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RELIEF BILLIONS Washington, March 15.—Federal, state and local governments have poured \$19,303,000,000 into relief programs in the last five years, the Senate unemployment and relief committee was told today.

LINDBERGH TO RETURN Plainfield, N. J., March 15.—The Plainfield Courier-News said today that it had learned from an authoritative source that Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh planned to re-establish residence soon in their home near Hopewell.

NOE RECOVERED Baltimore, March 15.—Doctors at Johns-Hopkins Hospital said today the Rev. Israel Harding Noe of Memphis, who came here for treatment after a 22-day fast, would be discharged from the hospital in about two weeks.

EXECUTE EIGHTEEN Moscow, March 15.—Eighteen veteran Soviet revolutionaries, convicted of plotting to kill Joseph V. Stalin, dismember the Soviet Union and set up a capitalist system, have been executed by firing squads, it was announced officially tonight. Three others, convicted of similar offenses, escaped with long prison sentences.

"LIVE AND LET LIVE" Roanoke, Ala., March 15.—The local undertaker today advertised in the weekly Roanoke Leader: "J. S. Hunter wishes to announce to the public that he has recently purchased a nice hearse and has made arrangements with one of the best embalmers in Lagrange to do his embalming. His motto on prices is (as it always has been): 'Live and Let Live!'"

DARROW FUNERAL Chicago, March 15.—They gave Clarence Darrow the kind of funeral he would have liked today. An organ played the deep-toned strains of Handel's Largo and a former law partner read a simple eulogy before the open casket. "Our friends is gone forever," he said. Rivulets of rain ran down the stained glass windows of tiny Bond Chapel on the University of Chicago campus wherein today no hymns were sung nor a Bible read.

SEADLUND TRIAL Chicago, March 15.—With a wry smile playing across his lips, John Henry Seadlund, confessed kidnap-slayer, sat in federal court today and watched prosecutors and G-men spin a legal web designed to send him to the electric chair. The 27-year-old former Washington lumberjack appeared slightly amused at the proceedings as F. B. I. agents introduced his 27-page confession in which he told of the abduction and brutal killing of Charles S. Ross, wealthy Chicago manufacturer.

Negro Dies Of Burns In Still Slop George D. Petty, 36-year-old negro accused of pushing Douthitt Harris, white youth, into hot slop at a still near Roaring River a week ago, died late Monday night.

Harris died within a few hours after he was burned on Tuesday, March 8, and it was thought at that time that Petty, who was badly burned when Harris pulled him in after him into the slop, might recover.

Two other men at the still, one a brother of Harris, told Sheriff C. T. Doughton and Coroner I. M. Myers that Petty pushed Harris into the slop and Harris clung to the negro in the scuffle. The negro claimed that they were only playing and that they accidentally fell into the hot mash. Petty is survived by his mother, six brothers and two sisters. He was buried Wednesday at Poplar Springs.

Episcopal Service Vesper service at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, March 20, at four o'clock, in charge of the Rector, Rev. B. Lackey. Visitors and friends are cordially invited to attend this service.

A new industry for Rutherford county farmers will be growing hops for home use and market. A number of men have purchased pure bred breeding stock.

Engineers Seeking Ways to Improve Highway No. 421 To Millers Creek

Would Eliminate Most Dangerous Curves in 6-Mile Section of Highway

WORK PRELIMINARY No Opportunity to Include the Project Soon, Says the Commissioner

Highway engineers have completed a preliminary survey of highway 421 from this city westward a distance of about six miles to Millers Creek junction of highway 421 and 16.

The survey was for the purpose of determining what can be done to improve the road, which carries more traffic than any other similar section of highway in this section.

This section was likewise the first hard surfaced highway in Wilkes and was constructed by Wilkes county. At the time it was built it was considered the best thing in highways but now it is classed as outmoded, excessively crooked and too narrow, engineers say.

The road cost approximately \$30,000 per mile and was paved with concrete reinforced with steel.

Highway Commissioner J. G. Hackett said today that the survey made during the past few weeks was a matter of investigation to ascertain what can be done to improve the road for traffic and to eliminate some of the dangerous curves. This may necessitate building about two miles of road, he said.

However, he explained that no funds are available for the project in the near future and nothing definite has been determined.

WPA Employment Division Office Is Now Open In City

Moved From Winston-Salem District Office to Facilitate Handling Work

The employment division of the Works Progress Administration for the district was last week moved from Winston-Salem to the area office in North Wilkesboro, adjoining the other WPA offices in the North Wilkesboro bank building.

W. Trent Parks, of Statesville, is area Assignment Supervisor, serving the eight counties in the area. Assisting in the work are Miss Billings and Miss Holbrook, both of Wilkes county. Miss Mary Scarborough, of Winston-Salem, is here at present, instructing the new personnel in the routine work of the department. She will be here about two weeks.

Mr. Parks, a member of a prominent Irredell county family, has been connected with the district office in Winston-Salem since 1935.

Two 4-H Clubs Are Formed This Week

Brief Programs Rendered in Meetings Held Wednesday at Two Schools

Two very promising 4-H clubs were organized in Wilkes county Wednesday under direction of Miss Harriet McGoogan, home demonstration agent.

The clubs were organized at Millers Creek and Mount Pleasant high schools.

At each place the club members rendered initial programs, giving the meaning of 4-H club work and telling something of the opportunities it affords rural boys and girls.

The officers of the Millers Creek club are as follows: H. D. Caudill, president; Hugh Kilby, vice president; Virginia Church, secretary-treasurer; Billy Hayes, reporter.

Officers of the Champion club at Mount Pleasant are: Ruth Huffman, president; Raymond Gofforth, vice president; Lucille Jones, secretary-treasurer; Doris Hamby, reporter.

Club members in Wilkes, who for several years have maintained an enviable record of accomplishment, are looking forward to an even more successful year.

Is A Candidate



George R. Ross, prominent Moore county legislator and farmer, has filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress in this district to succeed Representative Walter Lambeth, who will retire at the end of this term.

Health Officer Is Urging All Dogs Be Immunized

Two Cases of Rabies Verified During Past Month in Wilkes County

With the advent of spring there is a threat of a rabies epidemic among canines and with a resultant danger to humans, Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes county health officer, said today.

State laboratory tests have shown that two dogs killed in Wilkes during the past month were afflicted with hydrophobia, he said.

Dr. Eller urged that all dogs be immunized against rabies and warned that the state law compelling such vaccination will be enforced to assure safety for the people of the county.

He also pointed out the fact that the fee paid township inspectors for administering the vaccine will be credited upon the dog tax payable to the county. In this manner vaccination costs the dog owner nothing and removes any semblance of excuse for people to disregard a law passed for protection of the innocent, he said.

Court Awards 26 Merit Badges

Scout Court of Honor Holds Session on Tuesday Eve at Presbyterian Hut

The Scout court of honor held its regular session Tuesday night at the Presbyterian hut.

Twenty-six merit badges were awarded to the following Scouts: Hill Carlton, Jr., Malcolm Butler, Ralph Whittington, Lomax Crook, George Campbell, Wayne Caudill, Oren Hudson, Effner Eller, Joseph Linney, P. W. Eshelman, Jr., Carl Coffey, Henry Landon, Jr., and Joe Clements.

The number of Scouts appearing before the court and the number of merits passed indicates much activity in Scouting in this city.

European Uproar

London, March 15.—Great Britain and France both studied counter-measures tonight to a possible Italo-German secret military alliance involving a Nazi-fascist bargain over Austria and the Mediterranean.

As a Spanish insurgent army powered by men and arms from Germany and Italy swept swiftly toward the Mediterranean, fears grew that the world soon might see the totalitarian mailed fist planted in Spain as it already is in Austria.

Both France and Great Britain, faced with the fact of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's imperious annexation of Austria and the menace to peace in central Europe, were alarmed over the new crisis in Spain.

The Mediterranean is a sea roadway vital to French and British empire defenses.

A decided increase in the amount of grass and legume seed purchased by farmers of Madison county has been noted by dealers this winter.

John R. Jones Is Nominated For Congress

Solicitor John R. Jones, who announced a few weeks ago that he will not seek another term as solicitor, was nominated for congress in the eighth district congressional convention of Republicans in Lexington Tuesday.

Attorney Kyle Hayes, nominee in 1936 and district chairman, called the convention to order and called Collin G. Spencer, of Carthage, to the chair as chairman for the convention, which was well attended.

David L. Kelly, Republican chairman in Yadkin county, nominated Solicitor Jones for congress and the convention was unanimous in its choice. Harmony prevailed during the convention.

H. C. Kilby and Miss Mazie Johnson were named members of the state executive committee from Wilkes county. They were recommended in the county convention held in Wilkesboro Monday.

N. C. E. A. To Meet Latter Part Week

The annual convention of the North Carolina Education association, an organization composed of school authorities, superintendents, principals and teachers of North Carolina, will be held in Raleigh Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, is a director of the association. He and C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, and several teachers from city and county high schools in Wilkes, plan to attend the convention.

Party Leaders to Meet Saturday

Rousseau Calls Meeting Of County Democratic Executive Committee

J. R. Rousseau, chairman of the Wilkes county Democratic executive committee, said today that he had called a meeting of the executive committee to be held at Hotel Wilkes on Saturday afternoon, March 19, two o'clock.

Mr. Rousseau said that a number of business matters will be taken up and attendance of all committee members is expected.

Mr. Rousseau called attention to the fact that an error was made in the notices mailed the committee members. The committee meeting will be held on Saturday of this week, March 19, instead of Saturday, March 26, as stated in the notices mailed the members of the committee.

About half the cities in the United States have dental clinics for their school children.

Clyde Holleman Pleads Guilty Of Manslaughter In Homicide Action

Clyde Holleman, on trial for killing Sam Jolly at a still in Somers township on February 1, entered a plea of manslaughter at the close of state's evidence in Wilkes superior court Wednesday afternoon.

His plea was accepted and Judge J. Will Pless had not passed sentence at noon today.

According to the testimony Holleman and Jolly were two of a party making moonshine liquor and the shooting occurred when Jolly started from the still with a five-gallon can of liquor. He was shot through the back.

Before he died Jolly made a statement to the effect that there had been no quarrel or fight and that he did not believe Holleman intended to shoot him. This statement was corroborated by witnesses.

Today trial of Adam Johnson, charged with driving while under the influence of liquor, reckless driving and obstructing officers in performance of their duties, got under way just before noon. Johnson appealed from judgment in the city court here where he was convicted. He is alleged to have wrecked the police car occupied by Policemen Keller Eller and C. V. Lloyd, who were chasing a car driven by Johnson on highway 18 north of this city.

Tax Listers For Townships Are Named; Start Ist

Appointments Submitted By Tax Supervisor Confirmed By Board

TO MEET MARCH 28

List Takers Will Be Given Supplies and Instructions At This Meeting

Wilkes county commissioners in special meeting Tuesday confirmed appointments of tax list takers as submitted by W. P. Kelly, who at a previous meeting of the board was appointed county tax supervisor for the second year.

Mr. Kelly said that the list takers will meet at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Monday, March 28, ten o'clock, for the purpose of receiving instructions and supplies.

By order of the board of commissioners tax listing will begin on Friday, April 1, in all townships.

The list takers were appointed as follows: Antioch, Robert H. Anderson, Wilkesboro, route 2.

Beaver Creek, A. J. Foster, Ferguson.

Boomer, G. A. Eller, Pores Knob, R. F. D.

Brushy Mountain, C. J. Henderson, Gilreath.

Edwards, J. A. Poplin, of Ronda, and Coy Durham, of Lomax.

Elk, W. O. Barnett, Mt. Zion.

Jobs Cabin, H. H. Beshears, Walsh.

Lewis Fork, Conrad Jones, Purlear.

Lovelace, W. A. Johnson, Wilkesboro route 2.

Moravian Falls, L. P. Bentley, Pores Knob.

Mulberry, W. M. Absher, Halls Mills.

New Castle, J. M. Pardue, Ronda route 2.

North Wilkesboro, J. M. Crawford and Mrs. W. P. Kelly.

Reddies River, Mrs. W. P. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro route 1.

Rock Creek, Paul Church, North Wilkesboro route 2.

Somers, Charles T. Coleman, Hamptonville.

Stanton, J. G. Huffman, Parsonville.

Traphill, J. W. Joines, Joines Union, W. H. Whittington, Reddies River.

Walnut Grove, W. R. Hutchison, Abshers.

Wilkesboro, Wm. A. Stroud.

N. W. A. A. Team Will Play Fries

North Wilkesboro Athletic association's all star basketball team will play the Fries, Va., Y. M. C. A. team tonight, eight o'clock, in the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium.

The locals lost an early season contest to the Fries team 34 to 25 and tonight's game is expected to be a thriller.

Leader Passes



A. A. Finley, North Wilkesboro's first mayor and manufacturer, who died Wednesday evening at his home, Riverview, on E street.

He had been ill with influenza for a few days but was not considered seriously ill. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

One of the best known men of Northwestern North Carolina, Mr. Finley spent all his life here with marked devotion to the community which he saw grow into the most thriving city in this part of the state.

And he had a part in the town's formation, growth and development. As a young man he was a prosperous farmer and on the land where North Wilkesboro now stands he once pastured his cattle and produced crops.

Mr. Finley helped organize the town and was its first mayor. Through several decades he was actively affiliated with the town government, serving several terms as member and chairman of the city board of education. He also served many years on the city board of commissioners.

He and business associates organized the first manufacturing industry here in 1889. It was the Wilkesboro Manufacturing company, so named because Wilkesboro was the only town in Wilkes.

He remained president of that company until his death. He was also a pioneer leader in other business enterprises, being among the first bankers of North Wilkesboro. He helped to organize the Bank of North Wilkesboro and served as vice president since its organization. He was president of the Forest Furniture company at the time of his death.

In all his business connections he gained a widespread reputation for integrity and fair dealings, a man whose presence created an influence of dignity and purpose on any occasion.

His activities were not confined to business. He was also a builder in church and community life. He helped organize the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church and since its organization was one of its most consecrated members. For many years and at the time of his death he was an elder in the church. During the past year he was president of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club and that organization rendered valuable service to the city and community under his leadership. He showed much interest and took an active part in other civic endeavors.

A member of one of the state's best known families, he was born October 26, 1859, a son of the late Augustus W. Finley, highly prominent and wealthy citizen here, and Martha Lenoir Gordon Finley, a sister of General James B. Gordon of the Confederacy. He was married to Miss Kate Cameron, who survives. The children are Miss Lucy Finley, Miss Grace Finley, Gordon Finley and Arthur C. Finley, all of this city; three grandchildren, Katherine, Mary Elmore and Gordon Finley, Jr. There is one surviving brother, Judge T. B. Finley, of this City. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Bess Cameron Finley; two brothers, J. E. and J. G. Finley; three sisters, Mrs. Irvin Pilsen, Mrs. Carrie Pilsen and Miss Octavia Finley.

Funeral service will be held Friday afternoon, two o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church and burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

It is expected that business establishments here will be closed during the funeral hour.

BANKS WILL CLOSE AT 1:30 FRIDAY THIS WEEK

Both banks in North Wilkesboro will close at 1:30 Friday afternoon. The early closing hour on Friday is on account of the funeral of A. A. Finley to be held at two o'clock.

A. A. Finley, City's First Mayor And Manufacturer Died Wednesday Night

Was One of Best Known Men in This Section of North Carolina

ACTIVE IN BUSINESS

Was Leader in Church; Funeral Service to Be Held In This City Friday

Arthur A. Finley, age 78, one of the pioneer builders of the city of North Wilkesboro, died Wednesday evening, 6:55 o'clock, at his home, Riverview, on E street.

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Baptist Pastors Will Meet Friday

One of Many Special Conferences In State Will Be Held In City

Baptist ministers of Wilkes and surrounding counties are to meet in the First Baptist church here Friday of this week from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. in one of a series of special conferences being held in strategic centers throughout the state.

"Living Religion" is the theme on which the discussions will be based. General Secretary M. A. Huggins of the Baptist State Convention will be in charge of the conference. Assisting him will be Rev. W. H. Williams of Charlotte, Rev. R. B. Hardaway of Lenoir, Rev. M. O. Alexander and Rev. J. C. Pipes of the State Mission staff, and others.

All Baptist pastors are invited to attend. About forty or fifty are expected.