

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

JAPS ARE ANGRY Tokyo, Aug. 23.—Resentment at the proposed German-soviet Russian non-aggression treaty was apparent among Japanese today and comment was heard that Japan had been "sold out" by Germany.

TOBACCO MARKETS Raleigh, Aug. 22.—Tobacco prices at the opening of auctions today in the new bright belt fell below expectations, but volume of offerings at several markets set all-time records.

MORE ROAD FUNDS Raleigh, Aug. 22.—Governor Hoey announced today that within the next few days—probably Thursday—he would allocate from the highway surplus a special fund for road work.

TALK EVACUATION Washington, Aug. 22.—Ways of getting thousands of Americans out of Europe and of protecting United States neutrality in case war comes were discussed today at an extraordinary meeting that brought together representatives of five government departments.

FOUR DIE IN CRASH Rocky Mount, Aug. 22.—Four men in a small Stinson monoplane perished this afternoon when their plane plummeted into a tobacco field in Sandy Cross about eight miles from here.

C. A. Canter Dies Near Wilkesboro

C. A. (Gus) Canter, 94, one of Wilkes county's oldest citizens, died Monday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Lowe, near Wilkesboro.

Miss Holman Will Sing Here Sunday

Miss Bert Holman, who recently received her masters' degree in music at the University of Michigan, will sing in the Sunday morning service at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church.

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Brushy Mountain Baptists To Meet September 19, 20

66th Annual Session Of Association Will Be Held At Bever Creek

General theme of the 66th annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist association will be "Magnifying Christ and His Church." T. E. Story, moderator, said today in announcement of the program.

The association will meet with Beaver Creek Baptist church on September 19 and 20. A program touching on all important phases of Baptist work has been outlined for the two-day session.

In addition to pastors serving churches in the association there will be other speakers, including Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro; I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home; Smith Hagaman, superintendent of the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem; and Dr. Olin T. Binkley, of Wake Forest College.

The full program as announced by the moderator follows: Tuesday 9:30 a. m. Praise and Worship, A. J. Foster. 9:45 a. m. Roll call of churches, recognition of visitors, appointment of committees by the Moderator.

10:15 a. m. Magnifying Christ in Our Reading: (1) Report on Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, and Mission Literature, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins; (2) Discussion by representatives and others. 10:45 a. m. Report on the Orphanage, Johnson J. Hayes. Discussion by Superintendent I. G. Greer of Thomasville.

Representative R. L. Doughton Sees Activities Of NYA in Wilkes County

Speaks at Luncheon Prepared and Served By NYA Girls On Tuesday

Representative R. L. (Farmer Bob) Doughton quit his hay harvesting on his Alleghany county farm Tuesday to come down in Wilkes and get first hand information about the activities of the National Youth Administration.

At noon he attended a luncheon at the Wilkesboro community house, where 24 girls are employed on a home making project. The girls were granted use of the building by the Wilkesboro Woman's club.

Laughing Cavalier



Harold Bradley, Laguna Beach, Calif., garage owner, was picked out on the street by Roy M. Ropp, director of the Pageant of the Masters program to portray Franz Hals' famous picture, "Laughing Cavalier." This is how he prepared for the program.

Calendar City Schools Adopted

Schools Open September 4; Holiday Periods Fixed; Close May 28th

At a meeting of the Board of Education Monday afternoon the Calendar for the school year 1939-40 was adopted. Plans were completed for the operation of the schools for another term of nine full months.

The term opens on September 4th, and if there are no interruptions during the winter, will be completed with graduation exercises on May 28th. Two days have been set aside for Thanksgiving holidays. Christmas holiday period will begin on Thursday, December 21st, and extend to Tuesday, January 2nd.

During the summer months needed repairs to buildings and equipment have been made, and with the completion of the cleaning of the buildings all will be in readiness to receive an anticipated record enrollment on the opening day. During the vacation period both elementary and high school libraries have been classified and all books cleaned and repaired.

Children's Day Program Sunday

There will be a Children's Day program at Union Baptist church near Cycle postoffice Sunday night, August 27, beginning at 8 o'clock. The program will last for 3 hours. Everybody is invited.

Monday, August 28, Is School Opening Date

Mass Meeting At Wilkesboro School Monday Morning

Citizens, Patrons Committee Asks People Of District To Attend Meeting

The Wilkesboro Citizens and Patrons committee, a group representing the views of over 1,000 citizens and patrons of the district who asked the re-election of T. E. Story as superintendent of the school and all last year's faculty, has again asked all the citizens of the district to meet at the school building on Monday morning, August 28, the date set for school opening.

In a call issued earlier this week the Citizens and Patrons committee urged that all citizens and patrons of the district be present in a mass meeting at the school building, "not to hinder or block the school," but to meet with the school committee, board of education and county superintendent with the hope that Prof. Story and the ousted members of the faculty might be reinstated and that the "goodwill and support of the patrons of the school might be regained."

"Above everything else, we want justice done in our school," the committee said today and "weed continued unity of purpose to the end that the fight for the interests of the children of the district might be won." The statement calling the mass meeting for school opening date at the school building was termed a "call to definite action."

The Citizens and Patrons committee today requested and urged that the people of the district interested in the cause of education leave their work and make any reasonable sacrifice in order to be present at the mass meeting Monday, joining with unity of purpose in appeal to the district and county school authorities for a school which has as its supreme obligation the education of the children.

Teachers Elected At Mt. Pleasant

Mrs. Harry Dula, of Wilkesboro, and C. W. Landrith, of Sparta, have been elected high school teachers at Mount Pleasant to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elledge, who will be members of the Rutherford-Splendide high school faculty this year.

Joe F. Beshears Taken By Death

Joe F. Beshears, 58, who had been making his home in Winston-Salem for two years, died Monday night at the home of J. M. Beshears near Cricket, where he had been for several days. Funeral service was held Wednesday at Yellow Hill Baptist church near Summit, his native community.

He leaves the following children: C. E. Beshears, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Baxter Shore, Lexington; Delmar and Charlie Beshears, Winston-Salem; Denver Beshears, Elkin; Junlor and Edwin Beshears, Summit.

School Officials Asking No Mass Meeting Be Held

School Committee and County Board Do Not Approve of Mass Meet

In a statement handed to a representative of the press here today, the Wilkesboro school district committee, the county board of education and the county superintendent of schools asked that no mass meeting be held at the opening of Wilkesboro school Monday morning, August 28.

The statement, issued for the board of education and the Wilkesboro school committee, was given out by C. B. Eller, county superintendent and secretary to the board of education. It was in reply to a statement by the Wilkesboro Citizens and Patrons committee released to three local papers, and published in two, earlier this week in which the citizens and patrons of the school district were called to gather in mass meeting at the school building Monday morning, August 28, nine o'clock, and asked the school authorities to meet with them in the hope that Prof. T. E. Story, superintendent, and ousted members of last year's faculty might be reinstated.

"The local school board, the county board of education and the county superintendent are anxious to confer at any time with any parent interested in the welfare of the children of this county but we do not approve of a mass meeting at the opening of the school, and ask that no such meeting be held. This is not meant to discourage any parent from bringing his or her children to school and accompanying them to their proper class rooms."

"Wilkesboro school committee" "Wilkes county board of education" "By C. B. Eller, secretary to board of education."

Outline Program McNeill Reunion

Fifth Annual Gathering Of Clan To Be Held At Miller's Creek On Sept. 3

Two McNeills prominent in the state and nation will be on the program for the fifth annual reunion of the Appalachian Association of the McNeill clan to be held at Miller's Creek school on Sunday, September 3, it was announced here today.

They are: Robert H. McNeill, a native of Wilkes and now a prominent attorney in Washington, D. C., and Robert S. McNeill, of Mocksville, assistant district attorney in the middle North Carolina federal district court. C. O. McNeil, of this city, is president of the association and Kyle Hayes, of Wilkesboro, is secretary. Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, is chairman of the program committee and will have an interesting program for the fifth reunion on September 3.

The reunion of the McNeill family, one of the most widely known in this section, is always an annually anticipated event among the many members of the family and yearly attracts large crowds.

The full program for the reunion will be announced in a few days. The various committees as appointed by the president will serve this year as follows: Program Committee: Judge Johnson J. Hayes, chairman, Thurmond McNeil, West Jefferson, E. E. Eller, North Wilkesboro, N. C. and H. C. Kilby, North Wilkesboro. Committee on Publicity: Linville Bumgarner, Wilkesboro, C.

Jitterbug Champs



Jimmy Brennan and Fessie Fekaa show off the acrobatics which helped them win the first national junior jitterbug dance contest held in New York. They won a cash prize and a chance to strut their stuff at a night club.

Commissioners McCrary Confer

District Agent Meets With Commissioners Relative To Agent's Job

O. F. McCrary, of Raleigh, district extension agent, conferred with the Wilkes county board of commissioners today relative to the appointment of a county agent for Wilkes county.

No action was taken due to the fact that the board has not been informed of whether or not the appointment of L. F. Brumfield by the board of commissioners meets the approval of I. O. Schaub, dean of the extension service. Mr. Brumfield was the third appointed by the commissioners to succeed Dan F. Holler as county agent. They first appointed Edward Freas, of Traphill, and later Howard Colvard, of Reddies River. Both appointments were refused by the extension service on the grounds that they were inexperienced.

On Saturday the board appointed L. F. Brumfield, who for 12 years was county agent in Yadkin county. Board members said that Brumfield has a reputation of being an outstanding county agent.

The extension service, it is understood, strongly favors the retention of Mr. Holler as county agent for Wilkes, saying that his services have been very satisfactory.

Virginia State Horticulturist Tells Growers of Management Practices

Says Production Can Be Leveled Off and Percentage Culls Lowered

A. H. Tesky, Virginia state horticulturist, in an address before the apple growers of Wilkes and Alexander Tuesday told of many ways by which the orchardists could better carry on the business of producing and marketing apples. The annual picnic of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers association was held at the home of Sam Wyke on highway 16 in Alexander county.

The forenoon program consisted of orchard tours for men under direction of H. R. Niswonger, North Carolina state horticulturist, and a special program for women under direction of Miss Rose Elwood Bryan, home demonstration agent at large.

A sumptuous dinner such as only the wives and families of fruit growers can prepare was spread on a long table on the lawn at Mr. Wyke's home at noon and the crowd assembled for a program following the dinner.

The assembly was called to order by County Agent Leagans, of Alexander county and Mr. Wyke spoke briefly, welcoming the fruit growers. Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, secretary, reported on activities of the association. Mr. Niswonger introduced the speaker. Mr. Tesky explained that one of the difficulties of marketing the apple crop was the irregularity of production with an im-

Supt. Eller Says County System To Open On Monday

Teachers In Various Districts Will Meet On Saturday Of This Week

DISTRIBUTE SUPPLIES

Elementary Textbooks Are Free; Flat Rental Charge For High School Books

All schools in the Wilkes county system will open on Monday morning, August 28, C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said today.

In preparation for the opening teachers in the various school districts will meet at their respective central schools on Saturday morning, ten o'clock, with the exception of Mount Pleasant, which will have its meeting on Friday.

These meetings will be held for the purpose of distributing supplies to the various schools.

Supt. Eller urged that all children be present on opening day in order to receive their books and begin work uniformly. This year all elementary textbooks will be free but there will be a small rental charge for supplementary readers, which will be the same system as used last year.

There will be a change in the method of supplying high school textbooks. Instead of rental charges for individual books, there will be a flat rental charge of \$2.40 for each pupil in the high school grades, which will cover rental of all textbooks for the grade.

Commercial courses will be added this year in Wilkesboro, Ronda and Mount Pleasant high schools. This was made possible, Mr. Eller said, because Ronda and Mount Pleasant gained a high school teacher each and there are sufficient teachers at Wilkesboro to justify the addition.

This year home economics classes will be offered at Traphill. All high schools will have home economics departments except Roaring River, where there are not sufficient teachers to add the course.

The enrollment in the schools of the county system last year reached 9,505. School authorities are anticipating an increase this year.

Unless there is interruption in schedule the schools will complete half the term in time for Christmas holidays, and will close during the latter part of April.

Miss Robinson To Teach Music Again

Miss Ellen Robinson, for many years teacher of piano and voice in North Wilkesboro schools, will reopen her studio in the high school building on Monday, September 4, the school opening date. Persons interested in entering students in her classes should see or call Miss Robinson.