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F.D.R. NONCOMMITTAL
Washington, June 20.—President Roosevelt today declined to be drawn out by questions relating to the political outlook. A newspaperman asked Mr. Roosevelt point blank at his bi-weekly press conference whether he planned to seek re-election, and he advised his questioner to stand in the corner.

BOY KILLS SELF
Upper Merion, Pa., June 20.—A .32-caliber revolver forgotten in the dashboard compartment of an automobile brought death to 7-year-old Samuel Mumma of Meybrook today. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Little told Haverford township police they left Samuel with their 7-year-old son Robert in the car while they looked at a vacant house in Oakmont. A few minutes after they left the car they heard Robert screaming and ran back to find Samuel sprawled in the front seat with a bullet hole in his forehead and the revolver in his hand.

MERCHANTS MEET
Charlotte, June 20.—The North Carolina Merchants Association closed its 37th annual session here this afternoon with the election of officers and the awarding of trophies. O. A. Swearingen, of Concord, was elected president; J. H. Early, of Winston-Salem, first vice president; George W. Dewdy, of Charlotte, second vice president; William L. Dowell, of Raleigh, executive secretary; T. C. Hinkle, of Lexington, treasurer; R. M. Jamieson, of Cary, field secretary; and L. M. Bailey, of Raleigh, attorney.

WPA PROGRESS
Charlotte, June 20.—The WPA in North Carolina has made considerable progress in the construction of the High Point hydroelectric project that will extend off the dam reservoir and result in a general reduction in the value of land nearby. Johnson was one of two witnesses to take the stand in an afternoon session featured by numerous arguments over introduction of testimony given in Greensboro, when actions to prevent the project were heard.

ASKS NEUTRALITY LAW
Washington, June 20.—President Roosevelt today endorsed the Bloom neutrality bill as an influence for peace and urged Congress to revise the present neutrality law at this session so that the administration can formulate a definite policy to follow in case of war. He said at his press conference that if Congress goes home without enacting neutrality legislation, and that if a war broke out in the meantime, it would be difficult to pass any sort of a measure without leaving the United States open to charges of favoritism. Therefore, he continued, it would be to Congress's own advantage to insure itself against getting into such a dilemma.

GASOLINE REVENUE UP
Raleigh, June 20.—North Carolina's state gasoline tax revenues reached a new peak for a fiscal year today when collections for 1938-39 passed the \$23,308,425 mark. The previous record for a 12-month period was \$22,727,067, set last fiscal year. Big payrolls yesterday and today about total for this year into new high levels and another payment of \$90,000 is expected any time. Revenue department officials estimated that receipts for the year would exceed \$24,500,000, making this the first fiscal year in which gas revenues averaged better than \$2,000,000 a month.

Williams Article In Building News
An article written by John Canfield which appeared in the Greensboro Daily News on May 25 is included in the North Carolina section of American Building Association News this month. The article is centered around J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association and incidentally gives a history of North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county.

HUMIDITY
Stagnations conducted at Kendall State College show that humidity factors were rapidly during hot summer months if the humidity of their living rooms is not reduced because of improper ventilation.

Assistance Funds In Wilkes County For Month \$1,133

\$4,450 For Monthly Aged; \$1,600 For Dependent Children; Blind \$428
Public assistance funds distributed by the Wilkes county welfare office for the month of June totaled \$1,133, a report from the office of Charles McNeill, welfare superintendent, shows. Of this amount \$4,004.50 was paid in checks to 479 needy persons in the form of old age assistance and \$1,000.50 went to 118 families with 318 dependent children, 84 blind received a total of \$428. The number receiving assistance for the month of June represented the full quota for the county but there will be a substantial increase in the July total due to the transfer of 14 Confederate Widows from the pension rolls to old age assistance.

Dokies Planning Gala Occasion On June 30th Here

More Than 100 Visiting Dokies and Candidates Expected for Ceremonial
The North Wilkesboro Dokie club is planning a gala occasion in North Wilkesboro on June 30 when a ceremonial and celebratory will be held. Officers of the local club said today that more than 100 visiting Dokies are expected for the ceremonial and that the number will be many candidates in addition to local applicants. The degree team from Greensboro and Winston-Salem will confer the degree and there will be Dokies and candidates from Mount Airy, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Salisbury, Hickory and other points in western North Carolina. The first item on the program will be registration of candidates at four o'clock at the North Wilkesboro memory. At five o'clock a parade and street work will begin, to which the public is cordially invited. In the parade will be two bands. At seven o'clock Dokies and candidates will assemble at the Armory for a barbecue. Any member of the Knights of Pythias lodge is eligible for membership in the Dokies, club officials said today. Those wishing to join are asked to get in touch with Lawrence Miller, Jesse Giles or A. S. Casper.

Twenty-Nine Seek Job As Postmaster Examination For Wilkesboro Postmaster To Be Given Here June 29th

Twenty-nine have made application to the civil service commission to take the examination to fill the Wilkesboro postmaster position, a report by the civil service commission discloses. The examination will be given in North Wilkesboro on June 29. The salary paid the Wilkesboro postmaster is \$1,900 per year and the position is now held by Mrs. Savannah R. Smoak, wife of O. Smoak. Her term has expired. The list of applicants follows: Cecil C. Ganoy, John R. Henderson, Charles C. McNeill, Mrs. Annie Belle Lowe, John H. Johnson, Jr., David R. Wright, Mrs. Frances H. Underwood, Mrs. Mildred W. Gentry, James Floyd Jordan, Mrs. Winnie L. Duncan, Harold Gerald Duncan, Millard J. Bogardus, Thomas L. Wells, Mrs. Jean B. Absher, Russell V. ... Mrs. Lee Day, Mrs. Savannah R. Smoak, Thomas Story, Fred G. Gilreath, Mrs. Sallie Deans Gilreath, Arthur L. Pharr, Miss Helen G. Call, Otto S. Whitington, Miss Eleanor H. Smoak, Oliver McNeill Profit, Mrs. Eleanor H. Pharris, Charlie Wade Church. The applications of Billie M. Johnson and Robert J. Johnson, the commission announced, were canceled because of improper residence.

North Wilkesboro Commerce Bureaus Begins Functions, Office Established

Name Postmaster For Furler Office
Mrs. Laura Church has been named postmaster at Furler, according to information received from the current issue of the Postal Bulletin. Furler is a fourth class office located ten miles west of the city, and serves a big section of the western part of the county by a rural route. The Wilkesboro Commerce Bureaus have opened an office in the Northwestern Bank building in the old bankers room adjoining the bank's quarters, it was learned today from officials of the organization. The bureaus were organized last week for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the growth and progress of the agriculture, manufacturers, merchants, wholesalers, advertisers, credit collections and better business. Details relative to the functioning of the central organization and all bureaus is being rapidly worked out and office equipment is being installed. The Advertising bureau is already engaged in preparation of publicity data to advertise North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county. Membership in the bureaus is growing rapidly and it is expected that more than 100 will be members of the bureaus within a short time. An advertisement setting forth the objectives of the various bureaus is carried today on page three of this issue of The Journal-Patriot.

Wilkesboro Mass Meeting Friday Citizens To Gather at Courthouse Friday Night To Discuss School Situation

In response to a call issued this week by the Patrons and Citizens Committee of Wilkesboro school district, a mass meeting of citizens and patrons will be held at the courthouse on Friday night, June 23, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. In the call of the meeting issued by the committee it was stated that the reasons for the meeting are the discharge of Professor T. E. Story as school superintendent and six other members of the central school faculty and the failure of the school committee to heed the plea of over 1,000 citizens and patrons who protested their action. Telegraphic invitations to the meeting have been forwarded to Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, W. F. Hixson, lieutenant governor and head of the state school commission, and William T. Long, of Cleveland, who was recently elected by the Wilkesboro district board to succeed Mr. Story. The state authorities, members of the Patrons and Citizens Committee said, are invited in the hope that they may be able to help straighten out the school situation. Among the speakers at the mass meeting will be Miss Agnes McDonald, immediate past president of the Class Room Teachers' Association of the North Carolina Education Association. While the mass meeting is held primarily for the Wilkesboro district, members of the Patrons and Citizens Committee said that a cordial invitation is extended to all people of Wilkes county who are interested in the welfare and progress of the county schools. The committee said that a large attendance is expected at the mass meeting.

Dedicate Home Cottage Friday

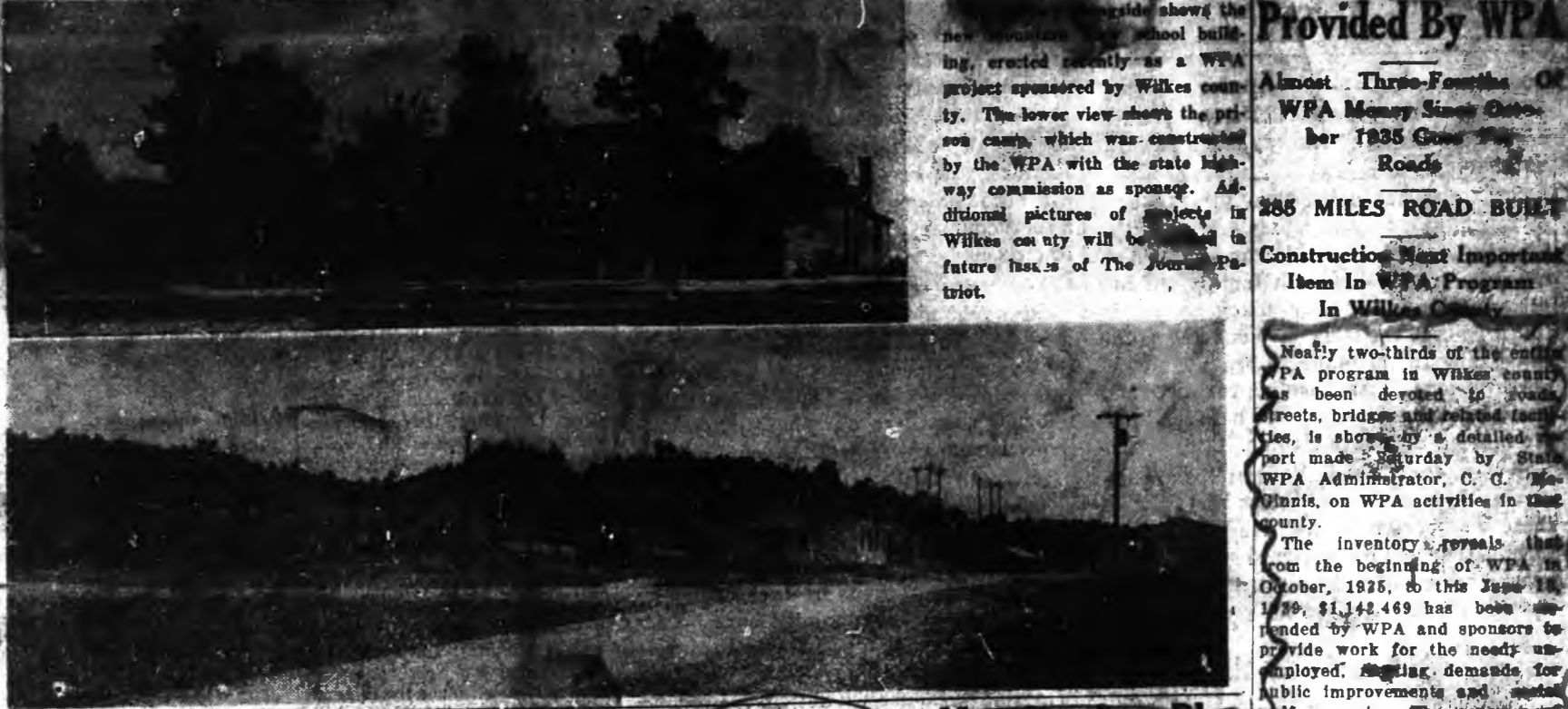
NYA Officials Address The Meeting Held At Roaring River On Friday Night
A crowd estimated at 200 gathered at the home dedication cottage at Roaring River, Friday night for the dedication of the building, which was erected as an NYA project for community use. The building is a place of meetings for the home demonstration club and quarters for the home economics classes of the school. The dedication speech was given by Warren Davis, representing the state office of the National Youth Administration. Other speakers were J. E. Smith, area supervisor for the NYA, and Beth Walsh, who was talking over the boys who occupied the building. The building has dimensions of 24 by 40 feet and was erected from materials secured from the Civilian Conservation Corps and other materials purchased or furnished by the people of the community. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Marriage Licenses

Licenses for wed were issued during the past week by Register of Deeds, Old Wilkes to the following: C. M. Waggoner, Arthur Reed, and Jack Walker, all of Wilkes county; and John and Little Salie, both of ...

\$1,142,469 Spent in Wilkes County By WPA and Sponsors

WPA FUNDS VALUABLE AID IN CONSTRUCTION BUILDINGS



Work on the new school building, created recently as a WPA project sponsored by Wilkes county. The lower view shows the prison camp, which was constructed by the WPA with the state highway commission as sponsor. Additional pictures of projects in Wilkes county will be included in future issues of The Journal-Patriot.

Total Of 3,091,330 Work Hours Are Provided By WPA

Almost Three-Fourths Of WPA Money Since October 1935 Goes For Road Building

285 MILES ROAD BUILT Construction Next Important Item In WPA Program In Wilkes County

Nearly two-thirds of the entire WPA program in Wilkes county has been devoted to road building, is shown by a detailed report made Saturday by State WPA Administrator, C. G. McGinnis, on WPA activities in the county. The inventory reveals that from the beginning of WPA in October, 1935, to this June 15, 1939, \$1,142,469 has been expended by WPA and sponsors to provide work for the needy unemployed. Among demands for public improvements and social welfare services, the report shows as provided an amazing total of 3,091,330 hours of work in the county. One thousand and thirty-one residents of Wilkes county are now gainfully employed on WPA projects—93 are females. The report classifies 919 of the total persons working as unskilled. Road building is a type of work that manual or unskilled workers can do, explained Administrator McGinnis. "More valuable still is that work because it can be done widely through the area to employ farm workers and expanded and stimulated to meet the seasonal conditions such as planting, tending and harvesting crops." The miles of roads built in Wilkes county would reach from Wilkesboro to the State Capital and back to Winston-Salem, with a few miles left over to run a round town shopping—or a total number of 285 miles. This has entailed an expenditure of \$723,685. The road projects have been carried on without the expenditure of funds on the part of Wilkes county. The State Highway and Public Works Commission is the sponsor for farm-to-market roads. A visit to any of the road building activities will show rock crushers, trucks, motor graders, air compressors and all types of road building machinery, furnished by the Highway Commission, while the WPA expends practically all of its money for wages. The more modern methods of road building have been directed by WPA engineers and those of the State Highway Commission. You will see the roads not only surfaced with deep beds of crushed stone but also graded, drained, modern bridges and culverts installed wherever needed. Most of these many miles of roads were impassable during winter months to the farm families of practically all sections of Wilkes county. These improvements mean the certainty that the doctor can reach them in time of crisis; that perishable crops can move to market; that school buses and mail services can always make their scheduled rounds. As a by-product, land values in several sections have been increased by the program of "getting farmers out of the mud." Another project in Wilkes county is the building of a baseball park. (Continued on page 2)

City Sells Note At Lowest Interest Rate In History

Short-Term Note Sold At Rate of Only 1 1/2 Per Cent
Mr. I. H. McNeill, Jr., stated today that a \$7,000.00 short-term participation note had been sold by the local government commission at 1 1/2 per cent at the lowest interest rate in the history of the city. The note, one of which was advertised only a few days ago, was purchased by the Northwestern Bank, and the unusually low rate of interest will be a clear demonstration of how the city's financial affairs have been handled in the past. Few cities of any size of North Wilkesboro, enjoy such a ready market for its notes and bonds as does this trading center for Northwest North Carolina.

Manslaughter Plea Entered In Case; Pierce Convicted

Wilkes Court For Trial Of Criminal Cases Is Now In Progress
Gwyn Pierce was convicted in Wilkes court this week of the slaying of Robert Minton, ten miles west of this city several months ago, the jury returning a verdict of manslaughter after a few minutes deliberation. Cecil Pierce, youth of the Red Oak River section of Wilkes, entered a plea of manslaughter for the shooting of Carl Minton, which occurred one mile west of this city and killed the Robert Minton killing by only a few weeks. Judge Wilson Warlick, who is presiding over the special term, has not passed sentence on either defendant. Gwyn Pierce was admitted by giving the axe which penetrated Robert Minton's brain and caused his death a week later. Minton was advancing on him with a knife and that he was trying to kill his father, Ransom Minton, the altercation occurred near the home of Pierce and on the pavement of highway 421. Cecil Pierce shot Carl Minton, the bullet inflicting a wound which later proved fatal. The bullet was through the windshield of a car in which Minton was riding. It is considered a strange coincidence that the slain men in both cases were Minton, both defendants were Pierce and the killings occurred on the same highway less than one mile apart. But there is no relation between any of the parties. A grand jury was empaneled on Monday and passed on new bills. J. H. Harris was foreman of the body, which found 16 true bills and returned five for lack of evidence. A true bill charging murder was returned against Sammy Dotson for the shooting of Andrew Benge on March 19 and a murder charge was lodged against Vernon Sprinkle for the knife slaying of his brother, Tom Sprinkle, on March 26. Both cases are calendared for trial on Monday, June 26.

Miss Rousseau Is Claimed By Death

Member Prominent Family Passes Tuesday Morning Funeral Wednesday
A simple, though most impressive funeral service was held Tuesday morning for Miss Nell Claire Rousseau, a member of one of Wilkes county's pioneer families. The service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, at the home of the deceased's mother, after which the body was interred in the family plot in Mountain Park cemetery, just south of Wilkesboro. Miss Nell Claire Rousseau was born on April 12, 1884, and died at 3:30 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. V. Tomlinson. She was the daughter of the late James Paris Rousseau, for many years a prominent citizen of Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Lila Gilbert Rousseau, who, with the following sister and brothers survive: Mrs. S. V. Tomlinson, J. Logan Rousseau, Judge Jettie A. Rousseau, William A. Rousseau, brother, Malcom, died in June, 1930. Miss Rousseau is also survived by several nieces and nephews. For over twenty-five years, Miss Rousseau taught in the public schools of North Carolina, and at the time of her last illness she was a member of the North Wilkesboro high school faculty, a position of trust she held with distinction for many years. The school she taught for a number of years was at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, the Wilkes Valley Guards Chapter of the Confederate Veterans of the Confederacy, the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of the county poor board. She was also a member of the Wilkesboro ...

Decorations Day And Home Coming At Mt. Zion 25th

Decorations day and home coming, will be observed in an all day service and decoration of graves in the cemetery at Mt. Zion church, seven miles north of this city in Mulberry township Sunday, June 25. The service will begin at ten o'clock and everybody is invited to carry a basket of flowers and send the day's program will be broadcast by the radio and South Side Harmonious quartet.

Baseball Games Saturday, Sunday

North Wilkesboro baseball team has two splendid games scheduled for this week and here. Harmony team will play here on Saturday afternoon, three o'clock. The teams are evenly matched and one of the best games of the season is anticipated. On Sunday afternoon the Brown-Rogers-Bixon team from Winston-Salem will play here, the game beginning at three o'clock. Club officials said today that rain checks from the game scheduled for last Sunday afternoon will be honored at either the game Saturday or Sunday.