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**BIG NAVY PROVIDED**  
Washington, May 13.—The billion-dollar navy expansion bill, designed to give the nation the most powerful fleet in its history, went to the White House today for President Roosevelt's signature after the senate approved it. Almost immediately it became known that the navy hoped to start work without delay on some of the 46 new fighting ships, 26 auxiliaries and 950 planes the measure authorizes.

**SKULL FRACTURED**  
Elkin, May 13.—H. D. Swain, 44, Yadkin county farmer living seven miles from Elkin, sustained a skull fracture and other injuries yesterday when he was jolted from an empty motor truck onto the road as he was on his way from his home to his work. Albert Durham, 25, who was also a passenger on the truck escaped with minor injuries. The accident occurred on a curve, it is said, the machine having skidded as the operator was attempting to round the bend.

**HEADS BAPTISTS**  
Richmond, Va., May 13.—The Southern Baptist convention named Dr. L. R. Scarborough, of Texas, as president, selected Oklahoma City as the 1939 meeting site and made plans for an "extensive and intensive soul-winning campaign" here today. Dr. Scarborough, president of Southwestern seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas, succeeds Dr. John R. Sampey, of Louisville, Ky., as leader of more than 5,000,000 Southern Baptists in 18 states and the District of Columbia.

**BLAMES BUSINESS**  
Washington, May 13.—President Roosevelt blamed business methods today for many existing economic troubles. Using one of his athletic figures of speech, he said business had run away with the ball. He made this statement after a reporter had asked, at a press conference, what he thought of charges by his critics that the present depression showed his first big spending program was a failure. He denied the charges. His statement about business methods recalled his past remarks about overproduction, high-pressure salesmanship, and certain prices he considered too high.

**ATTACKS DRINKING**  
Wilson, May 13.—Attacking "drinking by southern womanhood," Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, North Carolina's first lady, told the senate department of the Wilson Woman's club here today that "I don't like custom-made manners. Why do things just because everyone else does them?" Deploping the habit of drinking liquor among women, Mrs. Hoey urged the women at the gathering here not to "do what the crowd does," and asked them to set an example for the children of the state to follow by "not indulging" in the drinking habit.

**BLAMES DEAD MAN**  
Laurinburg, May 13.—A Scotland county jury decided late today that Edward Rodman "Judy" Hudelson, 29, of Gastonia, who was killed near here this morning when two gasoline transports crashed and enveloped a mill pond and part of a 520-foot bridge in flames died by reason of "his own negligence in driving on the wrong side of the road," and exonerated Thomas Bonzer, 26, of Charlotte, driver of the other tank truck. The trucks collided on the Ida Mill bridge, five miles west of here, about six o'clock this morning. The west-bound truck, driven by Hudelson, laden with 3,500 gallons of gasoline, went through the bridge rail, striking the bank of a small stream. Hudelson's body was found at the bottom of the canal.

**NATIONS SQUABBLE**  
Mexico City, May 13.—Mexico severed diplomatic relations with Great Britain tonight. The government's foreign relations department announced the withdrawal from London, "in view of the unfriendly attitude" of the British government, of her Minister Primo Villamil and the legion staff. This country's drastic action followed Britain's increasingly sharp protests at President Lazaro Cardenas' expropriation March 18 of British-owned oil properties and Mexico's delay in payment to Britain of claims growing out of Mexican civil wars. (On that date Cardenas took over the \$400,000,000 British and American owned foreign oil industry in Mexico.)

If the external application of water is a panacea for the frailties of human beings as a whole, for chronic cases, the water should be above the lukewarm stage.

## Settle \$40,000 Suit For \$225

With the jury out and unable to reach a verdict in the case of Mrs. Tyra Bowers versus S. C. Hutchison, in which she was asking \$40,000 damages for the death of her husband, the parties compromised the case in Wilkes court for the sum of \$225. Hutchison admitted shooting Bowers on October 1, 1931. He was acquitted in criminal court on grounds of self defense and defense of his own home. Two days were consumed in taking of testimony, argument by counsel and the charge to the jury by Judge J. Will Pless. It is understood that the jury was about evenly divided upon whether Mrs. Bowers should recover \$1,000 or nothing. During the two-weeks term of civil court more than 200 cases were removed from the docket, a majority of the cases disposed of being by the non-suit route because of failure of plaintiffs to appear and prosecute actions instituted prior to July 1, 1935. Another term of Wilkes court for trial of civil cases will begin on Monday, June 6. Judge Pless will again preside. Judge J. A. Rousseau, of this city, elected in 1934, will preside over courts in the 17th district for the first time during the six months beginning July 1.

## Large Attendance Home Club Meet

Wilkes county home demonstration clubs were represented by 24 ladies in the six-county federation meeting held in Boone Friday, Miss Harriet McGoogan, Wilkes county home demonstration agent, said today. The federation is composed of Avery, Watauga, Wilkes, Iredell, Alexander and Caldwell counties. Mrs. R. R. Crater, of Ronda, was elected a vice president of the federation and Miss Ruth Huffman, a member of the Champion 4-H club, served as a page at the federation meeting. Considering the fact that this is the first year of home demonstration work in the county, Wilkes was well represented at the meeting, being fourth in point of attendance. Those attending from Wilkes were: Ronda—Mrs. H. I. Pardee, Mrs. Marvin Wall, Mrs. R. R. Crater, Mrs. F. T. Moore and Mrs. O. D. Bentley; Boomer—Miss Eva German, Miss Lucille German, Miss Annie Lou Ferguson and Mrs. Charlie German; Ferguson—Miss Beulah Ferguson, Miss Janie Spicer and Mrs. S. F. Miller; Mountain View—Mrs. J. L. Gregory, Mrs. J. A. Blevins, Mrs. G. C. Pendry, Mrs. B. W. Pendry, Mrs. Glenn Dancy, Mrs. L. W. Teague and Mrs. Paul Church; Moravian Falls—Mrs. S. J. Steelman, Mrs. Janie Howell, Mrs. W. C. Hendren, and Mrs. Mary Lowe.

## G.O.P. Will Form Clubs In Precincts

Young Republicans to Organize In Precincts On Tuesday Night

Young Republicans in the various precincts in Wilkes county will meet at individually designated places on Tuesday night, May 17, for the purpose of organizing young Republicans' clubs. The precinct plan of organization among young Republicans was adopted in a county-wide meeting held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Tuesday night, at which time A. A. Triplett was elected president of the county club. State chairman of young Republicans' clubs, J. Bennett Riddle, of Morganton, delivered an address and assisted in the organization. The clubs next month plan a roll call canvass of party members to secure a mailing list of interested members of the party and to solicit small contributions toward a campaign fund for the state. In Topeka, Kansas, a law limits each household to five cats.

## Democratic Committee Officers Are Re-elected



"I am the law" is the alleged boast of Frank Hague, "Boss" of New Jersey and of Jersey City. On the moment this would seem the truth for Norman Thomas, national Socialist leader and quadrennial presidential candidate, was elected from the city twice for attempting to make a speech. Thomas (above) says he will contest Hague's action in suppressing free speech and hustling him out of town against his will.

## Work Begun On Mountain View Job Started; Begin Millers Creek Project Soon

A WPA project calling for construction of a physical education building and improvement of grounds, including landscaping, has begun at Mountain View high school, C. M. Crutchfield, WPA area supervisor, said here today. A similar project has been approved for Millers Creek school but starting date has been postponed because of a contemplated change in building plans from frame construction to brick veneer, Mr. Crutchfield said. The projects, which are almost identical, are set up to cost over \$16,000 each with the cost about equally divided between the communities as sponsors and the Works Progress administration. However, both communities have some materials to apply on their part of the cost of the projects and interested parties have been soliciting funds for the communities' cash contributions.

## Home Coming Day At Liberty Grove

Announcement has been made of a special home coming and mothers' day program at Liberty Grove church on Sunday, May 22. The program will begin at ten o'clock and continue through the day, including a basket picnic dinner at noon. Everybody is invited. Coral islands are not solid coral, but rock-formed mountains coated with coral. Most corals cannot grow at great depths, which make it practically impossible for a coral island to build up from excessive depths.

## Convention Held Saturday; Many Leaders Heard

J. R. Rousseau, Miss Zelle Harris, C. O. McNeil Are Re-Elected

CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED In Outcome of Election; Party's Record Praised By Convention

Democrats held an enthusiastic convention at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon and re-elected the present officers of the county executive committee: J. R. Rousseau, chairman; Miss Zelle Harris, vice chairman; C. O. McNeil, secretary. The convention was largely attended with every township with the exception of Somers represented in the convention. Chairman Rousseau called the convention to order and Attorney W. H. McElwee was made convention chairman with representatives of the most assisting the secretary. The first item of business was a resolution read by the chairman endorsing the record of the Democratic party in the nation and state and strongly endorsing the administrations of Sheriff C. T. Doughton and Commissioners R. G. Finley and Leet Poplin, who were elected on the Democratic ticket in Wilkes in 1936. Then followed a number of short talks by speakers who expressed confidence in the outcome of the fall election in Wilkes county and speakers predicted the election of the full Democratic ticket in Wilkes this year, saying that the best possible ticket will be before the people. Among those who spoke were Attorney Eugene Trivette; John Henry Johnson, candidate for representative in the legislature; F. C. Forester, a former county chairman; C. T. Doughton, sheriff and candidate for re-election; Highway Commissioner J. G. Hackett, who said "the biggest factory in North Carolina is the Democratic party and the biggest threat in bankruptcy in the nation is the Republican party"; H. A. Cranor, a former county chairman who has not missed a county convention in 40 years; N. O. Smoak, candidate for county commissioner who said Wilkes was getting into a deplorable condition before the partial Democratic victory in 1936; J. C. Reins, a former county chairman now postmaster of North Wilkesboro; R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, who predicted a majority of 1,500 for the county Democratic ticket in November; D. F. Sheppard, member of the county board of education; H. G. Minton, who has never missed a precinct meeting or county convention since youth; C. M. Crutchfield, area supervisor of WPA, C. C. Faw, former member of county board of education. Others who were recognized by the chairman included Judge J. (Continued on page eight)

## Sand Hogs Meet Below The Hudson



Hundreds of feet below the waters of the Hudson the north tube of the Lincoln Vehicular Tunnel is "holed through" to connect New York and New Jersey. The tunnel is designed with two tubes, each one-way. The south tube is already in use. The north one will be completed next year. As a climax to the two-year digging job, sandhog crews from each shore meet near the center of the river bed.

## This Week Air Mail Week; Plane Is To Visit N. Wilkesboro Thursday; Ask People to Patronize Ail Mail

**Coca-Cola Company To Buy Blackberries Again This Season**

Mr. W. A. McNeill, president and manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, announced today that his company will be in the market again this season for blackberries. Prices are expected to be as good, if not better than last year, Mr. McNeill said. Announcement will be made later as to price and location of the blackberry market.

## Revival Closes At Wilkesboro Church

A good revival meeting closed last night at the Wilkesboro Methodist church. The meeting, in progress for a week, was conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Lynch. Much interest was taken in the services and there were many reconsecrations. Music during the revival was in charge of the choir committee, and had much to do with the success of the meeting.

## O. E. S. In Meeting Thursday Evening

Wilkes Chapter No. 42, O. E. S. held its regular meeting on Thursday with the newly installed officers, headed by Marion P. Lomax, Worthy Matron, and H. T. Clark, Worthy Patron, filling their places. Harold R. Moag, Jr., Past Worthy Grand Patron, of Greensboro was a guest. Following the business session the Worthy Matron, in an attractive manner, directed Inez Absher Bowles, a recent bride and an officer of the Chapter, to a miscellaneous shower from the chapter. Mrs. Helen McNeill and Mrs. Lois McGowan, two other brides were remembered by the Chapter with gifts of crystal. The name "Rotten Row" given a famous street in London, is a corruption of the original name "Route Du Roi."

## Federal Court In Wilkesboro Opens For Term

Judge J. J. Hayes Presiding; Many District Officials In Attendance

OVER 100 CASES

R. L. Vannoy May Be Tried During Term; Many Liquor Cases

Federal court opened in Wilkesboro this morning with Judge Johnson J. Hayes on the bench and began work on a docket of more than 100 cases. J. Edgar Young was named foreman of the grand jury and that body was informed that it would be asked to pass upon about 75 bills of indictment, practically all involving alleged violations of liquor tax laws. One exception will be the case of R. L. (Diamond Bob) Vannoy, of the postoffice of the same name. He is charged with using the mails to defraud in connection with the alleged forgery of more than \$1,000 on Montgomery Ward and company. The government, it is understood, will attempt to show that he used the mails in cashing some of the checks. Two of his alleged confederates, residents of the same mountain community in Wilkes, are serving two-year sentences imposed in state courts. District Attorney Carlisle Higgins is prosecuting the docket, assisted by Assistants Bryce Holt, R. H. McNeill, Miss Edith Hayworth and Miss Margaret Brock. Deputy Marshalls attending court are W. A. Jones, Henry Stallins, Bob Stafford, T. C. Blacklock and John Stevenson. Other court officials present this morning were Clerk Henry Reynolds, Deputy Clerk J. Bumgarner and Miss Lillian Harkreader, assistant. Also present at the term is J. L. Osteen, probation officer, who has over 200 cases to look after in Wilkes.

## To Solicit Funds Junior League

Schedule American Legion Junior Baseball Starts Saturday, May 28

Officials of the American Legion post here today said that the 1938 season of junior baseball will be inaugurated in Wilkes on Saturday, May 28, and that the schedule of the eight teams will be published on Monday, May 23. The program of junior baseball was widely acclaimed last year as a most commendable activity, affording clean recreation and training for about 150 boys in eight communities. Legion leaders said today that a canvass will be made this week to solicit funds to help maintain the league this year and that public recognition will be given all contributors and that their names will be published in this newspaper each Monday.

## Southside Singing To Be Held May 29

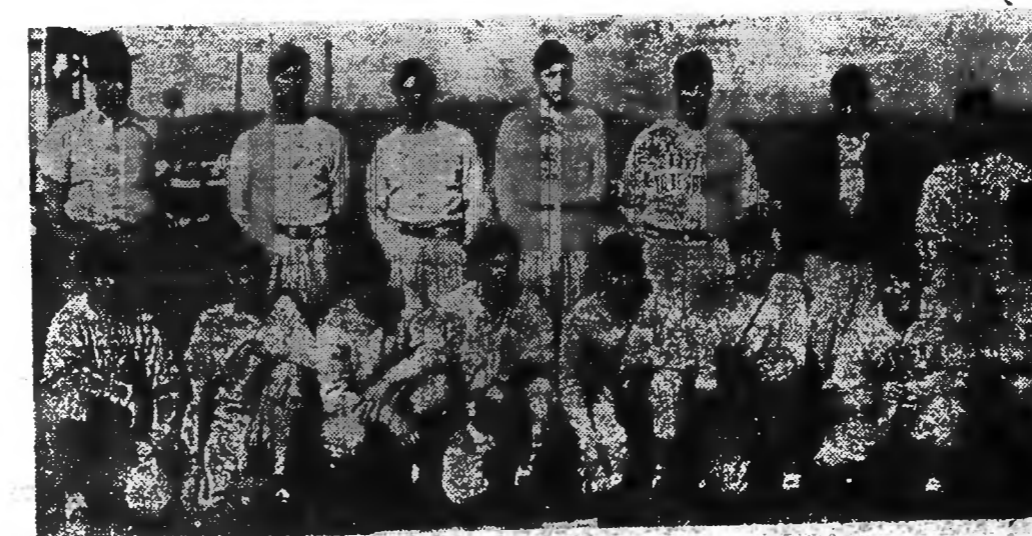
Expect Successful Session At Walnut Grove Baptist Church

Next session of Southside Singing association will be held with Walnut Grove Baptist church near Pores Knob on Sunday, May 29. Attorney F. J. McDuffie, chairman who made the announcement, said that the day's program will begin at ten o'clock and continue through the day. A basket dinner will be spread at noon and those attending are requested to carry baskets for this feature of the program. All singing classes, quartets and others interested in gospel music are invited, the chairman said.

## Mrs. Absher, 83, Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Caroline Absher, age 83, member of one of Wilkes county's best known families, died Friday. She passed away at the home of her son, M. F. Absher, a member of the Wilkes county board of commissioners, in Mulberry township where she made her home. She is survived by two sons, M. F. and A. S. Absher, one sister, Martha Johnson, of North Wilkesboro route 2, and one brother, D. C. Johnson, who lives in Idaho. Funeral service was held Sunday at Pine View church and burial was in Absher cemetery. Rev. J. M. Dillard had charge of the service. Nudists should be given credit for one thing—for not taking off more clothing than the law will permit.

## NORTH WILKESBORO HAS GOOD BASEBALL TEAM



Pictured here is the North Wilkesboro baseball team, which is made up of outstanding players from several Wilkes communities. Due to the fact that organized baseball has extended into small towns with semi-pro and commercial leagues the North Wilkesboro team is in somewhat of a dilemma, having a good team but nobody to play against. Reading left to right the players are Sheets, infielder; Jarvis, outfield; fielder; Dula, shortstop; Osborne, second base; Watkins, catcher; Templeton, outfield; Reavis, outfield; Leenhour, catcher and player manager; back row—C. C. Sebastian, business manager; Mullis, pitcher; Byrd, outfield; Jones, third base; Wiles, first base; Reid, pitcher; Meade, infield. Because of wet grounds the game Saturday with Lance Packing Company, of Charlotte, was postponed. The date of the game will be announced later. —Photo Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal