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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

SLEEP WALKER HURT

Wilson, March 14.—John Corbett, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Corbett, of Elm City, is recovering at a hospital here of head injuries he sustained at his home while walking in his sleep. The somnambulist, while engaged in a midnight walk through his home this week, fell and suffered a concussion of the brain. Physicians said today he was recovering satisfactorily.

BOSTIC MAN KILLED

Rutherfordton, March 14.—Marion Hendricks, 51, of Bostic, was killed last night when struck by a pickup truck driven by Clarence Moore, of Forest City. The accident occurred near Bostic. Hendricks entered Rutherfordton hospital here and died 30 minutes later. In the truck with young Moore were his wife and Barnett Padgett. Moore is being held until officers make a thorough investigation.

HANDS OFF POLICY

London, March 14.—Great Britain and France, who almost went to war with Germany over Czechoslovakia last September, kept strictly aloof today as the little republic further crumbled apart under overpowering pressure from Germany. Officials in both London and Paris were believed to be more interested in the possibility that Germany's new moves eastward would lessen her interest in Italy's still unofficial claims for a part of the French colonial empire.

BIDS ARE RECEIVED

Raleigh, March 14.—Low bids totaling \$1,536,181 on 18 construction projects were tabulated today by officials of the state highway and public works commission. The full commission will meet here Thursday to canvass the bids and award contracts, subject to the approval of federal road officials. The Rea Construction Company of Nashville, Tenn., submitted a low bid of \$357,321.40 on the largest single project, which calls for the concrete paving on 1,600 miles of highway between Charlotte and Concord.

Jury Finds Dula Guilty of Murder In Second Degree

L. C. Dula today was sentenced to from 25 to 30 years in state prison.

L. C. Dula, bald and bulky WPA foreman who shot his wife fatally and wounded his son February 13, was found guilty in Forsyth superior court yesterday of second-degree murder.

Dula blinked dazedly and got unsteady on his feet as the court called upon the jury for its verdict, reached in approximately three hours.

A son, Charles, who had asserted vehemently from the witness stand that he believed his father insane, went quickly to Dula's side as the jury foreman pronounced the verdict. Dula gave no indication it had registered upon his consciousness.

Seats and aisles of the court room remained packed through the day as testimony was finished, the jury received its charge and retired, and the court took up trial of minor cases.—awaiting the verdict.

Judge John H. Clement said he would sentence Dula today.

An hour before it finally reached its verdict the jury came out of its room. Believing a verdict had been reached, court officials ordered Dula brought from the detention cell in the courthouse. But the jurymen merely asked review of testimony as to where Dula picked up the pistol before he shot his wife. The jury filed back into its room, and Dula tramped slowly back to the detention cell.

Dula's trial was begun Tuesday morning. Judge Clement finished his charge to the jury at 12:25. The jurymen were sent out to lunch before beginning their deliberations. They returned their verdict at 4:25.

Mrs. Joyce Dula bled to death from a wound in her abdomen, puncturing a large vein. She was also wounded in the breast. Richard Dula was shot through his right lung and lower abdomen, but recovered quickly.

The shooting occurred as breakfast was being prepared in the Dula home on Granville Drive. Dula cut his throat superficially with a razor in his home immediately after the shootings, but was given first aid and taken to a jail, where he was reported to have tied suspenders around his throat in another apparent attempt at suicide.

POPE BLESSES U. S.



After a recent private audience with Pope Pius XII, Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago stated that the new pontiff "considers the faithful back home among the dearest in the world." The pope imparted his apostolic blessing in English, specifying that it extended "to America and your families."

Health Officer Says Mad Dogs Playing Havoc

Fears That Many Dogs Running Loose Have Been Exposed to Rabies

So many mad dogs have been on a rampage in Wilkes in the past several weeks that the situation has become serious, Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, said today.

He said that he had just received reports that a mad dog was killed a few days ago in the Marley Ford community and that in all probability it had bitten many dogs during its ramblings. He said he had also been informed that some dogs thought to have been bitten by the rabid animal are still at large and have not been vaccinated.

He advised that exposed dogs be killed and if owners do not kill them they are advised to have them vaccinated and keep them impounded until danger of taking hydrophobia is past.

Flu Epidemic Is Now On Decline

Fewer New Cases of Malaria Reported During the Past Few Days

An epidemic of a mild type of influenza which has put many people in this section to bed is apparently subsiding, according to reports gathered from several sources.

The epidemic apparently reached its height in this section last week when many were forced to stay in because of illness.

However, the attacks in most cases have not been severe and there has been few cases of critical illness resulting from the malady.

PEANUTS

It now appears likely that North Carolina farmers will plant fewer acres of Spanish type peanuts this year and devote a larger acreage to the Virginia type.

Lions Club Has Number of Civic Activities Under Way In This City

An address by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, and a report of activities discussed in the directors meeting will feature the Lions Club program Friday evening, 6:30, at Hotel Wilkes.

In the directors meeting held this week tentative plans were made to sponsor a band for the city of North Wilkesboro.

Richard Johnston was appointed to complete arrangements for the band, which will be composed of local people. The club will employ a director for ten weeks, according to present plans, and it is expected that the task of organizing the band, a much needed unit here, will begin within the next few days.

The directors also discussed proposed improvements on the swimming pool which the club plans to re-open in June. Personnel for the operation of the pool

Grand Jury Asks Improvements In County Property

County Vaults Too Small, Courthouse Badly Needs Modern Heating Plant

CLASSROOMS NEEDED

At Roaring River; Somers Township Needs Consolidated School

The grand jury which completed its duties in Wilkes court this week and made report to Judge Wilson Warlick had no criticism for any officials or departments but made many recommendations relative to improvements in county property.

Some of the improvements recommended were also identical with recommendations of grand juries at terms of court over the past three or four years.

The grand jury again asked that the courthouse have a heating plant. The body also said that vaults in the office of the clerk of court and register of deeds are too small for the proper keeping of records and recommended that the vaults be enlarged at once.

Paster is in a bad state of repair at the county home and the water system there needs immediate repair, the grand jury said.

The body recommended that additional classrooms be constructed for Roaring River school. Seven one-teacher schools in Somers township are crowded and should be replaced with a consolidated unit, the grand jury recommended.

The text of the report as submitted by C. L. Parsons, foreman, follows:

"We, the Grand Jury, beg to submit the following report: Number of bills introduced 114 True bills 91 Not true bills 17 Number of bills continued for lack of evidence 8 Presentments 1

"We visited the County Home and found everything in good condition and the inmates well cared for. We recommended that the water system be repaired immediately. Also found the plastering on most of the rooms in main building in need of repair. We found 26 inmates, 2 prisoners, livestock, 2 horses, 2 mules, 26 cows, 1 bull, 6 calves and 14 hogs. We found 9 T. B. patients and everything in good condition there.

"We visited the county jail and found same in excellent condition; 40 prisoners, 37 male and 3 females.

"We visited the prison camp and found it in excellent condition—98 colored prisoners.

"We visited the various offices of the courthouse. We recommend that the vaults in the Register of Deeds office and in the Clerk's office be enlarged as it is impossible to keep books and records as they should be kept for lack of space. We recommend that this be done at once.

"We recommend that the Board of Commissioners have the toilet in the basement of the courthouse closed until placed in a sanitary condition, it being a menace to public health in its present condition.

"As to conditions of the schools of Wilkes county, we find that some are operated efficiently, but in several places there are not adequate classrooms. At Roaring River there is an especially

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Canada Prepares for Royal Visit in May



The first visit ever paid to Canada by a reigning British sovereign will be marked on May 15 when King George VI and his queen, pictured at the left, will arrive in Quebec. The royal couple will spend four days in the United States, according to present plans. They will visit all the principal cities of Canada, before returning home on the battle cruiser Repulse. At the right is pictured a portion of the living room in the bungalow which the king and queen will occupy at the main lodge in Jasper National park, Alberta, for one of their periods of rest.

Hampton Negro Gets Long Pen Term

North Wilkesboro Would Enlarge Bonds Sold at Low Rate of Interest

Bank of North Wilkesboro Takes City Hall Bonds at 2 1/4 and 2 3/4

A record low rate of interest was set Tuesday when the Bank of North Wilkesboro purchased \$14,000 in city of North Wilkesboro bonds at 2 1/4 and 2 1/2 per cent interest.

The Local Government Commission at Raleigh sold the bonds and the money will be used as the city's contribution to the PWA project for the erection of the city hall.

The first \$7,500 of the maturities were taken by the Bank of North Wilkesboro at 2 1/2 per cent and the later maturities at 2 1/2 per cent.

These figures reflect the splendid credit of the city, which has never defaulted on its debt obligations and has a most excellent credit rating and reputation in financial circles.

County Basketball Awards Are Made

Trophies Presented Winning Teams In Meeting City School Student Body

Silver trophies were presented the girls' and boys' basketball championship teams and bronze basketball awards were made to several outstanding players in a meeting of the North Wilkesboro high-school student body, sponsor of the goodwill county tournament, Wednesday afternoon.

The teams winning the trophies in the county cage tournament held a few days ago were Millers Creek boys and Roaring River girls.

Joe McCoy, Jr., presided over the meeting of the student body, which was held in the school auditorium. Scripture reading, prayer and piano solos by Allee Wells and Billie Moore preceded the awards.

C. B. Eller, superintendent of county schools, delivered a brief address, pointing out the value of athletics in schools and stating appreciation to the North Wilkesboro student body for sponsoring the basketball tournament to promote goodwill and sportsmanship.

Margie Gabriel presented the trophy to the Roaring River girls and Joe McCoy, Jr., the trophy to Millers Creek boys, county champions for the second successive year.

John Blackburn, who served as referee throughout the tourney, presented the individual awards, which were given on the heels of playing ability, team work and sportsmanship. They were selected by vote of the coaches and officials.

All members of the club are asked to be present at the meeting Friday evening.

Bill Introduced In Legislature Tuesday Pertaining to the Court Here

All Homicide Cases Continued But Many Cases are Removed From Docket

A bill was introduced in the legislature Tuesday which would give added jurisdiction to the mayor's court in this city.

Following account of the bill was carried in "The State Scene" in the Winston-Salem Journal Wednesday:

For second time Wilkes county had a bill introduced by a representative from another county Tuesday. Introducer this time, like Johnston of Ashe last time, was Representative Henry Doherty of Surry. His bill would repeal the bill introduced by Wilkes Republican Senator Cowles to give Wilkes Mayor Tip McNeill jurisdiction in motor vehicle and other minor cases. Also it would broaden Mayor McNeill's powers as a judge, extend his court to cover all cases below rank of felony, who probably will show opposition at a hearing on it Wednesday, March 22, before house judiciary No. 2 committee.

Billy McCulley To Naval Academy

Billy McCulley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCulley, of Salisbury, and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller, of North Wilkesboro, has received an appointment to the United States Naval academy, at Annapolis, he has been informed by Representative Robert L. Doughton. McCulley is a graduate of the Boyden high school, Salisbury, with the class of 1938 and is now completing his freshman year at The Citadel, Charleston, S. C.

Wilkesboro Town Election Is Called

Commissioners Publish Resolution Relating to Primary and Election

Mayor and commissioners of the town of Wilkesboro have called the biennial town election to be held on May 2.

The resolution as issued for publication according to law sets the date of the primary (if necessary) on April 10.

J. R. Henderson, town clerk, was appointed registrar and books will open at the new city hall on March 18 and be open the next two Saturdays.

It is understood that Mayor J. F. Jordan and the four present town commissioners will be candidates for re-election. The commissioners are Dr. G. T. Mitchell, Wm. A. Stroud, W. E. Smithley and James Lowe.

On Treasure Island 30¢ per person may drink from outdoor fountains at the same time.

Sentenced 20 to 25 Years For Assault On White Woman

Otto Hampton, negro charged with criminal assault on Mrs. Emma Mastin at her home in the Roaring River community, entered a plea of assault with intent to commit rape and a plea of guilty of second degree murder and was sentenced in Wilkes court by Judge Wilson Warlick to 20 to 25 years in the state prison.

The offense took place several months ago at the home of Mrs. Mastin, a widow who makes her home with her children. Hampton is said to have driven her children from the house before attempting the assault.

None of the homicide cases were tried during the term.

The case against Gwyn Pierce for the killing of Robert Minton and the cases against Cecil Pierce for the death of Carl Minton were continued. Illness of witnesses was the cause for postponing the Cecil Pierce case.

Following are proceedings of court Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week:

Theopolis Yale, six months suspended on certain conditions of support and good behavior.

Lincoln Kelly, abandonment, sentence suspended.

Estel Hayes, 12 months sentence suspended on payment of \$125 and cost.

Pervis Hege, reckless driving, not guilty.

Tyre Holloway, abandonment, sentence suspended on condition he live with and support family.

James Shoemaker, reckless driving, 325 and costs.

Archie Carlton, assault with deadly weapon, 60 days.

C. P. Redding and Mrs. Elmer McBride, F. and A., mistrial and continued.

Mack Bustle, driving car while under influence liquor, four months suspended two years on payment cost and \$50 fine.

Dave Shores, six months suspended on payment of \$25 to Miss Velma Johnson and five dollars per month for support of child.

Ernest Spicer and Robert Nicholson, larceny; Spicer, four months; Nicholson, six months; 12 months each suspended on another count.

Onie Bare, cost, suspended sentence put into effect.

Welfare Measure Passes In Senate And Is Now Law

Cowles Loses Fight Against Measure to Change Election Welfare Officer

VOTE IS 22 TO 6 Welfare Officer Will Be

Elected by the County Board of Welfare

Taking the battle to the floor of the senate, Senator C. H. Cowles lost Monday night in his fight against a bill introduced in the house by Representative Ira T. Johnston, of Ashe county, which will change the method of electing the welfare officer of Wilkes county.

By a vote of 22 to 6 the senate passed the bill over Cowles' opposition.

The bill provides that the county board of welfare elect the county superintendent of welfare instead of the welfare board and the board of commissioners jointly, as the law provides for the other counties in the state.

With several prominent Wilkes Democrats appearing in favor of the bill, the measure was reported favorably from a house committee several days ago and passed in that body.

When it was taken up in the senate a committee hearing was held, at which Wilkes Democrats appeared in favor of the measure and Republicans testified in opposition.

On the floor of the senate Monday night Senator Cowles asked that the bill be killed because it would put politics into the welfare situation in Wilkes county. He also pointed out that the measure would take Wilkes out from under provisions of the state law.

After he completed his argument Senator Jack Joyner, of Iredell, asked that the bill be passed, saying that a committee of which he is chairman had held a hearing and gave a favorable report.

Senator Joyner said that passage of the bill would be no more putting the Wilkes welfare situation in politics than would it be to kill the bill and put the Wilkes welfare work in the hands of the Republican county commission.

Senator W. B. Austin of Ashe also spoke in favor of the bill.

In a standing vote, the senate passed the bill by 22 to 6, thus ending one of the bitterest local fights before this assembly.

Under the new law the welfare officer will be elected by the Wilkes county board of welfare, which at present is composed of Dr. W. W. Miles, P. J. Brame and Wm. A. Stroud.

The welfare board is composed of one member appointed by the county board of commissioners, one appointed by the state board of charities and public welfare, and the third member being named by the two thus appointed.

Dr. Miles was the member appointed by the board of commissioners and his term will expire on July 1 this year. Mr. Brame was appointed by the state board and was reappointed. He will serve until July, 1941. Mr. Stroud was appointed by the two first named members of the board and his term will expire on July 1, 1940.

Clinoman School In New Building

Modern Brick Veneer Structure Replaces Dilapidated Frame Building

Clinoman elementary school located in the eastern part of Wilkes between highway 421 and Ronda moved into its newly constructed brick veneer building this week.

The new building, erected as a WPA project with the county furnishing part of the cost as sponsor, contains four spacious classrooms and an auditorium.

It replaces an old and dilapidated frame building which was inadequate to properly house the school and which had become badly crowded in recent years.

The new building was erected on the schoolhouse property adjacent to the old building, which is being used to store materials for a house repair and community house at Roaring River.