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State News Of Told Briefly

ENLARGING ARMY

Shanghai, Aug. 20.—Japan today prepared to mobilize more than 1,000,000 additional men and to go forward with her conquest of China regardless of increasing foreign opposition. A series of moves following this week's decisions by Japanese Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye and his associates in Tokyo, indicated that the Japanese are confident of their ability to crush Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and to carry the war through to a successful conclusion.

"CONSHUNSE" HURT

Mellen, Wis., Aug. 19.—J. E. Mellen, operator of a local produce company, was \$60 richer today after receipt of the following unsigned letter: "Mellen Produce Company, Gents: Am sending money to make good on crooked deal I pulled on your creamery once. My conshunse been bodering me. Now I got the money in case I crack up I got a clean slate." Sixty dollars in crumpled bills were pinned to the note.

PARKWAY WORK

Stuart, Va., Aug. 19.—Construction work on Section 1U1 of the Blue Ridge Parkway, from near the Pinnacles of Dan to Volunteer Gap was begun this week by a Virginia firm. The distance is 9.88 miles, which is the county line between Patrick and Carroll counties. The line is also the division for streams flowing east and west. At a point along the drive two miles west of the Pinnacles, there will be a spring on either side of the road, one stream flowing to the Mississippi River and the other to the Atlantic Ocean.

WEAKER SEX O. K.

French Lick, Ind., Aug. 19.—Women are just as good automobile drivers as men, the highway safety educational department of the Aetna Life Insurance Company reported today. "Men react a little more quickly than women when it comes to steering and braking," Barnett L. Golub, of Hartford, Conn., who is in charge of the department's driving tests, told a company meeting here. "If women even the score by being better night drivers. They are not bothered as much by headlight glare, we find. In addition, women are better at reading light signals. They are not color blind."

KILLED SWEETHEART

New York, Aug. 19.—A slim, young Englishman walked into an East Side police station today, accompanied by a Catholic priest, and told the desk sergeant he had just blown off the back of his sweetheart's head with a sawed-off shotgun because she refused to marry him. Talking in precise, clipped accents, the young man said his name was John Bellingher, 33, gave the police an address where he said they would find the girl's body, and added: "I prefer to die. I hope they put me in the electric chair."

WPA Approves Wilkes Projects

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—Greensboro was allotted \$11,805 by the WPA today to improve the Greensboro Country Park by constructing a guard rail fence and clearing, grubbing, excavating and sodding the site.

In a list of 16 projects costing a total of \$249,025.90 and employing 605 persons Buncombe county got \$29,500 to provide school lunches for needy pupils.

Other projects were: Carthage, \$6,425; and Concord, \$5,866, for clerical work in public offices; Wilkes county, flowers and shrubs for schools and other public property, \$10,888; Wilkes county, provide matron for rest rooms at schools, \$4,746; Guilford county, school building painting, \$6,537; Wilkes county, community sanitation, \$10,000; Lumberton, street improvements, \$23,658.

Jackson county, Qualla township, construct school building west of Syria on state highway 112, \$21,876; Cleveland county, recreation facilities, \$49,575.25; Columbus county, Cerro Gordo, combination community building and gymnasium, \$10,358; Jackson county, matron service for rest rooms, \$4,261; Surrogate, Biking, city administration, \$15,632; Iredell county, improvements for county sanitation, \$12,017.65; Tyrrell county, community sanitation, \$1,000; and help save life might be your

Robert Minton Dies Week After Blow With Axe

Live Week and Two Hours After Axe Penetrated Brain In Fight

GWYN PIERCE HELD Pierce Charged By Coroner With Death and Hearing Now Is Waived

Robert Minton, resident of the Buck community, died Saturday night in the Wilkes hospital one week and two hours after his head was split open with an axe in a fight which occurred about two miles west of this city on highway 421.

Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the affair, said that he had issued a warrant charging Gwyn Pierce with murder and that Pierce had waived coroner's hearing.

Pierce, according to information received by the coroner, hit Minton with an axe while he was fighting with Pierce's father and had been disorderly about Pierce's home. The affair took place in the highway in front of his home. He was arrested by a deputy shortly after the affray and has been in Wilkes jail since that time.

The axe split Minton's head about four inches on the right side and he bled profusely. He was carried by ambulance to the hospital, where the wound was dressed and lacerated brain tissue removed. The fact that he lived a week after the blow is considered very unusual.

Funeral service was held today at Union Methodist church near Crickets.

Minton was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Minton. In addition to his parents he leaves his wife and three sons, Edward, Roland and Allen; also surviving are several brothers and sisters.

Home Supervisor For F.S.A. Named

Mrs. Mary H. Gale Takes Up Duties in Wilkes and Alexander

Mrs. Mary H. Gale has assumed her duties as home management supervisor for the Farm Security Administration in Wilkes and Alexander counties and will maintain headquarters at the office here, it was learned today.

Mrs. Gale succeeds Miss Lenna Gambill, who will work entirely in Ashe and Alleghany counties. Prior to the appointment of Mrs. Gale, Miss Gambill had been working in Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes and Alexander.

Mrs. Gale, whose home is at Clinton, is a former teacher of vocational home economics at Granite Falls high school.

North Wilkesboro Wins Two Games

Defeat Yadkin All Stars and Johnson City Nine In Games Here

Playing under management of Leslie Rhoades, North Wilkesboro's baseball team won both week-end games against strong visiting teams.

With Mullis on the mound Saturday North Wilkesboro defeated Yadkin all stars 7 to 3. Mullis turned on the heat in the pinch and easily protected an early lead. Dula and Reavis hit homers.

On Sunday Rhoades handcuffed the Johnson City, Tenn., nine and aided in the hitting with two out of three in the 7 to 1 victory. Byrd's fast playing in centerfield was on the sensational order and resulted in checking a rally by the visitors in the fourth. North Wilkesboro collected ten hits to the visitors' six, but five errors were charged to the home team against two for the Tennessee players.

Large Family

Richard Cleary, 84-year-old resident of the Pleasant Hill section of Wilkes county, is the father of nine children. He has 75 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren.

GRANDSTAND ATTRACTION



Moreen Troupe Will Perform at Fair Five Days and Nights, Sept. 13th-17th

Termed by eminent critics throughout the world the most completely developed circus combination in the world of white tops and spangles, the Moreen Troupe will attempt to prove that superlative when they make their appearance at The Great North-western Fair, September 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

These skillful actions of the sawdust and tarbark are claimed to be the most versatile contingent in the daredevil category. They have been dubbed "The Quintuple Circus" because there are three boys and two girls in the act, but they are more familiarly known as "The Quadruplets" because they excel in four separate and distinct branches of circus art.

The Moreen gladiators perform a clever comedy acrobatic number in which grace and speed constitute their goal. Next they attempt a hazardous double-trapeze stunts which represents not only the circus but this particular troupe at their highest peak of skill. Their third offering is an acrobatic springboard or teeterboard act which again finds them tracing weird and fantastic arcs in mid-air as they leap from the board to the shoulders of teammates in two- and three-high fashion, twisting as they ascend and lashing about the ground following their thrilling descents.

A fourth branch of the Moreen brand of entertainment is a dangerous acrobatic act with presentation which brings their all-around athleticism to a successful conclusion.

The management of the fair announces that the engagement of the troupe is through George A. Hamid, of New York, foremost developer and discoverer of foremost circus acts.

Wilkes Bar Passes Resolutions Commending Judge Rousseau

At the close of Wilkes court Friday the Wilkes bar association passed resolutions commending Judge J. A. Rousseau for the manner in which he had presided over Wilkes court and appointed a committee composed of Eugene Trivette, Kyle Hayes and J. M. Brown to frame the resolutions for the court records.

The resolutions as written by the committee follow:

"Whereas, the Honorable J. A. Rousseau, residing over the August term of Wilkes superior court ending August 20, 1938, and he being the resident judge of the seventeenth judicial district, and this being his first regular term of court in this county since he was elevated to the bench, the lawyers in Wilkes county in meeting assembled as the Wilkes Bar, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

1. That the bar commend the Honorable J. A. Rousseau for his manner and conduct toward the members of the bar, his politeness and consideration for the members of the bar. We found him at all times impartial and ready to extend all consideration and respect to the members of the bar that was possible.

"2. That his judgments and orders were fair and impartial to the defendants and that while it was evident that he is in favor of enforcing the laws in every respect we found him at all times fair to all the defendants and people attending court and we consider his judgments and sentences impartial in every way.

"3. That by his conduct and demeanor on the bench he has convinced the members of the Wilkes county bar and people in Wilkes county and surrounding territories that he possesses a great judicial mind and that his primary object on the bench is to see that justice is ministered fairly and impartial, and to see that all people who come into his court are treated in such a manner as to elevate the citizenship of this county and this state."

Taxpayers Whose Lands Are Being Advertised May Yet Save Part Costs

According to the number who have paid 1937 taxes due Wilkes county since the list of delinquents was advertised first ten days ago, a good record of tax collections for Sheriff C. T. Doughton is in prospect.

Attention is called to the fact that those whose lands are advertised may yet save cost of sale and land sale certificate by paying their taxes now because all real estate on which 1937 county taxes are not paid by Monday, September 5, must be sold for taxes in accordance with the law.

Those who desire to save further costs should attend to the matter as early as possible.

\$35,000 Paid To Wilkes Farmers In Soil Program

Few Yet Remain to Be Paid For Compliance With Program Work

A total of \$35,000 has been paid to Wilkes county farmers for compliance with provisions of the soil conservation program in 1937, according to records at the office of County Agent Dan Holler.

Of the 2,000 farmers who signed work sheets last year, only 150 of those who met provisions of the act have not been paid. Payments will have been made to approximately 1,500 farmers when the checks not yet received arrive and are distributed.

This year there are 5,000 farms under work sheets, representing practically all the farms in the county. Officials estimate that three-fourths of the farmers will qualify for payment this year, although the average payment will be comparatively small.

Supervisors are busily engaged checking the farms and it is expected that this work will be completed in a few weeks.

Burke Is Heard By Kiwanis Club

Importance of Looking To- ward Eternal Stressed In Address to Club

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in meeting Friday noon heard a splendid address by Attorney J. Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville, who used as a subject, "The Trend of the Day." Judge T. B. Finley was program chairman.

Highlights from the speaker's address follow:

"Facing what is before us with more confidence and the church bells ring more clearly than they have in the recent past. When people go wrong they suffer for it. When they turn their whole thought to temporal things and away from eternal things, they will suffer. When in grave need, when droughts come, or when the pillar of war wrecks our lands as it did a score of years ago, we call on the higher power and relief comes. But who has heard leader or layman to call on the eternal for relief in our recent years of economic turmoil? We have heard many calls on Washington and on Raleigh, but all seem to have forgotten the eternal source of all of our economics.

"But there are signs now that we are looking toward eternal things; and the declaration, 'Come, and I will make you fishers of men,' seem to have significance.

"The home where children should get first consideration will again be our first thought. With rare exception every great man has behind him a great mother.

"'Hear O Son, my saying,' spoken by the wise one of old, still sparkles with brilliance and good sense in the age when we live. Of all those today who are incarcerated in our penitentiaries, chain gangs, and jails, no one has a record of regular attendance at church and Sunday school accompanied by his parents. As we again come to recognize the eternal things, the more certain will be our solution of material things."

In a short business session preceding the program Dr. A. C. Chamberlain again called attention of the club to the need and importance of having name placards at the street intersections in North Wilkesboro.

Guests were: Harold Burke with T. E. Finley; Ernest Gardner, of Shelby, with J. B. McCoy; Paul S. Cragan with J. B. Williams.

Kill 16 Copperheads On Rendezvous Mtn.

Workmen killed 16 copperhead snakes in one day while mowing the right of way along the telephone line to the forest tower on the summit of the Rendezvous Mountain last week. The snakes were of various sizes and were killed at different points along the two-mile route.

While mowing the right of way along the line to the tower on Pores Knob only one copperhead was found. No rattlesnakes were found along either route.

Walker Reunion Will Be Held 28th

The Walker family reunion will be held on Sunday, August 28, at the home of Hayes Walker, 12 miles west of this city on highway 268. All relatives and friends are invited to be present with basket dinners and spend the day.

170 Cases Disposed Of During August Court

Long Life A Delusion.



Roxbury, Conn. . . . Peter Behan, 104 years old, stops long enough from his scythe sharpening to observe that "there's nothing beautiful about old age. It's a delusion. It's no fun growing old and there's no use celebrating birthdays."

Resident Jurist Holds Successful Session of Court

Bar Praises Judge Rousseau For Work In Wilkes In Two-Weeks Term

When court adjourned in Wilkesboro Friday afternoon after two weeks work on the criminal docket a check showed that 170 cases were disposed of during the term, over which Judge J. A. Rousseau, of this city, presided.

At the close of court A. H. Casey, president of the bar, called a meeting and resolutions highly praising the manner in which Judge Rousseau had conducted court were adopted. Eugene Trivette, J. M. Brown and Kyle Hayes were named as a committee to frame resolutions for the court records. It was pointed out that Judge Rousseau had well directed the work of the court to the end that a record number of cases were disposed of and that the business of the court had progressed efficiently.

The bar also expressed appreciation to A. H. Casey for the manner in which he had prosecuted the docket during the second week in the absence of Solicitor John R. Jones, whose brother has been very ill during the past week.

The bar also passed a resolution asking that the county commissioners make application for a federal work project calling for ventilation, heating and other improvements in the courthouse and asked that vaults of the clerk of court's office and the office of the register of deeds be enlarged according to recommendations of the grand jury at the last two terms of court.

Cases in which judgments were rendered during the latter days of the term follow:

Linney Minton, a. with d. w., 6 months suspended on payment of cost.

Addie Lou Howell, colored, keeping disorderly house, not guilty.

Floyd Nance non-support, six months suspended on payment of \$5 per month for support of child.

Gene and Blake Carlton, 30 days suspended, on payment of one-half cost.

Charlie Faw, assault, four months suspended five years.

Conrad Burgess, carrying concealed weapon, not guilty.

Frank Pearson, assault with deadly weapon, to pay costs.

Albert and Elbert Wiles, larceny, not guilty.

J. G. Billings, carrying concealed weapon, not guilty.

Wellborn Adams, assault, not guilty.

Marie Barnes, colored, 12 months in jail for concealing child birth.

Hazel Church, eight months in jail for P. and A.

Charlie Miller, P. and A., 15 months on roads.

M. E. Woodruff, assault with deadly weapon, two years suspended five years on condition he pay \$500 for benefit of injured boy and court costs.

Richard Anderson, larceny, 12 months on roads for larceny.

Lez Call, larceny, eight months suspended five years.

Lester Duncan versus Sarah Duncan, divorce.

Faye Eller versus L. P. Eller, divorce.

Roe Sale, assault, eight months suspended on payment of \$100 to injured man, \$50 fine and costs.

Ernest Money and Theodore Porter, sentences to county home farm changed to roads.

Talmadge Holland, six months taken from two-year sentence formerly imposed.

The following charges were not pressed: Rob Huffman, carrying concealed weapon; Wellborn Adams and Claude Spears, injury to crops; Raymond McLean, larceny; Luke Ford, conspiracy.

The case against Gwyn McNeill, charged with the death of James Faw in an automobile accident, had been not pressed but was reinstated by order of the court.

North Carolina's tobacco occupies about one-fourth as much acreage as corn but most three times as much value of corn supports the Department of Agriculture.

Deciding Game Junior Baseball On Wednesday

Final Game of Series Finds Cricket and Traphill Evenly Matched

Making a last ditch stand, Traphill junior baseball team staged a comeback Saturday and defeated Cricket 5 to 3 to tie the series and add conjecture to the question of who will be junior champions of Wilkes county.

After Saturday's dramatic defeat Wednesday 18 to 2 the Traphill players did not look like the same team Saturday. They were an inspired nine out to win.

Ray Sprull, big right hander, silenced the once mighty bats of Cricket and allowed only two hits. In addition to his brilliant mound performance he won his own game with a mighty homer with two on in the first inning. The ball, which sailed high into the air, fell through the fence across the drive leading out of the fairgrounds.

With a three run lead to protect he bore down all the way, determined that a three run lead would not be overcome like it was a week before.

Parsons did a good mound job for Cricket and allowed six hits but hits at opportune times, including Sprull's home run ball, proved to be his undoing while a number of fielding miscues added to his troubles.

Fearing to do otherwise, both teams will again use their star hurlers in the final game Wednesday. The four games played show that the teams measure up as nearly evenly matched as any two could be assembled.

Frank E. Johnson, commander of the Wilkes legion post, has an attractive trophy to present to the winner and the trophy is now on display in the show window at The Journal-Patriot. Both teams will be shooting all they have for the trophy Wednesday and the opportunity to play Ashe champions.

Deputy Takes 5 By Surprise At Big Still Plant

Sam Jones, deputy sheriff, walked in on a still one mile from Ferguson late Saturday and caught five still operators single handed, Magistrate W. E. Horton, before whom warrants were sworn, said today.

The deputy slipped into the cove where the still, a big steam plant, was located and was in the midst of the workers before they knew what was up. George Barlow, one of the altered operators, was reported to have said, "Boys, we're caught. It's no use to run." But all of them did run except Barlow and he helped the deputy destroy the still. Ten gallons of liquor were poured out.

Jones is said to have recognized all the five and later took Early Speaks on a warrant and arrest of the other three, whose names officers would not disclose, is expected soon.