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### Blue Ridge Puts On Winter Garb On October 23rd

Mountains Covered With Two Inches Snow Saturday Beautiful Scene

The Blue Ridge, which gets its winter clothes a few weeks in advance of the immediate territory, was covered with snow two inches on Saturday morning.

It was feared that the heavy rainfall Friday afternoon, and early Friday night would cause a recurrence of the disastrous flood along the Yadkin but before midnight Friday the temperature went into a tall spin and the cold drove away the rain and placed a blanket of white on the Blue Ridge, which can be seen from high points in this vicinity all the way from Roaring Gap on the east to Deep Gap on the west, a distance of about fifty miles.

The snow on the Blue Ridge Friday night and Saturday was the earliest in many years. Continued low temperature kept the snow on parts of the mountains until today.

### 100 Wilkes Youths Enroll Wednesday For C. C. Service

Largest Enrollment In History of CCC for Wilkes County Oct. 26

An even hundred Wilkes county boys between the ages of 17 and 23 enrolled Wednesday for service in Civilian Conservation camps.

This number exceeded the original quota for the county but the welfare officer, Charles McNeill, was able to place additional applicants because several counties did not have a sufficient number of eligibles.

The 100 from Wilkes included 73 whites and 27 colored. They were assigned to various camps in the state but none were sent to out-of-state camps, it is understood.

The list of those who enrolled Wednesday follows:

- White**
- William Cecil Walsh, Boomer; James William Barlow, Boomer; Woodrow Cox, North Wilkesboro; Paul Bluford Adkins, Purlear; Wayne Minton Farrington, McGrady; James Brag Atwood, Cricket; Parma Wilmouth, Benham; Britt Wyatt, Vannoy; Ray Vaughn Huffman, Congo; Welborn Eudaily Minton, Jr., Wilkesboro; William Glenn Felts, Radical; Mack Stamper, McGrady; Thurmond Green Shepherd, McGrady; Coy Albert Huffman, Purlear; Charlie Franklin Michael, Purlear; James Bill Walsh, Boomer; Jack Taylor, McGrady; Edward Gordon Hayes, North Wilkesboro; William Bonnie Holbrook, McGrady; Fletcher Calvin Teague, McGrady; Christopher Clinton Minton, Wilkesboro; Chadlee Lee Pennell, Boomer; Joe Hampton Pearson, Wilkesboro; Fred Roberts, McGrady; Claude Woodrow Billings, Congo; Carson Walter Durham, Knottville; Jessie James Billings, Halls Mills; Clay Holland, Jr., North Wilkesboro; J. B. Higgins, North Wilkesboro; Dean Forest Bowers, Joynes; McKinley Robert Wyatt, Halls Mills; Charlie Pruitt Royal, McGrady; Iredell James Kay, Mertie; Jack Handy, Halls Mills; Isaac John Webb, North Wilkesboro; Albert Lewis Shoun, Summit; Huston Oliver Absher, Roaring River; Walter Wells Benge, Parsonville; Otis Loyd Johnson, Oakwoods; James Fredrick Moore, Gilreath; Gilmore Edgar, Dehart; Charlie Hall, Dehart; Clifton Dewey Spears, Summit; Bronco Earnest Osbrink, Cricket; Sanford Sturgil Watson, Purlear; Lester Walsh Morley, Ferguson; Troy Reynolds, North Wilkesboro; Roscoe Triplett, Ronda; Paul Franklin Smith, State Road; Clate Ham, Halls Mills; James Paul McGrady, Coy Martin Church, Purlear; Phil Aloho Taylor, McGrady; Hardin Jim Benton, North Wilkesboro; Clay Albert Harrold, Hays; Earl Penderson Pearson, Boomer; Wade Dewitt Blevins, Springfield; Henry Noah Anderson, Wilkesboro; Carl Shephard, Vannoy; James Claude Whittingham, Wilkesboro; Mack McCoy Billings, Hays; Lane Greene, Stony Fork; Ivory Wilkins, Roaring River; Thurmond Mama, Roaring River; Evoretto Larry Kilby, Boomer; Evoretto Hughes, Summit; Smith Russel, Boomer; Doctor Rolen Walsh, Boomer; Roy Harden Williams, North Wilkesboro; Henry Dallas Byrd, Wilkesboro; Vernon Ballard, McGrady; Vern Pruitt, Springfield; Breece Foy Briniger, Knottville; Zero Theodore Handy, Dehart.
- Colored**
- Ruben Blackburn, Jr., Wilkes (Continued on page eight)

## Expect To Pay For Bluff Park Lands Before Jan. 1st; Hearing Is Held

### Land Owners Told What Steps to Take To Get Money For Lands

### FRIENDLY PROCEEDINGS

### Land Condemned In Order To Facilitate Payment; Over 5,000 Acres

More than 100 owners and others claiming interests in tracts of land in the Bluff Park area in Wilkes and Alleghany counties gathered at the federal building in Wilkesboro Friday and Saturday to hear Judge Johnson J. Hayes instruct them as to what steps they should take to get their money for the lands condemned for park use purposes.

The 43 tracts of land totaling more than 5,000 acres were condemned by the government in order to facilitate payment on the options, which were given the government about two years ago. The condemnation proceedings were instituted because the titles were not acceptable to the department of justice.

A total of \$34,000 has been deposited with the court by the government to pay for the lands and as soon as the necessary time for publication passes the owners may begin to receive payments unless titles are contested, in which event the court will determine interest in titles. Park service attorneys expressed the opinion that payment for some of the tracts can be made before January 1, 1938.

The condemnation case was presented to the court at the beginning of the hearing Friday by District Attorney Carlisle Higgins and his assistants, R. Baldwin Myers, of Washington, D. C., chief of the land acquisition division of the park service, and Sam P. Weems, director of park development along the Blue Ridge Parkway, were also present at the hearing.

A few tracts in the 7,000-acre Bluff park in northern Wilkes and southern Alleghany were purchased by direct sale but government attorneys ran into various difficulties in abstracting titles and found it necessary to institute condemnation proceedings in order to facilitate payment. Meanwhile park development work is going forward rapidly in the Bluff Park area.

## Schoolmasters In Initial Meeting Of Current Year

### E. R. Spruill Elected President; Athletic Program Is Discussed

The Wilkes County Schoolmasters' club in its first meeting of the current school year reorganized and discussed a program of extra-curricula activities for the larger schools this year. The meeting was held Tuesday evening.

E. R. Spruill, Ronda principal, was elected president; J. L. A. Bumgarner, of the Wilkesboro high school faculty, vice president; Miss Helen Bostic, of the Wilkesboro high school faculty, secretary-treasurer.

Thirty principals and teachers were present for the meeting. J. L. A. Bumgarner led the invocation. A three-course dinner was served by the Wilkesboro home economics classes in the hall gallery decorated in the Halloween motif.

The club accepted the report of a committee recently appointed by the high school principals to put on a testing program in the 4th and 6th grades of the fifteen largest schools in the county.

An athletic program was discussed and it was decided to allow each school to make its own basketball schedule and at a later date some form of elimination will be adopted.

A report of the North Carolina Education Association secretary indicated that 212 teachers in the county had joined the state teachers association.

C. B. Eller, superintendent of schools, was present and suggested that the Christmas holidays for the larger schools begin December 21 or 22 and that the spring term begin on January 2, 1938.

## A Song and Dance President



Boston, Mass. . . Made up as President Roosevelt, George M. Cohan opened here in "I'd Rather Be Right," play burlesquing the New Deal, Daring, yet so adroitly handled as to draw laughs from even Democrats. Cohan's part is actually named Franklin D. Roosevelt. In above scene he delivers a "fireside chat" where he comes out for a third term. In case you want to compare, insert at lower right is Roosevelt, himself.

## Home Coming At Mountain View School Sunday Well Attended

Attorney Archie Elledge Delivers Address; Alumni Elect Officers

Sunday was a red letter day for the Mountain View community as hundreds gathered for the all-day home coming and presentation of a Bible and flag to Mountain View high school.

The gathering was well attended by former students of Mountain View Institute and by members of several Junior Order councils.

A highlight of the program was numbers by the 28-piece orchestra from the Junior Order orphanage at Lexington under the direction of the principal, Prof. Robert Bruton, who also addressed the congregation and spoke of interesting facts about the home.

Attorney Archie Elledge, of Winston-Salem, was the featured speaker of the afternoon program following the beautiful picnic dinner. Mr. Elledge, now a prominent member of the Forsyth county bar, is a native of the Mountain View community and a former student of Mountain View Institute when it was maintained by the Baptist denomination. His address, reminiscent of the days when the institute flourished, was well received by the large audience.

The former students of the institute and school formed an organization headed by C. B. Eller, Wilkes superintendent of schools, as chairman, Mrs. Grady Miller, vice chairman, and C. C. Blevins, secretary. It was decided that the home coming and reunion will be an annual affair.

In the Junior Order ceremonies Attorney A. H. Casey, of this city, made a very inspiring talk and presented the school, now occupying new and modern buildings, with a Bible and flag.

Mr. Ray Hemphill and daughter, Miss Jean Hemphill, have returned to Columbia, S. C., after a visit with Mrs. Hemphill, who is a member of the Wilkesboro high school faculty.

## Club At Mars Hill

The students at Mars Hill from various counties have organized their clubs. Since Wilkes county and several of the adjoining counties have only a few students in school there, they had never organized a club (ten is the minimum membership). This year, it was decided to organize a club of the northwestern counties, consisting of Alleghany, Wilkes, and Stokes.

Members from Wilkes are, Violet Erickson, of Wilkesboro; Margaret Hendon, of North Wilkesboro; Midge Jennings, of Pores Knob; and W. T. Martin, of Ronda.

## Rev. A. L. Aycock Appointed Pastor M. E. Church Here

### Rev. A. W. Lynch Returned To Wilkesboro; Rev. J. C. Gentry Returned

Rev. A. L. Aycock, for four years pastor of Race Street Methodist church in Statesville, was appointed by the conference in Asheville Sunday as pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church succeeding Dr. R. B. Templeton, who was assigned to the Rutherfordton church in the Marlon district.

Rev. A. W. Lynch was returned as pastor of the Wilkesboro charge and Rev. J. C. Gentry was returned to the Moravian Falls charge. Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., was reappointed presiding elder of the Statesville district, of which churches in Wilkes are a part.

Rev. Mr. Aycock has served the Race Street church in Statesville for four years and under his direction the church has made much progress, according to reports from Statesville and from many members of his congregation.

Some other appointments which are of interest here include: M. T. Smathers, presiding elder of the Asheville district; J. H. Armbrust, Main Street, Reidsville; J. E. Hipp, Marlon circuit; R. E. Ward, Bethel-Fairgrove; W. A. Jenkins, Elkin; A. C. Gibbs, Broad Street, Statesville.

## Wilkes Chapter Red Cross Will Organize Oct. 27

### Meeting Will Be Held In Sample Room Hotel Wilkes, Wednesday

Attorney T. H. Whicker, chairman, issued a call today for the annual meeting of the Wilkes county chapter of the American Red Cross to be held on Wednesday, October 27, two o'clock, in the sample room of Hotel Wilkes.

The chairman's call for the meeting follows: "The annual meeting of the members of the Wilkes county American Red Cross will be held in the sample room of Hotel Wilkes on Wednesday, October 27, two o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers of the chapter and making plans for the roll call drive which will begin on November 11. All members are requested to be present."

## Singers To Meet At Swan Creek

The Ronda singing convention will hold its fifth Sunday meeting at Swan Creek church Sunday, October 31.

The meeting will open at ten o'clock and all singers are invited to be present and have a part in the service.

W. H. Jones is chairman and R. R. Crater is secretary.

Mr. O. C. Trivette, of this city, is a business visitor to Charlotte today.

## Season's Sidelight



Lovely Augusta Wallace, daughter of Louisville Times Editor Tom Wallace, proves Hollywood doesn't monopolize all stories that make chorus girls dramatic stars in six short reels. Two seasons back, Augusta was a Broadway chorine. Today she bids for dramatic stardom in the smash hit, "Room Service."

## Calendar Wilkes Court November Term Is Made Up

### November Term of Wilkes Court Will Be For Trial of Civil Actions

November term of Wilkes superior court will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, November 1, with Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, presiding. Although it is a mixed term it was deemed advisable to try civil actions, due to the fact that the court is years behind with the civil docket and that the criminal docket is in comparatively good shape with but few cases of major importance pending.

Following are the names of jurors for the November term:

- First Week**
- L. B. Triplett, Lewis Fork; Loyd Carter, Wilkesboro; C. C. Kilby, North Wilkesboro; E. A. Coleman, Somers; Commodora Phillips, Union; Thomas R. Parsons; G. R. West, Edwards; Thomas M. Osborn, Reddies River; Edward O. Souther, Somers; Tyre W. Caudill, Edwards; Earl Saunders, Wilkesboro; R. Lee Combs, Lovelace; T. C. Foster, Wilkesboro; Charlie Miles, Traphill; E. L. Cleary, Wilkesboro; B. L. Hubbard, Moravian Falls; J. D. Caudill, Rock Creek; J. W. Brown, Traphill.

**Second Week**

C. B. Mayberry, Wilkesboro; J. S. Steelman, Moravian Falls; W. T. Kilby, Jr., Mulberry; R. M. Collins, Traphill; Mack Sheets, Union; L. D. Smith, Edwards; T. B. Whitley, Rock Creek; J. T. Brooks, Traphill; T. R. Bare, North Wilkesboro; H. E. Pardue, Wilkesboro; Mansfield Taylor, Elk; Martin Long, Walnut Grove; M. C. Beshears, Jobs Cabin; T. G. Walters, Edwards; Reed Royal, Union; R. S. Williams, Boomer; A. F. Whittington, Union; Floyd P. Hendren, Brushy Mountain.

## Fiddlers Meeting At Millers Creek Saturday, Oct. 30

The Millers Creek Fiddlers' Convention is to be staged Saturday, October 30, 7:30 p. m.

All amateur and professional musical talent in Wilkes and adjoining counties is invited to take part in this musical program. Appropriate prizes will be awarded winners of first, second and third places in the amateur contest. A large number of amateurs have already registered for the convention and many more are expected. Any one who sings, throws his voice, whistles, plays any kind of musical instrument, or dances well is eligible to enter the convention. Those desiring to enter should address a post card to the principal of the Millers Creek High School, Millers Creek, N. C., at once.

A number of the most talented professional entertainers of Wilkes county have already been booked for this program, so those who attend the convention may expect a full evening of real entertainment. All those taking part in the program will be admitted free. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy this program. The proceeds of the program will be used to beautify the Millers Creek school grounds.

Mrs. J. C. Smoot and daughter, Mrs. E. G. Finley, visited Mrs. Smoot's daughter, Mrs. R. M. Pound, in Charlotte Wednesday.

## U.S. Engineer Here Surveys Damage By Yadkin Floods; Advocate Control

### Observes That Yadkin Rises And Falls, More Swiftly Than Formerly

### DAMAGE IS \$280,000

### Flood Control Bill Mentions Dam on Yadkin Near Wilkesboro

A dam on the Yadkin river near Wilkesboro as a flood control project was contained in the flood control bill passed at the last session of congress, it was learned here Friday from Walter M. Bell, U. S. Army engineer here to make a survey of the flood damage by the Yadkin Tuesday.

Although local people had been in the dark concerning the proposal, it was learned from the engineer that in 1930 a flood control survey of the Yadkin was made by army engineers and that a dam near Wilkesboro was considered feasible. However, no appropriation has been made for the project, he said.

Mr. Bell was sent here by Col. Jarriss G. Balm, district army engineer at Charleston, S. C., to make a survey of the flood damage and was informed by highway officials, the county farm agent and others familiar with the county that the damage by the flood in Wilkes county alone probably exceeded a quarter of a million dollars.

His survey revealed that damage to dirt roads was general throughout the county but there were no major washouts or blocked roads.

The damage to the corn crop was heaviest and the rains Friday afternoon and night increased the damage by adding more water to the corn soaked by the flood waters Tuesday and Tuesday night. The corn crop along the Yadkin and principal tributaries in Wilkes is estimated for this year at a million bushels, much of which was badly damaged by the flood.

## Four Are Injured In Auto Collision

### Car Driven By Wayne Yates Crashed Into Rear Of Truck on Highway

Four persons were painfully injured and miraculously escaped death in an automobile-truck collision about seven o'clock Thursday night on highway 421 eight miles west of this city.

The injured were Misses Alina and Lucile Hayes, daughters of Clerk of Court and Mrs. C. C. Hayes, of Purlear; Wayne Yates, also of Purlear; and Archie Lee Osborne, of Wilkesboro.

A truck loaded with slabs and driven by L. H. Ashley had hooked bumpers with the rear of a pickup and after the two vehicles were untangled and efforts were being made to start the truck the car driven by Yates crashed into the rear of the truck load. A slab hanging over the rear of the truck crashed through the windshield and inflicted painful injuries on the person of one of the girls.

The Misses Hayes and the two young men were brought to the hospital here for treatment, where it was found that their injuries would not prove serious, although painful. They have returned to their homes. Messrs. Yates and Osborne sustained minor injuries.

The car, which belonged to Mr. Yates, was badly damaged.

## To Hold Singing Bethany Church

The South side singing association will be held at Bethany Baptist church, two miles south of Gilreath postoffice on the Brushy mountains. The singing will begin at 11 o'clock a. m. on Sunday, October 31.

All classes and quartets in Wilkes, Alexander, Iredell and Yadkin counties are cordially invited to attend and spend the day with their classes and take part in the singing. Dinner will be served on the grounds at 12:30 p. m. Everyone is invited to carry a filled basket. Attorney F. J. McDuffie is president of the association.

## WILKES NATIVE ONLY WITNESS TO CRASH OF AIRLINER IN UTAH'S MOUNTAINOUS REGION

Hight Proffitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proffitt, of Goshen, was the only witness to the disastrous crash of "Mainliner" against a mountain in the Rocky Mountains last week.

Young Mr. Proffitt left Wilkes a few years ago to work for his uncle in Evanston, Wyoming, during the past several months he has been herding sheep and trapping among the Rockies, where he lives alone in a cabin 15 miles from the nearest neighbor.

The Associated Press on Wednesday released Proffitt's description of the crash: Salt Lake City, Oct. 20.—A mountaineer—only eye-witness to America's worst airplane disaster—told a vivid story today of a transport pilot flying blindly through a mountain blizzard, then a terrific crash which killed 19 persons.

Hight Proffitt, trapper from northeastern Utah's trackless wilderness, said he saw the United Air Lines 21-passenger "Mainliner" barely miss towering pines

in his backyard, Sunday night, watched the craft's lights vanish in the storm, then heard it plough into a granite ridge.

Even as Proffitt related his story, bereaved relatives visited a small mortuary in southwestern Wyoming's Evanston, identified and claimed the broken bodies, shortly after hardened mountaineers made the hazardous trek to the scene of the wreck to recover the bodies. Relatives continued to arrive throughout the night. A United Airlines official said all bodies will be claimed before tomorrow.

A county-sponsored investigation of the accident, conducted by Joseph Hopkins, coroner of Summit county, Utah, where the crash occurred, brought an official verdict that "death was by accident."

Further and more intensive investigations will come later. Proffitt's crude pine-board cabin sits near Humpy Creek in the Uinta mountains, 45 miles south of the Cheyenne-Salt Lake city air line.

Sunday night Proffitt heard the hum of airplane motors, saw the sleek airliner battling a blizzard and a few minutes later heard it thud a snow-drifted mountain peak. He hurried through the night toward the head of Humpy canyon, and there lay the bodies of 15 men and four women, scattered about the battered wreckage of the elaborate transport.

Proffitt headed for civilization to report his find, but by the time he reached the nearest ranch, approximately 15 miles away, searching planes had located the wreckage and ground parties were enroute to the scene.

Postal officials probed about in the snow today for the few pieces of mail still missing. Practically all of it was recovered yesterday and brought to Salt Lake city.

The federal bureau of air commerce, state aeronautics officials and the plane's operator pressed investigations in an effort to determine whether mechanical failure or adverse weather was responsible for the tragedy.