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## Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

### LIGHTNING FATAL

Albemarle, Aug. 4.—Robert M. McCrae, 47, lumber camp employe, was instantly killed late yesterday afternoon when lightning struck a tree under which he had been seeking protection from a rainstorm. Fellow employes of McCrae, who was working a logging site in Montgomery county, said they saw lightning strike the tree under which he was sitting. A watch in McCrae's pocket stopped at 17 minutes until 5 o'clock.

### INJURIES FATAL

Boonville, Aug. 4.—Injuries he received three weeks ago when the limb of a tree slashed his throat while he was walking near his home proved fatal today to Joe Henry Oakes, 58, well-known Yadkin county farmer. Mr. Oakes died this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Chatham hospital. He had previously been discharged from the hospital, but returned for treatment last Friday after the throat wound became infected.

### TIDINGS IN RING?

Baltimore, Aug. 4.—Democratic presidential speculation turned suddenly to Maryland today when friends of Senator Millard E. Tydings tossed the militant new deal "purge" survivor's hat into the race for the party's 1940 nomination. The 49-year-old ex-army officer's name was added to the rapidly growing list of presidential possibilities by Baltimore's Calver club, which asserted already-printed campaign stickers and the club's projection of his candidacy both had Tydings' "full approval."

### TOBACCO IS CENTS

Lumberton, Aug. 4.—Continued heavy sales and firm prices cheered the growers of the Carolina's border tobacco belt today. Reports from the 16 markets indicated yesterday's opening day average of better than 18 cents a pound was holding up, and in some instances a higher average was quoted. Mullins, S. C., biggest market in the belt, sold nearly 900,000 pounds today. Lawson Jordan, sales supervisor, estimated the price average at 18 cents.

### 25 FACE CHARGES

Philadelphia, Aug. 4.—A nine-month investigation of the fantastic eastern insurance murders ended tonight with the Commonwealth ready to try 25 persons for murder in two months. District Attorney Charles F. Kelley will file the charges to start September 5, the day after Labor day. As many as three may be conducted simultaneously in separate courtrooms, he said, adding that otherwise it might take a whole year to dispose of the cases. "All the facts are now known," Kelley said. "They constitute one of the biggest trial jobs ever given the district attorney's office."

### Lang Speaker At Luncheon Friday

State Supervisor Of NYA Tells Of Work Being Done In The State

John A. Lang, of Raleigh, state NYA administrator, spoke at a luncheon at the Wilkesboro community club building Friday afternoon. He was introduced by J. M. Smith, NYA area supervisor, who had charge of the meeting.

Mr. Lang was on his way to Bethel community in Watauga county, and stopped off here for a few hours to meet with local people.

During his short talk he told of the fine work the NYA is doing for the youth of the state, stating that "NYA fills the gap between idleness and employment."

Lang stated that there are 8,000 boys and girls in North Carolina being helped now by the NYA which teaches cooking, sewing, canning, and other worthwhile vocations.

Other speakers at the meeting were George M. Suggs, Asheville, district NYA supervisor, and Mrs. Lawrence Miller, who is now conducting NYA work in the county.

The luncheon, prepared by the NYA girls, was a fine example of the splendid work they are doing, and was attended by a number of representatives of civic organizations of the Wilkesboros.

The Demonstration Clubs and 4-H Clubs, sponsored by the State College Extension Service, help to develop a better community spirit, thereby benefiting churches, schools, and other community organizations.

### Rules No Help to Him



James R. Sadler, newly conscripted militiaman at Hounslow, Eng. barracks, faces quite a problem. Only four feet, six inches tall, Sadler found the rifle with fixed bayonet taller than himself. However, he'll soon become accustomed to it.

### Youth Who Was Shot Improving

#### Paul Casey May Recover; Ed Casey, Alleged Assailant, Outlawed

Some improvement was reported today in the condition of Paul Casey, 19, a West Virginia resident who was alleged to have been shot on July 24 near Trappville by a cousin, Ed Casey.

He is a patient at the hospital in Elkin.

Ed Casey, who witnesses said shot the youth without provocation, is still dodging and has not been taken, notwithstanding the fact that he was outlawed Thursday of last week.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton took steps to have Casey outlawed because Casey is described as a very dangerous character and has a criminal record. He had just completed serving a five-year term for slaying his wife's throat, officers said.

Ed Casey is alleged to have shot Paul Casey soon after the latter has arrived from his West Virginia home, had introduced himself to some bystanders at the home of Bert Casey, and had stated that he had just arrived to visit some of his relatives.

### Seek Wilkes Man On Hit, Run Case

Warrants for the arrest of Raymond Jennings, young white driver of this city, were issued to Wilkes officers today. Two warrants charge hit-and-run driving and driving under the influence of liquor.

Jennings' truck hit the car of Charlie Thomas, a State highway foreman in Taylorsville, about 8 o'clock Saturday night and he failed to stop following the accident. Chief Deputy Sheriff W. R. Drumm, Deputy Sheriff Clark Thompson, Alexander officers, and D. A. Millsaps, chief of the Taylorsville police force, chased Jennings to this city where local officers refused to allow them to take him in custody without a warrant.

The warrants are returnable before Mayor Ray Jennings of Taylorsville.

### Doughton Reunion Staged At Sparta

The annual Doughton family reunion was held at Sparta July 30, with more than 150 persons attending.

A picnic dinner was spread under the oak grove at the home of Dr. J. L. Doughton for members of the Doughton and Jones families and friends.

Former Lieutenant - Governor R. A. Doughton, of Sparta, acted as toastmaster for the reunion and read a letter from Congressman R. L. Doughton expressing his regret at being unable to attend due to the pressure of business before the coming adjournment of congress.

V. D. Guire, of Lenoir, Judge Padgett of Grayson county, Virginia, and Dr. Waddell were principal speakers at the reunion.

### Western Wilkes Is Hit By Cloudburst On Saturday Night

#### Fall Creek Floods Highway 421 Near Foot Of Blue Ridge; Road Damaged

A cloudburst in the western part of Wilkes county Saturday night caused streams to rise to flood heights and did much damage to roads and crops.

Fall Creek, a tributary of Lewis Fork, was so high that it flooded highway 421 at the foot of the Blue Ridge and traffic was blocked for about two hours.

The creek, which flows down the Blue Ridge from the direction of Summit, flooded the highway at times to a depth of two or three feet.

Patrolman Carlyle Ingle was patrolling the highway and discovered the flooded stream. He went to the home of the highway section foreman and secured danger lamps, which were placed on the road near the flooded stream until the water receded.

Examination revealed that considerable damage had been done to the black top pavement but that travel was possible over the damaged section. The opinion was expressed that if the creek had remained in flood stage for a short while longer that several yards of the highway surface and roadbed would have been destroyed.

Reports from that section of the county indicated that the rain was of cloudburst proportions and small streams swelled to roaring torrents. Much damage to crops and crop lands was reported. The storm was accompanied by much lightning.

### Lions Club Has Meeting Friday

#### Trophies Presented Tennis Winners; Miss Weaver Sings Four Numbers

The North Wilkesboro Lions club held an interesting meeting Friday evening at Hotel Wilkes. W. T. Parks and Zeb Dickson were in charge of the program, which included the singing of four numbers by Miss Geraldine Weaver, of Brooks Cross Roads. Miss Brooks, who has been studying voice in New York City under direction of a Metropolitan Opera teacher, was enthusiastically applauded.

Paul Cashion, who attended the Lions International convention held recently in Pittsburg, gave an interesting report of the convention, pointing to some of the highlights of progress of Lionism. President Richard Johnston called the club's attention to a bronze plaque awarded the club by Lions International for increase in membership. The plaque will be on display in the lobby of Hotel Wilkes.

John Kermit Blackburn in behalf of the club presented trophies to winners and runners-up of the various divisions in the county-wide tennis tournament which the club very successfully put over a few weeks ago.

The club passed a resolution asking the city board of commissioners to take steps to eliminate street noises late at night.

### Dr. J. O. Mann At Presbyterian Church

Dr. J. O. Mann, regional director of the Synod of North Carolina, is supplying at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church during the first three weeks in August, while the pastor, Rev. W. M. Cooper, is on vacation.

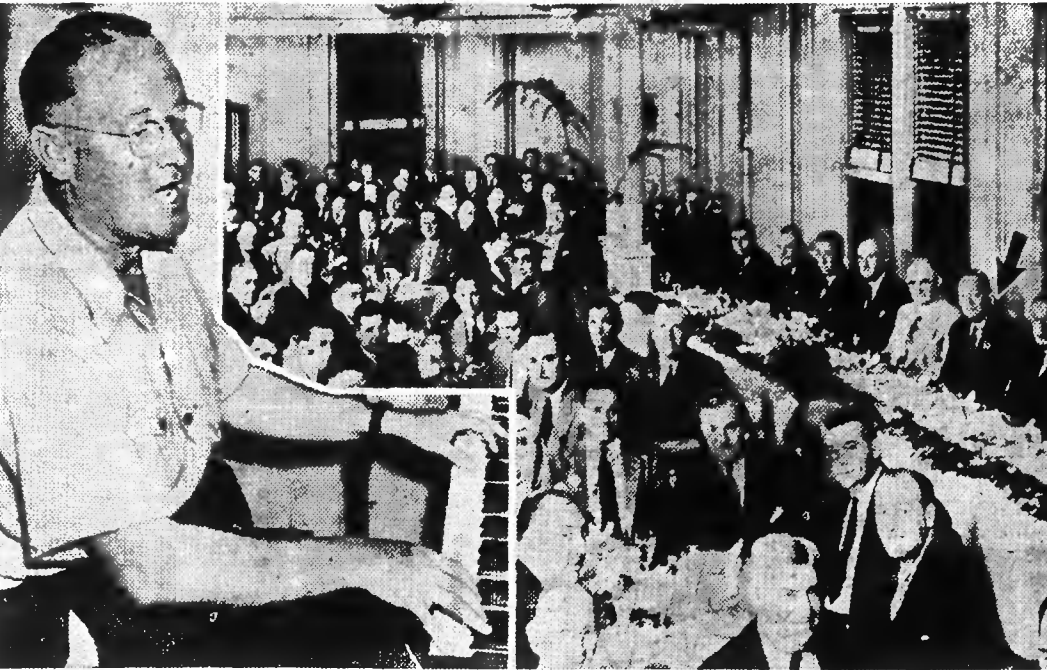
It has been announced that no mid-week services will be held at the Presbyterian church during the month of August.

### Revival Services At Arbor Grove

A series of revival services began Sunday at Arbor Grove Methodist church near Millers Creek. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Wall, is being assisted by Rev. Dan Dennis, of Asheville, and services are being held each afternoon at two o'clock and evening at 7:30. Everybody has a cordial invitation to all the services.

Miss Thelma Hunter, of this city, spent last week in Winston-Salem, visiting her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davis.

### Doomed Man Is Honored Guest at Own 'Wake'



Death was an invisible guest at a gay party given in honor of Claude Joseph Bradley, pictured at piano, in a Brooklyn, N. Y., club. The affair given by some 200 of "Brad's" friends was an ante-mortem wake for the guest of honor. Doomed by a serious illness, he has only a few weeks of life left, according to his doctors. Undaunted, he jests about his fate and proved his courage by being the "life of the party" at the "wake." The arrow in the upper right points to the honored guest.

### Forty-Five Boys And Girls Leave For Week In Camp

#### 4-H Group Anticipates A Week of Training and Recreation At Camp

Forty-five boys and girls from the 4-H clubs in Wilkes county composed a happy group early this morning as they left Wilkesboro to spend a week at Camp Millstone near Hoffman.

A large bus and two cars carried the boys and girls while a truck was used to carry the provisions. Each one attending camp furnished certain food items and when all had been collected the truck was filled to capacity.

The group, accompanied by County Agent Dan Holler, Assistant Agent Jesse Giles, Miss Harriet McGowan, home demonstration agent, and adult leaders, will spend the entire week in the camp and the time will be divided between courses in various subjects and recreation.

The list of club members attending from the various clubs was as follows:

Champion -- Ruth Barnett, Sallie Church, Charlotte Huffman, Maxine Huffman, Mozelle McGee, Sam Church, and James Wooten.

Millers Creek -- M. F. Bumgarner, Jr.

Montberry -- Dean Hayes, Kemp Elledge, and Harold McGrady.

Mountain View -- Johnnie Mae Sebastian, Mary Ruth Church, Mary Alice Gentry, Raymond Rhovins, Paul Ed Church, Don Gregory, Lizzie Lee Wilkes, Claude Billings.

Ronda -- Lorraine Tharpe, Sam Gray, Frank Martin Tharpe, Dwight Barker, Aileen Green, Thomas H. Green, D. J. Redding, Luther Byrd and George Green.

Traphill -- Beatrice Casstevens, Naomi Billings, Billy Casstevens, Junior Brewer and Glenn Hutchison.

Wilkesboro -- Betty Henderson, Naomi Broyles, Archie Mathis, Chelsie McNeil, Claude Robinson, W. H. Toyvaugh, Jr., Ross Robinson, James Hendren, Cicely Laws, Gena Hix.

Ferguson -- Anna Walsh.

### Visit Orphanage Class Successful

#### Sum Of \$243.50 Raised For Masonic Orphanage; Appreciation Expressed

The sum of \$243.50 was realized by the Masonic orphanage at Oxford through the visit of the institution's singing class here Friday, it was learned today from lodge officials.

This sum was raised through donations and by sale of tickets to the concert.

The concert, which was held in the high school auditorium on Friday night, was described by persons attending as the best ever given here and gave evidence of splendid training given the children at the orphanage.

Speaking for the lodge, officials today expressed appreciation to all business firms and individuals for the splendid cooperation and for donations. They also expressed appreciation to all persons who aided in any way.

### Wilkes Youth Will Begin Boat Trip To Sea On Yadkin Tuesday Morning

Albert Minton, a youth of the Buck community, will leave here alone Tuesday morning on a 350-mile boat trip down the Yadkin to the Atlantic.

Minton will attempt to negotiate the stream in a 14-foot skiff and hopes to complete the trip in seven days, averaging about 50 miles per day.

Speaking of his plans for the adventure, Minton said today that he was not familiar with the Yadkin over the entire route but knew of no reason why he could not make it. He said he did dread portage around the several dams on the river.

The rowboat journey is planned purely as an adventurous vacation trip for the youth, who graduated last spring from the Millers Creek high school. Incidentally, he said he intended it to be as educational as possible.

He said that when he reaches Georgetown, S. C., he will proceed along the coast to Charleston provided the sea is not too rough for his small vessel. He will return by bus.

He will begin the trip about eight o'clock Tuesday morning on the Yadkin between the Wilkesboros.

### Club Talks Of Local Subjects

#### Ask City Council To Prohibit Loud Night Noises; Doughtery Speaks

Local subjects were discussed in the meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

In the business session J. B. McCoy briefly discussed the subject of noises on the streets at late hours at night and the club voted to ask the secretary to write a letter to the city council asking that efforts be made to have less disturbing noises at night in the city.

A motion was also carried that the city council be reminded that the club still favors the marking of streets in the city.

C. O. McNeil announced that the Lenoir club will meet with the North Wilkesboro club on August 11.

John Prevette brought the news item for the day, answering the statement recently made that the South is the nation's number one economic problem, he cited progress which has been made in the south and particularly in North Carolina. Dr. F. C. Hubbard was named to give the news item next week.

A. H. Casey was program chairman for the day and he presented Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of A. S. T. C. at Boone. He spoke about 40 years of progress in North Carolina, pointing out that North Carolina is one of the most progressive states.

He said that the number one problem just now is getting an A-1 road from North Wilkesboro to Johnson City, Tenn.

### Dynamiter of Fodder Stack Is Given Parole

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—Grant Wiles, serving five years imposed in Wilkes county in March, 1938, for dynamiting a fodder stack, received a parole today from Governor Hoey.

Also paroled were Lewis Oakley, convicted in Alamance in February of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and serving two years; Maxine Hall, who had been on temporary parole from a sentence of eight months for assault imposed in Wilson county; and Wilbur Hendrix, serving two years after conviction in December, 1938, in Buncombe for assault on a female.

### Clifford Church Is Still In Jail

#### No Date For Hearing Has Been Set—Still Contends He Did Not Shoot Wife

West Jefferson—Clifford Church of Warrensville and formerly of Wilkes county, is still being held in the Ashe county jail on a first degree murder charge of shooting and killing his wife on Sunday night, June 30, and yesterday no arrangements had been made for a hearing, Sheriff Ed Miller stated.

Church, it is understood, has employed Attorney Ira T. Johnston, Eugene Trivette, of North Wilkesboro and Bowie & Bowie law firm to represent him, but due to the present session of the Ashe superior court, no definite plans for holding a hearing have been made.

Sheriff Miller said yesterday that Church continues to state that he did not shoot his wife and Willie Greer, in discussing the case, said that in his opinion, although he was not at the scene of the shooting, that Mrs. Church shot herself.

Friends of Church's contend that he ran because he was under suspended whiskey sentence. They said he made no attempt to run until the whiskey in the house was discovered.

As yet no public explanation has been made as to how or by whom the pistol with which she was shot was placed under the adjoining house.

Church was born and reared in this section and his father is a prominent Wilkes county citizen, it is stated.

### Audit Of County Now In Progress

#### Sheriff's Audit Complete; Accounts and Records In Good Shape

E. W. Smith, Lenoir accountant who has been employed to audit the various departments of county government, has completed his audit of the office and records of Sheriff C. T. Doughton.

The audit shows that the accounts, funds and records of the sheriff's office are accurate and in good condition.

Mr. Smith is now engaged in audit of the other county offices.

### Court Begins With 120 Cases Pending; Two-Weeks Term

#### Judge Armstrong Presiding; Many Cases Added Since June Special Term

Wilkes superior court for trial of criminal cases convened in Wilkesboro today with Judge Frank Armstrong, of Troy, presiding.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, said prior to opening of court this morning that 120 cases are pending trial and among the number are 70 which have been added since a special term was held in June. He said that the docket would be cleared during the present two-weeks term is practical.

On the calendar are six homicide cases, four of which grew out of highway accidents and no first degree cases are scheduled for trial.

Judge Armstrong delivered an instructive charge to the grand jury, placing emphasis on violation of traffic laws, including drunken driving and reckless driving. J. A. Jones, of this city, is foreman of the grand jury.

After the charge the 46 cost cases on the docket, and which were continued from former terms, were called. Sentences of some defendants which were suspended at former terms on payment of cost were ordered into effect when records showed that no costs had been paid.

### Add Department To Ronda School

#### Business Education Will Be Taught; Home Economics Has New Building

A business education department has been added to Ronda high school, E. R. Spruill, district principal, said today.

The school will open on August 28, along with the other schools in the Wilkes county system.

Much interest is being shown in the addition of business instruction to the school curriculum. The home economics building will be occupied for the first time this year and the girls will find the course much more attractive.

The central school faculty has added a teacher this year, as shown by the faculty list given out by Mr. Spruill:

High school: E. R. Spruill, principal; G. A. Johnson, math and boys' athletics; Mrs. Mae B. Pardue, English and girls' athletics; Mrs. Ethel Davis, science and French; Miss Rachel Kelley, home economics; Mrs. Kathleen Henson, business education.

Elementary: Mrs. R. O. Poinlin, seventh grade; Miss Edna Bray, sixth grade; Mrs. C. B. Hubber, fifth grade; Mrs. Della Carter, fourth grade; Miss Louise Eury, third grade; Miss Bertha McBride, second grade; Miss Jennie E. Harris and Miss Wlian Lincey, first grade; Mrs. Edith McRae Burchette, special subjects.

### Work Started On New Bank Building For Northwestern

Officials of The Northwestern Bank announced today that ground was broken last week for the new bank building at Valdese, N. C. Just as soon as the new building is completed, The Northwestern will open a branch bank there. The Valdese branch will make the ninth branch of the chain serving the northwestern part of the state.

### Maaske To Head Western College

Dr. Roben J. Maaske, professor of education at the University of North Carolina, has accepted the position as president of the Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grange, Oregon.

Dr. Maaske, who came to Chapel Hill in 1937, is recognized as one of the foremost authorities on rural and adult education.

The news concerning his election as president of the Oregon institution will be received with interest here, where Dr. Maaske delivered the commencement address at North Wilkesboro high school on May 30.