendrix road has been surfaced and the road from Mountain View to Liberty Grove has been greatly improved.

The county-wide road project, under the direction of Foreman McGinty, is furnishing employment for many men in the county at present time, no other major projects being under way now.

Inspector Tells About Watershed

Says Those Who Refuse to Construct Privies Will Land In Court

G. S. Odell, county sanitary inspector, said today that any who have not complied with the law requiring sanitary privies on the Reddies River watershed may be haled into superior court.

While the movement to clean up the watershed has met with good support, generally speaking, by the home owners in that territory, there are still a number of people who disregard the law and must be prosecuted if they do not make arrangements immediately to construct a privy of the type approved by the health department, Mr. Odell said.

The discovery of three cases of typhoid in homes on the watershed has renewed activity in the clean-up drive.

Labor for construction of privies will be furnished through the WPA provided materials are placed on the grounds by the home owners.

Upright Rooster Walks Like Man

In the August 1 issue of "The Grit," a nationally known weekly publication printed in Williamsport, Pa., there appeared an article about a member of F. C. (Tom) Forrester's zoo collection. The article follows:

"Stop right up, folks, and see the celebrated Plymouth Rock cock, the only male member of the chicken family that walks like a man! That's about the way a barker at a circus would describe this odd looking rooster that grows tired of his kind always walking around with a lowered head. So he changed the custom and started walking upright. The bird answers to the name of Prince, and is owned by Tom Forrester, of North Wilkesboro, N. C. Mr. Forrester says Prince is perfectly normal in every other respect and has no difficulty in traveling. When he sees he is stuck out like a man. The cock is two years old and is a pet of the family.

Forest Furniture Wins Over W.O.W.

Forest Furniture, of North Wilkesboro, won from W.O.W. in a fast ball game at Clingman Saturday by an 8 to 3 score. Bill Teague let the woodmen down with 5 hits while his team mates got 10 hits off Martin. E. Long and Harding led the hitting for Woodmen while Reavis, E. Wiles and Isenhour led the hitting for the Furniture makers. The Forest Furniture has a fast stepping ball club and the fans will get a treat when they see them in action. There will be a return game at the fairgrounds and a large crowd is expected.

47 Years Of Age; Never Heard Trial

Zeigler, citizen of the Reddies River community, probably has the record for staying at home and attending to his own business.

In a recent conversation with Mr. Snyder it was learned that he had been to the courthouse in Wilkes only twice in his life, once while a young man and again a short time later when he had to go to the county's capital on business in connection with registration for enlistment in the war.

Shober Phillips Will Get \$2,500

Was Severely Injured When Thrown Into Vat of Hot Mash by Moonshiners

A news dispatch from Washington, D. C., yesterday said President Roosevelt had signed a bill to pay Shober Phillips, well known citizen of the Ferguson community, \$2,500 for injuries sustained when he was thrown into a vat of hot mash while aiding federal officers in destroying a moonshiner still and arrest the operators.

The affair took place on May 27, 1934, and Mr. Phillips was severely injured and little hope was held for his recovery for several days after he was burned.

W. N. Alexander Taken By Death

Funeral Service Will Be Held At Liberty Grove Friday Afternoon

William Nelson Alexander, 76, highly esteemed citizen of Rock Creek township, died at his home on North Wilkesboro route 2 Wednesday following a brief illness of paralysis.

He was born July 29, 1861, a son of the late Nelson D. and Mrs. Evaline Brewer Alexander. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Woodruff and to this union were born 11 children, nine of whom survive: Mrs. J. S. Elliott, Knottville; G. M. Alexander, Roaring River; Mrs. W. F. Blackburn, Belva Creek; J. S. Alexander, Wilkesboro; C. C. Alexander, Winston-Salem; Mrs. John W. Goodman, Raleigh; W. A. Alexander, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Bruce K. Jones, Wheeling, W. Va.; Miss Eva Alexander, North Wilkesboro route 2.

Funeral service will be held at Liberty Grove Baptist church Friday afternoon, two o'clock. The body will lie in state at the church from 1:30 to 2:00 and the service will be conducted by Rev. A. B. Hayes and I. C. Woodruff.

New Building Is Going Up Here

Henry Landon Erecting Spacious Building on Ninth Street in This City

Workmen are engaged in construction of a spacious building for Henry Landon on Ninth street, adjacent to the location of his present business location.

Pauger & Allen, contractors, were awarded contract for the building, which will provide much floor space and be of brick and concrete construction.

The lot has been excavated and the foundation for the building is now being poured.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Forester, of Sumpter, S. C., spent from Friday to Monday with their mother, Mrs. W. L. Forester, and other relatives in Wilkes.

Patents New Gun

Hollywood, Cal. . . . Warner Baxter, film star, received a patent for a photo-electric cell attachment for any gun. When attached, the center of the beam of light, cast 100 yards away, can be pierced by the bullet.

Anderson Acting Head of District NCSES Office

Now in Charge of Ten-County District; Hickory Is New Headquarters

James M. Anderson, head of the North Carolina State Employment Service for a five-county district for the past year, has been named as acting manager of the first district under the new district plan.

The first district contains ten counties and headquarters have been set up at Hickory, where Mr. Anderson is temporarily in charge.

However, the office will continue here as in the past but will be a subsidiary of the district office at Hickory and will serve four counties, Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga. Alexander county, formerly served out of the office here, will be served from the Hickory office. No major change is anticipated in the personnel of the North Wilkesboro office.

Fire Department Answers 2 Calls

Fire Threatens Destruction of Shoaf Residence Today; Another Fire

Fire threatened the destruction of the residence of Mrs. R. S. Shoaf on B street today when a bed caught fire but prompt work on the part of the fire department extinguished the flames before much damage was done to the home.

On Tuesday night there was considerable excitement in the city when a chicken house on the premises of J. E. Deans caught fire and was destroyed. The fire department kept the flames from spreading to other property.

Memorial Service For W. R. Savage

Glendale Springs, Ashe county community, will observe with memorial services the passing of Rev. William R. Savage, retired Episcopal rector, there 3 years ago. Citizens of the Wilkesboros, the Jeffersons and the rural citizens plan to join under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Savage's very close friend in life, Rev. John Lake, to memorialize this kind old gentleman's passing with appropriate songs and readings.

The total of the budget for the year as amended and finally adopted calls for \$120,544.03, representing a big decrease from the tentative budget.

Four Cents Under Levy In Past Year; Present Valuation Is Fifteen Millions

Several Items in Tentative Budget Slashed by Commissioners Monday

CAPPITAL OUTLAY CUT Leave Off Heating Plant in General Fund and Sinking Fund Omitted

County-wide tax rate for the ensuing fiscal year was set by the Wilkes county board of commissioners Monday at \$1.06 on each hundred dollars assessed valuation of property, which represents a decrease of 4 cents under the rate of \$1.10 for the year 1936.

However, the rate this year was based on the new valuation of approximately \$15,000,000 as compared with the valuation of approximately \$12,250,000 for the year 1936.

The tax rate of \$1.06 includes an added burden on the county government finances, that being the levy for old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to blind and administrative expense as required by the state social security act passed in the 1937 general assembly, and which made it mandatory that counties levy to pay their share of the various costs.

In reducing the tax rate to \$1.06 the commissioners found it necessary to slash or omit various items in the tentative budget which called for a total expenditure of \$129,334.

Outstanding among the reductions in the budget was the plan for school capital outlay. The tentative budget contained funds for which to erect a school building in Wilkesboro but the budget as finally adopted was greatly reduced on that item.

Another major reduction from the tentative budget was the elimination of a sinking fund of \$15,000.

An item of major expense was left off the general fund budget as finally adopted when it was decided to leave off provisions for a heating plant for the courthouse, estimated to cost \$1,000.

Various other minor reductions were made in order to affect a reduction in the tax rate for the current year.

The \$1.06 tax rate is divided among the different funds as follows:

General fund	.15
Health fund	.05
Poor and emergency relief	.07
Old age assistance	.07
Aid to dependent children	.03
Aid to blind	.04
Administrative cost	.04
Other welfare expense	.03
County-wide debt service	.02
School funding bond fund	.02
School debt service	.05
School capital outlay	.02
Total county-wide rate	\$1.06

The North Wilkesboro township railroad bond fund tax levy was made three cents, which makes the county tax rate in North Wilkesboro township \$1.09 on each hundred dollars assessed valuation of property.

The poll tax was fixed at \$2.00 on each poll, representing a decrease of 50 cents under last year. Of the \$2.00 \$1.50 will go to the school support expenditure and fifty cents to the poor fund.

The dog tax will remain \$1.00 for each male dog, and \$1.00 for each female dog.

The tax law resolution was introduced by Lee Puplin and seconded by R. H. Finley. Mr. P. Adams voted in favor of a county-wide tax rate of \$1.06.

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GRANVILLE DRY
Orford, Aug. 3.—Orford in official return from Granville county's liquor referendum yesterday more than a two-to-one majority tonight. The vote was 787 for liquor stores, 379 against.