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State News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

WINE'S STRONG WINE

Washington, Aug. 10.—Assistant Attorney General Harry Kohn said today that state law prohibits the sale of wine with small pieces of flavoring extracts added and fortified with brandy or alcohol.

HUSBAND SUICIDE

High Point, Aug. 10.—After his wife had refused to withdraw an assault warrant, she had sworn out against him, Bailey E. Deane, 27-year-old textile worker, swallowed a dose of strychnine powder and died, police said today.

HOLD COUNTERFEITER

Charlotte, Aug. 10.—L. O. Padgett, agent in charge, announced today that the federal secret service had arrested Claude Williams, of Knoxville, Tenn., at Asheville on a charge of passing counterfeit \$10 bills in North Carolina and adjoining states.

ESTIMATE YIELD

Washington, Aug. 10.—The agriculture department's August crop production report showed today's wheat yield in the indicated yield of tobacco. Production as of August 1, was estimated at 1,417,014,000 pounds compared with an estimated indicated yield of 1,430,943,000 pounds on July 1.

BIG CROP ESTIMATES

Washington, Aug. 10.—The agriculture department estimated today's corn crop today at 2,457,745,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 890,419,000 bushels. Those forecasts, based on condition of the crops August 1, compare with 2,571,851,000 bushels of corn and 832,387,000 of wheat forecast a month ago from conditions prevailing July 1.

FIND DEAD BODY

Norris, Aug. 10.—The mangled body of a man about 60 years old was found today by the tracks of the Southern Railway near the town of Norris. The man's name was found on a pocket in the man's pocket bore the name of W. L. Gardner and the address, Atlanta, Ga.

PROVIDE FUNDS

Washington, Aug. 10.—The interior department appropriations bill signed today by President Roosevelt provides \$4,500,000 for the Blue Ridge parkway and \$1,500,000 for the Natchez Trace highway. The bill provides that \$40,000 additional shall be available for administrative expenses in connection with additional construction of the Blue Ridge parkway.

FARM INCOME OFF

Raleigh, Aug. 10.—Dean I. O. Schaub, of State college, said today farm income from the sale of crops rose in every South Atlantic state but North Carolina during June. Farmers in this state received \$5,828,000 from their products during that month, Dean Schaub said, basing his figures on a report of the federal bureau of agricultural economics.

PASS COURT BILL

Washington, Aug. 10.—The bill to alter procedure in the lower courts won the final approval today of the senate, which appeared glad to get rid of the six-months controversy about the judiciary. The legislation, a mere shell of the original court reorganizing proposals of President Roosevelt, was embodied in a conference report signed earlier in the day by house and senate conferees. Only the routine approval of the house is necessary before the bill goes to the White House.

BOY LOSES HAND

Greenville, Aug. 10.—Carl Stokes, about 15, lost his right hand this morning when the handle of an automobile driven by Amos Abel, struck it. Sheriff J. A. Whitehurst, investigating the accidental accident, said he was on his way to see how it happened when the boy threw his arm out and his hand struck the handle. The boy was going from a tobacco barn to his home, on the Greenville-Ashley highway, when the accident occurred. He was brought to the hospital here, where hospital attendants said his hand had to be amputated.

Power Lines Will Be Extended Into Four Communities In Wilkes County

Duke Power Company Will Complete Line Eastward On Highway No. 421

PLAN TRAPHILL LINE

Line Eastward on Highway 421 Will Have Branches to Other Sections

Through construction of new power lines by the Duke Power company many homes in Wilkes county this year will be served with electricity for the first time. M. G. Baitner, manager of the local branch of the Duke Power company, said today that a line of about 25 miles extending eastward from Wilkesboro on highway 421 has been approved and will be constructed in a short time.

Branches from this line will extend northward to Clingman and southward into the Windy Gap community, affording electric service to a total of more than 100 homes.

Plans are under way for construction of a line which will extend from the end of the present line near Hays to Traphill. However, the plans are in the preliminary stage but it is hoped that it will be approved and can be constructed soon. Branches from the proposed line would serve other communities in northeastern Wilkes, making a thorough coverage of the more densely populated communities and adding many customers to the system.

The proposed lines and those which have been constructed during the past year denotes great progress in rural electrification in Wilkes county. Mr. Baitner said relative to other communities where the anticipated revenue will justify the expenditure.

As people learn to use electricity adequately, he said, they will find that they can use it profitably in many ways other than for furnishing light.

Jones Coming To Wilkes Monday

Rural Electrification Field Man to Meet With Wilkes Farmers

D. E. Jones, rural electrification field worker of the extension service, will spend Monday, August 16, in Wilkes county. Although great progress has been made in extension of power lines in Wilkes there are still some central communities which have not been reached and Mr. Jones will confer with several groups relative to proposed lines.

Home Coming At Blue Ridge Held

The annual home coming was held at Blue Ridge Aug. 8th. The service opened with a devotional period led by Lee J. Church, followed by a program given by the young people of the Vacation Bible School.

After this Mr. M. M. Phillips took charge of the singing. Chorus from Big Ivy, Yellow Hill and Hickory and a quartet from Hickory participated. The afternoon was devoted to plans for building a new church house. Hon. Ira T. Johnston acted as chairman and Dr. B. B. Dougherty and Prof. T. E. Story delivered inspiring addresses on this subject followed by a profound and stirring address by Judge Johnson J. Hayes.

Boys See Washington

Three Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Miller, M. A. Beshears, Jr., and D. F. Beshears, Jr., have just returned from a trip with the Jr. Y. M. C. A. boys of High Point. Mr. Edgar Hartley, Y. secretary, personally conducts these trips, visiting a number of historical places in Virginia, Mt. Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, Washington Monument, the federal buildings, museums, airport, zoo and Echo Park; and returning through the Shenandoah Valley.

Complete Arrangements For Opening of Schools Monday, August 30, Is Date Fixed To Open System

Urged That All Children Be Present on Opening Day of 1937-1938 Term

TEXTBOOKS TO BE FREE

Basic Textbooks For Elementary Grades Free; to Kent Extra Readers

Arrangements are rapidly being completed for opening of Wilkes county schools on Monday, August 30, it was learned today from C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools.

A uniform opening date is planned in order to facilitate the various phases of business in connection with the school system, particularly the free textbook system for the elementary grades, to go into effect this year for the first time in the state. Contracts for transportation and for furnishing fuel have already been executed and details requisite to school opening are being arranged as rapidly as possible. Another successful school year is anticipated.

Supt. Eller urged in an interview today that parents make a special effort to send every child of school age on the first day. This will insure early distribution of textbooks and the children will have an even start. While basal textbooks will be rented without cost to children in the elementary grades this year, there will be another added feature to the school system in that supplementary readers will be rented for a small fee and grades supplementary readers are requirements of a standard school and Supt. Eller explained that this year will be the first time that rural schools in Wilkes will have had the opportunity to use supplementary readers. However, the rental charge of these supplementary readers will be small and it is hoped that people will cooperate fully and take advantage of this forward step in education in the rural communities.

High school textbooks will be rented for one-third the retail price, the same as last year.

4 Sisters Killed By Lightning As They String Weed

Creedmoor, Aug. 10.—Shock from lightning instantly killed four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hester, of Creedmoor, about 4 o'clock this afternoon while they were stringing tobacco at the Hester farm, one mile north of town on the Oxford highway.

The girls were working together on one side of a bench, across from their father, their brother, Joe, and Roy Mangum and Gene Rogers, their cousins, when lightning struck nearby. None of the girls were hurt. They were dead when relatives rushed to them.

Details Are Lacking

It was not immediately learned where the lightning struck. The dead are Maurice, 24; Vivian Mae, 19; Mary Swain, 16, and Edith, 13. They had been riding from their Creedmoor home to the prosperous Hester farm each day.

The eldest of the four girls was a teacher in the Stem school, and Vivian Mae recently completed a business course at a Raleigh commercial school. The young girls attended the Creedmoor school.

The bodies of the sisters showed no effect from the shock, persons who viewed them after they were brought to Creedmoor said. Funeral arrangements were not made immediately.

Though it had begun to rain, the Hesters and their cousins had not left their work when the girls were killed. A wagon was standing nearby but there was no other near shelter, according to reports.

The Hesters, a well-to-do family, had lived here for a number of years.

Federal Officers Take Paul Pruitt

Large Still Is Raided Near Traphill Sunday; Pruitt's Bond Is Set \$1,000

Paul Pruitt, resident of the Traphill vicinity, was arrested by federal officers in a still raid Sunday and following a hearing before J. W. Dula, United States commissioner, in Wilkesboro he was placed under bond of \$1,000 for appearance in the November term of federal court.

The still was said to have been one of the largest located by the officers in several months and large quantities of materials for manufacture of illicit liquor were destroyed.

These Animals Valuable On Farm



"Betty," left, 14 years old, and sister "Betty," almost 18 years old, have yielded 127 tons milk, raised large families, won showing honors, but are still on the job as producers in F. L. Obermyer's Jersey herd, Glendale, Arizona.

Public Library Circulation Is Good In County

Central Library Here Has Loaned Books to 3,600 Since Established

The Wilkes county public library, established only a few months ago, is rapidly growing in popularity and so far the central library here, exclusive of six branches in rural sections, has loaned books to a total of 3,600 people. The estimated number of books loaned by the branches would increase the circulation to around 5,000.

The library was established as a project of the Wilkes county council of social agencies. Book donations and donations of cash as membership fees in the county library association have made possible a good collection of books.

Another great aid in the rapid growth of the library has been the cooperation of the state library commission, which has loaned books to the library for three-months use with no cost to the library except transportation to and from Raleigh.

However, there have been a number of incidental expenses, including express charges on books, and a rental shelf of the latest and most desirable fiction is needed.

Meanwhile book donations or cash contributions will be appreciated. Anyone may become a member in the library association by a book or cash donation of not less than 25 cents. Use of the library is not confined to members of the association.

Wilkes Teachers To Meet Aug. 28

Will Be On Saturday Before Schools in the County Open on Monday

Wilkes county teachers will meet for the first time for the 1937-38 school term on Saturday, August 28. Schools will open on the following Monday, August 30. The meeting will be held at the school building in Wilkesboro, and attendance of all who are to teach in Wilkes schools this year is required.

Principals will meet with C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, on August 26, to go over plans for school administration this year and to receive supplies.

Friendship Revival

Rev. Marvin Mann will assist the pastor, Rev. D. L. Barnhardt, in a revival meeting to begin on Sunday, August 16, at Friendship Methodist church near Millers Creek. The public is cordially invited to attend the revival services during the week.

Marriage Licenses

Licenses to wed were issued during the past week by Registrar of Deeds Old Wilkes to the following: Claude Eddie Combs and Oelle Ruth Siskman, both of Patton's Ridge; Woodrow Roberts and Edna Wyatt, both of Riddles River.

Many Offenders Are Sentenced In Court This Week; Four Sent to Pen

Term of 8 to 10 Years Given Negroes on Highway Robbery Charge

CLEMENT ON BENCH

Three Get Extra Time For Stealing Meat From the County Home

The longest sentence meted out in Wilkes court this week by Judge J. H. Clement was not less than 8 nor more than 10 years in the state penitentiary for Robert Hill, Seal Yancy, Major Bevels and Ammon Turner, colored men, convicted of highway robbery and assault on Henderson Hackett, another colored man. Hackett was robbed in this city by the quartet several months ago.

Phillip Parks, convicted of stealing from Carey Glass, drew a sentence of two years on the roads.

James Wesley Hall, who had been the source of almost continual worry to enforcement officers, was sentenced to 24 months on the roads for larceny of an automobile.

Ruby Jones was sentenced to three months in jail for larceny of an automobile belonging to a resident of Taylorsville.

Two divorces have been granted during the term, one in the case of M. A. Wellborn versus Beessie Wellborn and the other in the case of Vencie Provette versus D. H. Provette.

The manslaughter charge against Arthur Hagar, indicted in connection with a fatal automobile accident a few years ago, was dismissed.

In the case of Jack Martin, colored, who entered a plea to the charge of assault with death, the court ordered judgment was continued on payment of cost.

Stanley Adams was sentenced to 30 days in jail for violation of the prohibition law, such as not to be issued if cost is paid by the November term.

Three defendants received sentences for stealing meat from the county home when they ran away from that institution, having been sentenced at a previous term to work there. Ernest Amley drew six months work at the county jail; Numa Porter four months work at the county home; and Charlie McGlassary four months on the roads.

For failure to support minor children and for abandonment Thurman Steelman was sentenced to 12 months and six months on the roads, the sentences to run concurrently.

Mack Gant was sentenced to 18 months on the roads.

Announce Revival At Goshen Church

Rev. S. I. Watts, pastor, has announced that a revival will begin on Sunday night, August 15, eight o'clock, at Goshen Baptist church. He will be assisted in the revival by Rev. Finley C. Watts. The public is cordially invited.

To Begin Revival At Lewis Church

Rev. W. N. Hayes, pastor, has announced that a revival will begin on Sunday, August 16, at Lewis Baptist church. Services will be held at 10:30 a. m. and eight o'clock p. m. The public has a cordial invitation to attend. Rev. Lester Younger will assist the pastor in the meeting.

Chief Attends Firemen's Meet

C. G. Day, chief of the North Wilkesboro fire department, returned today from the state firemen's convention held at Greensboro. He reported successful sessions.

Erecting New Home

Material has been placed on the grounds preparatory to beginning work on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Grimes. The new residence, of brick veneer construction, will be erected near the junction of Highway 421, 24 and 18 in Wilkesboro.