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SENATOR BAILEY LATE
Elon College, May 30.—Senator Josiah W. Bailey was a few minutes late for commencement exercises here today, but he finally arrived rather dramatically in a delivery truck, and received an honorary degree. He explained that his car had a flat tire; he was poked up by the truck driver, who ran out of gas; the truck driver walked to a filling station, which also was out of gas. But finally gasoline was obtained and the truck delivered Senator Bailey.

BOY LASSOES TRAIN
Sacramento, Calif., May 30.—Twelve-year-old Marvin Smith lassoed a freight train. Today he was in a hospital with serious head injuries. Quick thinking by a spectator saved the boy's life. Young Smith had looped one end of the rope around his shoulders. His throw caught a door hinge of a freight car. He was dragged several blocks before an unidentified spectator raced alongside the train, knife in hand, and cut the rope.

TOO MUCH ARMAMENT
Geneva, May 30.—John G. Winnant, American director of the international labor office, warned arming nations today that their gun-making race might result in "actual starvation in the lower-income groups." The former governor of New Hampshire wrote in his annual report to the 25th session of the international labor conference, made public today, that "rearmament cannot continue at the present rate of acceleration without eventually absorbing so much of the national income of many countries as will prove intolerable."

DROWNS IN POOL
Newton, Mass. 30.—The body of Bobby Lowrance, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lowrance, was found in the Newton swimming pool tonight at 7 o'clock. No one was known to have been in the pool. Although the pool was occupied during the afternoon he did not know how to swim, and his father said he had not asked permission to visit the pool, which is situated near the father's cleaning plant. When the absence of the boy was noticed, his father instituted a search. Lifeguards were asked to explore the pool, and the body was discovered. It was fully dressed.

175 AUTO KILLINGS
Memorial day brought its customary budget of violent death (Tuesday), augmented by the four-day "week-end" from Saturday through Tuesday. Forty-one states and the District of Columbia reported 175 automobile fatalities and 68 drownings. Air crashes, shootings and miscellaneous forms of accidents raised the total of deaths to 308. Last year, on the three-day holiday, upwards of 250 were killed, and in 1937 more than 350. New York had 19 motor deaths, and 32 violent deaths in all; 13 were killed by automobiles in Ohio; 16 in California; and nine each in Illinois and New Jersey including last night.

KILLED DURING RACE
Indianapolis, Ind., May 30.—Leaving death, wreckage and blasted hopes behind in his perilous ride, Wilbur Shaw, veteran Indianapolis driver, won the 500-mile automobile race over the Indianapolis motor speedway today in a dramatic finish. Floyd Roberts, 39-year-old driver from Van Nuys, Calif., lost his life as Shaw, winner of the 1937 race, rode to triumph. A few minutes before the finish, Roberts, critically injured in a smash-up of three cars, died of brain concussion in a hospital. Two other drivers, Chet Miller of Detroit, and Bob Swanson of Los Angeles, were injured, but not seriously. Two women spectators also were hurt.

Miss Bumgarner To Graduate At W.C.U.N.C. Soon
Greensboro.—Miss Helen Louise Bumgarner, daughter of Mrs. Emma Bumgarner, of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, will be one of the 382 graduates of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at the 47th annual commencement, June 2-5. Miss Bumgarner has been a member of the Dikean Society, Education Club, Square Circle Club, Speaker's Club, and the Y. W. C. A. She will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Secretarial Administration.

Announce Exam For Wilkesboro Postmaster Job

Receipt of Applications Will Close On June 16. Announcement Says

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination to fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in Wilkesboro, in accordance with an Act of Congress, approved June 15, 1938. In order to be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must have actually resided within the delivery of the post office for which the examination is held, or within the city or town where such office is situated, for at least one year immediately preceding the date fixed for the close of receipt of applications, and must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. The competition is open to both men and women. The Civil Service Commission will certify the names of the highest three qualified eligibles to the Postmaster General who shall thereupon submit the name of the eligible selected to the President for nomination. Confirmation by the Senate is the final action. Applicants will be required to assemble in an examination room for written tests, and will also be rated on their education and business or professional experience, general qualifications and suitability. The Civil Service Commission will make an impartial inquiry among representative patrons of the office, both men and women, concerning the experience, ability, and character of each applicant, and the evidence thus secured will be considered in determining the ratings to be assigned to the applicants. The Commission is not interested in the political, religious, or fraternal affiliations of any applicant. Full information and application forms may be obtained at the post office for which the examination is held, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Applications must be on file in the office of the Commission at Washington, D. C., not later than June 16, 1939. The salary is \$1,900 per year at the Wilkesboro post office.

Commerce Bureaus Have 84 Members As Application Is Made For A Charter

The American workman receives in real wages—that is, wages measured by purchasing power—five times as much as the Italian, nearly three times as much as the Germans, and twice as much as the British. And dictators allow no labor unions. The plan of organization of the bureaus, destined to coordinate efforts of all types of business for the purpose of promoting the growth and progress of North Wilkesboro, calls for six bureaus as follows: Manufacturers, Merchants, Wholesalers, Advertising, Credit, and Better Business. The central organizations would be composed of a board of directors with eighteen members, three from each bureau, and the bureaus would be headed by the president, four vice presidents and secretary-treasurer. An executive secretary would handle the business of the various bureaus. The proposal as outlined in previous meetings of local business men was received with enthusiastic interest.

Food Sale Saturday Meeting Will Be Called Soon To Accept Charter and Name Officers

The Woman's Bible Class of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church will sponsor a food sale at Spainhour-Snyder's store Saturday, June 3, beginning at 10 o'clock. Cakes and other foods will be on sale. With 84 charter members a petition has been forwarded to the secretary of state for a charter for North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureaus, designed as an organization of all types of business in North Wilkesboro. Leaders in the movement to organize the bureaus said today that as soon as the charter is received that a meeting will be called for the purpose of accepting the charter, adopting constitution and by laws and organizations.

Lions To Name Officers Friday Several Matters Of Interest To Get Attention In Meeting Friday

Attendance of every member of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club is earnestly desired for the meeting to be held at Hotel Wilkes Friday evening, at which time officers for the year beginning July 1 will be elected and other important matters will be before the club. From the report of the nominating committee submitted at last meeting the Lions will elect a president, three vice presidents, secretary-treasurer, lion tamer, tail twister and two directors. The club continues to grow in membership and usefulness as a civic body and plans are being made for carrying out some noteworthy activities in the near future.

North Wilkesboro High School Graduates



Here are pictured seniors in the North Wilkesboro high school who received diplomas in the commencement exercises Tuesday night. Left to right are: front row—Billie Waugh Johnson, Corrine Faw, Margie Gabriel, Lydia Gudger, Joanna Gentry, Virginia Morrison. Second row—Jane Perry, Ruby Williams, Eleanore Deal, Reba Hayes, Nell Hall, Theima Kilby, Hazel Wyatt, Virgie Absher. Third row—Louise Day, Jane Allen, Margaret Hendren, Betty Pearson, Lula Brame, Cordelia West, Margaret Craven, Clara Porter. Fourth row—Thelma Hunter, Mary Louise Clements, Ruth Garris, Aline Craven, Florine Craven, Hessie Hayes, Ozelle Andrews. Fifth row—Russell Pearson, Harry Scheffer, Joe McCoy, W. J. Hudson, Frank Cranor, Howard McNeil, Walter Martin, Winslow Gudger. Sixth row—Ted Hulet, Dwight Sebastian, Norris West, Ray Foster.

City Schools End Successful Year

Representatives of furniture factories in North Wilkesboro will attend the midseason furniture exposition which will open Monday in Chicago. Samples have already been forwarded for showing and a successful exposition is anticipated. Four North Wilkesboro firms will be represented as follows: Forest Furniture company, N. D. Smoak; Home Chair company, Jack Quinn, Henry and Ivey Moore; American Furniture company, J. R. Hix, A. B. Johnston and Dick Gwyn; Oak Furniture company, John E. Justice, Jr.

Furniture Men To Attend Show Large Class Receives Diplomas In Final Commencement Program

Before a large audience the final program of the school year for North Wilkesboro school was carried out on Tuesday night at which time Dr. Roben J. Maaske, professor of education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, delivered the commencement address and diplomas of high school graduation were presented to a large class of seniors, thus ending a very successful school year. The program opened with overture by the North Wilkesboro high school band, which was organized this year. Following the procession by the seniors the audience joined in singing "America" and Rev. Watt Cooper spoke the invocation. Joe B. McCoy, Jr., a senior and president of the student body during the past year, presided for introduction of platform guests which included the board of education and representatives of several organizations which had put forth efforts in half of the school. The high school glee club delightfully sang "All Through the Night." Presentation of awards was as follows: Recognition of 71 who had been perfect in attendance, by Paul S. Cragan, superintendent. Presentation of American Legion citizenship medal for outstanding student by A. H. Casey, to Joe McCoy, Jr. Scholarship medal given by board of education presented by J. B. McCoy, Sr., to Corinne Faw. Louise Day was given award for outstanding science student, presented by Supt. Cragan. Balfour medal given on basis of citizenship by Supt. Cragan. (Continued on page four)

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Wilkesboro Citizens And Patrons Committee Answers Statement By Majority Members Of School Board

"In recent issues of the papers, there was a statement made by J. T. Pevette, T. M. Foster and D. J. Brookshire, members of the Wilkesboro school committee, as to why they disregarded the request of the petition, which was signed by more than 1,000 of the most prominent citizens and patrons in the Wilkesboro school district, asking that T. E. Story and the entire faculty of the last school year be re-elected. The members of the patrons' school committee who assumed the lead in writing and circulating the petition, feel compelled to make a reply to the statement issued by the three above mentioned school board members, because it is erroneous in many instances, misleading in others, and extremely vague in some places and closed, it is stated. (Continued on page eight)

34 Convicted In Conspiracy Case

Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

The regular monthly meeting of Wilkes County Post number 125 of the American Legion will be held in the Legion-Auxiliary Club House north of the City on Friday evening, June 2nd at 7:30.

Chairman Smoak Quits Wilkesboro District Board

Makes Second Resignation From Wilkesboro Board Within Week

N. O. Smoak, for about ten years a member of Wilkesboro district school board and for the past several years chairman of that body, yesterday sent to the Wilkes county board of education his resignation. His resignation follows by only a few days that of C. A. Lowe, secretary and oldest member in point of service on the board, who mailed his resignation Friday. Mr. Smoak was the second oldest member in point of service. The resignation of Mr. Smoak to the county board of education follows: "Please accept this as my resignation as a member of the Wilkesboro central school committee. I shall not go into detail at this time as to my reasons for this action, as I have no desire to complicate further the very bad situation we have in our school. I have protested before, and I still protest the action of a majority of this board in ousting Prof. Story and six other excellent teachers and I have stayed on the board as long as I felt I might be of some assistance to the cause of education in Wilkes county. I do not agree with the majority of the members of the board and as my services seem to be no longer needed or desired, I feel that the only thing left for me to do is to offer my resignation."

Music Recital Monday Night In Wilkesboro

Mrs. R. E. Pevette will present her music pupils in the final recital of the year Monday night, June 5, in the school auditorium at Wilkesboro. The recital will begin at eight o'clock and the public has a cordial invitation to attend. Mrs. R. E. Pevette will present her music pupils in the final recital of the year Monday night, June 5, in the school auditorium at Wilkesboro. The recital will begin at eight o'clock and the public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Sixty Miles Of Parkway In North Carolina Will Be Opened August 1

All of the 60 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway in Alleghany, Wilkes and Ashe counties, which represent the only completed sections of the Parkway in North Carolina, will not be open to through traffic until around the first of August, according to information obtained this week from the Park Service office. Black-top paving or surface treatment of around 22 miles of this famous scenic highway from Bluff park near Laurel Springs to Glendale Springs, will be started next Monday by R. B. Tyler Construction Company and will not be completed and ready for traffic before August, it was stated. The National Park Service office in Roanoke recently announced that this work was expected to be finished by July 1 and that the 60 miles of the completed highway in North Carolina, as well as about 50 miles of this side of Roanoke, would be open at that time. Top surface was applied to all of the 60 miles except a comparatively short distance at Laurel Springs last year, but a portion of the surface in the vicinity of Glendale Springs broke through pretty badly and will be re-surfaced this year. While this work is under way the road will be closed, it is stated. (Continued on page eight)

Only Two Escape Guilty Verdict In The First Big Case

Chester Mathis Conspiracy Case Now Before Judge Hayes' Court

Federal court in Wilkesboro today was engaged in the second of a series of cases in which the government is charging that a large number of the residents of the middle-eastern part of Wilkes county conspired to defraud the government of liquor taxes. The first of these cases ended late Tuesday after a long court battle of almost a week and resulted in the conviction of 34 defendants. Only two of the 36 on trial in the case were acquitted, Pearlle Bauguess and Minnie Johnson having been freed by a directed verdict of not guilty by Judge Johnson J. Hayes. In the process of trial four defendants entered pleas of guilty and all others were convicted after short deliberation by the jury. Judge Hayes has not announced when the case will be taken up for judgment. The case now on trial is unofficially designated as the Chester Mathis case and with Mathis others indicted are Branson Call, Charles Williams, Jettie Sales, James Willie Sales, Charles Rosemond (plea of guilty), Georgia Curry, Turner Inscore, Millard M. Mathis, G. Albert Curry, Clay Church and Thomas Benton Inscore. As in the previous case the government's star witness in the case now on trial is M. A. King, alcohol tax unit investigator who came to Wilkes from the Richmond, Va., office, posed as a bootlegger, bought several loads of liquor and gained his knowledge from the "inside." Defendants who were either convicted or plead guilty in this lengthy case which ended yesterday were as follows: Robert C. Seagraves, Frank Mathis, Glenn R. Bauguess, C. D. Sale, Hugh Sale, Robert Sparks, Woodrow Mathis, Clay Church, W. O. Blackburn, William Dimmette, Charlie Love, Carl G. Mathis, E. R. Staley, Banifer Burington, W. J. Bryant Mathis, Thurmond Sparks, Clyde McDaniel, Clyde Hemrick, W. T. Billings, William Porter, Gilbert Johnson, George Sale, Jetty Sale, John Sale, Robert Hackett, Jay Davis, George Morehead, J. R. Mathis, Jr., John Robert Byrd, John Thomas Byrd, Julius Johnson, Jessie M. Byrd, Ivory Glase and Woodrow Mathis, Jr.