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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

PURE POLITICS

Indianapolis, Aug. 20.—James A. Farley, Democratic national chairman, told the Young Democrats of America tonight reports of a rift in the Democratic party are "pure politics, nothing but politics, and to my mind, stupid politics."

PATROLMAN KILLED

Raleigh, Aug. 22.—George Penn, about 25, a state highway patrolman, was found fatally injured on a road near Asheville tonight. Captain Charles D. Farmer, head of the highway patrolmen, said the officer had been shot three times and beaten over the head with a blunt instrument.

TWO SENTENCED

Burnsville, Aug. 20.—Phillip Ray and Otis Chase, of Burnsville, convicted in superior court here today of second-degree murder in the death of James Higgins, in a gun battle last May 8, were sentenced at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Judge Felix E. Alley. Ray was given 12 years and Chase was given seven. Both entered appeals.

JUSTIN MILLER

Washington, Aug. 20.—President Roosevelt made further progress today in his program for injecting new and liberal blood in the federal judiciary by sending to the Senate for confirmation the appointment of Justin Miller, formerly dean of the Duke University Law School at Durham, as associate justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to succeed the late Justice Van Orsdel.

BURY WAGE BILL

Washington, Aug. 19.—By a strange campaign of "passive resistance," southerners in the House of Representatives buried the administration's wage and hour bill deeper than ever tonight in the dusty files of Congress. Advocates of the labor measure called a caucus of members in an effort to pass a resolution forcing the House rules committee to stop blocking the measure.

U. S. BUYING LAND

Washington, Aug. 22.—Government land experts had \$10,000,000 today to buy barren acres in the "dust bowl" and other farm areas. On the land they hope to grow grass that eventually will hide the scars of the plow, droughts and "black blizzards." One of the final acts of Congress was to provide \$20,000,000 to begin a farm tenancy program. Half the funds were earmarked for purchase and improvement of sub-marginal lands.

ROOSEVELT HEARD

Indianapolis, Aug. 20.—President Roosevelt's wife and son, James, shared the platform today at opening sessions of the third biennial convention of the Young Democratic clubs of America. Nearly 10,000 members of the organization that has aided the President's two campaigns, panting and perspiring in a scorching hot hall, shouted approval of James Roosevelt's keynote speech and Mrs. Roosevelt's adjuration to "work at being patriotic citizens."

ORDER MAN HELD

Erwin, Aug. 21.—A coroner's jury today ordered Eldridge Sasso, of Erwin, held for the grand jury in the death of John Arnold Harnett county negro, who was struck down and fatally injured by an automobile last night. The coroner's jury's verdict read: "We find that John Arnold came to his death by being run over by Eldridge Sasso who was driving in a careless and reckless manner, who refused to stop and offer aid, who was under the influence of liquor and who was driving without a driver's license."

CONGRESS ADJOURNS

Washington, Aug. 21.—Congress adjourned tonight, emboldened to the last in a spectacular warfare between fighting factions of the Democratic party. After eight months of furious wrangling the weary legislators returned homeward, wondering if the party's once solid majorities had been split beyond repair. They wondered, too, whether they would be summoned back into special session this fall to deal with problems left unsettled, and, if so, pessimistically predicted that the intra-party war would go on then, from where it stopped today.

Send Back Several Cases to Justices From August Term Of Wilkes Court

Solicitor Deplores Congestion of Docket by the Many Frivolous Matters

FEW CASES PENDING

Docket Now in Best Shape in Several Years; Many Cases Are Tried

Solicitor John R. Jones "cracked down" on frivolous cases on the docket on the August term of Wilkes superior court and with the cooperation of Judge J. H. Clement referred about 25 cases back to magistrates for disposition.

In commenting on the situation, Solicitor Jones said that at least one fourth of the cases which reach the superior court docket have no business there. Some cases, he said, are bound over by the magistrate when he has jurisdiction to make final disposition and some are appeals from decisions of magistrates. Some examples of the frivolous cases which help to congest the docket are simple trespass, disputes over boundary lines, simple assault, drunkenness, petty larceny and other misdemeanors over which a magistrate has jurisdiction.

Many cases deemed without merit went off the docket by the nol pro tute. These, together with those remanded to the justices and the many which were tried, cut down to docket to the lowest number of cases pending in several years. A few cases were continued by consent because of illness of one or more attorneys employed.

Following is the record of the last cases tried:

- George Bawlow, seduction, three months at county home.
- John Lomon, seduction, three months at county home.
- Charlie Miller, P. & A., mistrial.
- Artis Gentry, bastardy, pay attorney fees and five dollars monthly for support of child.
- Charlie Miller, driving drunk, 60 days on roads.
- Sherman Wyatt, seduction, judgment by consent to pay sum of \$550, \$50 per month for support of child, also to pay attorney fees and extradition costs.
- The demurrer filed in the civil action of Town of Wilkesboro, through its mayor W. E. Harris, and R. R. Reins, Joe R. Barber, C. E. Lenderman, and L. B. Dula, commissioners, P. L. Lenderman, tax collector and chief of police, Mrs. O. F. Blevins, widow of O. F. Blevins, town clerk and treasurer, and Russell Hendren, superintendent of water, vs. J. F. Jordan, W. A. Stroud, J. R. Henderson, W. E. Mmihay, C. A. Lowe, C. T. Doughton, J. M. Bumgarner and J. T. Prevetie, was overruled by Judge Clement, and counsel for the defendants gave notice of appeal to the supreme court.

Furches Pruitt Is Found Dead

Coroner Says Man Near This City Died From Natural Causes

Furches Pruitt, age 65, who lived alone near this city in the Reddies River valley, was found dead beside the road about one mile from his home early Saturday morning by Jim Osborne, who happened to pass that way.

Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the death and without an inquest pronounced it from natural causes, said Pruitt's head was resting on a bag of groceries which he apparently was carrying to his home. It was learned that he frequently was afflicted with heart attacks. Mr. Myers said there was no indication of foul play.

The body was taken to the home of his brother, Avery Pruitt, in this city, to await funeral service held Monday afternoon at Center church. The only other surviving member of his family is one sister, Mrs. Samantha Billings.

Revs. Monroe Dillard and J. E. Hayes conducted the last rites.

Organize For 1938 Campaign



Washington, D. C. . . . Republican National Committee Women from 15 states met here with John Hamilton, Republican National Committee Chairman, to begin organization work throughout the country for the 1938 Congressional campaign.

Hold Negro For Assault Attempt On Girl, Woman

Sex-Crazed Negro Attempts Attack On Girl, Age 12 and Woman

Eugene Vannoy, alias Eugene Johnson, was sentenced to two years on the roads today in the city court here on two charges of attempted assault on a female.

Vannoy, colored Wilkesboro resident who only a few months ago was released from prison after serving six years for rape of a colored girl, is said to have attempted to force an attack on Mona Dillard, age 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dillard, who live between the Wilkesboro.

The attempted attack took place in a cornfield near the old abandoned swimming pool but the girl escaped from him by running to the highway. That occurred on Thursday.

On Saturday he is said to have accosted Mrs. Chessie Jarvis as she was walking along the railroad near the Lower Yarkin bridge. She likewise made her escape.

The negro denied the allegations but it is understood that both of his intended victims positively identified him.

Cites Law About Dog Vaccination

Dr. Eller Says Many Dog Owners Are Violating State Law in Wilkes

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes county health officer, today expressed appreciation to the many people whom he said have cooperated so well with the movement to have all dogs vaccinated against rabies but said he deplored the fact that many are neglecting to have their dogs vaccinated in complete disregard of the letter and spirit of the law passed to protect people from a dreaded and awful disease.

He again called attention to the fact that dog owners who do not have their dogs immunized are violating a state law and would be liable for damage done by their dogs if they should have hydrophobia.

Two Stolen Cars Found Near Here

Patrol Effective in Locating Two Purloined Automobiles in Week

A car belonging to Jesse Lowry, of Boone, stolen from the Blue Ridge Parkway grade near Deep Gap, recently, was found Saturday by a member of the highway patrol between Moravian Falls and Boomer on highway 18. The car had been abandoned.

So far the car found on the road near Kilby's Gap by Sergeant W. B. Lentz has not been claimed.

Efforts are being made to secure the official postal designation of "Treasure Island" for a station at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.

Fruit Growers Enjoy Picnic On Friday At Noon

John W. Goodman, assistant director of the North Carolina extension service, J. Gordon Hackett, eighth division highway commissioner, M. E. Gardner, head of the horticulture division of the extension service and others addressed the annual picnic of Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers association held Friday at Pine Ridge picnic grounds near Moravian Falls.

Robert Morehouse, president, presided over the meeting, which began at 10:30. Following the program the ladies arranged a bountiful picnic dinner for which their reputation is far flung and deserved.

Mr. Goodman talked privately of resources, including the various material resources, and concluded with remarks about "the greatest resource of all"—people. He told how the conservation and development of the various farm resources lead to a better citizenship.

Mr. Hackett spoke briefly but in a very entertaining manner about various subjects, placing emphasis on education and roads. He reiterated in the course of his address his pledge to use every effort to place school bus routes in condition for all weather travel in order that children will not miss school or be late because the bus is "stuck in the mud."

While Mrs. Perry Lowe was in charge of a special program for the ladies Mr. Gardner told some facts about agricultural research, showing that 43 other states expend more money yearly for research work than North Carolina, notwithstanding the fact that agriculture is the state's greatest industry. He pointed to the fruit growers' successful efforts to secure an appropriation for a research station as a pioneer step toward a general demand that the state provide for more, research work for agriculture.

He also went further in his discussion of fruit growing and more especially the research station soon to be constructed in the Brushies, which he said are now being recognized by the greatest authorities as one of the leading fruit producing areas in the nation.

The extension service, he said, is leaving no stone unturned in the search for a person best suited by training and experience to man the station and conduct the research work, which is destined to prove of great value to the orchardists in fighting pests and diseases. The station will be adequately equipped with laboratory facilities.

The Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers association is now 12 years of age and was mentioned in the meeting as the only organization of its kind which has continued to function and progress. The picnic is an annually anticipated event which brings to light the unparalleled cooperation that exists between the citizens who are so successfully gaining their livelihood from the soil through the apple trees of the famous thermal belt on the Brushy Mountains.

It has been suggested that the Fruit Growers have their annual picnic next year during apple blossom time.

Judge of Forsyth County Court To Referee Case Swaringen vs. Poplin

Girl Is Injured When Hit by Auto Near Courthouse

Miss Ruth Johnson In Hospital; Hickory Man Is Lodged In Jail

Ruth Johnson, 13-year-old daughter of Felix Johnson, of Goshen, is in a critical condition at the Wilkes hospital and Thad Walston Matkin, of Hickory, is in Wilkes jail as a result of an automobile accident in Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon.

The accident happened directly in front of the county courthouse when the girl started across the street and was hit by the car driven by Matkin. She was knocked and dragged about 50 feet and her injuries include a broken leg, severe cuts and bruises and possible internal injuries. Matkin and his companion, a woman from Hickory, were lodged in Wilkes jail and the woman made bond. He is being held pending the outcome of the girl's injuries.

Officers who took charge of Matkin following the accident said that he was under the influence of liquor and a small quantity of liquor was found in his car. Observers said that the car was traveling at a high rate of speed when it struck the girl.

District Meeting Masons on Friday

Officers Conference in Afternoon and General Meeting At Night

District Masonic meeting of Wilkesboro district number 33 will be held in the hall of North Wilkesboro lodge number 407 on Friday, August 27, at 3:30 in the afternoon and eight o'clock at night.

The meeting at 3:30 will be an officers' conference and officers of all lodges in the district are urged to be present.

The meeting at night will be for all Masons. Grand Master Watson Sherod, Grand Secretary John Anderson and George Bennett, superintendent of the Masonic and Eastern Star home at Greensboro, will be present. A large attendance of Masons is desired.

W. H. H. Waugh, master of the North Wilkesboro lodge, has issued a special invitation for all members of the lodge to attend the district meeting.

Kiwanians Here Hear K. M. Allen

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in regular meeting Friday noon heard K. M. Allen talk in a most interesting manner about "Schoolhouse Planning." Mr. Allen told about plans by which a number of school buildings in the county have been constructed.

J. R. Hix was in charge of the program, presenting William Moore, who rendered two violin numbers, and Mr. Allen, who addressed the club.

Gordon Finley was a guest of his father, A. A. Finley, and Luther Story, of Cleveland, Ohio, was a guest of his brother, T. E. Story.

Exhibit palaces for the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition on San Francisco Bay are laid out on a "step-saving" ground plan.

A. G. HENDREN IS VERY ILL

A. G. Hendren, Wilkes farm demonstration agent, has been very ill since Thursday night. While attending a meeting in Greensboro Thursday he was suddenly stricken and was transported to a hospital. On Saturday he was brought to the Wilkes hospital, where he is now a patient. His condition is described as serious.

Named to Supreme Court



Washington, D. C. . . . Senator Hugo L. Black, Democrat of Alabama, was nominated by President Roosevelt to fill the Supreme Court vacancy created by the retirement of Associate Justice Willis Van Devanter.

Mail Route Three To Begin Service On September 1st

Postmaster Urges That Patrons Erect Boxes Before New Route Is Started

Mail route number 3 from North Wilkesboro postoffice will begin service on September 1. This route will leave North Wilkesboro at eight a. m. and will be by way of the lower Yarkin bridge, serving the territory served by the discontinued offices of Straw, Hunting Creek, Lorraine and Windy Gap. Offices of Spurgeon and Call will also be discontinued on September 1 and the territory now served by them will be served by the rural route.

On August 31 the star route to Windy Gap will be discontinued with the return trip from this office. The star route now in operation between North Wilkesboro and Statesville will be stopped at Union Grove.

J. C. Reins, North Wilkesboro postmaster, advised that those who have been receiving mail service at the offices that are being discontinued and on the star routes have been requested to erect boxes and give him a list of patrons. In order that there be no interruption in service the postmaster urges that boxes be erected at once and that a list of the patrons be furnished him.

Stokes Hunt, North Wilkesboro route 2 carrier, will begin as carrier on route 3 while route 2 will be carried by P. E. Church, at present substitute carrier for both route 1 and route 2. The appointment is expected to be made later from the eligible list from the civil service examination here, at which time examination was given to 36 applicants.

Wildcat Veterans Form District Den

A large number of Veterans of the 81st or Wildcat Division met at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, at Hotel Wilkes in North Wilkesboro and organized a District Den of Division Association.

The meeting was presided over by Jas. E. Cahall, National Adjutant, of Washington, D. C.

The Charter was filled with the names of veterans of the 81st and the district will comprise the counties of Wilkes, Ashe, Surry, Watauga, Yadkin and Alleghany.

John W. Hall, of North Wilkesboro, was elected District Commander, Lonny F. Walker, of Elkin, district senior vice commander, and Grady F. Miller, of North Wilkesboro, district adjutant. It was decided to hold monthly meetings in different cities of the several counties of the district. Every veteran who served with the 81st or Wildcat Division at any time is invited to join and is requested to send in his name and address to John W. Hall, North Wilkesboro.

The State Reunion of the Veterans will be held in High Point, October 25 to 27.

O. O. Efirid Named By Judge Clement Friday In Court

Exceptions Filed By Attorneys For Both Swaringen and Poplin

AMENDMENT REFUSED

Judge Does Not Allow Plaintiff To File Amendment To Complaint

O. O. Efirid, judge of Forsyth county court, was appointed by Judge J. H. Clement Friday to referee the case of D. B. Swaringen, Republican, suing Leet Poplin, Democrat, for title to office as a member of the Wilkes county board of commissioners.

Judge Clement on opening day of the August term of Wilkes court on August 9 referred the case on his own motion because of the number of witnesses to be heard, estimated at attorneys for both sides at 600.

Both sides filed exception to Judge Clement's order referring the case and asked for trial by jury on the issue of who was elected county commissioner in the election on November 3, 1936.

The attorneys for Swaringen are C. G. Gilreath and J. H. Whicker, of the Wilkes bar, and W. M. Allen, of Elkin. Poplin's attorneys are Eugene Trivette and W. H. McElwee, of the Wilkes bar.

When the matter was brought up prior to court adjournment Friday counsel for Swaringen sought to file an amendment to the complaint.

Judge Clement sustained objection to the defendant to filing the complaint amendment.

The amendment consisted of a list of additional allegations of fraud in the election, claiming over 300 votes cast illegally for Poplin, particularly non-residents, under age votes, voting twice and markers marking county ballots Democratic who were instructed by the voters to mark them Republican.

In the order appointing Judge Efirid referee December 17, 1937, was set as the latest date on which the referee is allowed to make his report to the court.

Wm. L. Kelly, 74, Funeral on Friday

Funeral service was held here Friday afternoon for William Louis Kelly, age 74, who died Thursday night at his home in High Point following an extended illness.

Mr. Kelly, who was widely and favorably known, was born in Davidson county, later making his home in Yadkin and Ashe counties before moving to North Wilkesboro, where he lived for 14 years. He made his home in High Point for the past twelve years.

He is survived by the following children: Miss Margaret Kelly, of Raleigh; Mrs. G. W. Gyer, Mrs. D. B. Harris and James E. Kelly, of High Point; Robert H. Kelly, in the U. S. Navy; Charles F. Kelly and W. P. Kelly, Wilkes county accountants of North Wilkesboro. Also surviving is one brother, J. C. Kelly, of Winston-Salem.

Dr. R. B. Templeton, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, conducted the funeral service, held at Reins-Sturdivant chapel, and burial was in Greenwood cemetery here.

Dr. Chamberlain Located In City

Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, formerly of Mount Airy, has established a dental office on the second floor of the Horton Drug store building.

Dr. Chamberlain comes to North Wilkesboro highly recommended. He is a graduate of Atlanta Southern Dental College.

Two young men in a kayak recently set some sort of record by paddling from San Francisco's famous Embarcadero to the island site of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition.