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ASK CHANGE IN ACT New York, March 25.—The National Association of Manufacturers today urged amendment of the Wagner labor relations act on eight counts. At the same time, the association said the purpose of the act, to protect collective bargaining by voluntarily chosen representatives of workers was "thoroughly justified."

INCOME RISES Washington, March 26.—The Commerce Department reported today that during the first two months of 1939 the American people had "a substantially larger real income." The department said that income of all individuals in the nation—from wages, salaries, dividends, interest, relief payments and income from enterprise—totalled \$5,090,000,000 during February. This was \$115,000,000 above February, 1938.

WPA IN SURRY Elkin, March 25.—Twelve WPA projects in progress in Surry county, some of which are nearing completion, involve an approximate expenditure of \$251,000, with an estimated 600 men employed on the projects. Construction, renovation and remodeling school buildings, lunch rooms and roads throughout the county are major features of the projects under way. In addition to these 12 projects, three or four new school projects in the county are expected to get underway within a short time, according to M. S. Witherington, Surry WPA supervisor.

ASKS LAW CHANGE Washington, March 25.—The government raised another question as to its right to tax income heretofore held exempt by asking the Supreme court today to rule it may levy on the salary of a federal judge. This question was placed before justices who may announce on Monday whether a state can tax the income of employees of federal agencies. The government backed the states on this issue. President Roosevelt has asked Congress for legislation permitting reciprocal taxation of employees of federal and state governments.

YOUTH IS KILLED Mount Airy, March 26.—Clyde Wilson Whitaker, 17-year-old Siloam youth, was fatally injured about midnight Saturday when he was struck by an automobile as he walked along the highway near Pilot Mountain. The car which struck the youth was driven by James Folger, well-known Dobson man. The accident was investigated by Sheriff Harvey S. Boyd and Dr. Robert E. Smith, Surry county coroner. They learned that Whitaker and two other youths were walking along the right side of the highway and that Folger was meeting another car and was possibly blinded by the lights when he struck the youth.

EIGHT DIE IN CRASH Oklahoma City, Okla., March 26.—Eight persons were killed early today when a twin-motored Braniff Airways transport plane crashed and burned shortly after taking off from the municipal airport here. Four others aboard the 14-place Chicago to Dallas airliner, including the pilot and co-pilot, suffered broken bones and severe burns. Seven of the dead were passengers. The eighth, an air hostess. Witnesses said the left motor of the sleek ship tore from its moorings as the plane took off, the left wing dipped and the craft shot earthward. Then came an explosion and a fire so intense the eight trapped inside the spacious cabin were incinerated before aid could arrive.

WANT ASSURANCE New York, March 25.—Some financial and industrial leaders said today early success of the business recovery program of Secretary of Commerce Hopkins would require one of two things by next Friday: 1. A "dramatic gesture" by President Roosevelt which would convince the financial community that he will actively support the plan. 2. Some reassurance by Hopkins himself regarding the "seeming lag" in development of his plan when he meets with "big business" executives of his business advisory council next Friday. Some men who have championed the Hopkins program in recalcitrant sections of Wall street pointed out that it had been jointly worked out by business and administration leaders who had agreed, prior to its announcement by Hopkins more than a month ago, that certain things would have to be done, and done promptly, to restore investor confidence.

Tax Listing In Wilkes to Begin Monday, Apr. 10

Appointment of List Takers to Be Announced This Week By Supervisor

The task of listing property for taxation in Wilkes county this year will begin on Monday, April 10, according to information gained today from C. G. Poindexter, Wilkes county accountant and tax supervisor.

Mr. Poindexter said that appointments of list takers for the various townships will be announced later this week.

The tax listers will immediately make out a schedule of appointments for the townships and post them in public places for the benefit of the public.

Grading on Link Of Highway 268 Near Completion

Rough Grading Is Finished Exception Sections at Structures

Rough grading on a ten-mile link of highway 268 between this city and Roaring River has been completed with the exception of a few hundred yards which could not be completed until bridges and culverts are constructed.

Grading progressed rapidly despite inclement weather which greatly handicapped workmen. Nello Teer, contractor, placed on the job several giant dirt moving machines which are declared to be the most efficient used in construction work in this section and the road took form rapidly.

Meanwhile, work is progressing on the Roaring River bridge at Roaring River and some of the smaller structures.

When completed the road will be surfaced with crushed stone and black top similar to that used on other new highways in this part of the state.

The link now under construction will complete the highway between this city and Elkin and it is expected that it will be used extensively as a route between this city and Winston-Salem, the distance being practically the same as over existing highway 421 by way of Yadkinville.

Gets One Year For Breaking in Store

Dwight Watts, Jack Reynolds Charged With Entering Store Here

Dwight Watts, local youth, was sentenced in city court today for a total of 12 months on the roads—eight months for breaking into Cash and Carry Grocery store on the night of March 18, and four months for resisting the policeman who made the arrest as he was fleeing from the building. The sentences do not run concurrently. On still another count he received eight months suspended two years.

Jack Reynolds, another local youth who was alleged to have been Watts' partner in the store break, has not been taken.

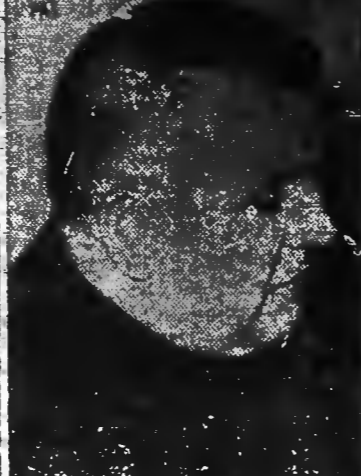
The two are alleged to have stolen a quantity of canned goods, cigarettes and other items valued at several dollars after they gained entrance into the store by a basement window.

Club Groups Study Home Beautification

All of the eight 4-H clubs in Wilkes county were represented in the March meeting of the council held Saturday.

The 4-H club program for April will be a continuation of March's program on home beautification. Dan Holler and Jesse Giles, county agent and assistant, gave the demonstrations before the council, showing how paint for outbuildings may be made from mortar colors and used motor oil. Those who are to take part in the program for April were chosen by the 4-H club officers and adult leaders of the various clubs.

Quoted Slovak Premier



PRAGUE . . . Joseph Tiso, Premier of Slovakia, who was dismissed by President Emil Hacha who sent Czech troops into the autonomous territory to check radical elements demanding full independence from the Prague Government.

Beer And Wine Local Bills Are Killed In House

D. C. Sebastian, Wilkes representative in the general assembly, has asked that the people of Wilkes be informed that he introduced in the house bills designed to prevent the sale of wine and beer in certain vicinities near schools and churches as he was requested to do but that the bills were killed by the finance committee.

2 Wilkes Bills Pass In House

Redistricting Bill and Jail Fee Bill Are Now Before State Senate

Two Wilkes county bills introduced in the house last week by representatives of neighboring counties passed and have gone to the senate, where they will be opposed by Senator C. H. Cowles, of this district.

The bill which would divide Wilkes into three districts for election of commissioners was introduced by Representative Woodhouse, of Yadkin and the bill by Representative Johnson, of Surry, to fix jail board at 40 cents and turn key jail fee of prisoners at \$1.00, proceeds to go to the sheriff for keeping the jail, also passed in the house, both over opposition of D. C. Sebastian, Wilkes representative.

Under the districting bill for nomination and election of commissioners North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Antioch, New Castle and Somers townships would comprise district 1; district 2 would be Lovelace, Brushy Mountain, Moravian Falls, Boomer, Beaver Creek, Elk, Lewis Fork and Stanton; district 3 would be Jobs Cabin, Union, Reddies River, Mulberry, Rock Creek, Walnut Grove, Traphill and Edwards. On the basis of the average vote cast in the 1938 election, district 1 was about 800 Democratic, district 2 from 295 to 350 Democratic and district 3 about 1,400 Republican.

Wilkes Entered In Spelling Bee

C. B. Eller, Wilkes superintendent of schools, said today that the Wilkes county system is entered in the western North Carolina spelling bee sponsored by the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel.

Each school will select its champion by April 14 and the county champion will be selected not later than April 21. The county and city winners from northwestern North Carolina and a few Virginia counties will gather for the spelling bee in Winston-Salem on April 29. The winner there will be given a three-day trip to Washington, D. C., to take part in the national spelling bee on May 29 and the school which the winner attends will receive an unabridged dictionary.

STONY FORK CHOIR TO SING AT WILKESBORO CHURCH ON SUNDAY

Announcement has been made that the Stony Fork choir will sing at the Wilkesboro Baptist church Sunday morning at both the Sunday school and church services. The choir will sing the Old Christian Harmony Songs, and the public is cordially invited to attend the services.

Wilkes Schools Begin 8th Month; Graduation Soon

High Schools Get Ready to Graduate Large Classes of Wilkes Seniors

Wilkes county schools with but few exceptions today began the last month of the eight months term.

Today marked the opening of the last month for all principal schools except Austin and Pleasant Hill in the Eastern part of the county. Those schools were closed for two weeks because of a threatening epidemic of measles and will be two weeks later in finishing the 1938-39 term.

The schools of the county system opened on the same date in the fall of 1938 and kept on schedule without serious interruption due to weather, roads or disease.

The high schools in the county are busily laying plans for commencement programs, which will begin in about three weeks.

It is expected that the total number of high school graduates this year will set a new record for the county.

Large classes of seniors are looking forward to graduation in Wilkesboro, Millers Creek, Mount Pleasant, Mountain View, Traphill, Ronda and Roaring River schools.

North Wilkesboro city schools, which have a nine months' term, will close a few weeks after the county schools' commencement.

Badly Burned By Gasoline Flames

Temple Hill Resident Sustains Painful Injuries On Saturday

John Adams, 40, a resident of the Temple Hill community, was severely burned Saturday near his home.

According to his account of the affair, he was on the running board of a car belonging to his son-in-law, John Brooks, and was holding a can of gasoline which he was feeding into the carburetor of the car in an effort to get it started.

The gasoline splashed out and onto his clothing. Adams said, and in some way caught fire from the motor. Before the flames could be extinguished he suffered bad burns on his face, hands, left leg and parts of his body. He is a patient at the Wilkes hospital.

Number Forest Fires Put Out

Stony Fork Fire Burns Over About 800 Acres Before It Is Controlled

During the past week several forest fires occurred in Wilkes county.

The most disastrous fire of the season, Forest Warden Homer Brookshire said, was the fire which raged for three days on Stony Fork mountain in the extreme western part of the county. The fire, which started from where a farmer was burning brush, raged for three days despite efforts of 200 firefighters, including a large crew of C. C. Camp members from the Laurel Springs camp and many volunteer fighters from territory adjacent to the fire.

A total of about 800 acres were burned over, according to estimates of people who were familiar with the territory. Some of the land was well timbered but a great part was second growth timber, according to reports. The flames were pronounced under control on Thursday afternoon.

The other fires which occurred in the county were extinguished without serious damage, there being one in the Boomer community which burned over a few acres, and one on the dairy farm of Sheriff C. T. Doughton north of this city. The principal loss there was the burning of 20,000 feet of lumber, which had been cut and which was the property of Robert Holland.

Only a few acres were burned over by all the fires with the exception of the Stony Fork fire, Mr. Brookshire said.

If there is no road to it, the richest gold mine is utterly valueless.

North Wilkesboro's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Planned

"G" Man Fingerprints Vice President



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . . In line with a recent suggestion by President Roosevelt, the all Government officials should have their fingerprints taken and filed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Vice President John N. Garner has his fingerprints taken by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI.

Wilkes Women To Go To Taylorsville For Demonstration

Miss Harriet McGoogan, Wilkes home demonstration agent, has announced that Miss See Rice, nutrition specialist of Washington, D. C., will conduct a baking demonstration in Taylorsville at the community club house on Friday, March 31, ten o'clock a. m.

All Wilkes county club women are urged to attend. Miss McGoogan said, and those who do not have means of transportation are asked to be at the courthouse in Wilkesboro at nine o'clock Friday morning.

Public Assistance Funds Help Many In Wilkes County

Total of \$5,799 Paid to the Aged, Children and the Blind For Month

Public assistance payments to needy Wilkes people for the month of March totaled \$5,799, figures released today from the office of Charles McNeill, welfare officer, today showed.

Of this amount \$3,889.50 went to 472 needy old people in the form of old age assistance. There were 105 families with 309 children who received \$1,428.50 in aid to dependent children checks. Thirty-six blind received \$481.

All the checks represented in the figures quoted above have already been distributed. The welfare officer also explained that six applications for aid to dependent children have been forwarded to the Raleigh office in addition to the 105 who have already received checks and that he hopes that they may be approved in time for payment this month.

Throat Slashed By His Brother

Vernon Sprinkle Jailed For Assault On His Brother, Tom Sprinkle

Two brothers got into trouble after midnight Saturday night when Tom Sprinkle received a deep knife wound on his throat and Vernon Sprinkle was jailed charged with the offense. The altercation occurred at the Sprinkle home north of this city. According to information gained by officers, the brothers and possibly others were engaged in a drunken brawl when the cutting occurred.

Tom Sprinkle was carried to the Wilkes hospital, where examination showed that the slash across his throat severed the windpipe and came dangerously near the jugular veins. Vernon Sprinkle is being held awaiting the outcome of the injuries inflicted on his brother.

Proposal To Create Hospitalization Fund Passes Upper House

Raleigh, March 25.—Senate passage of a compulsory insurance bill requiring automobile owners to pay hospital expenses of persons injured in highway accidents and unanimous approval of Bradford Fearing's coastal park project provided the news in the upper house's longest single sitting today. House action early this morning set that body home for the week-end and set Monday evening for resumption.

But, instead of the Saturday morning counterfeits, the senate put on the real thing. Its third reading approval of Senator Long's insurance bill would add 30 cents to the cost of automobile license tags to set up a fund for hospitalizing wreck victims. Under it any North Carolinian injured on the roads of the state would receive free hospital care up to three dollars a day for 21 days.

North Carolina produced only 400,000 bales of cotton in 1938, which was the smallest crop produced in this state since 1899, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

North Wilkesboro Will Reach Half Century Age Soon

Kiwanis Club Discusses Proposal to Have Big Celebration Next Year

OTHER PROJECTS UP

Beautification of Highways and Need of Sewage Disposal Plant Is Aired

The proposal to stage a big celebration here next year in observance of the 50th anniversary of the founding of North Wilkesboro was advanced in a meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday, at which time the program consisted of a general discussion of local affairs.

Postmaster J. C. Reins brought to the attention of the club some interesting information about the history of the city, some of which he had gleaned from older residents.

He pointed out that the town was incorporated in 1890 and that next year it will be 50 years old. He said that there are only seven or eight persons now living here who were residents of the town when it was incorporated.

The proposal to stage a big celebration in 1940 was immediately advanced by A. H. Casey, past president of the club. He said that a half-century anniversary program setting forth the progress made by the city would be a project worthy of the best attention and efforts of the club. The club membership was impressed with the idea and it is expected that committees will begin work on the proposal at an early date.

J. R. Finley was program chairman Friday and he stated his intention to make the program a discussion of local affairs. At his request Secretary T. E. Story read a letter from Mayor R. T. McNeil stating that the city in the near future hoped to purchase signs for marking the streets of the city. The club and many others interested had previously pointed out the need of adequate street markings.

P. W. Eshelman then discussed the need of beautification of highway right of ways entering the city. He cited instances where unsightly billboards should be removed and other instances of dumping trash which should be prohibited.

Further discussion was by J. B. McCoy, who deplored the fact that every conceivable kind of waste is being dumped into the Yadkin River. He pointed out the urgent need for a sewage disposal plant.

Prior to the discussions of public affairs, a program of music was carried out under leadership of Rev. Eugene Olive and Miss Ellen Robinson, music teacher in North Wilkesboro schools, presented two pupils: Sue Landon playing two numbers and Billy Barnes a vocal selection. Rev. Mr. Olive read two poems by Robert Burns.

President D. J. Carter announced that the directors will meet at the hotel with Edd Gardner as host at 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening and that committee chairmen are asked to be present as guest, each to have a written report of the work of his committee.

Wilkes Marriages

License to wed were issued in Wilkes county by Register of Deeds Old Wiles to the following during the past ten days: William Kenneth Lowrance, Mooresville, and Sarah Evelyn Leckie, Wilkesboro; William Oliver Absher and Ruby Tuttle, both of North Wilkesboro; Mack Brown and Annie Lou Osborne, both of Springfield.

There's just one word that describes the way to paradise—that is the word "straight."