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OPEN ROAD BIDS SOON Raleigh, Aug. 27.—W. Vance Baise, chief highway engineer, announced today the state highway commission would open bids September 14 on approximately 10 road projects.

FOUR BILLIONS Washington, Aug. 27.—The government has disbursed more than a billion dollars during the last four years in efforts to improve the income of cotton farmers, a survey showed today.

TOBACCO 23 CENTS Tarboro, Aug. 27.—L. W. House, of the tobacco board of trade, gave an unofficial estimate of 50,000 pounds sold here today for an average of 23 cents a pound.

SNYDER RECOVERING Elkin, Aug. 27.—Thurmond Snyder, 26, formerly of State Road, north of Elkin, but more recently of Galax, Va., was reported today at a hospital here where he was being treated for serious bullet wounds.

SPUDS FOR NEEDY Raleigh, Aug. 27.—Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of the state board of charities and public welfare, has just received authority from the federal surplus commodities corporation to purchase for their account up to 1,500,000 pounds of North Carolina sweet potatoes for distribution to needy persons in this state and throughout the nation.

PRINT MAGAZINE Raleigh, Aug. 27.—The state department of conservation and development will publish monthly a magazine of "pictorial current events in North Carolina." B. Bruce Etheridge, director, said today. The first issue of the magazine, to be financed by the state's \$250,000 advertising program, will be released next month. It will contain 32 pages.

MAN FOUND DEAD Barnesville, Aug. 27.—D. L. Floyd, 52, Robeson county farmer, was found dead in his automobile at the home of his brother, D. F. Floyd, with whom he was making his home here last night. Members of the family noticed him drive his car into the yard. When he did not enter the house they went to search, finding him in the car dead. There was no indication of foul play. A physician attributed death to heart failure.

MAINTAIN RIGHTS Washington, Aug. 27.—The United States informed both China and Japan today that, regardless of their savage conflict, this country intends to maintain all its rights and privileges in the orient. A formal note notified both powers that they will be held strictly accountable if American citizens are injured, or American property damaged, as the result of their military operations in China.

SHE IS BAD LUCK Pinckneyville, Ill., Aug. 27.—A year ago, Rev. Albert Wright and his son, Dean, 15, were killed when an Illinois Central train struck their automobile on a grade crossing at Winkle, north of here. Mrs. Wright subsequently married again. Today, her second husband, Grover Taylor, and his sons, Dean, 19, and William, 17, were killed by an I. C. train which struck their car at the same crossing.

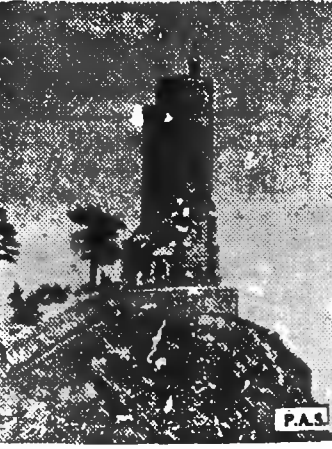
TAXES \$15,000,000 Pittsburgh, Aug. 27.—Tax attorneys estimated today that the federal inheritance tax on the estate of Andrew W. Mellon would exceed \$15,000,000 and may run as high as \$35,000,000. An attaché of the register of wills office, which will collect the tax for the state, said the estate of the former secretary of the treasury would probably exceed that of his brother, B. B. Mellon, which has arranged to pay the state approximately \$900,000.

According to a treaty with Mexico, America's migratory song birds, such as mockingbirds, robins and buntings cannot legally be sold as cage birds or to zoos and other scientific institutions.

Foreclosure 1934 Tax Certificates Now Under Way

County Attorney Begins Proceedings To Collect On Certificates W. H. McElwee, Wilkes county attorney, has begun foreclosure proceedings on land sale certificates for taxes due the county in 1934. The county has many tax certificates totaling several thousand dollars for that year and it is understood that foreclosure proceedings will go forward on all the certificates according to law. During the past few days complaints have been drawn and suits have been instituted in court.

Will Rogers Memorial



Colorado Springs, Colo. . . . The Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun, where one of the West's most colorful rodeos, "The Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo," will be held in September.

Farmers To Hear State Seed Law Explained Sept. 11

J. W. Woodside and T. A. Holcomb Will Be Speakers at Wilkes Meet Farmers of Wilkes county have been invited to meet at Wilkesboro on September 11, 3 p. m., to hear representatives of the N. C. Department of Agriculture and the N. C. Crop Improvement Association explain the benefits of the new State Seed Law, it was announced today.

"The Value of Using Seed of Known Origin" will be the theme of the meeting and plans are to show a motion picture illustrating the necessity of using pure seed. "Similar meetings will be held in 39 other counties between now and September 11, and growers interested in better farming practices will find these meetings of vital importance," it was announced.

Speakers on the program to be held at Wilkesboro will be J. W. Woodside and T. A. Holcomb. In addition to explaining the new law and brief talks on the prevention of seed dumping in North Carolina, the services offered the farmers by the Department of Agriculture's seed laboratory free of charge will be outlined.

Under the present law, any farmer may send seed to the Department at Raleigh and obtain correct information as to purity and germination without cost.

"The program for the Department of Agriculture calls for the elimination of impure seed in North Carolina, insofar as possible and the individual complaints of the seed purchasers and seed growers will be aired at the meeting and the co-operation of all farmers will be asked, looking toward the betterment of agriculture in North Carolina," D. S. Coltrane, assistant to Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott, said.

Sailor Killed When Ship Was Hit



Shanghai, China . . . Freddie John Falgout, 21-year old season of Raceland, La. (insert), was killed by a piece of shrapnel that hit the deck of the United States Cruiser Augusca in the Whangpoo river, off Shanghai. This made the fourth American death here.

Judge Efird Says He Will Begin Hearing In Wilkes Election Case On Or About First Day in October

Thad Walston Matkin, of Hickory, driver of a car which hit and seriously injured Miss Ruth Johnson, 13, in Wilkesboro on August 21, waived preliminary hearing and filed bond of \$1,000 for appearance at the next term of Wilkes criminal court. Miss Johnson, a patient at the Wilkes hospital, is improving, according to reports of her condition today.

Entrance Age For School Children Is Set By State Law

Attention is called to Section 22-1-2 of the 1937 school law. This section is as follows: "Children to be entitled to enrollment in the public schools for the school year one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven-thirty-eight, and each year thereafter, must be six years of age on or before October first of the year in which they enroll, and must enroll during the first month of the school year."

Fairgrounds Are Placed In Shape For Coming Fair

During the past few days work of placing the fairgrounds in condition for the Great North-western Fair to be held September 14 through 18 has been underway. The largest crowds in the history of fairs in North Wilkesboro are expected on the five big days and nights of the gala event and everything is being made ready for their entertainment.

School Bus Drivers Required To Pass Examination By Patrolman

Sergeant Lentz Calls Attention to Law Passed By Assembly This Year School bus drivers in addition to driving license must have a certificate issued by the Highway Patrol, it was learned this morning from W. B. Lentz, sergeant who heads the patrol in this district. Under a law passed by the legislature this year school bus drivers, state or contract, must pass an examination given by a highway patrolman. If the driver passes the examination he will be given a certificate to that effect.

Funeral Service For Martha Byrd

Last rites were conducted Friday at Round Mountain for Mrs. Martha Byrd, age 93, widow of the late W. M. Byrd, of that community. Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Jake Hawkins, W. P. Byrd, of High Point; Mrs. Emmanuel Shumate, of Roaring River; and Mrs. Alice Byrd, of Elkin.

J. H. Whicker, Jr. Gets Law License

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Driver License Are Issued Here 3 Days Weekly

Examinations Will Be Given Only on Days Set by Patrol Sergeant Sergeant W. B. Lentz, head of the highway patrol in this district, announced here today that parts of three days have been set aside for giving examinations and taking applications for driver license at the office of the chief of police, where the patrol maintains headquarters.

The days and hours for giving examinations and taking applications are Monday 11 a. m. to two p. m.; Wednesday afternoon; Saturday 11 a. m. to two p. m. The myriad duties of the patrolmen make it impossible to take applications at any and all times and it is hoped that the public will cooperate by observing the hours set out above.

School Opening September Sixth In N. Wilkesboro

Pupils Will Return to Rooms Occupied Last Year For Instructions The North Wilkesboro City Schools will begin the 1937-38 session on Monday morning, September 6th, at 8:40 o'clock. Children who attended the City schools last session and who are to be in the first seven grades this year are requested to go Monday morning to the classrooms they occupied last year.

From these rooms the promotion lists will be read and then the pupils will be directed to their respective classrooms for the ensuing session. It is important that these instructions be carried out to the letter to avoid confusion. Pupils who did not attend the city school last year but who this year are to enter grades one through five are to assemble in the auditorium at 8:40 o'clock Monday morning, and there directions will be given for their classification. This applies to all first grade children as well as those in grades two, three, four, and five who did not attend the North Wilkesboro schools last year.

All high school pupils, grades eight through eleven, are to assemble in the hall of the high school building Monday morning and there be directed to certain rooms for classification. All high school pupils who did not attend the City schools last year are asked to report to the office Friday morning, September 3rd, at 9:00 o'clock. Such pupils will greatly expedite their report cards from the school last attended.

The formal opening of the elementary school will be held in the auditorium Wednesday morning September 8, at 9:00 o'clock. The high school grades will hold their formal opening Thursday morning, September 9, at 9:00 o'clock. The public is estimated at \$200. (Continued on page five)

Herman Johnson Escapes Holdup

Local Taxi Driver Accuses Howard Petty of Holdup Attempt Friday Herman Johnson, local taxi operator, told here Friday about an attempted holdup and wreck in Alleghany county early Friday morning, about two o'clock. Johnson said that Howard C. Petty, who is employed on a Parkway project, called him here and asked that he take him to where he was boarding on the Blue Ridge near the Wilkes-Alleghany line.

Having known Petty for some time and suspecting nothing, Johnson made the trip but when he reached the point where Petty was supposed to stop he poked something in his side, which he presumed to be a gun, and ordered that he drive on. Within a few miles of Sparta on highway 18 Johnson slowed his car before a home where he knew the occupants and was intending to jump, he said, when his car struck a car parked beside the road. After the crash he jumped from the car and ran. He did not see Petty again. The damage to Johnson's car was estimated at \$200.

Susan Adams, Age 83, Claimed by Death

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Fairplains church for Mrs. Susan Adams, age 83, who died Tuesday. The surviving children are Mrs. Vander Key, W. W. Adams, Mrs. Charity Waddell and J. W. Adams, of North Wilkesboro route 1, and M. F. Adams, of Winston-Salem.

Thousands Back In School Today For 1937-38 Term

Prospects Bright For Successful Year Among County Schools All schools in the Wilkes county system opened today with bright prospects for a successful year.

The greater part of the day in the schools was devoted to distribution of textbooks to the children and for the first time in history they were furnished by the state and without cost to students in the elementary grades. In the high school grades books are rented for one-third the retail price. The students were given strict instructions relative to care of the books, to the effect that they were only loaned and when the students have finished with them they must return them in good condition and are held responsible for damage other than reasonable wear.

School opening today, according to reports from a number of schools, showed a larger opening day attendance than last year. Many are being transported in the central districts and as buses rolled to a stop before the buildings hope was frequently expressed that they would be able to reach school every day on schedule without getting stuck in the mud when severe winter weather comes only about three months in the future.

Last year the school schedule in Wilkes was badly disrupted because all the central schools with but one exception, were forced to close for several weeks because it was a physical impossibility for buses to travel over what the state called "secondary roads" but which were sadly neglected. As a result the weather had ruined the roads and the roads were all right before winter weather came.

This year school authorities are hopeful of better days. Governor Hoey recently set aside a \$2,000,000 for use in improving secondary roads and J. G. Hacklett, of this city, eighth highway division commissioner, has been making every effort to place the roads in condition for school bus travel. The largest crowd in the history of the organization is expected to attend the annual McNeill family reunion at Millers Creek school. The program of unparalleled interest for family gatherings in this section has been arranged for the occasion. MacNeil of Barra, chief of the McNeill clan, will arrive in this city from Vermont Saturday afternoon. He is making the trip by automobile and will be accompanied by his wife and three children.

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Urges Safety In Hauling Children

With school of the county system opening today and city schools opening Monday of next week, W. B. Lentz, state highway patrol sergeant, today called attention to the laws designed to promote safety in school bus transportation. He cited the law which forbids passing a school bus while stopped to take on or let off school children. The law requires that a motor vehicle traveling in either direction completely stop and remain still until the children are taken on or let off and are off the highway. Particular attention is called to the fact that a motor vehicle must stop regardless of whether it is passing the bus in the same direction it is headed or in an opposite direction.

Last year bus drivers reported that many motorists completely disregarded this law, more especially when traveling in opposite direction from the way the bus was headed. All drivers are cautioned to drive carefully and at a slow rate of speed through school crossings. (Continued on page four)