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FINLAND STILL PAYS Washington, June 9.—Finland only war-debtor now honoring her obligation to this country in full, is keeping up her record by making the regular June payment of \$160,693. The Finnish minister, H. J. Procope, in a letter to Secretary Hull, said the Finnish government would deposit the amount in the federal reserve bank, New York city, June 15.

JEWES BANISHED Berlin, June 9.—East Prussian Jews and thousands of others scattered throughout Germany who have been ordered to leave or go to concentration camps, appealed to their leaders in Berlin tonight for help in finding homes outside this nation. The Jewish leaders, who have been working at top speed for months in efforts to get visas, said they were practically powerless to act except in a small number of instances.

FIGHT OVER DOG FATAL Greenville, Tenn., June 9.—Sheriff B. H. Renner said two men he identified as Samson Landers, 39, and Ross Mills, 35, were shot fatally today in the Paint Creek section of Greene county. The sheriff said his investigation showed the men became involved in an argument about a dog and that they suddenly drew pistols and began firing. Four bullets struck Landers, he said, and one hit Mills. Landers formerly lived in Madison county, North Carolina, Renner said. Mills was a native of Greene county.

MORE APEASEMENT? London, June 9.—Gestures toward Germany by both Prime Minister Chamberlain and Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax were described by sources close to the government tonight as the beginning of a vigorous British counter-propaganda campaign to offset Nazi charges of "encirclement." The purpose of statements by the prime minister and foreign secretary in parliament yesterday that Britain was willing to discuss Germany's claims for economic "living room" was not immediately clear and gave rise in some quarters to suspicion that the government might be turning back toward its discarded policy of appeasement.

NEGRO EXECUTED Raleigh, June 9.—The use of masks in executions may have taken the "sensationalism" out of seeing men die in the Central prison gas chamber. Warden H. H. Wilson said today. Dave Burney, 47-year-old negro, had just been put to death for murder, and for the second time in recent weeks, the warden had had to obtain witnesses at the last minute to meet the legal requirement of six. Since last spring, masks have been placed on the faces of the gas chamber victims. Before then, the witnesses—and there was never any difficulty about having the required six—were able to observe all the facial contortions of the condemned as they breathed in the gas.

ROYALTY HOSTS Washington, June 9.—Guests of the nation for two bustling, resplendent days, George and Elizabeth turned host and hostess tonight to entertain President and Mrs. Roosevelt at a sparkling state dinner in parting appreciation of honors unstintingly heaped upon them. The scene of the feast was their own "four acres of England in America," the spreading, square British embassy on Massachusetts avenue, which by the curious dictates of diplomatic protocol has been their official home throughout their stay in this awe-struck capital. Within its bare-brick walls, the pledge "to the king," heard daily throughout an empire that runs around the world, was drunk in heady old-world vintages. And to that toast there was added another strange to new-world ears and palates: "To the President."

Walter Call Heads Students Walter W. Call, an outstanding member of the junior class during the last term, was elected during the closing days of the North Wilkesboro high school as president of the student body during the coming year. The election was by ballot with practically all students participating. The newly elected president is a son of the late W. W. Call and Mrs. Vencie Call Poindexter.

Young Man Ends Life Friday With Shot Thru Chest

Council Shepherd Commits Suicide In Home of Father Near Reddies River

Council Shepherd, 23-year-old youth of the Reddies River section, ended his life about 11 o'clock Friday night at the home of his father, Rudy Shepherd, by firing a 12-gauge shotgun load into his chest, Coroner I. M. Myers said Saturday morning after an inquest was held. Several witnesses testified at the inquest, saying that Council and some others had been to a church in the community Friday night but no service was held due to the absence of the preacher. Council went to his home with his sister, Beatrice Shepherd, about 11 o'clock. She said that he picked up the shotgun and she was afraid that he was going to try to shoot her, but he turned the gun on himself and pulled the trigger. The load went through his chest. He staggered a few steps and fell.

His sister's screams awoke the other members of the family, who hastily brought him to the Wilkes hospital here but he was dead soon after arrival. Members of the family said that Council had apparently been drinking but that he was not drunk.

His father said that several months ago Council suffered a skull fracture and concussion at the base of his skull when he fell from a truck and that he had shown signs of being mentally unbalanced when drinking. Otherwise he was in good health. He is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Beatrice, Jesse, Numa, Fidel and Hallie Shepherd, Mrs. B. O. Daney and Mrs. U. S. Myers.

Escape Convict Is Captured Here

Prison Camp Officials Pick Up Long Termer Who Escaped At Boone Tuesday

Because a long term negro who escaped from the prison camp at Boone Tuesday caught a ride with the kind of man who doesn't like for long terms to be running loose, he is again behind the bars.

Tam Beshears, a resident of the Blue Ridge section west of here, was approached for a lift by a negro man early Wednesday. Beshears gave the negro a lift but before he reached North Wilkesboro he became suspicious of his passenger and decided to report the incident to officers.

He carried the negro to a point near Broadway service station one mile east of Wilkesboro and about a mile from the state prison camp near this city. There he let the negro out, drove to the camp and told his suspicions to Captain E. L. Hight, who is in charge.

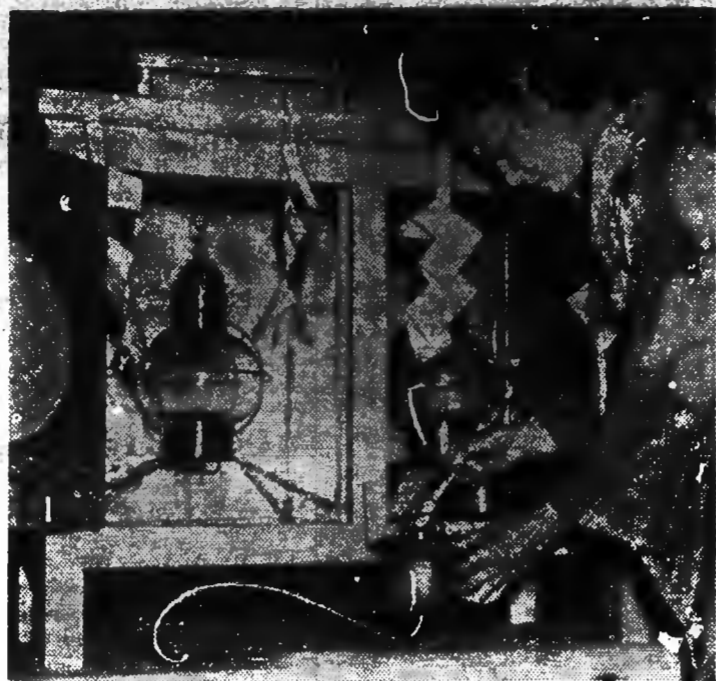
Accompanied by Captain Hight and a guard, Beshears drove past the service station and started east on 421. In a short distance the negro was found and Beshears stopped and offered him a ride. But instead of continuing toward Winston-Salem Beshears turned around and brought his party back to the prison camp. He was returned to Boone.

Prison officials here said that they did not have a record of the negro's name but they understood he was sentenced in Cumberland county and was serving 25 to 30 years for burglary.

GREYHOUND BUS LINES CHANGE BUS SCHEDULES

New schedules went into effect today for several of the Greyhound's lines running through the city. Those wishing latest information in regard to schedules may obtain same by calling the local Union Bus terminal.

Japan Sends 'Friendship Flame' to U. S.



The "Flame of Friendship," presented to the New York World's fair as a symbol of the friendship between Japan and the United States, was lighted by Mayor Keikichi Tanomoti of Tokyo from burning logs of cypress wood brought from the Izu no Grand Shrine, where, according to Shinto mythology, the flame has been burning for more than 1,500 years. The flame was carried to New York by Miss Akiko Tsukimoto.

Girl From Wilkes Men's And Boys' Tennis Tourney To Begin July 6

Miss Lorraine Tharpe Elected Historian Of Older Youth Conference

Two boys and two girls from Wilkes county attended the third Older Youth Conference held at State College from June 6th to June 10th.

Those attending from Wilkes County were: Lorraine Tharpe, Ronda; Alene Greene, Ronda; Lonnie Somers, Ronda; John Joines, Traphill.

There were 43 counties represented at the conference with 129 members in attendance. The purpose of the conference is to work with the boys and girls, who have finished high school and are on the farm, to become leaders of the young rural people. The boys and girls had classes in the morning and afternoon dealing with the problems which confront young people on the farm.

A very distinct honor was won by Wilkes county in that Miss Lorraine Tharpe, of Ronda, was elected historian for the Older Youth members of the State.

The conference ended with a banquet at which Governor Clyde R. Hoey was the speaker. They were accompanied by Jesse F. Giles, assistant county agent.

Fruit Growers In 2 Good Meetings

Held Tuesday At Home of Floyd Hendren and Perry Lowe On Brushies

Two very successful orchard meetings were held in Wilkes during the past week, County Agent Dan Holler reported today.

Fifteen gathered at the home of Floyd Hendren Tuesday afternoon to hear H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist, give some facts about diseases and insects. The same topics were also discussed at a later meeting held at the home of Perry Lowe with 15 present.

In addition to the lectures by Mr. Niswonger, Carl E. Vandeman, research worker in charge of the laboratory on the Brushies, told of the results of some spray timing demonstrations he has carried out.

Driving School Opened Here Today

Thomas A. Early, former lieutenant in the state highway patrol, opened a driving school here this afternoon.

The school is carried out as a WPA project and all are invited. The classes will be held at four and seven o'clock p. m. in the city hall and enrollment will be taken through Tuesday evening. The course will continue for three weeks and will be repeated if sufficient interest is shown.

City Employees Are Re-Elected On Friday Night

All Police Officers Except One Re-Appointed For Two-Years Term

At a meeting of the board of city commissioners held last night at the city hall, all the present officers and employees of the city were elected for the remainder of the term of the mayor and board of commissioners.

Mayor R. T. McNeil, and Commissioners Ralph Duncan, A. G. Finley, H. T. Hutchens, and W. K. Sturdivant, and City Clerk Y. H. McNeil, Jr., were present for the meeting. J. B. Carter, one of the three new commissioners elected at the recent city election, was absent on account of illness.

On motion of H. M. Hutchens, seconded by Ralph Duncan, all the police officers and other employees of the city, were re-elected at their present salaries, provided their services and conduct is satisfactory, with the exception of Harold David, a policeman, and Mrs. John Lovette, garbage remover, who were re-elected for 30 days.

Voting for the motion were Commissioners Hutchens and Duncan; against the motion, Commissioners Finley and Sturdivant. The tie was broken by Mayor McNeil voting for the reelection of the present employees.

On motion of A. G. Finley, seconded by Ralph Duncan, the board authorized W. K. Sturdivant to have circulars printed relative to collecting garbage, and Mr. Sturdivant was also authorized by the board to work out the best plan possible for handling the garbage situation here.

Gentry Speaker At Kiwanis Meet

Head Of Employment Service Here Tells History and Duties Of Service

B. G. Gentry, manager of the North Wilkesboro office of the North Carolina State Employment Service, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon.

The program was in charge of H. H. Morehouse, who first presented Miss Ellen Robinson, music instructor. She delightfully sang "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes" and "Home on the Range." Mr. Morehouse then introduced Mr. Gentry.

He explained at some length the Employment Service. He stated that in 1860 the only two cities in the United States having employment offices were New York and San Francisco. In 1890, the State of Ohio introduced such a service; and in 1918, the entire United States undertook to direct the matter of public employment.

In 1933, in June, The Wagner-Piser Act provided for employment offices throughout the Nation. Under this Act, North Carolina is now receiving \$75,000.00 per year. In 1936, The United States Social Security Act provided further for relief of this nature. There are now forty-six offices for white in the state and ten for colored.

In the business session President D. J. Carter appointed Robert S. Gibbs on the Boys and Girls committee and J. M. Ketchie on the Underprivileged Child committee.

At Friday's meeting Judge Wilson, Warlick was a guest of W. H. McElwee and Robert Morehouse was a guest of his father, H. H. Morehouse.

Clerk Of Court's Office To Close Saturdays At Noon

Complying with a request signed by 15 members of the Wilkes bar association, Judge Wilson Warlick in Wilkes court last week signed an order permitting the Wilkes clerk of court to close his office at noon each Saturday during June, July and August.

The lawyers pointed out in their request that the clerk and office help are required to work long hours and that they need a half day off on Saturdays during the summer months in interest of their health.

Cleveland Principal Is Named Superintendent Of Wilkesboro School

THEREBY HANGS A TAIL



S. G. Hawfield Declines Position; Board Met Today

Dr. M. C. Edwards And Mack Moore Succeed Smoak and Lowe

The Wilkesboro district school board, including two new members appointed by the board of education this morning, met today and elected William T. Long superintendent of the school, which is the largest in the Wilkes county system.

The Wilkesboro district board is now composed of Dr. M. C. Edwards, chairman, J. T. Prevette, secretary, T. M. Foster, D. J. Brookshire and Mack Moore. Messrs. Edwards and Moore were appointed by the Wilkes county board of education in session this morning to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of N. O. Smoak and C. A. Lowe, former chairman and secretary.

In its meeting today the board organized by election of a chairman and secretary and proceeded with the election of a principal.

Members of the board said following the meeting that the newly elected principal has just completed his sixth year as head of Cleveland schools in Rowan county and had been elected for another year but is giving up his position there to head the Wilkesboro district schools. He holds a B. A. degree from the University of North Carolina and will receive his M. A. degree there this summer. He is recognized as an outstanding school man in the state and his record stands near the top board members said.

Mr. Long was elected to succeed Prof. T. E. Story, who has completed his 15th year at the school and who was ousted by the board at a former meeting, at which time S. G. Hawfield, until this year superintendent of Cabarrus county schools, was elected superintendent for Wilkesboro. Mr. Hawfield, however, has declined the position.

The school board's first meeting was held before the term end. (Continued on page eight)

N. Wilkesboro Seniors Rank High In State

Report Of College Conference Shows Local Students Above Average

North Wilkesboro High School Seniors rank high in the State High School Senior Examination, according to figures just released by the North Carolina College Conference, sponsors of the examination.

Forty-five seniors from the city high school took the examination. Of these 7 scored in Group One, 12 in Group Two and 19 in Group Three. Out of the total, 31 members of the class were above the state average score for high school seniors.

A total of 23,356 pupils were tested in the state and were ranked as follows: Group I, 2,427; Group II, 3,698; Group III, 12,068; Group IV, 4,416; Group V, 1,247.

Swimming Pool Is To Open Tuesday

Lions Club Again Operating Pool; Many Improvements Are Made

The North Wilkesboro Lions club will again operate the Riverside Swimming pool which they operated last year near the Yackin between the Wilkesbros. The pool will open Tuesday, June 13, and remain open during the summer.

The club will operate the pool as a non-profit project as part of the club's boys and girls work. The club cordially invites the public to use the pool during the summer months.

Many improvements have been made this year in the pool and surroundings, designed to make it a clean, attractive and sanitary place for recreation.

The pool has been painted with a beautiful "ocean green" paint. A new diving board has been erected, the dressing rooms have been rearranged and made more comfortable and convenient and comfortably weeds and trash near the pool have been replaced with beautiful flowers. A successful season is anticipated.

In renovating the pool and buildings the club worked in cooperation with the National Youth Administration, which furnished part of the labor.

First offenders made up 42.3 per cent of the 37,887 prisoners in North Carolina's Central Prison in 1937 and 1938.

Dokies Planning Ceremonial 30th

Street Work, Parade, Band and Barbecue Planned For Coming Event

The North Wilkesboro Dokies club is planning a gala event to be held here June 30 when several candidates will be initiated. The ceremonial will include street work, a band concert, a barbecue at the fairgrounds and other features. It is expected that there will be 12 local candidates and many from other clubs in western North Carolina.

Further news of the event will be carried in future issues of The Journal-Patriot.

Fifty Examined In Cripple Clinic

Many Take Advantage Of Opportunity For The Free Examination Thursday

Fifty crippled and deformed were examined by a specialist in the cripple clinic held at Wilkes hospital Thursday. It was reported today from the county health department.

The clinics are held regular as a service of the health department and are sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club.

Of the fifty who were examined, many were new cases who had never before been examined to find out whether or not steps could be taken to correct their physical handicaps. Others included some who had received treatment and were present for a re-check.