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Auto Tries New Survey At Crossing

Presumably not content to drive over the double curve across the railroad going out of this city by way of Tenth street, a car early Sunday morning went straight south over Tenth street by way of the recent survey for a new railroad crossing and crashed into the corner of N. B. Smith's warehouse.

Master of State Grange Speaker Thursday Night

Delivers Eloquent Address; Memorial Service Held For Deceased Members

Before an open meeting of the Wilkes Pomona Grange held Thursday night in Wilkesboro, N. C., master of the State Grange delivered an eloquent address received with rapt interest by Grange members, business men and others interested.

Bingo Party To Be Held Again

Will Be Held At Absbers' Location Friday and Saturday Nights

American Legion officials announced today that the big Bingo party which has been in progress since Tuesday night will also be held on Friday and Saturday nights of this week.

Two Arrested For Theft Of Bicycles

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that two young men have been arrested on charge of stealing bicycles.

Mrs. Marley, 82, Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Martha Marley, 82-year-old resident of Lewis Fork township, died Thursday at her home and funeral service was held to her burial at the Marley cemetery.

Services At Sweet Home Baptist Church April 10

Lloyd Pardue, pastor, will officiate at 11 o'clock on Sunday, April 10, at Sweet Home Baptist church.

Consent Judgment Ends Election Case

Arrested In Russia



Moscow... Valentina Snigrevskaya, secretary of the New York Times Bureau here, who was mysteriously taken from her home by secret police after having been admitted to the recent political trials to take notes of the testimony.

Wilkesboro Wins In Debates Over Mt. Airy, Elkin

North Wilkesboro Loses By Split Votes To Big City Schools

By virtue of winning over Mount Airy and Elkin in the triangular debates Friday Wilkesboro teams will compete in the state-wide debate at Chapel Hill, beginning April 22.

Wilkesboro's affirmative composed of Baxter Davis and Flake Steelman defeated Mount Airy's negative at Elkin. Wilkesboro's negative, Jean Laws and Virginia Miller, won over Elkin's affirmative at Mount Airy.

North Wilkesboro's debating teams lost to Hanes high in Winston-Salem and Harding high of Charlotte by two to one decisions.

Find 800 Pounds Of Sugar at Still

Large Outfit Raided In the Hunting Creek Vicinity Thursday Afternoon

Federal officers accompanied by Sheriff C. T. Doughton raided a large still in the Hunting Creek vicinity Thursday afternoon.

Traphill Citizen Funeral Tuesday

R. H. Wood, age 74, died Sunday afternoon at his home near Traphill. Funeral service will be held Tuesday, 11 o'clock, at Roaring River.

Marriages Of Week

Marriage licenses were issued during the past week in Wilkes to four couples: Fred Watson and Mattie Watson, both of Hendrix; Claude Craom, Pores Knob, and Novella Dyer, Purlear; Herbert Hawkins, Hays, and Gerthie St. John, North Wilkesboro; Harvey Wooten and Ruth Pendergrass, both of Hamptonville.

Case Off Docket With Both Sides Paying the Costs

Long Series of Litigation Is Ended When Swaringen and Poplin Sign Papers

The Swaringen-Poplin election case, a long drawn out series of litigation over title to office as a member of the Wilkes county board of commissioners, came to an abrupt end Thursday without going to trial when Swaringen, Republican and plaintiff, and Poplin, defendant commissioner and Democrat, signed a consent agreement that the case go off the docket and that each pay one-half cost.

The cost accumulated in the case to date totals approximately \$700. The case was instituted soon after Poplin went into office in December 1936 by virtue of a two-vote margin over Swaringen as the returns were certified by two Democratic members of the county board of elections.

Swaringen claimed that he was credited with an even hundred less votes than he received in Rock Creek township and gathered affidavits of over 400 who swore they cast votes for him in that township.

A restraining order and mandamus proceedings seeking to compel the board of elections to count the alleged mistake was dismissed and the quo warranto case was instituted.

The case made a trip to the supreme court, which sustained denial of a lower court judge of a demurrer by the defendant.

At the beginning of the case Swaringen filled bond in the sum of \$1,000 and Poplin filled the usual cost bond of \$200. The plaintiff asked that the bond be increased and Judge Pless ordered that each side fill bonds of \$3,000 each and put up the \$250 deposit each on or before April 1.

The consent judgement bears the signatures of Swaringen and Poplin but not of attorneys on either side. By a consent order C. G. Gilreath had withdrawn as attorney for Swaringen before the consent agreement between Swaringen and Poplin ended the case.

The consent judgment signed by Swaringen and Poplin is as follows: "In the above entitled case now pending in the superior court of Wilkes county and in reference before O. O. Efrid, referee, the plaintiff and defendant hereby agree that this case go off the docket and that the plaintiff pay one-half cost of the action, and that the defendant pay one-half cost of the action, including the referee's fee of \$100, and that said cost be paid in full by each party at the signing of this judgment by the judge of the superior court holding the courts in the 17th judicial district, as provided by law, for the signing of consent judgments, and that this shall be the judgment of the court, and is hereby made the judgment of the court by the signing hereof by the plaintiff and the defendant."

"It is further ordered by consent that the order of reference heretofore made be stricken out, and that the parties hereby agree that this judgment may be signed out of term, out of the county, and out of the district."

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller spent the week-end in Raleigh.

Matherly Youth Dies Of Wounds In Knife Fight

Coroner's Jury Says Arvill Matherly Killed By Darvill Pierce

Arvill A. Matherly, age 18, was almost instantly killed about eight o'clock Sunday night in an altercation with Darvill Pierce, a youth of about the same age, at Claude Minton's store in the western part of the county.

At an inquest conducted this morning by Coroner I. M. Myers ten wounds, apparently inflicted with a knife, were found on Matherly's body. The coroner's jury held that he died from wounds inflicted by Pierce and re-committed Pierce to Wilkes jail without privilege of bond.

A man who witnessed part of the fight said that he saw the two quarreling and that they began fighting and went over a road bank together. He went down the bank a moment later, met Pierce on the way down and found Matherly at the bottom. He was standing up and asked that a match be struck in order to see how badly Pierce had cut him. He fell to the ground and died on the way to the hospital here.

People from that community said that both boys were of good families, did not drink liquor and had good reputations. Pierce is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pierce.

Matherly was a son of A. B. and Lou Church Matherly and in addition to his parents leaves one brother, Marsh Matherly, and three sisters, Shirley, Belva and Ruth Matherly.

People Interested In 'Better Homes' Drive Being Made

Campaign Will End With Observance of "Better Homes" Week Soon

As a part of the Better Homes Campaign which will end in observance of Better Homes week in the latter part of April, Miss Harriet McGoogan, home demonstration agent and county chairman for the campaign, conducted a community meeting at Benham one day last week.

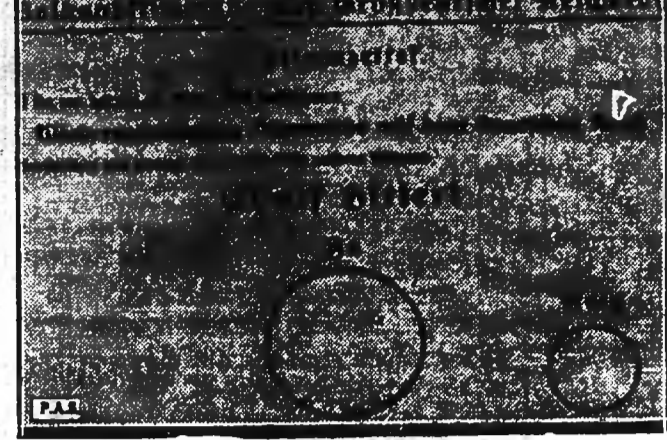
Miss McGoogan reported that the people of the community showed much interest in the theme discussed and that she finds similar interest being taken throughout the county.

Millers Creek P.-T. A. Will Meet Thursday

Millers Creek P.-T. A. will meet Thursday evening, 7:30. Officers for the coming year will be elected and an interesting program will be rendered. A large attendance of school patrons is urged.

The campaign to sell Easter Seals to raise funds to aid crippled children began on April 1 throughout Wilkes county. Ninety per cent of all funds derived from sale of Easter Seals will remain in Wilkes county and will be spent for helping to correct physical handicaps of children. Teachers and school children are conducting the seal sale and support of the public is solicited. W. D. Haire, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro schools, is county seal sale chairman.

How They'll Vote For Greater Reich



BERLIN... A preview of one of the ballots to be used when the new Germany votes on the absorption of Austria April 10. The ballot reads: "Do you approve the unification of Austria with Germany as accomplished on March 13, and do you vote for the list of our Fuehrer Adolf Hitler?" "Yes" and "No" appear above the circles. Note relative sizes.

Marshal Dowd Begins 2nd Term In The District

Sworn In Friday Afternoon Before Judge Hayes In Wilkesboro

William T. Dowd, of Greensboro, was inducted into office as United States marshal for the middle district of North Carolina by Judge Johnson J. Hayes in Wilkesboro Friday afternoon.

The oath was administered by Henry Reynolds, clerk of court after which Judge Hayes presented Marshal Dowd his commission to serve his second four-year term.

R. V. Day Speaks At Kiwanis Meet

T. E. Story Named Delegate to International Kiwanis Convention June 26-30

R. V. Day, principal of Millers Creek school, delivered what was considered one of the best speeches of the year before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon.

His subject was "Patriotism, As Related to Sale of Votes In Elections." C. G. Day was program chairman and an added feature was two spirituals by Fairplains colored quartet.

J. R. Hix read a resolution in the form of a tribute to A. A. Finley, who died several days ago. The resolutions were adopted by the club.

Jack Knupp Dies At His Home Today

Jack Knupp, an employe of Home Chair company who made his home near Millers Creek, died at his home this morning at seven o'clock. He had been ill for several weeks.

Install Pastor At Presbyterian Church In City

Rev. W. M. Cooper Installed In Impressive Service On Sunday Night

In an impressive service held Sunday night at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church Rev. Watt M. Cooper was installed as pastor, succeeding the late Rev. C. W. Robinson.

The installation was carried out by a commission from the Winston-Salem Presbytery, of which the North Wilkesboro church is a part.

Dr. R. E. McAlpine, of Winston-Salem, a former missionary to Japan, was moderator and presided. He propounded the questions to the pastor-elect and to the congregation.

Baseball Team to Be Formed In City

Forest Furniture Nine to Be Composed of Wilkes County Talent

Forest Furniture baseball team, which managers say will be composed entirely of Wilkes county baseball talent, has been organized and practice sessions have begun with about 30 players.

All outstanding baseball players in the county are invited to report on the fairgrounds for practice and to join the club. Mr. Sebastian said today that the club is seeking games with other industrial and county teams in the western part of the state.

The management of the team said it is their intention to form a club which will again put North Wilkesboro on the baseball map and cordially invite all fans of the national pastime to attend the games and support the team.

Many Will Lose Title To Lands If Taxes Through '34 Not Paid County

Approximately 600 Foreclosure Suits To Be Completed By County

SUITS IN PROGRESS Lands May Be Redeemed By Immediate Payment Taxes and Costs

W. H. McElwee, attorney for Wilkes county, said today that approximately 600 tax foreclosure suits for taxes due Wilkes county for the year 1934 and all prior years are now in progress and will soon be carried to completion.

This means that the owners will lose title to the property if they do not act immediately and pay the taxes, cost and interest to date. The suits will be carried to completion in a very short time, Mr. McElwee said, and it is not the desire of the county to take possession of the lands. He urged that landowners investigate and ascertain if taxes on their property have been paid for 1934 and prior years.

As the suits are foreclosed the titles will pass to the highest bidder or to the county if there is no bidder. The county will then dispose of the property.

New 4-H Clubs Formed In Week

Ronda And Ferguson Communities Begin Clubs Among Boys and Girls

Two new 4-H clubs have been added in Wilkes county during the past week. The new ones are located at Ronda and Ferguson.

The officers of the newly formed Ronda club are as follows: Edith Chambers, president; D. J. Redding, vice president; Lowland Tharpe, secretary-treasurer. Officers of the Ferguson club are as follows: Amelia Blair, president; Zelates Walsh, vice president; Ella Hall, secretary-treasurer; Margalene Barlow, reporter.

Two Wilkes Schools Invited to Conference

Banner Elk.—Twenty-two high schools of Western North Carolina have been invited by Dean Leo K. Pritchett to send delegates to the seventh annual Personality Conference for high school students, which will be held at Lees-McRae College April 8 and 9.

Each school will send three representatives from the senior class; two from the junior class; and a faculty chaperone. The high schools are: Cranberry; Newland; Crossnore; Spruce Pine; Bakersville; Clearmont high school, Green Mountain; Micaeville; Burnsville; Cove Creek high school, Sugar Grove; Mountain City, Tennessee; Cloudland high school, Roan Mountain, Tennessee; Watauga Academy, Butler, Tennessee; Blowing Rock high school; Jefferson and West Jefferson high schools; Lansing; Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro high schools; Marion; Lenoir; and North Cove, Marion.

Bishop To Preach At St. Paul's Church

The Right Reverend Robert B. Gribbin, bishop of the Western Diocese of North Carolina, will preach at St. Paul's Episcopal church Thursday evening, April 7th, at half past seven o'clock. Friends and visitors are cordially invited to attend the service.



Buy and Use EASTER SEALS Help CRIPPLED CHILDREN

NOTICE Due to a late rush of material for today's paper it was impossible to publish many desirable items of news contributed, including several announcements by schools. However, all the news omitted today and which is not perishable will appear in Thursday's Journal-Patriot.