

**Late News Of
State-Nation
Told Briefly**

FARLEY TO SPEAK

Asheville.—Postmaster General James A. Farley will speak at a luncheon meeting of North Carolina Postmasters here May 28.

FIVE MINERS SAVED

Stoystown, Pa.—Five miners trapped for eight hours in a small domestic coal mine a mile and a half north of here were freed uninjured Tuesday night by rescuers who tunneled 30 feet through a rockfall to reach them.

FATE PAYS OFF DEBT

Winnipeg.—Fate paid off a 13-year-old debt here when Lloyd Younkers, 13, saved Colin Campbell, 6, and his brother Peter, 3, from drowning in the Assiniboine River. Thirteen years ago this month Lieutenant Colin Campbell, father of the rescued boys, pulled a drowning fireman, Neil MacLean, from the same river. The youngsters were tobogganing when they crashed through the ice.

SILENT ON 3RD TERM

Washington.—President Roosevelt adhered to his policy of strict public silence on the third-term question Tuesday despite the heaviest barrage of press conference questioning in more than a year. He dismissed most queries with the statement that he knew nothing about this or that development because he had just returned from a 17-day trip to the Panama Canal.

PRAISES HATCH ACT

Washington.—President Roosevelt stepped into the battle over the Hatch act Tuesday renewing his plea of last year that the law's prohibition against political activities by federal employees be extended to a large army of state workers paid out of federal funds. While the President voiced his opinion at a press conference, the Senate was beginning a battle over legislation by Senator Hatch (D., N. M.) to write such an extension into the law.

**All-Day Service
At Rock Creek**

"The Program Of A New Testament Church" Theme For Sunday Gathering

A meeting of pastors and laymen to discuss "The Program of A New Testament Church" will be held at Rock Creek Baptist church northeast of this city on Sunday, March 10, according to an announcement this week by Rev. A. B. Hayes, pastor.

The day's program will open at 9:45 a. m. with singing under direction of J. A. Gilliam and Walter Brewer and numbers by quartets and choirs present. Rev. Lester Johnson will lead the devotional.

There will be four fifteen minute talks pertaining to "The Church Teaching and Learning" as follows: Ties between public school and church, by C. B. Eller, Wilkes superintendent of schools; Some aims for the Sunday school, by L. W. Teague, Mountain View school principal; The Woman's Missionary Union, by Mrs. Winfrey Luffman, of Pleasant Home church; The Baptist Training Union, by Miss Thomas, of Mountain View.

A sermon by the pastor will conclude the forenoon program.

The afternoon session beginning at 1:30 will include devotional led by Rev. J. A. Blevins and fifteen minute discussions on the following topics: The Shepherd of the Sheep, by Rev. Eugene Olive, of North Wilkesboro; Some qualifications of deacons, by Rev. S. L. Blevins, of Baptist Home; Church members at work, by Rev. C. M. Caudill; Financing the church program, by Rev. C. C. Holloman; The church evangelizing, by Rev. Jess Powers; Fundamental principles of the church, by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner.

**Child Is Badly
Injured By Fire**

Arlee Wyatt, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Wyatt, of this city, was critically, perhaps fatally, burned yesterday when her clothing caught fire where clothes were being boiled in the yard of the home.

Her mother tore the burning clothes from her body but at least half her body was burned and physicians at the Wilkes hospital expressed little hope for the child's recovery.

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NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C. THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1940 \$1.50 IN THE STATE \$1.00 OUT OF THE STATE

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

**Will Make Survey
Playground Plans
On Fairgrounds**

**City Board And Interested
Citizens Discuss Plans
Tuesday Night**

Proposal to develop the fairgrounds here into a municipal playground was discussed at length Tuesday night by the city commissioners and a representative group of citizens from several civic organizations.

Following the discussions the board directed Mayor R. T. McNeil to ask that the committees from the civic organizations request the services of the state WPA recreational supervisor in making a survey of the proposed project, make estimates of cost and report to the commissioners as early as possible. It was explained during the meeting that the playground project might be carried out with the city as sponsor putting up about 25 per cent of the total cost of the project.

The question of the lease which the Northwestern Fair association has on the grounds and which will not expire until the end of 1941 was raised and J. B. Williams, president of the fair association, explained that the fair would surrender its lease provided that the fair association was allowed to hold a fair on the grounds this year.

It was generally agreed that the offer on the part of the fair was satisfactory and that surveys and preliminary work for the playground project might proceed immediately.

Sewer Project Survey

The city commissioners on Tuesday night authorized George S. Rawlins of Charlotte, to proceed with a survey of a proposed WPA sewer project and report to the board at a later meeting.

Mayor McNeil and four members of the board, W. K. Sturdivant, J. B. Carter, H. M. Hutchens and A. G. Finley, were present at the meeting Tuesday night.

**Urey W. Nichols
Hangs Himself At
Home Wednesday**

Well Known Carpenter Takes Own Life In Home Near Millers Creek

Urey W. Nichols, 40, for many years a well known carpenter in this vicinity, hanged himself Wednesday afternoon at his home near Millers Creek. Coroner I. M. Myers said following investigation of the death.

According to information given the coroner by members of the family, Nichols was charged in court at Wilkesboro with driving a car while under the influence of liquor and was indisposed when his case was calendared for trial Tuesday. His son yesterday told him that he would have to go to court for trial or they would send after him and he remarked "They'll never get me."

The younger children were in school and his wife and one of the older children had come to town to consult with a lawyer about his case in court and he was alone when he took his own life. The children returning from school found his body dangling from a rope tied to a rafter in the home. He had apparently jumped through an opening in the overhead ceiling.

Coroner Myers deemed an instant unnecessary and pronounced it suicide.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ruby Parsons Nichols, six children, Paul, Ned, Mack, Doris and Dean Nichols and Mrs. Paul Cannon, of Millers Creek. Also surviving are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nichols, of Millers Creek, three brothers and three sisters: Fred Nichols, of West Virginia; Winfield Nichols, of Millers Creek; Coleman Nichols, of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Charlie Faw, Mrs. Spencer Bumgarner and Mrs. Parks Mash, of Millers Creek.

Funeral service will be held Friday, 11 a. m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist church near Buck.

Leap Year Baby

A son was born on February 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis, of Pores Knob.

Wilkes Delegation Calls On Governor Clyde R. Hoey



Here is shown the delegation from North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureau in Governor Clyde R. Hoey's office in the state capitol Wednesday as the Governor was being presented with a leather bound copy of the 32-page booklet advertising North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county. Seated are Governor Hoey, accepting the booklet from John R. Prevette, and J. G. Hackett, highway commissioner who led the delegation. Standing, left to right, are A. A. Cashion, C. B. Eller, W. D. Halfacre, J. B. Williams, John R. Prevette, J. C. Reins, W. J. Caroon, C. O. McNeil and W. P. Kelly. (Photo by Paul Harvel, Jr.)

Again Candidate



W. Kerr Scott, former master of the North Carolina State Grange and now state commissioner of agriculture, is a candidate for re-nomination and election to that office.

**Scott Will Run
For Re-Election**

Raleigh, March 5.—W. Kerr Scott, a practical and progressive Alamance county farmer and Commissioner of Agriculture, today announced he would seek re-nomination in the Democratic primary on his record as an impartial administrator and aggressive servant of the State.

"The rigid enforcement of North Carolina's inspection and regulatory laws will be continued in the interest of our farmers as well as the honest manufacturer and we will continue our efforts in behalf of an adequate marketing program to give our growers selling and grading methods that will put them on a parity with their best informed competitors," Scott said. "We will continue to consult with all agricultural agencies on programs for the welfare of the farmers."

After discussion the board returned the proposed ordinance to the committee and asked certain revisions in its provisions, among them being an exemption for farmers selling products which they had produced in their own homes and on their farms.

**Methodist District Institute Held At
North Wilkesboro Church Tuesday**

"The Methodist Advance" was the theme of thought stressed throughout at the Missionary Institute of the Elkin district, which was held at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, Tuesday, March 5, convening at 10 o'clock in the morning, with Rev. J. S. Hatt, district superintendent, presiding. The Elkin district is composed of the following counties, Surry, Davie, Ashe, Watauga, Alleghany, Yadkin and Wilkes.

The devotional talk was given by Rev. P. W. Townsend, after which Mrs. Lucille Farmer sang "Beautiful Land of My Dreams" being accompanied at the organ by Miss Lois Scroggs.

Inspirational messages were

**Commerce Bureaus Delegation Visits
With Governor Hoey And Other State
Officials In State Capitol Wednesday**

**5th Sunday Singing
In This City March 31**

Another session of Stone Mountain Union Singing will be held at Hinshaw Street Baptist church in this city on Sunday, March 31, beginning at 10:30 a. m., according to an announcement here today by J. A. Gilliam, of Hays, chairman of the organization.

The program will begin with devotional led by the pastor and continue with singing by choirs and other singers present who wish to take part. All are invited.

**A New Ordinance
Against Peddling
Before The Board**

**Would Make It Unlawful
For Solicitor To Enter
Home Uninvited**

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in session Tuesday night considered an ordinance forbidding peddlers, solicitors and salesmen from entering the home or on the premises of homes in the city without first being invited.

The proposed ordinance was put before the board by a committee representing the Merchants Bureau of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureau. The committee was composed of W. P. Kelly, executive secretary of the Bureau, Postmaster J. C. Reins, W. D. Halfacre, C. O. McNeil, C. B. Eller, J. B. Williams, W. J. Caroon, A. A. Cashion and Paul Harvel, Jr.

Mr. Hackett led the delegation into Governor Hoey's office at 11 a. m., where John R. Prevette presented the Governor with the booklet.

After looking over its contents Governor Hoey paid high compliment to the booklet and to those who had a part in its publication.

Following the conference with Governor Hoey the group conferred with the director of the department of conservation and development. Mr. Etheridge praised the booklet very highly and assured the delegation that his department would cooperate in every way possible.

The advertising program for North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county was discussed at length and Mr. Etheridge said that he would send J. T. Anderson, department industrial engineer, to North Wilkesboro next week to make a survey of industrial opportunities.

While in Raleigh members of the delegation also called on State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, Secretary of State Thaddeus, Superintendent of Instruction Clyde Erwin, Carl Goerch, editor of The State, and J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney.

**Lenten Service At
Episcopal Church**

Service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church Friday evening at half past seven, in charge of the rector, Reverend B. M. Lackey. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

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The kitchen garden supplies three fourths of our needed vitamins.

**Byrd Is Arraigned
For Burchette Death**

**Pleads Not Guilty;
Counsel Is Named;
Veniue Summoned**

**First Degree Murder Trial
Is Set For Monday; Evi-
dence Circumstantial**

George Byrd, Ferguson man charged with the murder of S. M. Burchette at Burchette's home at Ferguson on November 11, was arraigned in superior court at Wilkesboro Tuesday and entered his plea of not guilty.

Byrd, whose age of 63 was identical with the age of the murdered man, was calm as he faced the court and entered his plea.

In response to a question from Judge W. H. Bobbitt he said that he had no counsel and the court appointed Kyle Hayes, Eugene Trivette and J. E. Holshouser to represent him in the trial for his life.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall said the case will be called for trial on Monday, November 11. A special venire of 50 men have already been summoned. The jurors were drawn from the Wilkes jury box.

The state with a net of circumstantial evidence will ask the death penalty. Burchette was shot in the chest and killed as he was retiring for the night in his home. The shot was fired by a shotgun through his window.

Four iron slugs, which apparently had been sawed from an iron rod, were taken from Burchette's chest. Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies who investigated the scene found in Byrd's house a number of articles which are to be used as evidence, including a piece of iron rod which matched in size the slugs taken from Burchette's chest, a hacksaw, a shotgun with marks on the inside of the barrel, a file, hammer and steel dust which they said had been made with a hacksaw. The articles were examined in Washington, D. C., in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratories and it is expected that a F. B. I. expert will be a star witness for the prosecution.

Byrd, who has been in Wilkes jail since November 12, had made little comment except to deny any connection with the crime.

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Is A Candidate



**Phillips Announces
His Candidacy For
Congress In Eighth**

**Southern Pines Man Is Fifth
To Enter Race For The
Nomination**

D. C. Phillips, of Southern Pines, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for congress in the eighth district.

He is the fifth to announce. The other candidates are W. O. Burdin, of Lexington, the incumbent; C. D. Deane, of Rockingham; Giles Yeomans Newton, of Gibson; Robert L. Steele, of Rockingham.

The announcement by Mr. Phillips follows:

To the Voters of the Eighth Congressional District:

I can all but hear you say "Now here comes a brand new Bull calf jumping into the renowned Congressional arena."

Yes, I realize you have already

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**Evangelistic Services At Presbyterian
Church Here To Be Held March 10-17**

**To Order Another
Carload Phosphate**

Lawrence Miller, clerk of the county Triple A, said today that a number of additional orders for phosphate are needed in order to complete another carload and farmers wanting to use phosphate should place their orders immediately.

**Man Is Held For
Officer Assault**

**Wilson Shew Said To Have
Fired On C. S. Felts,
Federal Officer**

Sought since December 1938 on federal warrant charging shotgun assault on C. S. Felts, a federal alcoholic tax unit agent, Wilson Shew, Wilkes county man, has been arrested in Salisbury and is being held in jail at Albemarle in default of \$2,500 bond pending in U. S. district court, states Marshal W. T. Dowd.

The warrant alleged Shew fired at Felts when federal agents raided a distillery. Felts was protected by a tree and was not wounded.

Shew fled the scene and had been at liberty until the Salisbury arrest.

Marriage License

Three license to wed were issued in Wilkes county during the past week. The couples were as follows: George Hall and Mae Yates, both of Purlear; Phelix Monroe Swain, of Cycle and Sadie Alaine Mathis, of Jonesville; Corbie Shou and Alice Spears, both of Parsonville.

Dr. Caldwell is one of the outstanding ministers of the Southern Presbyterian church. For more than twelve years he has been pastor of the Tallahassee students in the Woman's College of the University of Florida. Born in China, a son of two outstanding missionaries, he has had experience in all phases of evangelistic work. For six years he was pastor of the Graham Presbyterian church, the home church of Rev. W. M. Cooper of this city. There his work was outstanding. From Tallahassee he went to Richmond and from Richmond to Tallahassee. He has been the Director of Young People in the Synod of Florida for a number of years and to the young people of this community he should have a special appeal. It is hoped that anyone who desires to do so will take advantage of the opportunity to have a personal interview with Dr. Caldwell.