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BIDS ARE OPENED Raleigh, April 18.—Low bids totaling \$229,324.98 on 16 road projects were opened today by officials of the state highway and public works commission.

WIDEN ALLIANCE London, April 18.—Efforts were intensified tonight to get both Turkey and Bulgaria, German allies in the world war, into the French-British front of nations. The efforts hinged upon conversations in Moscow, Sofia and London, and until the results are known it is unlikely that an agreement with Turkey alone will be announced by Prime Minister Chamberlain.

BUSINESS BETTER New York, April 18.—A broad sampling of American business was presented to stockholders in annual meetings today by executives of a dozen big corporations. It revealed general improvement in earnings the last few months compared with last year and an undercurrent of hopefulness, despite the war threat. For Wall Street, preoccupied recently with the European crisis, the flow of reports recording increased profits and orders contrasted with the severe decline in stock prices since mid-March, attributed mostly to war fear.

FATALITIES DECLINE Raleigh, April 18.—Highway accidents this year through March meant death for 177 persons in North Carolina, compared with 179 through March, 1938, the highway safety division said today. Total accidents this year were 1,635 through last month, 9 per cent less than the 1,809 recorded for the period in 1938, and total injuries were 1,485, off 15 per cent from the 1,747 last year. In March, 60 persons were killed in the state, four less than for March a year ago, and 489 injuries were received in 522 motor vehicle accidents last month. In March, 1938, 544 injuries resulted from 592 accidents.

SEEK NUDE RIDER Mt. Airy, April 18.—An unidentified man, described as wearing only a pair of shoes and dark glasses, is still at large after a six-day search by local police, who sought him in connection with a number of attempted night attacks on local women pedestrians. It was revealed tonight, according to reports, has been sighted a number of times as he ran his car to the curb and abandoned it to chase his would-be victim. This town has been much aroused by the continued attempted attacks by the unknown man, believed to be mentally unbalanced or crazed by alcohol or dope. First report was made to police department on night of April 12. Since that time other previous attempted attacks have come to light. Police have made no statements, but it is known that officers have been assigned duties at strategic points within the city at night. So far the search for the mysterious nude rider have been fruitless.

LINDY IN ARMY Washington, April 18.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, world's most famous flier, was called to the colors today in a dramatic move to insure that the United States army shall have world leadership in the development of warplanes. A few days after expert witnesses had told congressional committees that Germany was building better planes than the United States, the surprise announcement was issued by Secretary of War Woodring that Lindbergh, an air corps reserve officer, had gone on active duty and would make a survey of American aviation research facilities for the army air corps. The "lone eagle" reported today at the office of the chief of the air corps, Maj. Gen. Henry Arnold. He then departed on an inspection trip of research centers. Later he will make a confidential report to General Arnold.

Ronda Singing At Union Church All Gospel Singers Invited To Take Part In All-Day Program April 30 Ronda Singing convention will meet with Union church on Sunday, April 30, according to an announcement issued this week by W. H. Jones, chairman, and R. R. Crater, secretary. All choirs, quartets and other gospel singers are invited to attend and have a part in the singing, which will begin at 10:30 a.

Wilkes Man Held For Manslaughter And Hit And Run

William Staley Dies of Injuries Received When Run Over by Car

Coroner I. M. Myers said today that Ralph Johnson, 21, had waived hearing and had filled \$2,000 bond on charges of manslaughter growing out of the death of William Staley, another resident of the Roaring River route 2 community, early Tuesday morning. According to Johnson's own story of the accident, he was driving along a county road Tuesday morning about two o'clock when his car ran over Staley, who was lying on the road. Johnson said that he did not see Staley until his car was within a few feet of him and it was impossible to stop.

After his car passed over Staley, Johnson told Coroner Myers that he stopped and went back to see what had happened. He said that Staley groaned and he thought that Staley was dying. Because of fear, he said he jumped back into his car and drove away from the scene, leaving what he thought was a dying man in the road. After leaving the scene, he told the coroner, he reconsidered his action and told George Prevetie, a neighbor, what had happened. Prevetie is reported to have picked up the accident victim and carried him to his house. A few hours later a physician was summoned and he advised that Staley be removed to the hospital. He died within a few minutes after he was carried to the hospital here.

Coroner Myers said that Staley's body had a broken leg and that his chest was crushed. The warrant charging Johnson with manslaughter and hit and run was sworn out by the coroner before Magistrate J. C. Waller. Staley, who was 53 years of age, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Eller Staley, and four children. Funeral service was held this morning at Reins - Sturdivant chapel and burial was in the Staley cemetery.

Dr. Jester Speaks At Kiwanis Meet

"Some Unchanging Values In a Changing World" Subject of Talk

Dr. John R. Jester, who is engaged in conducting the union evangelistic services here, was the speaker at Friday's meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

Attorney W. H. McElwee was program chairman and he asked Rev. Eugene Olive to introduce the speaker.

Dr. Jester spoke on the subject, "Some Unchanging Values in a Changing World."

The four things he listed as values that are unchanging were: Patriotism, Rugged Honesty, Love of Home, Love of the Spiritual. The address was described as a most challenging message to every listener and was received with much interest.

E. H. Blackburn Is Taken By Death

Funeral service was held at Bethany church Sunday for E. H. Blackburn, 53, a resident of the Hays community, who died Saturday. Rev. Jim Bryant conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Mr. Calloway.

Surviving are three children, James, Luther and Rester Blackburn, all residents of the Hays community.

Mrs. Mary Bengel Funeral Sunday

Last rites were conducted Sunday at Blue Ridge Baptist church for Mrs. Mary Bengel, 84, wife of John Bengel, of Walsh. She died Friday. Rev. D. J. Walsh conducted the service.

She leaves her husband and the following children: Jim Parsons, Hendrix; Mrs. Joe Moore, Gilreath; Mrs. Rebecca Martin, Elk Park; T. R. Parsons, Walsh; Mrs. Granville Phillips, Laxon; Mrs. J. C. Wheeling, Cricket.

No man properly takes care of his wife if he continually informs people that he has a "cook" at his home to prepare meals for him and his wife.

Centenarian Receives Centennial Ticket



Dr. Newell Patterson of East St. Louis, Ill., who, like baseball, is celebrating his 100th year, received the first of the souvenir St. Louis Cardinal opening day tickets commemorating the national game's centennial. A Civil war veteran, he said only bad weather would keep him away from the Cardinal-Chicago Cub opener in April.

Over \$20,000 Paid Farmers in County During Past Week

Checks received at the office of County Agent Dan Holler for Wilkes farmers this week swelled the total of checks for 1938 compliance with the government soil program in Wilkes to more than \$20,000, it was learned today.

This amount represents about one-fourth of the total expected for the county and other checks are expected almost daily. As checks arrive each farmer is notified by mail if his check has arrived and it was explained that it is not necessary for any farmer to call for his check until he has received notice.

Meanwhile plans for the 1939 program are going forward rapidly and efforts are being made to have every farmer participate this year. Several farmers who did not take part in 1938 have already signed for this year and early action on the part of those who have not signed up is desired, Mr. Holler said.

The farmers are continuing to show much interest in the purchase of lime to use with grasses and legumes to be grown in compliance with the program and more than 30 carloads have been ordered cooperatively. The lime is bought under government contract for \$2.40 per ton delivered on the railroad tracks at North Wilkesboro or Ronda and payment for the lime will be deducted from the farmers' earnings under the program.

Lions Anniversary Program Friday

North Wilkesboro Lions club will observe its first anniversary with ladies night on Friday evening, 6:30, at Hotel Wilkes. Judge G. H. Hastings, of Winston-Salem, will be the speaker and following the program there will be a dance in the hotel ballroom. Wives and lady friends will be guests of members at the meeting.

IN SCHOOL LUNCH ROOMS IN WILKES BIG PLATE LUNCH IS SERVED FOR FIVE CENTS

(By Journal-Patriot Staff Writer) A plate lunch for a nickel—that's what is offered the school children at many of the schools in Wilkes county and the children eagerly take advantage of the offer.

School lunch rooms were established this year more or less as an experiment, "noble in motive and far reaching in purpose, but unlike prohibition, the lunchroom program has been an astounding success.

We say astounding, because it is remarkable how much good food the children are being served for a nickel each. The establishments are operated by the schools and the only outside help comes from the WPA and in some cases, the NYA, which furnish the labor.

Wilkesboro school has the largest lunchroom and is consequently used in this article to give some idea what has been done there at Millers Creek, Mount Pleasant, Roaring River, Mount Pleasant and many of the small-

Local Man Will Attend Dinner In Washington Soon

J. R. Finley, secretary-treasurer of Forest Furniture company, will be among the guests at a dinner meeting of many leading business men and industrialists of the Carolinas to be held on May 3 at Carlton hotel in Washington, D. C.

In addition to the 600 business men invited, senators and representatives of North and South Carolina will be present. Arrangements for the dinner, one of 36 to be held for various sections of the country to allow opportunity for business men to have better acquaintance with representatives and senators, are being made by S. Clay Williams, head of Reynolds Tobacco company, and John A. Law, of Saxon Mills, Spartanburg, S. C., directors of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Series Services To Close Sunday

Large Crowds Hear Dr. John R. Jester at First Baptist Church Here

A two-weeks series of evangelistic services in which the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian congregations are joining will close on Sunday night at the First Baptist church.

Dr. John R. Jester, of Greenville, S. C., a former pastor of the First Baptist church in Winston-Salem, is leading the services and doing the preaching. Good crowds have been in attendance at the services and an overflow crowd was present at the evening service Sunday.

A short service is held each morning at 8:00, lasting for 40 minutes. The evening services begin at 7:45.

All churches join in the invitation for all to attend the remaining services in the revival.

In deference to those who justify a sort of a "lean" religion, let's just say that the people of today can't stand as much of the "old-time" sort as they used to.

Wilkesboro Building Near Completion

Building Erected As WPA Project At One-Half Cost

Clerk's Office Now In New Building; Finishing Is Being Applied

Wilkesboro town fathers are planning a dedication program in the early future for the new town hall, which is nearing completion. The municipal building has been erected as a WPA project with the town furnishing about one-half the cost and only the finishing touches remain before all the building is ready for occupancy.

J. R. Henderson, town clerk, has already moved his office into the new building.

The street floor of the building will house the fire truck, police office, mayor's office, clerk's office and an apartment of living quarters for the fire chief.

The lower floor has a spacious assembly room, two connecting offices, hall, and storeroom. A space is also provided for installation of a vault if needed. During the past several days the building has been the subject of much favorable comment from visitors.

Parkway May Be Extended Into Georgia

Atlanta, April 18.—Proposed extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway from Pisgah Mountain, N. C., near Asheville, to Stone Mountain, near here, has President Roosevelt's approval. Ralph Smith, Washington correspondent of the Atlanta Journal, wrote today.

Mayor W. B. Hartsfield said he recalled the President, during a stop-over here en route back to Washington after a Warm Springs trip early last year, "asked about Stone Mountain and incidentally mentioned that he thought the highway through the Shenandoah should be extended to Stone Mountain."

In a special dispatch, Smith said the highway could cost about \$12,000,000. He said the President's approval of the extension was made to Representative Zoh Weaver of North Carolina who invited him to visit the annual rhododendron show at Asheville about June 20. The President was reported as accepting the invitation tentatively.

Charles Elliott, director of the division of parks of the state department of natural resources, said he had "unofficial" information that "plans have been approved" for the highway.

He did not know the route it would take but engineers familiar with the topography of this section said they believed it would probably run north from De Kalb county through Gwinnett, Hall, Habersham and Rabun counties in Georgia and Macon county, N. C. Then along the edge of Jackson and Transylvania counties to Pisgah Mountain.

Federal officials said they had not been officially informed of plans for the highway.

WILKESBORO'S TOWN HALL



Here is pictured Wilkesboro's new city hall, on which workmen are putting the finishing touches. Town authorities plan a dedication soon. (Winston-Salem Journal photo by Paul Harvel).

Allot Funds For Erection Building At Roaring River

A project for the construction of a vocational building at Roaring River was among the number approved this week by state National Youth administration authorities.

The amount allotted to the Roaring River project was \$3,162 and employment will be given to 30 NYA boys.

The project is sponsored by Roaring River high school, which will furnish materials. The NYA will furnish cost of labor, tools and supervisors.

North Wilkesboro Team Plays Well

Good New Talent Added to Stars of Last Year's Baseball Nine Here

North Wilkesboro's baseball team looked good in the games last week-end, despite the fact that it lost both Saturday and Sunday games to Hanes Cubs from Winston-Salem, one of the best semi-pro teams in northwestern North Carolina.

North Wilkesboro will play Hanes Cubs in Winston-Salem on Saturday and will play here on Sunday afternoon, 2:30, with the Fries, Va., team furnishing the opposition.

The club this year has practically all of the players which made the team last year one of the most successful in this part of the state and in addition to the veterans are several new players. Two new ones who were outstanding last week-end were Forhand, former Presbyterian college star who caught but who can also play a good game at first base, and Odell Jones, former high school player here who showed up well in his first game.

The hurling duties fall principally to Leslie Rhodes, former Carolina league hurler and a native of the Millers Creek community, together with Lee Mullis, also a pitcher on last year's team.

Singing April 20 At Goshen Church

Southside Singing Association Anticipating Successful Meeting

Attorney F. J. McDuffie, chairman of the Southside Singing association in Wilkes, has announced that the next singing will be held on Sunday, April 30, at Goshen Baptist church, beginning at ten o'clock.

Following devotional exercises classes will assemble for singing and at noon dinner will be served picnic style. The afternoon program will consist mainly of singing.

The chairman said that all singing classes, quartets and others interested in Gospel music are invited to attend.

Play Wednesday At Lewis School

A play entitled "Mary's Castle In the Air" will be given at Lewis school on Wednesday night, April 26, eight o'clock. The public has a cordial invitation to attend. Admission charge will be 10 and 25 cents and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Board Education Rejects Action Of Committee

Row Raised Over Failure of Wilkesboro Committee to Re-Elect Teachers

Apparent dismissal of six teachers of Wilkesboro school has caused one of the biggest school rows in the town's history.

Petitions were circulated and signed by about 800 school patrons and students protesting the action of the Wilkesboro school board in failing to re-employ the six teachers.

When the action of a majority of the local school board firing the six teachers and recommending new ones in their places reached the county board of education today it was nullified in its entirety and the matter sent back to the school board, leaving the situation exactly as it was before the first meeting of the board was held, and as the matter stands today no teacher is hired or fired.

Last Friday afternoon, the school board, composed of N. O. Smoak, chairman, C. A. Lowe, secretary, J. T. Prevetie, T. M. Foster and D. J. Ironskshire met and failed to re-employ six of the teachers of the school notwithstanding their recommendation by T. E. Story, superintendent for 15 years and over the protest of Mr. Smoak and Mr. Lowe.

As soon as the news of the board's action became known over the district, the patrons and the student body voiced protest through petitions circulated and signed by nearly 800 patrons and students. The school board chairman had called another meeting for Tuesday afternoon but when it became known that a group of patrons desired to appear and enter their protest against the firing of the six teachers, Messrs. Prevetie, Brookshire and Foster failed to attend.

However, the patrons appointed a committee composed of Mrs. L. B. Dola, Mrs. A. R. Ozilvie, members of the Parent-Teacher Association, and Dr. Harshel Duncan, noted educator and author. This committee met with the board Wednesday afternoon but the board failed to re-elect the six ousted teachers.

The six teachers not originally re-elected are Misses Beale, Tuttle, Lashmit, Melville, Aikers, and Mrs. Robert Henderson.

N. C. Smoak, chairman of the school board, said late today that he will call another meeting of the board to be held late this week or the first part of next week for the purpose of employing teachers for the next school year.

Moxley Resident Funeral Thursday

Funeral service was held Thursday at Double Creek church for Robert Adams, a resident of Moxley who died Wednesday. Rev. L. E. Sparks was in charge of the last rites.

Surviving are five brothers: John Adams, Moxley; James Adams, Winston-Salem; Lude, Adams, Maryland; Grover Adams, Sparta; Eck Adams, Abshers.

A special illumination display, with all the lights turned on in the \$1,500,000 electrical extravaganza, was staged by Los Angeles visitors at the California World's Fair at the "Month & Go" site.