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FIRE TVA HEAD?
Washington, March 20.—President Roosevelt was believed ready tonight to demand the resignation of Chairman Arthur E. Morgan of the Tennessee Valley Authority tomorrow if he continues his refusal to submit proofs of his charges of malfeasance and bad faith against his two co-directors.

66 AUTO DEATHS
Automobile traffic accidents brought death to at least 66 persons in the nation during the week-end. Lives lost by states included: Arizona 1, Arkansas 3, California 5, Colorado 1, Connecticut 1, Florida 3, Georgia 1, Idaho 3, Illinois 2, Indiana 2, Iowa 3, Kentucky 2, Maryland 1, Michigan 8, Minnesota 3, Missouri 4, North Carolina 2, Oklahoma 1, Pennsylvania 5, South Carolina 2, Tennessee 2, Texas 8, Wisconsin 3.

BYRD FIGHTS BILL
Washington, March 20.—The Senate may vote tomorrow afternoon on the question of giving the country's No. 1 auditor his walking papers. Senator Byrd (D), Virginia and a powerful bloc are bent on seeing that the official—the comptroller general of the United States—stays on the job of scanning the government's books and saying "no," occasionally, to spending projects.

GIVES LIFE FOR DOG
Greensboro, March 20.—Robert Hill, 36, of Bessemer, was instantly killed this afternoon when struck near Bessemer by Southern Railway passenger train No. 17, from Raleigh. Hill, in company with H. C. Jenkins and Willie Mounce, also of Bessemer, were walking on the Southern tracks. According to Jenkins and Mounce, as the train approached Hill's dog started to cross the track in front of the train and Hill made a desperate attempt to knock the dog to safety. Both he and the dog were instantly killed.

F.D.R. RECONCILED
Washington, March 20.—Congressional leaders tonight indicated that President Roosevelt is reconciled to the loss of the "third basket" tax, but they expect him to insist that the skeleton of the undivided profits levy be retained in the final draft of the 1938 revenue bill. As passed by the House, the measure exempts corporations earning \$25,000 or less annually under the earnings tax but continues the application of its principles, with sharply reduced rates, toward larger income corporations. Business leaders are demanding that the revolutionary levy be eliminated entirely and that there be substituted, if necessary, a higher normal corporate income rate.

CALM BEFORE STORM
Berlin, March 20.—Calm settled over greater Germany today after a feverish week which saw Austria become a Nazi province. Outside the new expanded nation, Poles celebrated Lithuania's action in bowing yesterday to the Polish ultimatum for re-establishment of diplomatic and other normal relations. Polish troops paraded peacefully in Wilno but in Warsaw a number of Jews were felled in disorders. German officials were occupied in oiling the machinery for the April 10 plebiscite on Austrian-German union and in aligning Austrian interests with those of the Fatherland.

NURSES ATTACKED
Montgomery, Ala., March 20.—Two trained nurses—sisters—were found beaten insensible on the outskirts of Montgomery today and a physician said an attempt had been made to criminally attack them. Surprised as they looked for wild flowers 50 yards from widely-traveled Vaughn Road late yesterday, the two women lay brutally injured and bleeding throughout the night in a driving rain and thunderstorm. They are Miss Eunice Ward, 48, Montgomery county public health nurse since 1921, and her sister, Miss Lillian Ward, 52. Both are widely known. Sheriff Haygood Paterson said a "medium-sized negro, wearing a blue (Sunday) shirt and blue pants," was sought on a description given by Lillian Ward, three boys from nearby Alabama Masonic Home, and a resident of the community.

Seniors To Meet Tuesday Night
Every member of the degree team and all other members of the council are asked to attend the J. O. U. A. M. meeting Tuesday night, 7:30. An interesting meeting is anticipated.

Election Case Is Again Brought To Court's Attention; Hearings Ordered

Judge Pless Orders Both Sides to Put Up \$250 Deposit By April First

REPORT ON MAY 15
Motion Denied For Dismissal Referee; Says Reference Proper Course

The Swaringen-Poplin election suit, in which D. B. Swaringen, Republican, is suing Leet Poplin, Democrat, for title to office as a member of the Wilkes board of commissioners, gained attention in Wilkes court last week after a lull of several months.

The case was instituted in December, 1936, and grew out of returns of the 1936 election. According to the count by the two Democratic members of the county board of elections Poplin defeated Swaringen by the margin of two votes in a total vote of approximately 15,000. In the case Swaringen alleged that he was credited with an even hundred less votes than he received in Rock Creek township and other irregularities were charged.

Counsel for Swaringen made a motion before Judge J. Will Pless last week to set aside reference of the case made last year when Judge J. H. Clement appointed Judge O. O. Efrid, of Winston-Salem, to act as referee and report by December 15, 1937.

Judge Pless in his order denying the plaintiff's motion found that Judge Efrid had demanded an advance of \$250 from each side of the case to apply on referee fees and that the plaintiff had refused to put up their \$250. The plaintiff had taken the position that the law does not provide for a referee demanding and collecting fees in advance and had asked that bonds be increased to cover costs. In the beginning of the case Swaringen posted bond in the sum of \$1,000 and the defendant gave the nominal bond of \$200.

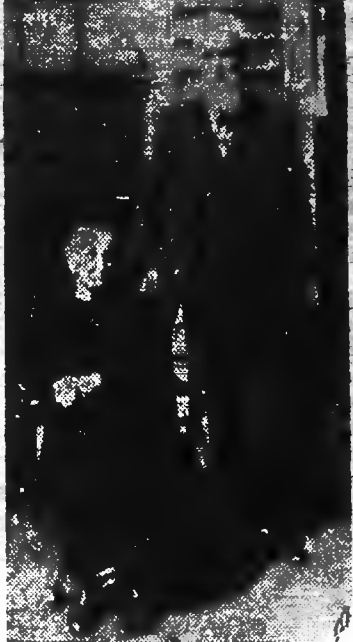
In denying the plaintiff's motion to strike out the reference and for trial by jury Judge Pless said that from information he had in the matter that the case in which there would be more than 500 witnesses could not be tried by jury in less than three weeks and that the cause had been properly referred.

He further ordered that both sides make a deposit of \$250 each with the referee on or before April 1 and that the referee proceed with the hearing and make his report on the matter to the court on or before May 15.

He also ordered that each side fill bond in the sum of \$3,000. Counsel for Swaringen and Poplin excepted to the findings and orders and demanded immediate trial by jury.

Holleman Gets 4 to 7 Years In Homicide Case
Judge Pless Leaves Docket In Fair Condition At End of the Term
Clyde Holleman, 20, resident of Somers township, was sentenced in Wilkes court Friday evening to from four to seven years in the penitentiary for killing Sam Jolly at a still near the Wilkes-Iredell county line on February 1.

Wed for 50 Years



Here are shown Mr. and Mrs. William Mastin, who recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Account of the occasion may be found on page four. (Photo Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal).

Ashe Man Ends Life by Shotgun Charge Sunday

Glenn W. Miller's Death Near City Sunday Is Called Suicide

Glenn W. Miller, 22-year-old resident of Othello, Ashe county, ended his own life about ten o'clock Sunday by firing a shotgun load into his chest.

The tragedy occurred near the home of John Call, who lives near Reddies River about one-half mile from this city. According to results of an investigation by Coroner I. M. Myers, it was learned that the young man spent the night at a hotel here and was reportedly in an intoxicated condition. He reported the loss of \$117 in money, which he said belonged to his brother and that he could not go home without his money. He said that he did not know how he lost the money.

He then went to the home of Mr. Call, told him that he had seen a fox and wanted to borrow a gun so that he could kill the fox.

Mr. Call loaned him the gun and two shells. A small boy followed Miller to see him shoot the fox but instead saw him shoot himself in the chest. He died upon reaching the hospital.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller, of Othello, and in addition to his parents is survived by his wife and the following brothers and sisters: Jones, John Henry, Arville, Mamie, Frances, Edna, Dana, Hazel, Blanch and Ruth Miller.

Funeral service will be held at a church near his home in Ashe county Tuesday.

Makes Calendar For April Court
Cases Instituted Prior To July 1, 1935, To Be Tried In Order
Judge J. Will Pless in Wilkes court last week issued an order relative to the calendar of the term to be held in April for trial of civil actions.

Judge Pless ordered that the calendar be composed of all cases instituted prior to July 1, 1935, and that the cases be tried in chronological order.

Mrs. J. E. Cockerham Is Claimed By Death
Funeral service was held Saturday at Pine Ridge for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Cockerham, age 28, who died Thursday at her home in Wilkesboro. She was the wife of J. E. Cockerham.

Hall Is Endorsed As Candidate For GOP Nomination For Solicitor's Job

17th Judicial District Convention Held Saturday In Wilkesboro

Republicans of the 17th judicial district in convention at Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon endorsed Avalon E. Hall, Yadkinville attorney, for the nomination for solicitor, to succeed John R. Jones, of this city, who will retire at the end of his present term.

Chairman J. M. Brown called the convention to order and called J. V. Bowers, of Avery county, to the chair. Solicitor Jones addressed the convention and expressed appreciation for loyal support during the 12 years he has held the office.

A resolution offered by John C. McBee, of Mitchell county, that the nomination for solicitor rotate among the five counties of the district with a one-term limit, was defeated on a roll call vote, 57 to 56. Joe Williams, of Yadkinville, placed Hall's name in nomination and he received all of the vote of the convention.

It was explained that Wilkes delegation of 43 votes went into the convention instructed for J. F. Jordan, of Wilkesboro, but his name was not placed in nomination and the chairman ruled that the delegates could not vote for anyone whose name was not before the convention.

W. E. Rutledge, of Yadkinville, was named district chairman, Louise Stroud, of Mocksville, vice chairman, and T. R. Eaton, of Yadkin, secretary.

Two members from each county compose the executive committee as follows: Davie, Taylor Bailey and Mrs. Queen Bess Keenan; Yadkin, Joe Williams and Mrs. D. L. Kelly; Avery, Fred W. Vancannon and Mrs. Eugene Eller; Mitchell, W. C. Berry and Miss Lydia Holman, and Wilkes, L. M. Jarvis and Miss Audrey Templeton.

A resolutions committee composed of C. P. Brock, D. L. Kelly, John C. McBee, Jr., F. W. Hughes and W. B. Somers drew resolutions in appreciation of the services rendered by Solicitor John R. Jones during 12 years in office and resolutions of sympathy and good wishes to Mrs. Jones, who has been very ill for several days.

Last Rites Held For A. A. Finley
Business Houses Close As a Tribute to Pioneer Business Man
A large crowd gathered Friday afternoon at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church for the funeral service for A. A. Finley, pioneer leader who died Wednesday evening.

The service was conducted by Rev. Watt M. Cooper, pastor, assisted by Rev. R. H. Stone, of Jefferson, an intimate friend of Mr. Finley.

Pall bearers were E. G. Finley, T. A. Finley, R. G. Finley, W. C. Grier, L. M. Nelson, Jim Clements, Pat Williams and M. A. Vickery, nephews of Mr. Finley.

The flowers, a beautiful tribute in evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Finley was held, were carried by the following nieces: Miss Mary Finley, Miss Elizabeth Finley, Mrs. Don Coffey, Mrs. W. C. Grier, Miss Kate Finley, Mrs. P. M. Williams, Mrs. E. G. Finley, Mrs. Fred Finley, Mrs. Richard Finley, Mrs. T. A. Finley, Mrs. Carl Coffey, Mrs. Robert Brame, Mrs. Will Blair, Mrs. W. J. Bason, Mrs. W. M. Cooper, Miss Ellen Robinson.

Hitler Annexes Austria Without A Shot



VIENNA . . . Acting on orders, Austrian troops fell back before the German forces who rumbled across the border in motorized units. Simultaneously, 100 huge airplanes flew 3,000 heavily armed soldiers to the Capitol where they immediately took possession of all public buildings, newspapers and communication offices. Here a squad rams the gate to the Rava building which houses the radio broadcasting company while Vienna police stand by.

Negress Held In Death Of Baby Friday

Marie Barnes, colored girl who lives near Boomer, was lodged in Wilkes jail Saturday on charges of concealing childbirth and murder.

Neighbors reported to Sheriff Doughton that a baby had been born to the girl and that it was not at her home. The sheriff notified Coroner I. M. Myers and he proceeded to the home of the colored girl to make an investigation.

He found the girl sitting on the porch and in reply to a question concerning the baby she said that she had given birth to a baby in January but that it was dead and that she had buried it in the woods.

Mr. Myers informed her that it was his duty to investigate and told her that he must see the body.

She went with him to a spot about 300 yards from the house and pointed out where she said she had buried the body. He failed to find anything at the spot and told her to see if she could not get the body out. She did not find anything.

Mr. Myers went back to the house and questioned the girl's mother. She told the officer that the girl had given birth to a baby on Friday instead of two months ago as the girl had claimed.

The girl then admitted that the baby was born on Friday while her mother was away and that she had hidden the body. At the insistence of the coroner she directed him to the place about 200 yards from the house where he found the lifeless body of a boy baby concealed under an old well bucket.

He brought the girl to jail and the body of the infant to a physician here who said that it had evidently bled to death within a few minutes after birth.

Sheriffs Locate Three Illicit Stills

Two Near Traphill and One In Call Section Raided During Past Week

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and Deputy Odell Whittington destroyed three stills during the past week.

At one small still near Traphill the outfit was running and there were three gallons of hot liquor but the operators had fled. A larger still and 1,500 gallons of beer were destroyed on the same day and in the same community.

On Saturday the officers destroyed a large outfit and 1,200 gallons of beer in the Call community. No one was taken.

Kin McNeil Editor Of College Paper
Berea, Ky., March 14.—Kin McNeil, junior at Berea College, has been elected editor of the Chinese, the student's annual publication. He will serve during the school year, 1938-39.

Grand Jury Finds Four Schoolhouses Are Inadequate to House the Children

Additions Needed at Roaring River and Mount Pleasant Schools

NEED 2 NEW HOUSES
At Boomer and Clingman; County Property Recommendations Made

Grand jury at the present term of Wilkes court made inspection of school buildings in four communities and made recommendations that adequate buildings be provided.

The schools visited were Boomer, Clingman, Roaring River and Mount Pleasant.

The report of the grand jury by B. M. Pardue, foreman, said that the four-room, two-story wood building at Boomer has served its purpose and is inadequate to house the children.

At Mount Pleasant they found crowded conditions with classes in the auditorium, library and temporary building on the school lot. They recommended an addition of at least five classrooms.

At Clingman the grand jury said they found a very poor wood building inadequate to house the children.

The Roaring River brick building, the grand jury said, is about one-half large enough to house the children and at present five rooms are being rented in the old building from an individual. They recommended an addition large enough to house the children.

The body recommended that provisions be made as early as possible to relieve the conditions set forth and that it should be done in a period of two years with two buildings each year, the ones considered by the board of education as most needed to come first.

The regular report of the grand jury, exclusive of school building recommendations, follows:

To the Honorable Will Pless, Jr., judge presiding at March term Superior Court of Wilkes County, 1938, beg to submit the following report.

Number of Bills examined .. 135
True Bills .. 103
Not true Bills .. 19
Number of Presentments .. 2

We visited the County Home found everything in good condition. Inmates well cared for, prisoners doing fine and not giving any trouble. T. B. Hut (colored) was in good condition, T. B. Hut, (white), we recommend that a plumber be employed to fix water system in Hut.

County Home had not been repaired as recommended by last Grand Jury, as to fix plaster and walls. Some of the glass was out of windows, water when raining runs in basement. Smoak house needs recovering and repairing and made safe to keep meat in.

We found 26 inmates, 3 prisoners; Livestock, 7 pigs, 13 hogs, 2 mules, 2 horses, 1 bull, 3 heifers and 28 cows.

We visited the jail found 52 prisoners, 2 women, one juvenile, 10 federal prisoners, and 42 state prisoners. Dining room and kitchen was nice and clean, appearing (Continued on page eight)

Baptist Pastors Hold Conference

Ministers of Wilkes and the Adjoining Counties Gather at First Baptist

Baptist ministers of Wilkes and adjoining counties gathered Friday at the First Baptist church in this city for a conference on the theme of "Living Religion."

The conference was one of many being held at centers throughout the state under auspices of the Baptist convention. General Secretary M. A. Huggins, of the Baptist state convention; Wilbur Hutchens, student in Duke divinity school; Hoyt Blackwell, of Mars Hill college; Rev. W. H. Williams, of Charlotte; Rev. R. E. Hardaway, of Lenoir; Rev. M. O. Alexander and Rev. J. C. Pigeon, of the state mission staff, were present and took part in the program, which opened at ten o'clock and closed at four o'clock Friday afternoon.

Committee Of Democrats Meet

County Executive Committee Holds Meeting On Saturday Afternoon

At the call of Chairman J. R. Rousseau members of the Wilkes county Democratic executive committee met Saturday afternoon at Hotel Wilkes with members from 20 precincts in attendance.

Included in the business transacted was recommendation of men to be appointed by the state board of elections as members of the county election board. The names of F. D. Forester, F. C. Johnson and J. C. Newman, the latter a member of the present board, were recommended. The state board will appoint two from the list of three recommended.

Bank Resources At Higher Level

Resources and Deposits Show Substantial Gains During First Quarter

Statements of local banks published Thursday and today tell an interesting story of progress.

Resources and deposits have continued their steady climb, despite what is termed a "recession" throughout the country.

The statement of the Northwestern Bank published Thursday showed resources had climbed to \$2,845,141.70, representing an increase of approximately \$70,000 over the resources on December 31.

The Bank of North Wilkesboro's statement published today showed resources at \$1,717,832.76, or an increase of about \$16,000 during the past two months.