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ACT CHALLENGED

Fayetteville, June 30.—The constitutionality of the fair labor standards act is questioned in the answer of Central Weaving and Spinning company to a suit filed here by James Miller as agent for 44 employees of the company. The answer denies allegations that the employees did not receive proper wages, and contends that the application of the wages and hours law to the defendant would violate the fifth and 10th amendments to the national constitution.

McNUTT IN RING

Indianapolis, June 30.—Indiana Democrats acclaimed their favorite son for the 1940 presidential nomination—47-year-old, white-haired Paul V. McNutt—in a festive homecoming celebration today on his return from his post as United States high commissioner to the Philippine Islands. A cheering, flag-waving crowd, estimated by reception officials at 15,000, stood under a blazing sun in historic Monument circle two hours to welcome the former governor and hear him voice a plea for world peace.

GIRL, 2 MEN DROWN

East Rutherford, N. J., June 30.—The body of a 12-year-old girl, who was swept into a culvert during a heavy downpour of rain, and the body of one of two men, who made vain attempts at rescue, were identified tonight two hours after being taken from a sewer. Mrs. Gertrude Kostonhill hysterically told police the body of the girl was that of her daughter, Sophie. Superintendent of Public Works John O'Connor identified one of the men as William Stigleman, 46, an employee of the public works department. The third body was not identified.

NO DIVERSION FUNDS

Raleigh, June 30.—With general fund tax receipts exceeding estimates by \$2,117,102.64, North Carolina tonight closed out the 1938-39 fiscal year without diverting money from highway to other uses. Governor Hoyer announced this afternoon that the "healthy condition" of general fund finances would make diversion unnecessary. Under state law, he was authorized to transfer up to \$2,000,000, if needed, from the highway fund to the general fund during 1938-39. The diversion was not contemplated to balance the general fund during 1938-39, but rather to provide a surplus of \$2,200,000 in the fund at the start of 1939-40. The fact that tax receipts ran well above estimates, however, insured the surplus without diversion.

DOG ALARM FAILS

Wilson, June 30.—A North Carolina hound that acted as guardian of a Wilson county liquor still and barked at the approach of strangers and officers to let its master know they were coming and give him time to get away gave the signal too late yesterday and Jesse Page, Wilson county man, was arrested on charge of operating a still in the Oldfields section of the county. Page was placed under \$100 bond pending a hearing on the charge in county court in the near future. According to Deputy J. W. Brown the dog had been trained to bark at officers to let the moonshiners know when "enemies" were around. As the officers waited at the still the dog came into sight and let up a howl but Page was apparently too close behind him and was arrested before he could get away.

DAM IS POSTPONED

The city of High Point, which has encountered many difficulties in its persistent efforts to manufacture its own electric power, Friday found a real stumbling block in its way when Resident Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Superior court, after two months of special hearings, signed an order restraining the municipality "from any further activities, operation, development, advancement or continuation of the proposed hydroelectric project." Counsel for the city gave notice of appeal to the state Supreme court. The order was granted plaintiffs in the two suits against the city after the court had found as a fact that "the Yadkin-Pee Dee river in North Carolina," on which High Point proposed to build a \$6,500,000 power plant, "is not now and never has been, either by itself or by uniting with other waters, capable of navigation for the movement of trade and traffic in interstate or foreign commerce. The said river, both in its natural condition and in its present condition, is now and always has been a non-navigable river."

State Allots 261 Wilkes Teachers; Increase Over '38

Possibility Additional Teachers If Enrollment High In Schools

N. WILKESBORO GETS 31 New High Record Number For State, 24,336, Made By Commission

The State school commission through Lloyd Griffin, executive secretary, has allotted a total of 24,336 teachers for the state, which represents a new record high. Wilkes county received in the allotment 261 teachers, which represents an increase of four over the final allotment of 257 for the 1938-39 term.

There is a possibility that enrollment in several schools may justify additional teachers, it was learned today from C. B. Eller, superintendent of the Wilkes school system.

North Wilkesboro city schools, which operate as a city charter unit and separately from the county system, was allotted 31 teachers, the same number as were employed last year.

Of the 261 allotment for Wilkes county schools, 42 are white high school teachers, 198 white elementary school teachers, six negro high school teachers and 12 negro elementary school teachers.

The North Wilkesboro allotment of 31 teachers has nine high school, 17 elementary, no negro high school and five negro elementary.

Total allotment for systems of counties adjoining Wilkes are as follows: Yadkin, 147; Surry, 259; Ashe, 178; Watauga, 112; Caldwell, 181; Alexander, 76; Fredell, 221.

New Organization Absorbs Merchant Association Here

Merchants Bureau and Credit-Collections Bureau To Perform Services

At a meeting of the board of directors of the North Wilkesboro Commerce Bureaus, a newly formed organization of all types of business in North Wilkesboro designed to promote the city's growth and progress, the Wilkes County Merchants' Association was absorbed.

The directors approved the proposal of the association. The functions of the merchants association will be carried on by the Merchants Bureau and the Credit-Collections Bureau of the organization, officials said following the meeting.

The vice president at the head of the Merchants Bureau, one of six in the North Wilkesboro Commerce Bureaus, is W. G. Gabriel. Other members of the Merchants Bureau on the central board of directors are A. F. Kilby and A. A. Cashion.

The vice president at the head of the Credit-Collections bureau is J. B. Williams. Other members of the bureau with Mr. Williams on the board of directors are R. M. Brame and W. P. Kelly.

Wilkesboro School Library Now Open

Story and Reading Hour For Children Each Monday Is Announced

Beginning Monday, July 10, there will be a story hour for children at the Wilkesboro school library.

The story and reading hour will begin each Monday morning at ten o'clock and parents are asked to encourage attendance of all children from the first through the fifth grades. The school library is being kept open for the convenience and use by the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from nine a. m. to four p. m. Some of the latest fiction books have been added to the library. In addition to the many volumes which were on hand, and the library is also serviced by the WPA bookmobile now touring the county.

LEAD OLDER RURAL YOUTHS



Officers of the Older Rural Youth Organization for 1939-40, elected at the third annual Older Youth Conference held at State College June 6-10 are shown above. They are, left to right: Russell Knowles of Watauga, R-1, Bertie County, president; Miss Mildred Mallard of Trenton, Jones County, secretary; Maurice Haigler of Monroe, Route 3, Union County, vice president, and Haigler of Monroe, Route 3, Union County, historian. The Miss Lorraine Thorpe of Ronda, Wilkes County, historian. The conference attracted 129 delegates from 44 counties, with the conference delegation of 15 being the largest. L. R. Harrill and Miss Frances MacGregor, 4-H Club leaders, directed the very successful event.

Merchants Prepare For Big Sales Event

Sales Will Open Here On Friday

Death Drivers To Stage Thrill Shows at Fairground Friday Night

Many North Wilkesboro merchants are busily engaged in preparation for the city-wide July clearance sales event which will open on Friday morning, July 7.

In the sales event merchants will sacrifice profits in order to clear stocks of summer merchandise in short order and unusually low prices will be in effect from opening day until the merchandise is disposed of.

As a special added attraction, the opening day of the sales event will be climaxed Friday evening, seven o'clock, by Thrill Shows to be put on at the fairgrounds by Tony Kivett and his "Death Drivers."

The show, which was scheduled for the first time in North Wilkesboro by the merchants and at great expense, will consist of some of the most thrilling and death-defying stunts known to operators of motor vehicles.

There will be crashes, smash-ups, chills and spills and in the midst of it all the man who has torn up scores of cars will give a safety talk, telling how to drive automobiles without injury to drivers or others.

There will be such stunts as auto collisions, turnovers, crashes, burning wall crashes and some hairraising stunts on motorcycles. The shows will represent the first time that such attractions have ever been scheduled for showing in North Wilkesboro and are expected to attract a record crowd.

QUINTS ON DIET

Callander, Ont., June 30.—(Canadian Press)—Dr. Allan Roy Daeof announced today that a month of dieting had achieved its aim in reducing the weights of the Dionne quintuplets. Dr. Daeof, deciding the little girls were too fat, put them on a diet of reduced starches and sugars on May 28. Potatoes were banned. Today's weights, with the change from last month, were announced as follows: Marie, 49 1-2 pounds, 1-2 pound loss; Emilie, 51 3-4, 3-4 loss; Cecile, 52, 1 1-4 loss; Annette, 52, 1 3-4 loss, and Yvonne, 49 3-4, 1 loss.

Advertising Bureau Answers First Inquiry Relative To Industry Here

The advertising bureau of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureaus answered its first inquiry about North Wilkesboro Tuesday. The inquiry was addressed to Mr. H. C. Landon, who was once head of a Chamber of Commerce here and was directed to the Commerce Bureaus for attention. The inquiry and reply, as written by the advertising bureau and forwarded through W. P. Kelly, executive secretary of the central organization, follows: June 22, 1939. Mr. H. C. Landon, Chamber of Commerce, North Wilkesboro, N. C. My dear Sir: I will sincerely appreciate the courtesy if you can find it convenient to rail me literature bearing on the conditions in your section. If a list of industries is available it will be helpful. I particularly desire to ascertain the number and the class of industry in North Wilkesboro. (Continued on page eight)

\$1.05 Estimated Rate For 1939 County Taxes Budget Figures Studied

Estimated Rate Based on Valuation \$14,671,150; Real Estate Shows Increase; Personal Property Decreases

Although no budget has been adopted and the tax rate has not been definitely set, Wilkes county taxes for 1939 are being collected temporarily at the estimated rate of \$1.05 on each hundred dollars valuation, a decrease of one cent under the 1938 tax rate.

C. G. Poindexter, Wilkes county accountant who accepts prepayment of taxes, said that the board of county commissioners had made a study of the budget and had authorized prepayment of taxes at the rate of \$1.05, which is expected to be finally adopted. A three-cent railroad bond tax will make the tax rate for North Wilkesboro township \$1.08

compared with \$1.09 in 1938. Mr. Poindexter, who is also county tax supervisor, said that the total assessed valuation for the county will be approximately the same as last year. With some few adjustments to be made, the total valuation now stands at \$14,671,150, which is about \$5,000 under last year's figures but does not include the corporation excess to be set by the state. Totalling the tax books for all townships in the county showed an increase in real estate valuations of \$177,000 but there was a decrease in personal property of approximately \$186,000. Number of persons listed for poll tax showed an increase of about 600.

Many On Waiting List For Old Age Help In Wilkes

Funds Allotted By State Not Sufficient To Care For All Eligibles

MORE CASES APPROVED

County's Allotment For Aid To Dependent Children Is Already Filled

According to information from state welfare authorities, the state allotment of public assistance funds for Wilkes county will not be sufficient to pay old age assistance and aid to dependent children to all eligibles. Charles McNeill, Wilkes county welfare superintendent, said after a conference with state officials.

The allotment will allow an increase in the old age assistance list of 72 for the fiscal year which began on July 1. Mr. McNeill said, but this figure will still leave many who have already been approved by the welfare board without provision for aid.

With 108 already on the waiting list, the county welfare board met last week and approved 43 more for old age assistance and ten additional families for aid to dependent children.

According to information given the county welfare superintendent, the county's allotment for aid to dependent children for the ensuing fiscal year is already filled and no others can be added except as cases are terminated.

When the 72 additional old age cases are added to the assistance payroll for the year there will remain 79 who have been approved as eligible for assistance and for whom there will be no funds available. Mr. McNeill said.

to be approved by the senate, the federal appropriation for aid to dependent children will be increased January 1 and this will enable paying all eligible cases, because state and county contributions will be smaller.

Wednesday Last Day For Entries In Tennis Tourney

Wednesday, July 5, will be the last day to accept entries in the county-wide tennis tourney to be sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Lions club and play will begin on July 6 after pairings are made. Notice of entry may be made to William Brame at Brame Drug store.

Much interest has been expressed since the tournament, the second to be conducted by the club, was announced and a very successful event is anticipated.

Many have already given notice of entry and many others are expected as the deadline nears. The entries so far include many of the best known tennis players in the Wilkesboro and some from the rural sections of the county.

Among the entries are Watson Brame, Rev. Watt Cooper, Dick and Blair Gwyn, Ab Garwood, L. G. Critcher, William Scroggs, John Kermit Blackburn, William and Phillip Brame, J. M. Smith, Otis Keeling and many others.

To Begin Revival At Purlear Church

Announcement has been made of a series of revival services to begin on the third Sunday in July at Purlear Baptist church.

Rev. Vilas Minton, pastor, will be assisted by one or more other ministers. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the services.

Mrs. Alva Dancy Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Alva Dancy, age 94, one of Wilkes county's oldest residents, died this morning at her home in the Reddies River community. She was the wife of the late O. D. Dancy and is survived by three sons and one daughter. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at Reddies River church.

PORTABLE BIRD CAGE



Bird fanciers and hat designers alike picked up a few new ideas when this Zurich, Switzerland, miss appeared with her own pet in a cage atop her new summer bonnet. The bird sang quite happily.

Postal Receipts Set New Record At Office Here

First Six Months Show Gain Of \$1379.23 Over Corresponding Period Year Ago

Postal receipts at the North Wilkesboro postoffice for the first six months of 1939 set a new high record, figures released today by Postmaster J. C. Reiss.

The net gain for the first half year was \$1,379.23.

There has been a steady increase in postal receipts at the North Wilkesboro office for the past several years and if the present trend continues the increase for the entire year of 1939 is expected to be approximately \$2,500.

Mrs. P. A. Lomax Is Taken By Death

Last Rites Held Today For Member Prominent Local Family; Died Saturday

Mrs. Sarah E. Lomax, wife of the late P. A. Lomax and a member of a prominent and well known family here, died Saturday evening, six o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Quinn.

Mrs. Lomax had been in ill health for several years and became seriously ill Wednesday. She was 77 years of age.

Her husband, who was well and favorably known in this section of the state, died ten years ago. She leaves four children: C. B. Lomax, Mrs. J. M. Quinn, Mrs. A. F. Kilby and Miss Gladys Lomax, all of this city.

Funeral service was held at 11 o'clock today at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Quinn. Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which Mrs. Lomax had been a member, was in charge of the service, assisted by Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor of the Methodist church. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Pall bearers were C. G. Day, Dr. R. P. Casey, Claude Canter, Q. A. McNeill, P. E. Brown, P. J. Brame, Edd Gardner and A. H. Casey.

Flowers, beautiful in profusion and a fitting tribute to the life of Mrs. Lomax, were carried by many friends of the family.

Sam T. Johnson Funeral On Sunday

Funeral service was held Sunday at Lewis church for Sam Thomas Johnson, age 62, who died Friday at his home in Lovelace township.

Surviving are his wife, 14 children, four brothers and two sisters. Mr. Dave Mink returned Saturday from spending two weeks at Shantley Springs.

Will Mete Out Sentences 17th

75 Convicted Of Conspiracy To Defraud Government To Be Sentenced

According to information received from the office of Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who will preside over the special term of federal court to convene in Wilkesboro on July 10, the task of sentencing about 75 who were convicted in four mass conspiracy cases in May will be taken up on Monday, July 17.

The defendants were convicted or either entered pleas of guilty as the result of work of an undercover agent, M. A. King, who operated out of Charlotte and bought various quantities of liquor from residents of the middle eastern section of Wilkes, meanwhile gathering evidence in the cases.

About 50 cases remaining on the criminal docket will be tried during the week beginning July 10. Practically all of the defendants are charged with violation of the federal liquor tax laws.

Trial of cases on the civil calendar is scheduled to get under way on Tuesday, July 18.

Associational W.M.U. Meeting

Missionary Union of Brushy Mountain Baptist Association To Meet

Women's Missionary Union of the Brushy Mountain Baptist association will hold its annual meeting at Fishing Creek Baptist church on Friday, July 7, beginning at ten a. m.

Mrs. Earl C. James, of Elkin, will be the feature speaker on the program for the morning session and a feature of the afternoon session will be a program by young people.