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## Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

### SLAYER MUST DIE

Dec. 7.—Rusky Baxter Patrick, who claimed that he was bewitched on the night that his sister-in-law died from an eye pick wound of the heart as she prayed by a pig-sty, will be executed Friday morning at central prison here. Governor Easley announced late today that he would not stay the execution of the killing, 32-year-old farmer, who blamed an aged negro "witch doctor" for his "bad luck."

### WANTS PERKINS OUT

Washington, Dec. 7.—Representative J. Parnell Thomas (R), N. J., a member of the House committee investigating un-American activities today threatened to ask Congress to impeach Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins for her attitude toward attempts to deport Harry Bridges, West Coast maritime leader. He uttered the threat after the house committee had heard Captain John Keegan, Portland, Ore., police official, brand the Australian-born Bridges and Canadian-born Harold Pritchett, head of the Timber and Sawmill Workers' Union, as Communists working for the overthrow of the government.

### WANTS LOWER TAXES

Washington, Dec. 6.—A general reduction in taxes would, be the most effective way in which the federal government could encourage business revival and subsequent sharing of profits with employees, Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company, told a Senate finance subcommittee today. The slim, young head of the motor empire, which his father founded, spent only five minutes before the committee which is investigating the operation of profit-sharing plans. During that time he explained Ford company wage policies, criticized proposals that incentive taxes be imposed to encourage profit sharing and offered to supply the committee with all further information it desired later.

### JOHN E. BROWN DIES

Washington, Dec. 6.—Former State Senator John E. Brown, of Boone, and since 1936 an attorney in the federal alcohol control administration, died here today of a stroke. He was 56 and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, and two children by a former marriage, Edgar Brown of the Appalachian Teachers College, and Mrs. Norma Craig, of Boone. Brown was born near Sparta. He first came to Washington in 1914 as secretary to Representative Robert L. Doughton, returning two years later to Boone to practice law. He served as recording clerk of the North Carolina senate and later was elected a member of that body from Ashe, Alleghany, and Watauga counties.

### KILLS SHERIFF, COP

Enrlington, Dec. 7.—Officers in three states tonight sought an escaped convict who ran the gauntlet of a pre-dawn gun battle here in which his youthful fugitive companion, a sheriff and a policeman were killed. Radio alarms broadcast throughout the day sent officers in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia scouring the land for Roy Kelly, 20, of Albemarle, who saw his pal, Roy Huffman, 23, of Winston-Salem, shoot down Alamance Sheriff M. P. Robertson and City Policeman Sonnie Vaughn. Kelly fled from a filling station here, scene of the blazing gun battle, as Huffman died in a hail of bullets and a welter of blood. He miraculously escaped the hail of bullets from the gun of City Policeman F. B. Raliff who dropped Huffman beside a steel safe in a filling station.

## A Memorial To C. W. Robinson

### Will Honor Memory of Late Pastor at Presbyterian Church Sunday

Memorials to the memory of the late Rev. C. W. Robinson, who served as pastor for more than a quarter of a century, will be dedicated in the Sunday morning service, December 11, at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church. The memorials consist of organ chimes and a bronze tablet. The dedicatory talk will be by J. R. Finley.

Need a New Office Soon  
I understand your business is getting bigger.  
Very Young Doctor—Quite true. He has added nearly two pounds in the last month.

## Commissioners Make Changes County Positions

### A. H. Casey Returned to Position As Attorney For Wilkes County

### WILES BUYING AGENT

### Shuby Elledge Janitor; C. H. Dancy Now Keeper of County Bloodhound

The newly elected board of Wilkes county commissioners who took office Monday met again on Tuesday and passed a number of orders relative to the county's business during the coming year. M. F. Absher, only incumbent on the board and who is a veteran of several terms, was made chairman. The other members are Dr. W. R. Triplett and C. C. Sidden, all Republicans, who defeated R. G. Finley and Leet Poplin, Democrat incumbents, in the November election.

The duties of purchasing agent for the county were returned to Old Wiles, Republican register of deeds. During the past two years W. P. Kelly, Democrat and county accountant, had acted as purchasing agent. The salary of the job is \$300 per year. Attorney A. H. Casey was made county attorney at a salary of \$100 per year. He was county attorney for several years prior to two years ago when Attorney W. H. McElwee, Democrat, was appointed county attorney.

C. H. Dancy, of Hays, was appointed keeper of the county bloodhound instead of George Holland. Holland was ordered by the board to turn the dog and other property over to Dancy. Shuby Elledge was appointed janitor at the courthouse, succeeding Will Brown, who had held the job for the past two years. Elledge's salary was fixed at \$15 per month.

### BOARD APPROVED BONDS OF SHERIFF C. T. DOUGHTON, CLERK OF COURT C. C. HAYES, CORONER I. M. MYERS AND SURVEYOR EARL CAUDILL, WHO WERE RE-ELECTED IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. CONSTABLE BONDS WERE APPROVED FOR A. T. FAIRCHILD, OF LEWIS FORD; S. U. REYNOLDS, OF NORTH WILKESBORO; ROBY ELLEDGE, OF MULBERRY; WADE GILBERT, OF ELK; AND N. C. BESHEARS, OF JOSS CABIN.

John Goss, of Doughton, was ordered to appear before the board on December 12 and show cause why his beer license should not be revoked.

The Bank of North Wilkesboro was made depository for all county general funds.

## Ray Erwin Editor Of Florida Paper

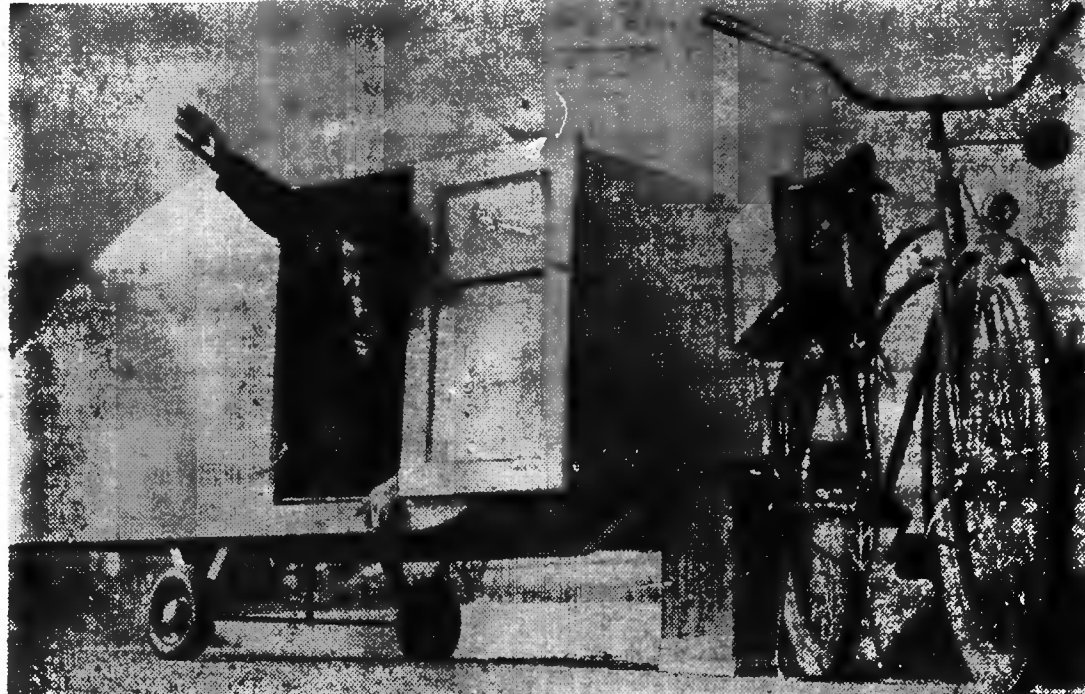
Ray Erwin, former editor of The Wilkes Patriot who for the past several years has held a position with the editorial department of the Charlotte Observer, is now editor of Miami Beach Tropics, a very creditable weekly newspaper at Miami Beach, Florida. Mr. Erwin recently was granted a leave of absence at Charlotte in order that he might go to Florida in the interest of his health.

It's always been hard to understand why quitting work is called "striking." Since they have got to "sittin' it's doubly puzzling.

## RESIGNS JOB

Raymond Kennedy of Cleveland, Ohio, didn't believe that he was earning the salary paid him by the government, so he resigned. His duties called for inspection of equipment valued at \$1,500,000. He felt that taking the manufacturer's word would be incompatible to his oath of office, and unable to inspect all of the equipment, resigned.

## Newest Wrinkle in Trailer Transportation



The latest word in trailer transportation—a bicycle trailer. Robert McCulley of Long Beach, Calif., is seen inside the trailer he built for his many journeys along the highways and byways of the United States. The trailer is 8 feet long, 35 inches high and 36 inches wide. Complete with built-in bed it weighs 135 pounds. The owner plans a trip to Florida this coming spring.

## Tenne-Sea Trail Folder Published

### North Wilkesboro on Route; Association Begins Publicity Drive

Attractive folders advertising the Tenne-Sea-Trail as "Dixie's East-West Main Street" have been released and are now being distributed by the Tenne-Sea-Trail Association from its central office in Johnson City, Tennessee. The Tenne-Sea Trail is a carefully selected tourist and commercial route over existing roads from the Mississippi river at Memphis, Tenn. to Wilmington on the Atlantic coast, passing directly through North Carolina and Tennessee east and west. Twenty-five cities and towns, 13 in North Carolina and 12 in Tennessee, have joined the association and are cooperating in efforts to adequately publicize the route to the motoring public.

The first pamphlet issued is a preliminary booklet aimed to stimulate inquiry and to begin the increase of travel over this highway. In the spring the association will follow with a larger booklet and an official map. The preliminary booklet now off the press will be distributed to all central points in the south, north and midwest, and a supply will be forwarded to Florida for the benefit of those at the winter resorts there.

The route is described by the association as "The Trail of Scenic Beauty, Dixie's Main Street, starts at Memphis on the Mississippi, skirts the Cumberland, passes through the heart of TVA near the Norris Dam and other points of national prominence, along the edge of the Great Smokies, up through the rugged Carolina mountains with their beauty unsurpassed anywhere in eastern America, their lofty peaks towering 6,000 feet above sea level, thence down to the sea shore at Wilmington."

Cities and towns shown on the preliminary booklet are Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Lebanon, Cookeville, Crossville, Rockwood, Knoxville, Morristown, Greenville, Johnson City and Elizabethton, Tenn. Elk Park, Cranberry, Newland, Linville, Boone, Blowing Rock, North Wilkesboro, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Sanford, Dunn, Clinton and Wilmington.

## To Give Operetta At Wilkesboro School

The primary and elementary departments of Wilkesboro school will give an operetta entitled "Toy Shop," in the Wilkesboro school auditorium on the evening of December 16, 7:45 o'clock. This very entertaining operetta will be under the direction of Miss Dorothy Lashmit. Admission will be 10 and 25 cents and the proceeds will be used by the Parent-Teacher association in buying equipment for the school.

## BOX SUPPER AT UNION CHURCH FRIDAY NIGHT

A box supper will be held at Union Methodist church three miles west of this city Friday night, December 9, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. An enjoyable occasion is anticipated and the public is cordially invited. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the church.

## Will Lecture Here



Hon. Geoffrey F. Morgan, lecturer, educator, legislator, has had ample opportunity to gather and develop material for his vivid platform discussions. Born in England fifty years ago, he was brought to California at an early age; secured his A. B. degree at Stanford and his M. A. degree at Columbia; was in turn teacher, principal, city superintendent and professor in Ohio University. He finally left the school room for civic and political life, and is at present a member of the California Legislature. For a dozen years "Who's Who in America" has listed him. Mr. Morgan is a brilliant speaker, with rare wit and enthusiasm. His talks are practical, interesting, stimulating and well reasoned with humor. He will discuss here "Your Money or Your Life." Don't miss Morgan.

## City's Debt Now At Even \$300,000

### Debt of North Wilkesboro Has Been Steadily Reduced; Credit Good

The city of North Wilkesboro during the past week retired \$7,000 in bonds, leaving the bonded debt of the city at exactly \$300,000. It was learned today from H. H. McNeill, Jr., clerk and treasurer.

During the past ten years the debt has been steadily reduced and the city has never defaulted on scheduled payment of principal and interest, resulting in a splendid credit rating and a lively demand for the bonds. The city is now offering \$48,000 in refunding bonds but they will replace bonds of five per cent in that amount which fall due on January 1 and the refunding issue will not affect the total of bonded indebtedness. It is expected that the bonds will be taken at a considerable saving to the city in interest rate under the five per cent of the original bonds.

The schedule of principal payments during the next several years are uniform but in 1949 will drop to \$6,000 and from that figure downward until the entire debt is retired, provided no additional bonds are issued before that time.

## Morgan to Lecture Here Friday Night

### Third Program of Collins Festival Promises to Be Very Interesting

One of the best programs of the year for those who seek entertainment will be presented in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium on Friday night, December 8, 7:30 o'clock, when Geoffrey Morgan will lecture as the feature of the third event of the Collins Festival being sponsored by four civic organizations of the city.

He is a student, educator, traveler, orator and legislator who has been listed in America's "Who's Who" for many years because of his several outstanding abilities in civic and political life. At present he is a member of the California state legislature. "Your Money or Your Life" will be the topic to be discussed by the brilliant speaker on Friday night.

The second program of the festival was given on Friday night of last week before a larger audience than was present for the initial program the previous Friday night, indicating that the Collins festival is highly deserving of all the praise it has received in cities and towns throughout the country. However, many people of this section do not know what they are missing by not attending all the Collins Festival programs.

The Kiwanis Club, The Lions, Woman's clubs and the Boy Scouts are backing the festival and will share equally in the profits. There are only two more weekly programs, December 9 and 16, and it is earnestly desired that the people of the city avail themselves of the opportunities afforded for good entertainment and to help the civic organizations in their many commendable endeavors.

## Highway Right Of Way Being Cleared

### All Rubbish and Brush Removed From Right of Way Highway 421

This week highway maintenance crews are clearing the right of way along highway 421 west of this city.

In addition to cutting down bushes and young trees, the crew of prisoners is clearing all rubbish, brush and trash from the right of way and all small trees bordering the right of way are being trimmed of lower limbs and deadwood. The work will serve to increase visibility, especially on curves, and will also add to the attractiveness and neat appearance of the roadsides.

## Improvements At Bus Station Here

Several improvements have been made at the Greyhound bus station here which are calculated to afford greater convenience to the patrons of the system. The bus station quarters have been enlarged to include the space formerly occupied by a shoe shop. This provides for better waiting room facilities.

## Important Decisions To Be Made By Farmers Of Wilkes Saturday

### Wilkes Has 36 In Appalachian Now

Thirty-six Wilkes county people are enrolled at A. S. T. C. in Boone for the winter term, a report released this week by J. M. Downum, registrar, shows. The total number of students is 931, fourteen states being represented. The student body is composed of 608 women and 323 men.

Christmas holidays at A. S. T. C. begin on December 21 and the winter term will close February 18, the spring term beginning February 20.

## Roosevelt Visits North Carolina

Chapel Hill, Dec. 5.—While rain drummed the roof of the new Woolen Gymnasium this chilly December afternoon, President Franklin D. Roosevelt reaffirmed the liberal philosophy of the new deal and asserted it an internationally broadcast address that many other democrats look to the United States for leadership that world democracy may survive.

Speaking before the University of North Carolina Political Union the Chief Executive declared his strongest conviction is his abiding belief that "the security and well being of the American people can best be served by the Democratic processes which have made this country strong and great."

Upward of 10,000 persons from every section of the state jammed the gymnasium, hung from the windows, crowded the doorways and every bit of available space to hear the President.

It was his third appearance in North Carolina since he became president of the United States. The thousands who came to this university town to hear Mr. Roosevelt broke into his address time and again with applause. The Chief Executive sat there on the platform a few minutes before he was to speak.

On one side was Governor Clyde R. Hoey, on the other was Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina.

### Gilmore Opens Forum

It was 4:17 p. m. when Voit Gilmore, the personable Winston-Salem young man who directs the activities of the university political union and who brought Mr. Roosevelt here opened the forum. A moment there was silence.

Then Brooks Patton, head of the student Y. M. C. A., gave the invocation.

Franklin D. Roosevelt bowed his head as the prayer said by the young man spread through the gymnasium went out through amplifiers to various sections of the campus where at least 8,000 more persons had gathered.

### Governor Welcomes President

Governor Hoey then was introduced and welcomed Mr. Roosevelt to North Carolina on behalf "of every man woman and child in our state."

"Mr. President," began the Governor, "we welcome you into our borders, to this seat of higher learning. We hail you as the first citizen of the world."

The crowd roared its applause at Governor Hoey's words.

As the President had come through a side door of the big gymnasium a few minutes before, Dr. Thomas J. Wilson, dean of admissions had slipped a cap and gown on him.

Now the University of North Carolina honored the nation's chief executive by conferring upon him an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Mr. Roosevelt was presented for the degree by Dr. R. B. House, dean of administration. Dr. Graham stepped to the front of the platform, stepped up beside the President of the United States and read the citation.

## Will Vote On Crop Control and Soil District Proposal

### Voting Places Announced For Saturday's Election By the Farmers

Wilkes county farmers will on Saturday, December 10, make two important decisions.

In addition to voting on tobacco and cotton crop control they will decide whether or not Wilkes shall be included in the Tri-Creek soil erosion district which has already been set up in Yadkin county.

Extension service workers have explained that the vote will not obligate the farmer; but approval of the proposition will mean that facilities for erosion control will be placed in reach of Wilkes county farmers. These facilities will include terracing machinery and trained men who are capable of advising and assisting farmers along the best methods of erosion control and soil conservation.

Farmers in those parts of Yadkin county not now included in the district will also vote on the proposal in separate boxes provided at polling places for the vote on crop control.

During the past week County Agent Dan Holler and W. D. Lee, of soil conservation department of the extension service, have been attending meetings of farmers in various parts of Wilkes county, explaining the soil district proposal. The meetings have been well attended and much interest has been shown.

The voting places on crop control, at which there will be boxes for voting on the soil district proposal, will be as follows: Edwards township at Benham schoolhouse; Traphill township at Traphill; New Castle and Antioch townships at Clingman; Somers and Lovelace townships at Somers schoolhouse. Others may vote at the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

In addition there will be three polling places for voting on the soil district proposal alone. These will be at Mount Pleasant school, Ferguson school and Moravia Falls school.

## Doughton Favors Balanced Budget

Washington, Dec. 7.—Reiterating the necessity for the federal government to balance its budget, Chairman Robert L. Doughton, of the House ways and means committee, today joined President Roosevelt in advocating that any enlarged national defense program be financed on a "pay-as-you-go" basis.

As head of the revenue raising committee of the Congress, the North Carolinian was asked how he thought a new defense program could be financed out of current receipts with the Treasury already in the red.

"It might be done by effecting savings in other places," he replied. "Business is picking up so rapidly all over the country that it seems to me the relief load which the federal government has been carrying should be materially reduced."

Doughton said he had given no extended study to the national defense question, and means of financing a new program. He indicated opposition however, to any increase in taxes for national defense.

"I am hoping that we will get by without any increase in taxes during the next Congress. Some adjustments, of course, will be made."

"We ought to balance the budget," he added. "I don't believe in going in debt for things we can't pay for. My goodness alive, we have just got to keep the credit of the government good."

Rev. A. W. Lynch, pastor, announces that Rev. John T. Boyce, presiding elder of this, the Statesville District, will preach at the Wilkesboro Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 a. m., after which the first quarterly conference for the church will be held.

A sled slides slowly.