Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

MORE CARS REGISTERED vehicle bureau reported today 589,352 motor vehicle registra-tions in North Carolina this year Manslaughter For 589,352 motor vehicle registrathrough yesterday, compared with 555,849 the same date last year. Last year there was a record number of 593,035 registrations.

MONTH PER STITCH

Wilson, Aug. 15 .- It was an "eye for an eye and a stitch for a stitch" in recorder's court here yesterday. James Yarbrough, negro man here, was charged with assault upon another negro. The alleged assault resulted in three stitches having to he taken in the head of the assaulted negro. "I'm giving you a month on the road for every stitch." said Recorder Charles E. McLean, to Yarhorough. He gave the negro three months on the roads.

\$70,000 ROBBERY

engers were robbed of \$70,000 bandits sped presumably across heart one of three bridges connecting | Square Pruitt and Wyatt are mainland-and disappeared.

THANKSGIVING ROW

iron rebellion grew today apace with a pileup of protests from rock-ribbed traditionists against President Roesevelt's plan to change the day of Thanksgiving this year from November 30 to November 23. Many in authority businessmen, favored the President's precedent - smashing idea-to help business-but tho football people were both amazed and flabergasted over what to do with games scheduled for November 30.

G-MEN ON JOB

gation of the wreck of the search for the maniac who, trainmon say, deliberately derailed the guilty. train, killing 23 people and inof the man, or men, who moved pay \$4.00 every two weeks for tie Beachum, of Polkton. a rail and thus hurtled the 17-car benefit child. t 🔭 into a Nevada canyon Saturday night. "We have some definite evidence," said A. D. Mc- Nichols. Donald, president of the Southern Pacific company, who took divulge it at this time."

Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 15. Sena'or James F. Byrnes, Democrat. South Carolina, said in an interview here today he believed, President Roosevelt would not seek re-election, and added that if the Democrats of the nation were as badly divided as those in feated in the 1940 election. Expressing the opinion that the nation of . candidate "who will the Whittington schoolhouse Mon-former Wilkes man who was alnot undo the administration's so- day night to discuss ways and cial reforms." Byrnes, who has means of getting electric power supported many new deal meas- lines erected in their community, bond. Anderson has been workures, continued: "If the Demo- Both representatives of the Duke as badly divided as are the Dem- in attendance. The mon talk of cate that Wyatt was caught on ed by "rule by a few" in school Dickson and Dewey Minton, with ocrats in the senate and house, the evening, however, was made it is a waste of time to discuss who will be nominated by the Mutual, a REA organization, who stopped. Democrats for the party will certainly be defeated."

Saturday To Be White Cane Day

On Saturday the North Wilkesbero Lions club will offer the people of this vicinity an opportunity to help a most commendable cause- aid to the blind and blind prevention.

Saturday will be White Cane Day and canes will be sold on the streets by a number of girls. the township-A. R. Miller, J. F. Persons desiring to help the cause Vannoy, I. R. Vannoy, Odell may pay from ten cents up for each cane and the money thus raised will be used in the club's work for the blind in Wilkes. Many are in desperate need of glasses and several need opera- Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. tions to prevent blindness, club mores in charge of arrangements for the observance said.

Any who are not contacted and desire to have a part in the clock, in charge of the rector, and that the place be screened. county property if recommendational till death removes one of the asked to see Grady Church Clock, in charge of the rector, and that the place be screened. at Belk's store.

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NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., THURSDAY, AUG. 17, 1939 \$1.50 IN THE STATE-\$2.00 OUT OF THE STATE

Raleigh, Aug. 15.—The motor 3 Boys Convicted Shepherd's Death

Square and Hansel Pruitt And Ray Wyatt Found Guilty In Court Today WAS KNIFE SLAYING

Fight Occured In Union Township In October; Many Cases Tried

A jury in Wilkes court today returned a verdict of manslaughter against Square Pruitt. Ray Wyatt and Hansel Pruitt for the knife slaying of Carl Shepherd in Union township in October, 1938.

Under the menacing shouts of ed them to 5 to 10 years in pri two machine guns, two bank mes- son and notice of appeal was give

caped despite an elaborate plan of Shenherd was found just after the robbery occurred virtually on place. A knife or some other the steps of the postoffice, the sharp instrument had pierced his

the island with the Long Island, only 16 years of age and Hansel Pruitt is 18.

Court adjourned today

Hall said. However, there are many cases on the docket, he

Cases tried this week follow Garland Billings, violation prohibition law, eight months.

Fred McCann, non-support, two years suspended on payment cost and that he support his family. Barney Wood, manufacturing,

Lester Combs, non-support, six Reno, Nev., Aug. 15 .- Federal months suspended on condition officers today took over investi- he pay cost and support family. Ray Minton, non-support, judgstreamline train "City of San ment suspended payment \$50 to Francisco," and direction of the prosecuting witness and pay cost. ter, Miss Helen Aycock, spent a-Conrad Durham, larceny, not

Lee Bass (colored), F. and A.,

Marvin C. Lowe, operating car charge of the railway's investi- while intoxicated, eight months gation, "but it is of such a na- suspended on payment \$100 fine Josephy Wyatt Badly Injurture that we do not feel free to and cost, not to drive within two

Union Citizens Seek Power Lines

At Wittington School; Power Officials There

told in detail of the way the REA served those co-operating. He stated, however, that if the patrons of the community could obtain Duke Power company servlice in an adequate way that it vice. Mr. Wilson stated that the government was not in competition to private companies, and lonly wanted to serve in communities where private companies deemed it not practicable to erect power lines. Mr. Wilson was accompanied to the meeting other officials of the REA.

A committee of five citizens of Whittington, and Evan Colvardwas named to confer with power officials and to report their findings at a meeting to be held at the Whittington schoolhouse the county home and t. b. hos- tor Avalen E. Hall.

EPISCOPAL SERVICE

Vesper service at St. Paul's plumbing be installed. Reverend B. M. Lackey.

Children? Dictators Just Love Them



Though grim "military necessity" causes Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany, left, and Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy to build huge bombing pianes in order to wipe out cities and their populations, the two Election Colvard dictators never fail to show their love for children-at least when they face a camera. Here Hitler playfully pats one of his youthful supporters who was singled out for the honor during a special celebration in Berlin's famous Olympic stadium. Mussolini proudly accepts a bouquet of flowers from a little Albanian child during his recent visit to Riccione.

Citizens In Mass Meeting Lambast **Policies Of The School Authorities**

Methodist Pastor To Preach Sunday In Union Service

Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, returned to the city Monand will preach at the Methodist 11 o'clock service, and Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the union service, which is to be held at the Baptist church.

by Mrs. Aycock and their daugh- the betterment of schools. bout ten days at Pisgah National Forest and the remainder of time with relatives at various places. Sam Shew, non-support, must Mrs. Aycock's mother, Mrs. Bet-

Ira Dancy, non-support, must NeckBrokenWhera pay cost and pay \$250 to Dair Estil Miller, larceny, 90 days. Hit By Car Sunday

ed While Walking Along County Road

Josephy Wyatt, 63-year-old citizen of the Rock Creek community, received a broken neck, a fractured arm and other injuries Sunday afternoon when he was Had Meeting Monday Night a county road a few miles north-school patrons. east of this city.

At the Wilkes hospital today his condition was reported as A representative group of citi- well as could be expected.

car, was placed under \$1,000 ing in Kingsport, Tenn

the bumper of his car and later matters. by Max Wilson, of the Caldwell thrown into the bank as the car

Pledge Not To Stop Fight To Better School Situation In Wilkes

A large crowd of citizens and communities in Wilkes county and after hearing several addresses relative to dissatisfaction over the way in which they said the Indian Trail high school. school system is being conducted. vote to continue their fight for

The courtroom anditorium was mained below and on the grounds Traphill, as county agent but his nublic address system which had The meeting was called a week State College. ago by the Citizens and Patrons committee of Wilkes county.

he had gained knowledge of the ored by state authorities to reschool situation in Wilkes by tain the position. having represented the patrons of Pleasant Hill district near Elkin W. C. Winkler Is board of education because of the firing of Principal E R. Settle and Mrs. Settle from the Pleasant Hill district over the hit by a car while walking along protest of 95 per cent of the

that the sole purpose of the horo, who passed away in his half of the schools and the cause at the Wilkesboro Methodist leged to have been driving the peculiar situation exists in been a faithful member. The Wilkes which represents a chal-service was largely attended, and and that the people are threaten- Stroud, J. B. Henderson, Zeb

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The order also contained a

Judge Orders Improvements as Asked in the family burying plot in By Grand Jury In Report During Term

recommendations of grand juries system be installed in the courtbe carried out, Judge Frank Arm | house at once. The judge orderstrong in Wilkes superior court ed that the commissioners secure J. H. Johnson, F. G. Holman, J order directing that a number of ing system before November term H. A. Cranor, W. E. Smithey, F. improvements and repairs to of court. county property be carried out] according to the recommenda- clause asking that the solicitor tion of the grazi jury.

His order cites several recomport submitted by J. A. Jones, foreman.

pital.

He ordered that the toilet in that many of the recommenda- Dr. E. N. Phillips, Dr. F. C. Hub- team took the game last Sunday. Rufus McNeill, of West Jefferthe basement of the courthouse tions in the grand jury report bard, J. H. Leckie, C. H. Cowles, be padlocked and that new were similar to those made over J. C. Wallace and J. T. Prevette. make a mighty effort to even the dren, J. D. and Edward McNelll, Relative to the jail he ordered useless for grand juries to make kesboro for many years where he day afternoon and another good

the past few years and that it was Mr. Winkler had lived in Wil-score by making the game Sun- of Jefferson.

Preparation Opening

North Wilkesboro city schools vill open the 1939-40 term on Monday, September 4, Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, said to-

During the vacation months the buildings have been thoroughly cleaned, minor repairs have been made and all equipment is being placed in first class condition in preparation for school opening.

Another successful year is an-

State Authorities Fail To Approve

Commissioners' Choice Turned Down For Wilkes County Farm Agent Position

The North Carolina extension ervice failed to approve the election of Howard Colvard as county agent for Wilkes county, it was learned today from official

His election by the board of commissioners in special meeting on Saturday was the second which has been turned down by heads

of the service. It is understood that the aupatrons from many schools and thorities of the extension service at Raleigh turned down the appointment of Mr. Colvard because Wilkesboro Tuesday night in a of lack of experience in the exand for six years successfully taught vocational agriculture at

He is a member of a prominledged themselves by standing nent Wilkes family, being a son of the late C. H. Colvard, of Reddies River.

filled to capacity and many re-pointed Edward M. Freas, of and heard the proceedings over a appointment was turned down secause of lack of actual been installed for the occasion, lience. He was also a graduate of

Meanwhile Dan Holler is continuing to carry out the duties of Attorney J. F. Jordan, mayor the office. He was appointed appearance which made everyone of Wilkeshoro, called the assemb- county agent following the death want to know more about them ly to order and presented Earl C. of A. G. Hendren, who for more as they laboriously went their James, Democratic attorney, of than 25 years served Wilkes in Elkin, who presided. He said that that capacity. Mr. Holler is fav-

Taken By Death

The funeral service for Mr. W C. Winkler, one of the oldest and In opening remarks he said best known residents of Wilkesmeeting was a cooperative effort sleep Tuesday afternoon at three on the part of the people in be-jo'clock, was held this morning lenge to the republican form of music was rendered by a quartet government and pure democracy composed of Messrs. W. A. Mrs. R. E. Prevette as accom-After asking for a show on panist. The floral tributes, beautiful and many, were carried by a number of ladies of the Wilkeshoros. Interment took place Mountain Park cemetery.

The service was conducted by the deceased's pastor, Rev. A. W. Lynch, assisted by Rev. R. L. Is-Saying that he intended that was "demanded" that a heating hell, paster of the Advent Christian church at Lenoir.

Pall bearers were: Ex-Sheriff vesterday afternoon signed an estimates of the cost of a heat- E. Spainhour, C. E. Lenderman. J. McDuffle, Chas. G. Gilreath, J. T. Cranor, W. L. Yates.

Honorary pall bearers were: J. indict the commissioners at the L. Garwood, B. J. Kennedy, J. R. November term if the orders of Henderson, Mack Moore, Royal mendations as given in the rethe court are not complied with. Prevette, W. E. Harris, J. W. It was ordered that the cle. Dula, J. F. Jordan, A. R. Gray, Judge Armstrong ordered that der to each member of the board lev. N. B. Smithey, J. R. Rouswater system be installed in of commissioners and to Solici-seau, J. E. Culler, J. M. Hollar, P. E. Brown, T. M. Foster, R. game series. The first ended in was a brother of Mrs. E. E. The Judge mentioned the fact L. Wellborn, Dr. G. T. Mitchell,

North Wilkesboro Bull Fight Takes Place After Schools Will Open On September 4th Enraged Animal Seriously Buildings and Equipment Wounds Aged Father and Son Placed In Good Shape In



erator of a candy stand in Vancou- and recovery is extremely doubtver. Wash., was one of the many unsuccessful applicants for the position of executioner at Sing Sing prison. The position was left vacant due to the illness of Executioner Robert Elliot. Peddicord is pictured with his "Seeing-eye" dog.

Strange Couple Is and fighting the bull was finally killed a half hour past midnight. mass meeting for the purpose of discussing the school situation wated from State College in 1933 Seen On Highway cured about four o'clock in the uated from State College in 1933 With Small Wagon been working as an ox on his farm for six years, got loose. He

Today With Belongings On Coaster Wagon

apparently weary from much which was attached to the bull's travel, passed through this vicin- head and the bull promptly loaded with their worldly possessions.

The unusual travelers had an were neculiarly reticent as if to say "it is none of your business."

As a curious reporter pulled E. A. McNeill Killed When his car to a stop and got out for a closer view of the travelers they pulled and pushed their tiny vehicle to the shoulder of the road, where the man, who apneared to be in his sixties, busied himself with fixing one of the tires on the wagon, a type which when new would be the ideal plaything for a boy of six to eight years.

He did not care to discuss his personal business, apparently, but after a little coaxing the woman said that his name was Davis and that she was his wife. In Washington, D. C., she said,

they had made their home and that her husband had a good job until his health failed. "It makes a big difference when there is nothing coming in" she said.

Davis then volunteered the information that they left the nation's capitol in April of this year. When asked where they were going he said "South," although at the moment they were almost to a standstill in front of (Continued on page five)

Third All-Star

North Wilkesboro Will Play County Team Again On Sunday Afternoon

Interest in the North Wilkesboro versus county All Stars basehall game was so great that another game has been scheduled bond pending the outcome of Mcmail certified copies of the or- F. F. Frazier, Judge T. B. Fin- for Sunday afternoon, 2:30, between the two teams.

West Yadkin there on Saturday. church.

Wants Executioner's Job J. B. Nichols And Son, Jesse, Injured On Monday Night

For mutual advantage

do your buying in North Wilkesboro, the trading center of Northwestern

North Carolina.

Large Crowd Gathers To Help Kill Sire Which Injured Two Men

TASK IS VERY DIFFICULT

Many Shots Fired In Bull Hunt Which Lasted For Over Six Hours

Joe Nichols, 79, was seriously. if not fatally, injured late Monday when attacked by an enraged bull near his home in the Deep Ford Hill community about two miles from Millers Creek.

Two hours later the same bull attacked and critically hurt his son, Jesse Nichols, 36, as he tried to catch the animal. Condition of the elderly father

and son at the Wilkes hospital Clarence Peddicord, 22, blind op- today was described as critical

neighbors and people from many miles distant gathered and participated in a bull fight that would would rival those in arenas of Spain and Mexico and after more than six hours of hunting The attack on Joe Nichols oc-

been working as an ox on his and his wife and stepdaughter, Fannie Collins, tried to catch the Aged Man and Woman Pass, bull but did not have an opportunity to corner it until they had gone about a mile from his house and up on a mountain. There An aged man and a woman, Nichols took hold of the chain with its horns.

His wife and Miss Collins val-(Continued on Page 8)

Ashe Merchant Is Victim of Accident

Hit By Car Last Night In Jefferson

E. A. McNeill, Ashe county's oldest merchant, died in the Wilkes Hospital at 11 o'clock last night of injuries suffered earlier in the evening when he was struck by an automobile in front of his home at Jefferson.

Mr. McNeill was first taken to West Jefferson for treatment but was rushed to the Wilkes hospital when it was found by had suffered broken bones, head injuries, and possible internal injuries.

Mr. McNeill was struck by an automobile driven by George Glenn Dixon, 19, of Jefferson

The accident occurred when Mr. McNeill was crossing the street from his home en route to ers said that there were three CCC camp trucks that had come the McNeill home and that evidently McNeill was blinded by their lights, as was Dixon, and stepped in front of Dixon's car. State Highway Patrolman W.

C. Thomas and other officers Game on Sunday who investigated the accident, said that young Dixon stopped as soon as possible after hitting Mc-Neill. An examination of the brakes of the car showed they were in good condition. Thomas said that Dixon was hot driving over 25 or 30 miles per hour when the accident occurred.

Dixon was put under \$1,000

Neill's condition. Mr. McNeili was a member of It will be the third of a three- a widely prominent family. He a tie and the North Wilkesboro Eller, of this city, and W. E. and The All Stars are expected to son. There are two surviving chil-

Funeral service will be held Friday morning, ten o'clock, at North Wilkesboro will play the Jefferson Presbyterian