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MORE CARS REGISTERED Raleigh, Aug. 15.—The motor vehicle bureau reported today 539,352 motor vehicle registrations in North Carolina this year through yesterday, compared with 535,849 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 Yarborough, negro man here, was charged with assault upon another negro. The alleged assault resulted in three stitches having to be 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 Yarborough. He gave the negro three months on the roads.

\$70,000 ROBBERY Long Beach, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Under the menacing snouts of two machine guns, two bank messengers were robbed of \$70,000 by a swiftly-executed holdup today by five bandits who then escaped despite an elaborate plan of apprehension which had been waiting six years for just such an event. From the main street of this summer resort town, where the robbery occurred virtually on the steps of the postoffice, the bandits sped presumably across one of three bridges connecting the island with the Long Island mainland—and disappeared.

THANKSGIVING ROW New York, Aug. 15.—A gridiron rebellion grew today apace with a pileup of protests from rock-ribbed traditionalists against President Roosevelt's plan to change the day of Thanksgiving this year from November 30 to November 23. Many in authority and businessmen, favored the President's precedent-smashing idea—to help business—but the football people were both amazed and flabbergasted over what to do with games scheduled for November 30.

G-MEN ON JOB Reno, Nev., Aug. 15.—Federal officers today took over investigation of the wreck of the streamline train "City of San Francisco," and direction of the search for the maniac who, train-men say, deliberately derailed the train, killing 23 people and injuring 109. The search was spurred by clues toward the identity of the man, or men, who moved a rail and thus hurled the 17-car train into a Nevada canyon Saturday night. "We have some definite evidence," said A. D. McDonald, president of the Southern Pacific company, who took charge of the railway's investigation, "but it is of such a nature that we do not feel free to divulge it at this time."

BYRNES TALKS Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 15.—Senator 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 Congress the party would be defeated in the 1940 election. Expressing the opinion that the President would urge the nomination of a candidate "who will not undo the administration's social reforms," Byrnes, who has supported many new deal measures, continued: "If the Democrats throughout the country are as badly divided as are the Democrats in the senate and house, it is a waste of time to discuss who will be nominated by the Democrats for the party will certainly be defeated."

Saturday To Be White Cane Day

On Saturday the North Wilkesboro 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. Persons desiring to help the cause 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 operations to prevent blindness. Club members in charge of arrangements for the observance said. Any who are not contacted and asked to buy a cane and who desire to have a part in the event are asked to see Grady Church at Belk's store.

3 Boys Convicted Manslaughter For 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. Judge Frank Armstrong, who is presiding over court, sentenced them to 5 to 10 years in prison and notice of appeal was given.

The evidence in the case was mainly circumstantial. The body of Shepherd was found just after noon one day 15 hours after he had been seen with the defendants near the spot and where a fight was alleged to have taken place. A knife or some other sharp instrument had pierced his heart. Square Pruitt and Wyatt are only 16 years of age and Hansel Pruitt is 18. Court adjourned today.

The August court has disposed of many cases and the docket was left in current condition. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall said. However, there are many cases on the docket, he said, which have been continued for legal and logical reasons. 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, non suit.

Union Citizens Seek Power Lines

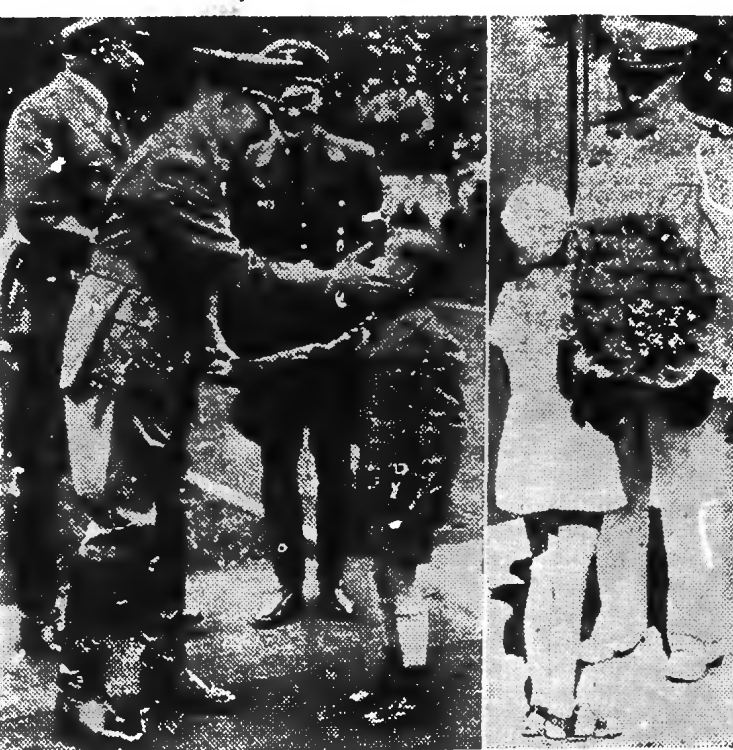
Had Meeting Monday Night At Whittington School; Power Officials There

A representative group of citizens of Union township met at the Whittington schoolhouse Monday night to discuss ways and means of getting electric power lines erected in their community. Both representatives of the Duke Power Company and REA were in attendance. The main talk of the evening, however, was made by Max Wilson, of the Caldwell Mutual, a REA organization, who 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 service in an adequate way that it would be cheaper than REA service. Mr. Wilson stated that the government was not in competition to private companies, and only wanted to serve in communities where private companies deemed it not practicable to erect power lines. Mr. Wilson was accompanied to the meeting by other officials of the REA.

EPISCOPAL SERVICE

Vesper service at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, August 20th, at four o'clock, in charge of the rector, 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 planes in order to wipe out cities and their populations, the two 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 Monday from a two-weeks vacation and will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, and Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the union service, which is to be held at the Baptist church.

Neck Broken When Hit By Car Sunday

Joseph Wyatt Badly Injured While Walking Along County Road

Joseph 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 hit by a car while walking along a county road a few miles north-east of this city.

Judge Orders Improvements as Asked By Grand Jury In Report During Term

Saying that he intended that recommendations of grand juries be carried out, Judge Frank Armstrong in Wilkes superior court yesterday afternoon signed an order directing that a number of improvements and repairs to county property be carried out according to the recommendation of the grand jury. His order cites several recommendations as given in the report submitted by J. A. Jones, foreman.

North Wilkesboro Schools Will Open On September 4th

Buildings and Equipment Placed In Good Shape In Preparation Opening

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

State Authorities Fail To Approve Election Colvard

Commissioners' Choice Turned Down For Wilkes County Farm Agent Position

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

W. C. Winkler Is Taken By Death

The funeral service for Mr. W. C. Winkler, one of the oldest and best known residents of Wilkesboro, who passed away in his sleep Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, was held this morning at the Wilkesboro Methodist church, of which he had long been a faithful member.

Strange Couple Is Seen On Highway With Small Wagon

The unusual travelers had an appearance which made everyone want to know more about them as they laboriously went their way but when questioned they were peculiarly reticent as if to say "It is none of your business."

Third All-Star Game on Sunday

Interest in the North Wilkesboro versus county All Stars baseball game was so great that another game has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon, 2:30, between the two teams. It will be the third of a three-game series. The first ended in a tie and the North Wilkesboro team took the game last Sunday.

Bull Fight Takes Place After Enraged Animal Seriously Wounds Aged Father and Son

Wants Executioner's Job



Clarence Peddicord, 22, blind operator of a candy stand in Vancouver, 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.

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.

Ashe Merchant Is Victim of Accident

E. A. McNeill Killed When 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.

North Wilkesboro Will Play County Team Again On Sunday Afternoon

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J. B. Nichols And Son, Jesse, Injured On Monday Night

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

Following the double tragedy neighbors and people from many miles distant gathered and participated in a bull fight that would rival those in arenas of Spain and Mexico and after more than six hours of hunting and fighting the bull was finally killed a half hour past midnight.

The attack on Joe Nichols occurred about four o'clock in the afternoon. The bull, which had been working as an ox on his farm for six years, got loose. He and his wife and stepdaughter, Fannie Collins, tried to catch the 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 Nichols took hold of the chain which was attached to the bull's head and the bull promptly knocked him down and gored him with its horns.

His wife and Miss Collins valiantly.

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