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## Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

### FATAL SPORT

Jamestown, N. Y., July 12.—"I'd like to catch one more fish before I give up this sport," Axel William Johnson, 80, said today as he started on a fishing trip. A little while later he landed a 10-pound muskellonge and then dropped dead of a heart attack.

### CONFESSES KIDNAPING

Tacoma, Wash., July 12.—William Cole, chief of the Washington state patrol, announced tonight a man giving the name of Frank Olson, 32, arrested at Riverville, Wash., yesterday, had confessed the kidnap-slaying of Charles Mattson, 10, in Tacoma December 27, 1936. Later investigation revealed the confession false. Olson was a Innatic and at the time of the kidnaping was in an asylum.

### BUDGET ESTIMATES

Washington, July 12.—President Roosevelt estimated today that the administration's spending program and other government activities would cost \$3,985,157,600 in this fiscal year and pile up a \$3,984,887,600 deficit. The President made public a revision of this January budget estimates for the year which began July 1, 1938. Saying the January figures were based on a hope for a decided improvement in business.

### MILLIONAIRES LOSE

Washington, July 12.—Pierre S. du Pont and John J. Raskob lost a major round today in their fight against government income tax claims which they had denounced as "political persecution." The board of tax appeals found that they sought to escape taxes for 1929 through sale of securities back and forth to each other. The board did not mention the exact amount due under the decision, leaving that to be determined later. Government attorneys said the figure for Raskob might be about \$1,000,000 and for du Pont about \$600,000.

### U. S. GOOD ENOUGH

Aboard Roosevelt Train en Route to San Francisco, July 12.—President Roosevelt drew enthusiastic cheers from a Pueblo, Colo., crowd today with a statement that "we don't want and are not going to copy other forms of government. Ours is good enough for us." Mr. Roosevelt, speaking under a glaring sun, made the assertion after saying he thought that if states could work out their problems on the "common meeting ground" of the federal government it would mean "we can make democracy work."

### HOLD POLICE CHIEF

Dunn, July 12.—Police Chief Lester Parker, of Coats, is being held in the Harnett county jail at Lillington charged with a murder which he allegedly committed six years ago in San Augustine, Texas. The 28-year-old officer was arrested while on duty last night by Sheriff W. E. Salmon and Deputy Sheriff D. W. Smith by authority of a wire received from Sheriff E. H. Marshall in San Augustine. Parker, the little town's one-man police force submitted to the officers and was reported to have confessed the crime shortly after he was taken into custody. He was quoted as saying he shot Lawrence Able in 1932 to save his own life and the life of his mother and brother who were with him when the tragedy occurred.

## Furniture Makers Find Business Is Decidedly Better

Four Local Plants Represented at the Chicago Furniture Market

Reports from the midsummer furniture market now in progress in Chicago indicate that furniture business is definitely better and prospects are good for a decided upturn during the latter part of this year.

Contrast to shows during the past year when orders were heavy, the present show has been featured by lively interest on the part of buyers, although no great volume of business is in immediate prospect.

## Book Drive Week At Public Library Begins On July 18

Increased Circulation Makes Additional Books Necessary at Present

### LIBRARY HAS GROWN

Started With Total of Only 232 Books Donated; To Date Have 1,655

The week of July 18 through July 22 has been designated as "Book Drive Week" by the Wilkes county public library.

The public library a year ago had on its shelves only 232 books which had been donated by persons interested in the project. At present the number of books donated is 1,655.

But more books are needed due to the growing popularity of the library and the rapidly increasing circulation. During the year ending July 1 the circulation of books in the library was 21,965.

There is a great demand for good fiction and donation of that type of books will be greatly appreciated. The library is also used extensively by children and books suitable for children would be a great asset to the institution. There is also a need for additional reference books.

The library is open each week day from 8:30 a. m. until 1:30 p. m. People who desire to witness further growth of the library, which was formed by the Council of Social Agencies with many organizations cooperating, are asked to carry books to the library next week. Books which have been worn or torn will be repaired without cost to the library by the book mending project of the Works Progress administration.

## OFFICERS OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS FORM COUNTY COUNCIL



Women in the rural sections of Wilkes county have taken a great deal of interest in home demonstration work this year, the first year of this part of extension work in the county. The picture above shows the county council, recently formed and composed of officers of the individual clubs. They are, left to right, front row, Miss Carrie Lillie Whittington, Mrs. C. F. Bertholl, Mrs. J. C. Critcher Jr., Miss Annie Lou Ferguson, Mrs. S. R. Laws and Mrs. Glenn Dancy; back row, Miss Harriett McGoogan, home agent; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, Mrs. F. T. Moore, Mrs. Ruby Parsons, Mrs. S. F. Miller, Mrs. S. M. Burchette, Mrs. L. L. Willes, Miss Eva German, Miss Luella German, Miss Anamerle Arant, district agent, and Mrs. Sale.

## J. A. Rousseau to Preside at Term Court In August

About 150 Criminal Cases Pending Trial In Term To Begin On 8th

Judge J. A. Rousseau, of this city, will preside over his first term of court in Wilkes when the August term for trial of criminal cases convenes on Monday, August 8.

Judge Rousseau was elected in November, 1934. He has held courts in several districts and for the second half of this year will be in his home district, the 17th. At present he is presiding over Avery county court at Newland.

About 150 cases are now on the docket for trial at the August term of Wilkes court and it is quite probable that many others will be added as magistrates' reports are turned in.

Following is the list of jurors for the term:

- First Week**  
 John Hendren, Brushy Mountain; Zoellie Hamby, North Wilkesboro; Z. A. Greer, Jobs Cabin; G. G. Foster, North Wilkesboro; Grover Walker, Boomer; J. Millard Brown, Mulberry; Jonah Porter, Edwards; Thomas Ashford, Union; J. C. Triplett, Edwards; Ralph Duncan, North Wilkesboro; James M. Yates, Wilkesboro; J. F. Gregory, Rock Creek; R. S. White, Edwards; Thomas Barker, Edwards; H. E. Elledge, Mulberry; Charlie Warren, North Wilkesboro; A. N. Critcher, Moravian Falls; A. L. Kimmer, Edwards; T. H. Elliot, Reddies River; R. F. Brown, Elk; J. W. Parsons, Reddies River; W. C. Cothren, Edwards; Floyd Green, Elk; V. C. Elledge, Lewis Fork; A. L. Green, Lewis Fork; R. C. Wood, Edwards; Columbus Wells, New Castle; John D. Jarvis, Somers; John E. Parks, Edwards; Walter Couch, Edwards; J. Quincy Adams, Walnut Grove; Wiley P. Rhoades, Walnut Grove; J. M. Absher, North Wilkesboro; R. A. Pruitt, Mulberry; T. L. Greene, Elk; J. W. Hall, Mulberry.

- Second Week**  
 J. B. South, Union; Soc. T. Howell, Boomer; J. C. Whittington, Reddies River; E. W. Holloway, Traphill; W. P. Warren, Rock Creek; J. Blaine Ray, Antioch; Wilson White, Elk; Dick Sharp, Boomer; George G. Moore, Elk; Albert Cannon, Reddies River; Julius Brock, Moravian Falls; J. D. Kilby, Mulberry; John W. Porter, North Wilkesboro; J. Clarence Davis, North Wilkesboro; Elbert Johnson, Rock Creek; M. F. Blevins, Rock Creek; J. Albert Walsh, Boomer; Ed McGrady, Traphill.

## Dr. W. F. Jones Re-Opens Office

Dr. W. F. Jones, who has been out of his dental office here for sometime on account of his health, is now able to look after his practice again, his many friends throughout this section will be glad to know.

Dr. Jones has practically regained his normal strength and health, and announces that he will keep his regular hours which are 8 to 12 in the morning and from 1 to 4 in the afternoon.

## Officers Of County Council Home Clubs



Here are pictured the officers of the Wilkes county council of home demonstration clubs. Left to right are Mrs. C. F. Bertholl, of Moravian Falls, president Mrs. F. T. Moore, of Ronda, vice president; and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, of Ferguson, secretary. (Photos by courtesy of Winston-Salem Journal).

## Lions Club to Re-open Riverside Swimming Pool Between Towns

### J. W. Pardue Shows Freak Corn Stalk

J. W. Pardue, of Wilkesboro route 2, brought to this city Monday an unusual corn stalk.

The stalk was found in his field. In place of a tassel it contained about 25 small ears in a cluster but the ears were immature. The silks resembled Santa Claus' beard.

## C. C. Camp Now Being Erected On the Parkway

### Buildings Are Moved From Abandoned Camps At Other Locations

Workmen are busily engaged in construction of barracks and other buildings for the Civilian Conservation Camp in the Bluff Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Laurel Springs, it was learned today from officials of the National Park Service at the office located in Wilkesboro.

The buildings are being moved from abandoned camps. The type of construction now being used in C. C. Camps is such that the buildings can be taken down in sections and moved to other points.

Park service officials were unable to give a definite date when the camp will be occupied. The camps are under supervision of the army.

The camp members will be used in development work along the parkway. Shaping and seeding shoulders, clearing waste wood from the right of way, planting shrubs and other landscape work will be carried out to assure maximum scenic beauty along the roadside.

The camp members will not be used in development work in the Bluff Park and the present force of approximately 360 WPA workers will be kept employed at that work. Park Service officials said.

## Housing Shortage Becoming Evident, Williams Declares

### Official of Building & Loan Says Shortage Can Be Eliminated

"Since the first of the year natural forces have been operating to cause renewed interest in home building," J. B. Williams, secretary of the North Wilkesboro Building & Loan association, declared.

"During the past several years," he said, "a tremendous shortage of homes has accumulated, and some residential construction must take place to fill the gap. No one knows exactly just how many homes are needed. All sorts of experts have tried to accurately fix the shortage and have published many widely varying figures, but the truth of the matter is that nobody knows.

"The shortage of homes depends upon demand, and the demand in turn depends upon the economic condition of the people. When employment is steady or conditions improving, people are no longer satisfied to live cramped under the same conditions as when employment is uncertain. So the shortage of homes rises and falls with changes in business conditions as well as with actual increases in population.

"Added to this factor is the question of costs. During the early part of the past year many new homes were being built and new ones planned. Unfortunately, building costs took a decided upturn, and this increased expense caused many people to postpone starting construction, causing a building slump. Building materials have declined in price in the past few months, and interests in home building is now increasing. More people are planning to build now than at any time within the past 10 months.

"There is no shortage of money for financing on reasonable, payment terms," he said. "Despite the many plans, schemes and halfway the building and loan associations of this section last year financed by far the greatest part of the new home construction, and financed it under plans and terms that were entirely satisfactory to home builders.

"Home building is now picking up, and this trend should continue unless the cost of building again reaches the point where the prospective builder feels that it is too high."

### Wilkes Marriages

Licenses to wed have been issued during this month by Registrar of Deeds Old Wiles to the following: Percy Blackburn and Velma Church, both of North Wilkesboro; Paul Hartwin, of Dockery, and Mae Johnson, of Stony Point; Spurgeon Bell and Velma Church, both of North Wilkesboro; Elbert Paedue and Clara Boots, both of Wilkesboro; Ray Jones, of North Wilkesboro, and Ernestine Mitchell, of Wilkesboro; Paul Coffey and Grace Watkins, both of North Wilkesboro; Dallas Walsh and Nora Billings, both of North Wilkesboro. One couple requested no publicity.

## Board Fails To Certify Nominee In Eighth District

### Begins Lengthy Inquiry In Allegations of Fraud In Primaries

### BURGIN IS LEADING

Vote As Reported Leave Lexington Man About 100 in the Lead

Raleigh, July 12.—The state board of elections today postponed indefinitely certification of returns from the second Democratic primary of July 2 and began its inquiry into alleged election irregularities.

C. B. Deane, apparently the loser in the race for congressional nomination in the eighth district, was given a week in which to prepare evidence supporting his request for a detailed check of absentee voting in Davidson county.

(County board's returns gave his opponent, W. O. Burgin, of Lexington, a majority of slightly more than 100 votes. State board members said, however, that Deane contends enough absentee ballots were illegally cast in Davidson to change the outcome of the primary).

Muse Count Ballots  
 The Union county board of elections was instructed to determine if it can positively identify ballots not counted because they were placed in wrong boxes. Those which can be positively identified will be counted unless they show other signs of irregularities.

Hearing an unprecedented array of charges, the state board stayed in session all day, adjourning just before 6 o'clock.

Council for Deane, in a petition asking time in which to prepare his case, charged that 23 per cent of Davidson's vote was cast through absentee ballots. Thirty-four absentee ballots were challenged by Deane for defects. It was said, but the challenges were denied.

It was stated that "although a diligent inquiry fails to disclose an epidemic of disease in Davidson county," records show an "enormous percentage" of Davidson voters was ill.

Deane contended that though the Davidson board did check some absentee ballots, the checking was done too swiftly for a thorough investigation.

Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Burgin's counsel, denied the Davidson county charges and asserted Deane and his representatives were given access to absentee ballot records there.

Sam H. Lee, chairman of the Union elections board, told the state board that for years it had been the custom in his county to discard ballots placed in the wrong boxes. He estimated that 25 to 30 ballots were voided because they were misplaced, but added he did not know how many of them were cast in the congressional race.

Ehringhaus vigorously protested the board's ruling in the Union (Continued on page four)

## National Secretary Grange to Speak At Picnic Tuesday

### Pomona Grange to Meet On Friday Night and Lay Plans for Picnic

Wilkes county Pomona Grange will hold a meeting at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Friday night, July 15, to lay plans for the annual picnic to be held on Tuesday night, July 19.

The picnic is expected to be an occasion of much interest to members of the Grange and others interested in the organization.

Pomona Grange officials have been informed that Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, master of the North Carolina State Grange, will be present and will bring with him the principal speaker for the occasion, Harry A. Caton, of Coshocton, Ohio, secretary of the National Grange.

The visit of the nationally known leader in the leading rural fraternity will attract much interest, and it is expected and the picnic will be largely attended.

Place of the picnic will be announced following the meeting of the Pomona Grange to be held Friday night.