

Late News Of  
State-Nation  
Told Briefly

CONFESSES MURDER

Cleveland, July 7.—A short, heavily-muscled bricklayer confessed today one of Cleveland's 12 "torso murders" and "we think he is involved in at least two more," Sheriff Martin L. O'Donnell announced. "The man, is Frank Dolereal, a Bohemian," the sheriff declared. "We are getting a signed statement from him and will charge him with murder." He and county detectives manacled the 52-year-old unmarried man and took him to point out where parts of the body of Mrs. Florence Polillo, 42, were thrown on a rubbish heap, and then to the shore to show where her head and other parts were tossed into Lake Erie.

DRIVEPS FITNESS

Chapel Hill, July 7.—"Mental soundness, good eyesight and physical fitness, emotional stability, and proper attitude are all necessary in making good automobile drivers," Dr. Amos Neyhart, consultant of the American Automobile association, told delegates to the University's conference here today. Addressing the final session of the two-day conference, sponsored by the Carolina Motor club, safety division of the state highway and public works commission and A. A. A., with the co-operation of the university, Dr. Neyhart entertained the group with humorous accounts of experiences in giving examinations and teaching people to drive.

SWANSON DEAD

Washington, July 7.—Secretary Claude A. Swanson, 77-year-old secretary of the expanding navy, died today, leaving a gap both in President Roosevelt's cabinet and in Democratic party councils. The senate quickly recessed after voting to hold a state funeral at the capitol Monday at 1 p. m. for the longtime legislator who entered the cabinet at the beginning of the first Roosevelt administration in 1933. Death came at 8:06 a. m. at the Blue Ridge mountain camp at Rapidan, Va., where he was spending the summer. For three years he had been in ill health, forced to turn over to aides direction of many phases of the navy's greatest peacetime expansion.

WPA WORKERS QUIT

Works progress administration employees in unnumbered thousands left their jobs throughout the country Friday in protest against lengthened hours, while the New York WPA administrator asked the United States district attorney to determine whether law violations were involved. Estimates of those idle ranged beyond 100,000, but WPA officials generally disagreed with American Federation of Labor and Workers alliance reports on the extent of the strike, which grew from the new federal relief act fixing flat wages for a 130-hour month, irrespective of union scales. In Washington, Col. F. C. Harrington, head of the WPA, said the work stoppage was "growing, but not very rapidly." He and others of the WPA declined to refer to the situation as a "strike."

THREE EXECUTED

Raleigh, July 7.—A peg-legged Indian, the first of his race to be put to death at North Carolina's Central prison since the installation of the death chamber in 1910, and two negroes were executed for murder today in the state's first three-man execution since July 1, 1933. Bricey Hammonds, 24-year-old Roberson county Indian, was the first to yield up his life to the gas. The cripple hobbled to the chair, watched attendants remove his wooden peg and succumbed 14 minutes and 15 seconds after the gas was administered. A Roberson county jury convicted Hammonds of killing Lacy Brumblies, James Henderson, 19-year-old New Hanover negro, found guilty of murdering Mrs. Jesse Hobbs, and Alfred Caper, 24, convicted of killing J. C. McNeill, another negro were next put to death.

Brotherhood Supper  
On Tuesday Evening

An attendance of fifty or more expected for the monthly brotherhood supper of men of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church to be held at the church hut on Tuesday evening, 6:30 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged by W. D. Halfaker, J. B. Hix and Bill Marlow, program committee.

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NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C. MONDAY, JULY 10, 1939 \$1.50 IN THE STATE—\$3.00 OUT OF THE STATE

For mutual advantage do your buying in North Wilkesboro, the trading center of Northwestern North Carolina.

## \$1.25 Is Estimated Tax Rate For City; Budget Is Adopted

### Loss In Valuation Personal Property Holds Tax Rate To Same Figure

North Wilkesboro commissioners in adjourned July session adopted the tentative budget estimates for the ensuing year and fixed the estimated tax rate at \$1.25 on each hundred dollars valuation of property, which was the rate for the past fiscal year. An anticipated decrease in the tax rate was impractical because of a substantial drop in the total valuation of personal property, city officials said. The loss in assessed valuation of personal property in the city was in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

The estimated tax rate of \$1.25 is divided as follows: 36 cents for general fund; 77 cents for debt service fund; 12 cents for school fund.

The poll tax will remain \$1.25 each.

Estimated expenditures for the general fund are \$48,350 and for the debt service fund \$41,367.48, of which \$18,500 will be bond maturities. Total estimated expenditures for the school fund is \$9,233.25.

The estimated budget and tax rate will be finally adopted at a later meeting and is subject to change.

## Clearance Sales Event Under Way In N. Wilkesboro

### Gets Off To Good Start Friday Despite Rain; Many Bargains Offered

The July Clearance Sales event, sponsored this year as a city-wide merchandising event by the Merchants' Bureau, got off to a big start Friday notwithstanding the frequent showers during the day.

Merchants reported a big opening day business which continued through Saturday and many customers expressed delight at the bargains the event affords.

The July Clearance will continue for some time with unusually low prices on summer merchandise in order to clear stocks and make room for the next season.

## Thrill Shows Here Friday Night Give Thrills For Many

### Daring Stunts Enjoyed By A Large Crowd Spectators At The Fairgrounds

Tony Kivett and his "Death Drivers" put on a thrill show at the fairgrounds here Friday night which measured up to advance notices in daring automobile and motorcycle stunts.

The shows were presented under "auspices of the Merchants' Bureau" as a feature attraction of the July Clearance Sales event, which opened on Friday.

Several stunts brought exclamations from the spectators, who turned out in large number despite heavy rains during the day. Leaping automobiles, crashing burning board walls, collision with a burning automobile, crashing a plate glass wall on a motorcycle, motorcycle plunge through burning tunnel were the feature attractions climaxed by a turnover and over end and sideways by Tony himself.

## Federal Court Now In Session

A special term of federal court to clear the criminal docket convened in Wilkes this morning with Judge Johnson J. Hayes presiding.

About 50 cases remain to be tried and Judge Hayes has stated his intention to hold court in session until the docket is cleared.

On Monday, July 17, Judge Hayes will pass judgment on about 75 Wilkes people who were convicted in mass conspiracy cases tried during the May term.

## VETFRAN SHOWS 'EM



Luren D. Dickinson, 80-year-old governor of Michigan, shows present-day upstarts how baseball was played in his day. He struck this catching pose when he participated in the Old Timers' baseball game in Detroit recently.

## Patrolman Gets 2 Loads Liquor; One Stolen Car

### Charlotte Men Fall Into Toils of Law With Heavily Loaded Cars

During the course of his work during the past several days Highway Patrolman Carlyle Ingle, who is stationed here, has captured two loads of liquor and recovered one stolen car.

Thirty gallons of liquor were found on a new car which he stopped one night on highway 18 between Moravian Falls and Lenoir. The driver and two other occupants made their escape on foot but the officer said that he had learned that John Lester Hudson, of Charlotte, was the driver and that the car, which belonged to a Mr. Bradley, of Charlotte, was stolen from the streets of Charlotte a few days earlier. The car was a new Pontiac sedan.

Later on highway 16 near Moravian Falls Mr. Ingle stopped a car on which he found 70 gallons of liquor but the driver, who was accompanied by two other men, escaped on foot. The officer said that he had learned that A. B. Carrier, of Charlotte, was driving the car and that officers are making efforts to locate him now.

## Local Men Seek Bus Franchises

### Woodie Wants Dobson-Salisbury Route; Billings Wants Elkin-Mt. Airy

E. O. Woodie and Paul Billings, both of North Wilkesboro, appeared before State Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winbourne Friday in efforts to secure bus line franchises.

The application of Mr. Billings, who is asking for a route from North Wilkesboro by way of Elkin over 268 and to Mt. Airy was heard first. He was represented by Attorney W. H. McElwee and he testified that he was seeking to operate the new line in order to provide a shorter route to Mt. Airy. He was supported in testimony by J. Gordon Hackett, of this city, highway commissioner who said that many along the new road had inquired about a prospective bus route and that one was needed.

Opposition to the application was expressed through John Folger, counsel for E. O. Woodie, Major Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, representing Queen City Coach company, and I. M. Bailey, of Raleigh, as attorney for Greyhound company.

Mr. Woodie is seeking a route from Mt. Airy by way of Dobson, Elkin, Booneville, Yadkville and Mocksville to Salisbury.

Several witnesses appeared in his behalf and the hearing was continued until July 17.

#### ACCURACY

Moore county growers generally are agreed that the aerial photographs of their farms form the best means of measuring accurately their participation in the 1939 AAA program.

## May Settle County Agent Controversy Saturday, July 15

### State Authorities Refuse To Approve Appointment of Edward M. Freas

The Wilkes county board of commissioners are expected to meet again with O. F. McCrary, district extension agent, on Saturday, July 15, for another conference relative to the appointment of a farm agent for Wilkes county.

In June the commissioners appointed Edward M. Freas, of Transhill, as county agent to succeed Dan F. Holler and the state authorities in charge of extension work in the state refused to approve the appointment on the grounds that Mr. Freas has had no experience in the work.

No decision was reached in the conferences held by the commissioners and Mr. McCrary last week and another meeting was scheduled.

Meanwhile the office of the county agent is remaining open and the services are being continued without interruption.

## Stone Mountain Singing At Traphill Sunday, July 30

Next session of the Stone Mountain Baptist singing association will be held at Traphill school building on Sunday, July 30. J. A. Gilliam, chairman, announced today.

The session will begin at ten a. m. and continue through the day with picnic style lunch at noon. Many singing classes, quartets and other singers are expected to be present and have a part in the day's program.

## City Fathers In Interesting Meet Thursday Night

### Budget Estimates And Tax Rate For Coming Year Adopted; Other Business

Following are the minutes of the adjourned meeting of the North Wilkesboro board of commissioners as copied from the records of I. H. McNeill, Jr., city clerk:

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of North Wilkesboro met in regular adjourned session on Thursday night, July 6, 1939 at 7:30 p. m.

Present: R. T. McNeil, Mayor, Ralph Duncan, Commissioner, A. G. Finley, Commissioner, H. M. Hutchens, Commissioner, J. B. Carter, Commissioner, W. K. Sturdivant, Commissioner.

The Clerk read the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 1939, and recess meetings of June 9th and June 22, 1939. There being no corrections the Mayor ordered that the Minutes stand approved.

On motion of J. B. Carter, seconded by W. K. Sturdivant, that the action of the Board of Commissioners in the meeting of June 9th pertaining to the election of Town employees for the term of the Mayor, be rescinded and stricken from the Minutes of that meeting. On a roll call vote the members voted as follows:

W. K. Sturdivant, Yes.  
J. B. Carter, Yes.  
A. G. Finley, Yes.  
Hoyle M. Hutchens, No.  
Ralph Duncan, No.

The Mayor referred to Chapter One, Section 8 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, which provides that no question decided by the Board shall be reversed at any subsequent meeting except by a vote of two thirds of the members present, and there being only three members voting for the motion and less than two thirds, the Mayor declared the motion lost.

Mr. L. M. Nelson asked the Board to extend the sewer line up 10th Street from "F" Street for 150 feet.

Action: Referred to Street Committee.

On motion of W. K. Sturdivant, seconded by J. B. Carter, Mr. Tevebaugh is ordered to place a water line into the Community House on Trondon Street as soon as convenient.

On motion of Ralph Duncan, (Continued on page five)

## Three Killed and Three Injured In Automobile-Truck Collision

### Winds Corroborate Dead Woman's Story



Dead for three years, Mrs. Patsie Tillett once testified in a land suit that one boundary mark—a cemetery—existed near the famous Seven Sisters dunes in Dare county, North Carolina. There was no trace of the cemetery and the case was dismissed. Now a storm has swept the banks, and shifting sands exposed the bones of Mrs. Tillett's ancestors. Attorneys have moved to reopen the case.

## Successful Term Of Summer School Ended On Friday

### Total Of 48 Enrolled In Various Department At City School Summer Term

Summer school at North Wilkesboro city schools closed a most successful session Friday.

There was a total enrollment of 48 students divided as follows: elementary, 15; high school, 16; music, 10; and commercial, 7.

The school was conducted by members of the regular faculty under direction of Robert Taylor. Miss Nonie Gordon taught the elementary students, W. P. Grier, Jr., the band music students and Miss Lilyan Miller those enrolled in the commercial department.

The summer session this year was expanded to include any out of school people who desired special or supplementary training.

## 300 Are Treated Weekly In Clinic

### Number Taking Venereal Disease Treatments At Health Office Gains

The number being treated in the Wilkes county venereal clinic is steadily increasing and has reached 300. Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, said today.

That represents the number who are taking weekly treatments in the clinic.

According to the state average based on estimates by the state board of health, 600 is the total estimated number of cases for Wilkes but the opinion was expressed that the total number of Wilkes is not that high.

According to the records in the health office, practically all of those being treated in the venereal clinic are afflicted with syphilis. The number of cases is about evenly divided between white and colored.

## Privilege Taxes To City Are Due

Within a few days Police Chief J. E. Walker will be making the rounds here to collect privilege taxes which are now due.

And unless the taxes are paid during this month a penalty of five per cent will be added according to law. The difference in paying now and after July 31 will represent a substantial saving and all who are due to pay taxes are asked to pay during the month if possible.

The tide averages less than one foot at the Atlantic end of the Panama Canal. At the Pacific end it averages more than twelve feet.

## Three Confederate Veterans Living In Wilkes County

### Semi-Annual Pension Checks Delivered To Remaining Men Of Grey

The line of Wilkes county men who are the grey in the War Between the States is steadily growing thinner, according to records at the office of the clerk of court, where pension checks are given out.

This year checks were received from the state and distributed to the three living Confederate veterans in Wilkes. The three are T. B. Jarvis, I. M. Crouch and Richard Phillips.

Checks for widows who have not been transferred to old age assistance rolls were also distributed from the clerk's office.

## Merchandise Must Be Kept Off Of Sidewalks Here

### Board Asks Enforcement Of Town Ordinance Prohibiting Sidewalk Display

The North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in recent session demanded enforcement of the ordinance which prohibits stores from exhibiting and displaying merchandise on the sidewalks.

The commissioners had been receiving complaints that merchandise on the sidewalks was causing congestion and inconvenience to pedestrians.

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that in accordance with the decision of the board that merchants have been notified to keep merchandise off the sidewalks and that the ordinance will be enforced.

## Annual Farmers Field Day Soon

### Many To Gather At Experiment Station Near Statesville On July 20th

Announcement has been received here that the annual farmers' field day at the Piedmont Test Farm near Statesville will be held on Tuesday, July 20.

The principal speakers at the gathering will be Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, and E. R. Oliver, of Washington, D. C., vice president of Southern Railway.

The afternoon will be spent in making field trips and visiting various experiments. There will also be a horse pulling contest, using a dreamometer.

## Intersection At Millers Creek Is Scene Of Tragedy

### Maryland Man Driving Car; Fred Staley Driver Of Express Truck

### BOTH DRIVERS HELD Party Ashe County People In Car Victims When Car and Truck Hit

Felix Davis, an elderly citizen of the Grassy Creek community of Ashe county, died Sunday night at the Wilkes hospital, raising the toll of dead from an automobile-truck collision Saturday noon at Millers Creek to three.

Mrs. Ollie Jones, a resident of Arkansas who has been staying at the Davis home in Ashe county for the past several weeks, was instantly killed in the crash. Ronald Chandler, six-year-old grandson of Felix Davis, was hopelessly hurt and died at five o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. Davis was badly crushed and no hope was ever held for his recovery.

R. C. Davis and Bill Davis, also of Grassy Creek, were painfully hurt but R. C. Davis was released from the hospital after his wounds were treated. He suffered severe bruises and minor lacerations. Bill Davis remains a patient at the hospital. He has a broken leg and other injuries.

Elijah Sexton, Bel Air, Md., resident and driver of the car, who had been visiting in the Davis home, was also badly hurt. He received a dislocated hip and other painful injuries. He is a patient at the Wilkes hospital. Fred Staley, driver of the North Wilkesboro-Boone-West Jefferson express truck, was not hurt.

The crash apparently occurred directly in the intersection of highways 421 and 16. The car was traveling toward North Wilkesboro and the express truck was headed toward Boone.

The vehicles crashed head-on. The truck turned around and fell on its side. Boxes of feed were thrown from the rear of the truck.

The car, a battered, twisted and splintered wreckage of steel and glass, apparently spun around and the rear of the truck struck the rear of the car, knocking it several feet up highway 421. The wreck could hardly be recognized as what had been a 1937 model Ford tudor.

A Robinson boy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Rylon Robinson, of Millers Creek, was standing on the side of the road and was painfully hurt as he was hit by some part of the car. He suffered bruises about his chest and after treatment by a physician was ordered to bed.

Persons standing nearby rushed to pick up and take from the wrecked car the victims. Mrs. Jones, whose head and body were crushed, died on the spot. Two ambulances rushed to the scene from this city and carried the five injured to the hospital and the dead body to the funeral home.

Patrolman Carlyle Ingle was on the scene soon after the crash and made an investigation. He arrested Staley, who was later released under bond, on charges of reckless driving, manslaughter, and failure to have chauffeur's license. The officer said that Sexton would face charges of manslaughter and reckless driving when he is released from the hospital.

Surviving members of the party in the automobile said that they were on their way to Winston-Salem to visit a relative in the Baptist hospital when the accident occurred.

The tragedy was the first to occur at the intersection, where two important highways join, highway 421 leading to Boone and 16 toward the Jeffersons. The bodies will be taken to West Jefferson to await funeral arrangements.

If the hydrogen in a single drop of water were made into helium atoms, all at once, it would explode with the force of a dynamite.