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CONSTRUCTION UP Raleigh, May 20.—Building activity in 21 North Carolina cities during April ran 94.4 per cent ahead of April 1937, the labor department reported today, and 67.7 per cent ahead of March.

DOG SHOTS MAN Stuttgart, Ark., May 20.—A squirrel dog shot and killed his master on a hunting trip near here. Will Duke, 38, timber overseer, and two companions were hunting with the dog near Casscoe yesterday. When Duke handed a dead squirrel to one of the other hunters, the dog leaped for the game, struck and discharged a small caliber rifle, killing Duke.

TOOK 257 STITCHES Concord, May 20.—Charlie Sanford, about 25, of Kannapolis, died in the Lowrance hospital at Mooresville shortly after midnight this morning from wounds said to have been received late Saturday night at the home of Albert Wilkerson, 39, of the Towel City, and Wilkerson is being held in the county jail here pending an inquest. Coroner N. J. Mitchell has called for 10 o'clock Monday morning at Kannapolis. Sanford was severely cut about the face, head and abdomen, 257 stitches being required to close his wounds.

ROBIN SUICIDE Burlington, May 20.—Truly truth is stranger than fiction, for with all the fantasy which guided the pen of Edgar Allan Poe, he never envisioned his famous raven as committing suicide by hanging—and just such an incident came to light here today. The bird, a robin which had for some time made its habitat in a shade tree on the lawn of a residence on West Davis street was found today suspended at the end of a string tangled around its neck, its claws barely resting upon a limb below the branch to which the string was ensnared.

WPA WORKERS FIRED Washington, May 20.—The Roosevelt administration announced the dismissal of 10 WPA employees in Pennsylvania for political activity today and simultaneously made what was widely interpreted as an effort to swing the C. I. O. behind the Democratic ticket in that state. Harry L. Hopkins, the works progress administrator, disclosed that the 10 employees had been dismissed and eight others penalized for "political activities for rival candidates" in the recent bitter primary campaigns.

MORE WAR CLOUDS London, May 20.—European powers warily shuttled warships and troops in imposing numbers in the vital Mediterranean area tonight while diplomats bickered over the Spanish war. France and Italy, unable to come to terms in moves for a friendship pact because each backs a different side in Spain, prepared for almost simultaneous maneuvers in their bordering African colonies of Tunisia and Libya. Diplomats were frankly worried over the rapidly developing, tense situation but refused to express open alarm.

BEGIN NAVY WORK Washington, May 20.—Congress received a presidential request today that it appropriate \$23,875,000 immediately to begin strengthening the nation's sea and air defenses in accordance with the three-day-old naval expansion act. The president outlined the intended uses of the fund as follows in a letter to Speaker Bankhead: For three new warships, 10 auxiliaries and a fleet of small vessels of great speed and maneuverability, \$16,500,000. For nine patrol planes of the latest type, \$3,375,000. For a rigid airship—the first since the Macon and Akron crashed several years ago—\$500,000. For improvements at navy yards, \$3,500,000.

Will Open No. 421 Middle of Week

Traffic Using the Old Boone Trail as Detour Until New Surface Sets

Highway officials said today that work of surface treating highway 421 east from near Wilkesboro to the Yadkin county line had been completed and that the road will be open for traffic by the middle of this week, weather permitting. While the work was in progress traffic was detoured by way of the Old Boone Trail.

Secretary State Thad Eure Will Speak at Finals

North Wilkesboro High To Close Successful Year On May 31st

48 SENIORS IN CLASS

President Lenoir-Rhyne College to Deliver Sermon Here On Sunday

North Wilkesboro city schools will close another successful year on Tuesday evening, May 31, when Secretary of State Thad Eure will deliver the commencement address and diplomas of high school graduation will be presented to a class of 48 seniors.

The finals begin on Sunday night, May 29, eight o'clock, when Dr. P. E. Monroe, president of Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, will deliver the commencement address at the First Baptist church.

The class day program promises to be unique and interesting and will be an outdoor program on the school grounds Monday afternoon.

The candidates for graduation are as follows: Edith Mozelle Beaman, Virginia Marie Bumgarner, Agnes Elaine Elledge, Ruth Janet Elledge, Evelyn Faw, Rebecca Kathleen Gentry, Alva Carolina Forester, Sibyl Amy Harrold, Mattie Pauline Henson, Gwendolyn Somers Hubbard, Beth Winfrey Jones, Mable Harding Johnston, Mary Parker Kelly, Ada Sue Kilby, Ruth Pauline Lowe, Dessie Lassie Minton, Elizabeth Brown Neel, Mary Frances Pardue, Thelma Sue Rhodes, Gladys Thelma Shumaker, Annie Lee StJohn, Louise Wellborn, Edith Rebecca Wiles, Nell Ray Douglas, Elizabeth Cashion, Elizabeth Wilkerson.

John Baker, Jr., Ralph Irving Bowman, Jr., William R. Bullis, James Edward Church, James Ralph Crawford, Thomas Dancy, Matthew Estes, Hancil Clint Foster, Odell Jones, Thomas Locke Kenerly, Edward Eller McNeill, Rufus Grady Miller, William Hardin Owens, Robert Schaefer, William L. Turner, Jr., Paul Warren, George H. Wells, Charles Finch Whicker, Arthur Dwight Miller, Spencer McGrady, Jr., Henry Todd and Ed Day.

Following is the program for the service Sunday night:

Organ Prelude, Miss Ruby Blackburn; Call to Worship, choir; Processional: Lead On, O King Eternal, choir; invocation—Rev. W. M. Cooper, Pastor Presbyterian church; Hymn No. 24: "Day is Dying in the West"; congregation; scripture, Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor Methodist church; prayer, Rev. A. L. Aycock; Anthem: King All Glorious—Vail—choir; announcements, Mr. W. D. Halfacre; Offering: Offertory, Miss Ruby Blackburn; Solo: The Holy City—Adams—Miss Gwendolyn Hubbard; commencement sermon, Dr. P. E. Monroe, President Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory; Hymn No. 33: "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name"; congregation; benediction, Rev. W. M. Cooper; Postlude, Miss Ruby Blackburn.

Republicans Form Clubs In Precincts

A. A. Triplett, chairman of Young Republicans' clubs for Wilkes county, today reported a number of precinct meetings and organizations.

North Wilkesboro Young Republicans club of North Wilkesboro held an interesting meeting Friday night and elected the following officers: Max Foster, president; Joe Godby, first vice president; Jim Brewer, second vice president; Clifton Byrd, secretary; Isaac Eller, treasurer; Pressley Myers, member of township executive committee; Dewey Minton, publicity chairman. The next meeting will be held on Friday night, May 27, at the office of Attorney Kyle Hayes. Every Republican in the township has an invitation to attend and ladies are especially invited.

Antioch: At a meeting held in Antioch precinct Wednesday night a Young Republicans' club was formed with the following officers: Curtis A. Sparks, president; L. M. Jarvis, vice president; Pettis Wellborn, treasurer; R. Staley, secretary. The following were (Continued on page four)

To Wed Hitler?



According to confidential reports, Leni Reifenstahl may become the wife of Adolf Hitler. Leni, who received the cinema prize for her Olympic film during the May Day celebrations in Berlin, has been seen with Der Fuehrer during many public functions in recent months. It is rumored the event will take place in August.

60 Days For Being Drunk In U.S. Court

While the jury was getting Barney Call out of serving a sentence for manufacturing moonshine he was getting himself in more deep water and a 60-day jail sentence.

In a comparatively weak case against Call the jury convicted him in federal court Friday but recommended mercy. But while the jury was out Call became intoxicated and Judge Johnson J. Hayes ordered him into custody.

With Call sober the case was called for judgment Saturday morning and Judge Hayes followed the jury's recommendation and let Call off on temporary probation on the liquor charge. But the judge made a new case and sentenced Call to jail 60 days for contempt of court.

Short Cut Grade Work Completed

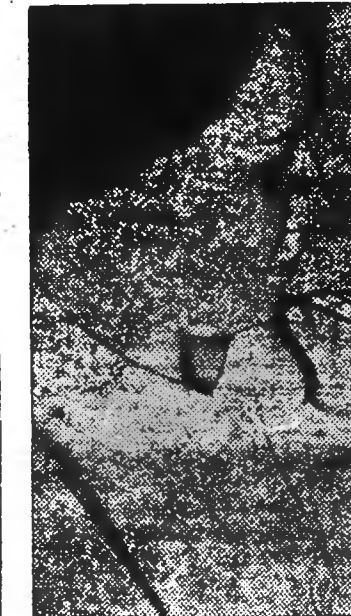
Lower Bridge Road to Get a Coat of Stone Within Next Few Weeks

Work of grading a 1-1/4 mile short cut from highway 421 east of Wilkesboro to the lower Yadkin bridge in North Wilkesboro has been completed, highway engineers said today.

Highway forces will soon begin the task of placing crushed stone on the link of road, which will shorten the distance into North Wilkesboro over highway 421 and 115 by approximately one mile. However, no truck traffic will be allowed on the short cut because of the load limit on the Yadkin bridge.

Highway maintenance forces will do the work of applying crushed stone and surface treatment.

Science Battles Baby's Doom



Darkness—or death! This is the choice confronting seven-week-old Helaine Judith Colan, born a victim of glioma, a malignant tumor which destroys first the optic nerve and then the brain. Unable to decide her fate, the baby's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Herman Colan, allowed a jury of twelve to decide between life and death. They chose life, if medical science could save it. Here is Helaine in the arms of her nurse after the first operation removed the right eye.

Special Memorial Day Service Will Be Held May 30th

Commander of Wilkes Legion Post Makes Statement About Event

Frank E. Johnson, commander of Wilkes post of the American Legion today issued the following announcement of the Memorial Day service to be held May 30:

Next Monday, May 30th, is Memorial Day, when our nation will again assemble to honor its heroic dead. A thousand battles on land and sea echo the glory of their valiant deeds. Under the quiet sod, or beneath the murmuring waves, their bodies sleep in peace, but in the destinies of men, their souls go marching on. Because of them our lives are free, because of them our nation lives, and because of them the whole world is blest. In deepest reverence, we would honor the memory of those heroic dead of all wars; the War of 1861-64, the Spanish-American War and the World War.

The Wilkes County Post No. 125 of the American Legion will observe this Memorial Day with special services and ceremonies. On next Sunday morning veterans of all wars, whether members of any service organization or not, together with members of the Daughters of the Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and American Legion Auxiliary, will assemble at the Presbyterian church for the eleven o'clock service, when the Rev. Watt Cooper will preach a Memorial sermon. A separate section will be reserved for the service men and auxiliaries.

On Monday evening, May 30th at seven o'clock, Memorial ceremonies will be held at the World War Monument on corner of C and Ninth Streets. A fine program is also being arranged for this occasion. There will be a parade in which various units will participate, including the local Company A of the National Guard, the several Boy Scout Troops, American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of 1861, Spanish American Veterans, D. A. R., U. D. C., and perhaps other patriotic organizations. A feature of the parade will be the American Legion Band of West Jefferson, who have promised to be present. Further details will be given in Thursday's paper.

Annual Visitation Day at Junior Home

Many members of the North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order are expected to visit the Orphans' Home at Lexington on annual visitation day Sunday, May 29. Those who do not have means of transportation are asked to get in touch with C. G. Day, Paul Hutchens or Claude Canter.

The day's program will begin at 10:30 with a concert by the little symphony orchestra and an address at 11 o'clock by Governor Clyde Hoey.

At two o'clock will be presentation by Sam F. Vance, memorial tablet by R. A. Grady and acceptance by Gurney P. Hood. Also in the afternoon will be another concert, finals in the oration and essay contests, quartette contests and presentation of prizes and scholarships.

Bob Vannoy Gets Four Years

SENTENCED ON MAIL FRAUD CHARGE



Here is picture "Diamond Bob" Vannoy and his pretty young wife as he awaited disposition of his case in U. S. court at Wilkesboro, Saturday. Vannoy is alleged to have been the "brains" of a gang which printed and cashed \$2,000 in forged checks on Montgomery Ward & Co. (Cut Courtesy Winston-Salem Journal.)

Alleged Forger Is Sentenced In Court Saturday

Witness Said He Printed \$2,000 In Forged Checks During Year's Time

MAIL FRAUD CHARGED Sent Forged Checks Through Mails to Purchase Equipment

R. L. (Diamond Bob) Vannoy, brilliant Wilkes mountaineer who is alleged to have perpetrated a number of schemes, was on Saturday sentenced to four years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., on a mail fraud charge growing out of an alleged swindle of \$2,000 in checks forged on Montgomery Ward & company.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes pronounced the sentence after a post inspector had related to the court what was termed a brief account of Diamond Bob's amazing operations in printing the forged checks passed by his confederates in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, West Virginia and South Carolina.

The first scheme, and which was not uncovered until recently, was forgeries of \$103 worth of checks on Lambert Brothers, a contractor on the Blue Ridge Parkway a few miles above Vannoy's home at the postoffice bearing his name about a year ago. The checks were successfully passed in North Wilkesboro and the proceeds used to finance the gigantic scheme of forgery on the mail order house.

With the checks, the government witness said, Vannoy ordered through the mails a small printing press and materials used to print Montgomery Ward checks at his home in the mountains on the headwaters of Reddies River in the Blue Ridge.

His known confederates who traveled over parts of five states cashing the checks on a fifty-fifty basis were Roscoe Church, a former resident of Vannoy's community now serving a term in West Virginia; Con (Odell) Wyatt and Odell Key, who are serving two to three year terms in the state penitentiary for cashing checks in the vicinity of Kannapolis and Concord.

Vannoy's first effort was foiled, officers here said, when one of his confederates who called himself "foreman", ordered from a Winston-Salem printing house a quantity of checks on Nello Teer, another parkway contractor. Suspicious of the order, the firm shipped blank paper instead of the checks.

Attorneys Eugene Trivette and H. A. Cranor, members of the local bar, made eloquent pleas before Judge Hayes for a judgment mingled with mercy for their client, who they said for several years had led a model life as superintendent of the Sunday school, member of the board of deacons and church clerk at the little mountain church in his community where he was looked upon as a leader.

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Air Mail Week Observed Here; Plane Visits City

Saturday closed observance of "National Air Mail Week" and North Wilkesboro had a part in the event.

To stimulate interest in the event a plane visited the North Wilkesboro airport on Thursday afternoon and picked up outgoing air mail.

The plane was piloted by John W. Terrell, of Lenoir. He came to North Wilkesboro by way of Boone and West Jefferson and proceeded from here to Salisbury, state headquarters for "Air Mail Week."

While no special effort was made to solicit air mail business, 181 letters were dispatched from North Wilkesboro in special cachets provided by Postmaster J. C. Reins.

Several local citizens gathered at the airport to witness the arrival of the plane, which was ten minutes earlier than schedule.

Thursday marked the second time that a plane had visited North Wilkesboro to carry outgoing air mail. A year ago when "Air Mail Week" was first observed a large crowd gathered at the airport, among the number being prominent people from adjoining counties which were not visited by plane.

Many From Wilkes At State Meeting Democratic Party

Wilkes Men Honored In Party Caucus of the 8th District

Wilkes county Democracy was well represented at the state Democratic convention held in Raleigh Thursday and several were honored in the eighth district party caucus and organization preceding the state convention.

Representative Warren, of Washington, N. C., was the keynote speaker of the convention. He upheld the principles of the New Deal as something of permanent benefit and not to be discarded. About 3,000 attended the convention.

Those from Wilkes attending included Sheriff C. T. Doughton, J. R. Rousseau, J. G. Hackett, Cecil Howell, Homer Brookshire, Odell Wittington, W. H. McElwee, C. B. Eiler, Z. V. Stewart, C. A. Hayworth, J. E. Walker, W. A. McNeil, Howard Pharr, Miss (Continued on page five)

North Wilkesboro Wins 3 Ball Games

Defeat Highlands, Boonville and Hanes Hosiery Clubs Here

North Wilkesboro was boosted to a more prominent place on the baseball map during the week-end by three victories over strong amateur teams.

On Thursday the Forest players won over Highlands team from High Point by the score of 6 to 3. Leslie Rhodes, of Millers Creek, a former Carolina League hurler, held the visitors to four hits until the eighth and did his part at the bat with a home run. He was relieved in the ninth by Lee Bullis.

On Saturday the locals played Boonville here and came through with a well earned victory by the score of 6 to 5. Nichols, Rhodes and Reid were the Forest pitchers.

On Sunday Lee Mullis pitched well in the pinches and Hanes Cubs, of the strong commercial league in Winston-Salem, went down in defeat 6 to 5. Dula led in hitting with three hits while Mason and Carter were outstanding at the plate for the visitors.

Other good games are scheduled to be played soon and it is expected that the local team will provide just the tonic needed for baseball fans in this vicinity.

Miss Marcella Pendley, formerly of North Wilkesboro, now of High Point, and Don Michael, of Wilkesboro, are among the one hundred and seven students who are to be graduated from Brevard College, June 1. The commencement program will begin at eleven o'clock, Sunday, May 29, when Dr. C. C. Weaver, pastor of the First Methodist church in Charlotte, North Carolina, will preach the commencement sermon.

Pre-School Clinic At City Schools

Announcement was made today of the pre-school clinic to be held May 25, 26 and 27 at the city schools, beginning at nine o'clock each morning.

The clinic was postponed from a former date on account of a prevailing epidemic of measles.

All children who are to enter school next year are invited. The clinic will be conducted by Dr. A. J. Eller and Mrs. Bertha Bell, of the county health department.

Kiwanians Attend Twin-City Meeting

Fifteen members of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club attended a division three inter-club meeting held with the Winston-Salem club on the roof garden of Robert E. Lee Hotel Thursday evening.

Lieutenant Governor Charlie Armstrong, of the Salisbury Club, had charge of the meeting and took occasion to compliment the ten clubs of this division for their fine work. He stated that there was no club in the division that is now delinquent in any of the major requirements of Kiwanis International. He then introduced Mrs. Ames Haltiwanger, first lady in Kiwanis of the Carolinas district. Ames Haltiwanger, Governor of the Carolinas district, was then presented. He addressed the group on "The Ideals of Kiwanis." He urged that there is no place for a Kiwanian to feel like the task is finished. "We do our work through committees and each group needs constantly to check itself in order to know that it is doing its work satisfactorily," he said.

Jumping Off Place Has Slide of Stone

Tons Fall From Top of Precipice About 75 Feet Above Road

Week-end rains caused a rock slide on Jumping Off Place on highway 16 on the Blue Ridge between this city and Ashe county, highway officials said today.

The mass of stone, more than a ton in weight, fell about 75 feet from the top of the embankment to the roadbed.

Highway officials said today that steps will be taken immediately to prevent future slides and remove danger to traffic on the road. Workmen will be lowered to the top of the bank by ropes and all loose stone will be dislodged and others which appear to be insecure will be blasted off. District Engineer Z. V. Stewart said today.

Due to the fact that a rock quarry was located at that point a few hundred feet of roadway was not surface treated along with the remainder of the highway and that work will be done soon, Mr. Stewart said.