

Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

F.D.R. IN GEORGIA Warm Springs, Ga.—Mayor W. G. Harry expects President Roosevelt to reach Warm Springs Friday on a delayed spring visit. In Washington, the White House declined any comment on the executive's plans for visiting his Georgia home, but Mayor Harry said a telephone call from Washington Monday disclosed that Mr. Roosevelt expects to reach here Friday unless fresh war developments intervene. Details as to the length of his stay were not given.

MORE FOR NAVY Washington.—Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, recommended yesterday that Congress add another \$45,000,000 to the \$965,000,000 appropriated by the House for the navy for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Testifying before the Senate naval committee on another matter, Stark said that the increase was needed because the United States was faced with an emergency. An extra \$45,000,000, he added, would permit a start on construction of 25 additional ships and provide funds for more shore facilities.

STASSEN KEYNOTER Philadelphia.—The men and women in charge of arrangements for the Republican national convention chose 33-year-old Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota yesterday to deliver the keynote speech and recommended Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts for permanent convention chairman. Plunging into organization work for the presidential nominating conclave in Philadelphia June 24, the committee on arrangements of the Republican national committee also selected five principal convention officers and then adjourned until May 16.

DRAGGED TO DEATH Statesville.—Poley C. Wike, 41, successful Cool Spring township farmer, died Monday night at the P. Long Hospital as a result of being dragged by a runaway horse on his farm. Mr. Wike's home is on old highway 90, ten miles east of Statesville. He was in the act of mounting his horse when the animal became frightened and ran. His left foot was caught in the trace chain and he was dragged for more than a mile. His wife, who witnessed the tragedy, driving the family car, overtook the running horse and managed to extricate her husband and brought him to the hospital here. Mr. Wike's skull was fractured and his body badly bruised. He was unconscious when picked up and never regained consciousness.

HECTIC EXPERIENCE Covington, Ky.—Lillian Sticker, 35, was not dead, she assured friends yesterday, but opined that maybe she had every reason to be. This is how it was: She collapsed while riding in an automobile Monday night. Her companion, believing her dead, delivered the "body" to a funeral home, the operator of which summoned police. Members of a life-saving squad detected signs of life and called an ambulance. In rounding a corner, the ambulance lost a wheel. Sparks generated by the axle on concrete ignited the gasoline tank. Passengers sent in a fire alarm and called another life-saving squad, members of which took Miss Sticker to a hospital. There it was determined she had suffered a heart attack.

Republicans Voice Economy Appeal

The State Convention Hears Speeches, Adopts The Party Platform

Charlotte.—North Carolina Republicans, 1,500 strong, re-elected three leaders yesterday and by speeches, resolutions and platform called for "restoration of confidence, prosperity and economy" in government and American life. The crowd, larger than two years ago, filled the flag-bedecked city armory-auditorium and heard addresses by John M. Morehead, of Rye, N. J., a North Carolina native, and Representative Dewey Short, of Missouri, the keynote. The platform, resoundingly adopted, called for: 1. Economy in the state government to eliminate "wasteful overlapping of services and functions in virtually all of our government." (Continued on page eight)

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

Knife Wound Is Fatal Monday To Bristol Mathis

Clingman Resident Killed In Altercation At Ronda; J. C. Drum Held

Bristol D. Mathis, 24-year-old resident of the Clingman community, was instantly killed in an altercation which occurred at a Ronda service station about 11:45 p. m. Monday.

J. C. Drum, 18-year-old resident of the same community, was arrested shortly after the affair by Sheriff C. T. Doughton and placed in jail at Wilkesboro to await preliminary hearing this afternoon.

Mathis received a fatal stab above his heart and died within a few minutes.

Drum is said to have admitted stabbing Mathis but claimed self defense, saying that Mathis was assaulting him and that he acted to defend himself.

Mathis was a son of W. T. and Maggie Green Mathis. In addition to his parents he is survived by two brothers, Jesse and Billie Mathis.

Funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon, two o'clock, at Pleasant Grove church.

The hearing today was held before I. M. Myers, Wilkes Coroner, and Drum was held for court under bond of \$1,500.

North Wilkesboro Beats Boone Nine

North Wilkesboro high school's baseball team eked out a thrilling 7 to 6 victory here Tuesday over Boone in a splendid high school baseball game.

Boone scored four runs in an unsteady first inning and two in the seventh. North Wilkesboro kept whacking away at the lead until the seventh when they scored their seventh run and sewed up the game.

Rhodes led in hitting for North Wilkesboro with three and Robert had two out of four trips to the plate. Others connecting safely were Haigwood, Elledge and Brown.

Shatley started on the mound for the locals but was replaced in the first by Brown. Storie and Miller composed Boone's battery.

North Wilkesboro plays Wilkesboro today and Taylorsville here on Tuesday.

Black Cat Beer License Revoked

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in meeting Tuesday night revoked a city beer license which had been issued to Black Cat cafe.

The revocation followed investigation of complaints by Col. Edgar H. Bain, enforcement officer for the United Brewers and Beer Distributors.

Police Chief J. E. Walker said that Col. Bain is investigating reports that other beer dealers in this vicinity have been violating the law or have been conducting their business in such a manner as to meet the disapproval of the authorities for the "clean up or close up" campaign.

Directors Burial Association Will Meet On Saturday

Annual meeting of the board of directors of Reins-Sturdivant Burial association, largest organization of its type in the state, will be held on Saturday evening, April 20, seven o'clock, at the Woc...in's clubhouse on Trogon street in this city.

Hawk Hangs Itself

Berry Mathis, well known citizen of Antioch township, gives The Journal-Patriot this interesting bit of news:

A few days ago his brother, Charlie Mathis, was walking along a wire fence on his farm and found a hawk hanging to the fence with one of the barbed wires stuck in the top of his head. The hawk struck the wire with such force that the barbed wire went in so deep as to hold the weight of the hawk, making it a perfect case of suicide for Mr. Hawk.

This is a most unusual occurrence, and the piece of news given by Mr. Mathis is greatly appreciated.

It's 'The Better 'Ole' for R. A. F. Pilots



Awaiting orders are these members of the British royal air force, stationed in a duty office dugout somewhere in France. The pilots on duty are sitting around the stove trying to keep warm while anticipating flying orders. The switchboard at right is in direct communication with R. A. F. headquarters.

Officers' School To Open In City Monday, April 22

A ten-days' course for law enforcement officers in northwest North Carolina will open in this city on Monday, April 22, Police Chief J. E. Walker said today.

Chief Walker received word from Edward Scheidt, head of the Charlotte office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that instructors from the department of justice will conduct the school. Courses will be held each afternoon, beginning at two o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro city hall, which will be headquarters for the course.

Instructions will be given in identification, fingerprinting and classification, use of firearms and various other phases in crime detection and enforcement. Chief Walker, explained that the course is open to all law enforcement officers, municipal, county, state and federal, and that it is expected that fifty or more officers will take advantage of the opportunity to secure training in the course.

District Meeting Juniors Saturday

Bradley Dancy, district councillor of Jr. O. U. A. M., today announced that Juniors of the fourth district will meet Saturday, April 20, at Clingman school building near Ronda.

The business session will begin at three o'clock and the open meeting, to which the public is invited, will begin at 7:30.

Third Shipment Morrison Pens For Journal-Patriot Subscribers Arrives

Yesterday the third shipment of Morrison fountain pens arrived at The Journal-Patriot office and the pens are going rapidly to new and renewal subscribers of The Journal-Patriot.

This offer can be made for only a limited time and while we are assured that we can obtain the Morrison pens on the introductory advertising offer we urge every subscriber on our lists and those who would like to have The Journal-Patriot sent to their homes to take advantage of the free pen offer.

Morrison pens, just now being introduced in this section, carry the lifetime guarantee of service and are pens of distinctive quality. We were able to secure them through an advertising offer and for only a fraction of the retail value.

A Morrison pen, in either gents' or ladies' style, is being given absolutely free to each new or renewal subscriber. We invite you to call at The Journal-Patriot office, see and write with one of these pens, or ask the person now using one. Every one who has received one has been well pleased and surprised that a pen of such high quality could be given away.

If it is not convenient for you to call at The Journal-Patriot office just send your remittance for one year's subscription at the regular price of \$1.50 per year in North Carolina or \$2.00 out of the state and your pen will be forwarded by mail.

Apple Trees Will Be In Bloom Soon; Damage Is Not Extensive As Feared

It's apple blossom time in Wilkes again and the orchards of the Brushies will be resplendent with their coat of pink bloom during the coming week-end. Apple blossom time in the Brushies each spring draws many visitors who like to see nature's beautiful show.

The recent low temperatures, which probably will result in a fruit crop somewhat curtailed, will have no effect on the bloom, which will be unusually heavy and resplendent. Carl E. VanDeman, orchard specialist in charge of the research laboratory on the Brushies, said today that the freeze damage to the prospective crop will not be as great as was first feared.

\$4,539.11 Paid To Jobless Through N.C.S.E.S. Office

893 Checks Distributed To Unemployed During The Month Of March

The North Wilkesboro Employment Service office distributed, 893 checks in the amount of \$4,539.11 in the area served by the office during the month of March, it announced by E. G. Gentry, manager.

In the 27 months of distribution of out-of-work benefits, from January, 1938, through March, 1940, the North Wilkesboro office had distributed 33,764 checks in the amount of \$222,163.16 in the area it serves.

The 46 white employment offices and the 10 colored branch offices in the State in the month of March distributed 70,161 checks for a total of \$352,225.98, less 1,362 checks for \$15,058.34 which went to claimants who had established wage credits in North Carolina but who resided in other states while drawing benefits.

In the 27 months of benefit payments, these local offices distributed 2,019,121 checks for \$13,326,086.16 in North Carolina, in addition to the 20,046 checks for \$230,233 which went to out-of-state claimants. Total payments for the 27 months to resident and non-resident claimants amounted to \$13,556,320.93, included in 2,039,167 checks.

North Carolina's Unemployment Fund balance had passed \$20,000,000, standing on April 10 at \$20,189,002.08, but subject to a reduction of an estimated \$750,000 to \$300,000 to be turned over to the Railroad Retirement Board when the exact amount is determined. Chairman Charles G. Powell reports. Contributions of employers and interest on the U. S. Treasury balance bring receipts to \$33,900,976.20, from which benefits of \$13,711,974.12 had been paid to unemployed eligible workers in 1938 and 1939 and through April 10, 1940.

Poppy Day Will Be On May 25th

Legion Auxiliary Planning For Annual Sale Event Memorial Flowers

Poppy Day will be observed in North Wilkesboro and throughout the nation on May 25, the Saturday before Memorial Day, Mrs. R. G. Finley, President of Wilkes Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today. On that day all Americans will be asked to wear memorial poppies in tribute to the World War dead and to aid the living victims of the war.

The little red memorial flowers will be distributed here by women and girls of the Wilkes Unit, under the direction of Mrs. Andrew Kilby and Mrs. W. D. Halfacre of the Poppy Day committee. All contributions received for the poppies will go to Legion and Auxiliary welfare work for the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

"We feel that Poppy Day will have increased meaning to America this year," said Mrs. R. G. Finley, "because renewed warfare in Europe has renewed the memory of those boys of ours who gave their lives 'over there' twenty-two years ago. It is for them that we put on the poppy each year, to show that we still remember and honor their sacrifice. It is the flower which grew where they fell and which now blooms on the coats of Americans who appreciate their service."

"Events of the past year have shown us clearly that to be secure the United States must have men ready and able to defend the country, willing to give their lives in its defense, if necessary. We can be thankful today that we had such men twenty-two years ago. From them we can draw inspiration for the patriotic service necessary to maintain our freedom and democracy against today's dangers. Wearing their flower over our hearts means that within our hearts their love of America still lives."

Spring Dance

The Garden Department of the Wilkesboro Junior Woman's Club is giving a dance Friday, April 26, at the Community house in Wilkesboro. 9:00 till 11:00. 50 cents.

Federal Government Spends \$2,735,815 In Wilkes In Six Years

Is A Candidate



Dr. H. G. Duncan, prominent educator and author, who has filed as the Republican candidate to membership on the Wilkes county board of education. He will oppose C. G. McNeil in the fall election.

Should Apply Now For P. C. A. Loans

558 Crop Production Loan Applications Received By The Association

Since the time the Wilkesboro branch office of the Winston-Salem Production Credit Association will be active is short, farmers and stockmen of Wilkes county who are interested in obtaining production credit loans should place their applications now with Representative Mrs. Aline Yates at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, L. E. Francis, Secretary-Treasurer, stated today.

The Association has already closed 558 loans this year for more than \$110,000, continued Mr. Francis, and it is estimated the applications already written in the territory which will be closed within the next few days amount to \$15,000, making a total of \$125,000 already written.

The Association makes loans to farmers and stockmen for general agricultural purposes, including the purchase of fertilizer, seed, farm equipment and supplies. The interest rate is only 4-1/2 per cent, and interest is paid only for the actual number of days the members have use of the money. Interest is not deducted.

Any farmer who can use a production credit loan profitably is invited to discuss his needs with Mrs. Yates at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court or with Mr. Francis at the Home Office in the Trade Street Branch of the Wachovia Bank Building at Winston-Salem.

Home Coming Is Held On Sunday

Reunion Services Held At Wilkesboro Methodist Church Sunday

Many former members and residents of the town joined with the congregation of Wilkesboro Methodist church Sunday in all-day home coming services held at the church. At 11 a. m. Rev. J. L. Reynolds, former pastor now stationed at Burnsville, occupied the pulpit and the feature of the afternoon program was an address by Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., pastor of Ardmore Methodist church in Winston-Salem. His inspiring message was directed mainly to young people.

Dinner was served picnic style at noon on the church premises. Rev. S. N. Needham, of Charlotte, was scheduled to preach at 7:30 p. m. but he was unable to attend on account of illness and the pulpit was occupied by Dr. W. J. Plint, present pastor.

Over Two Million Of Amount Spent Is Not Repayable

Repayable Loans By Government During Period In County \$686,392

Between March 4, 1933 and June 30, 1939, \$2,735,815 was the total of federal expenditures in Wilkes county, according to figures released from the office of government reports, Washington, D. C.

Of this amount \$2,049,423 was non-repayable and the remainder, \$686,392 represented repayable loans through several government agencies.

The greatest single classification of federal expenditures in Wilkes county has been through the Works Projects administration, the amount being \$832,999. Public roads administration with \$519,705 was second.

Other expenditure figures included in the total for the county were: PWA, \$138,961; old age assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to blind, \$45,188; Triple A conservation programs 1936 and 1937, \$76,947; rural rehabilitation, \$3,985; federal emergency relief, \$282,961; Civil Works administration, \$112,457; Triple A rental and benefit payments, \$36,920.

The \$686,392 in repayable federal expenditures, included the following items: Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans, \$377,915; Public Works administration loans, non-federal projects, \$51,000; Farm Credit administration, land bank commissioner, \$76,425; emergency crop and feed loans, \$17,510; Rural Rehabilitation loans, \$36,457; farm tenant purchase loans, \$46,577; Home Owners Loan corporation, \$80,508.

The statistics given above were released by the Committee On Commerce, of which Senator J. W. Bailey is chairman.

Last Rites Held For J. M. Brown

Service For Attorney Who Died Monday Morning Held On Tuesday

An impressive funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon for J. M. Brown, 38, widely known Wilkes attorney who died early Monday morning.

The service, conducted by Dr. W. J. Plint, Wilkesboro Methodist pastor, and Rev. C. C. Holland, pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, was held at the home of Ex-Sheriff P. E. Brown, brother of the deceased, and was largely attended.

Many beautiful flowers were a silent but impressive tribute by many friends of Attorney Brown and the family.

Burial was in Mt. Zion cemetery in Mulberry township.

Active pallbearers were: H. A. Cranor, T. E. Story, J. H. Whicker, Jr., W. H. McElwee, J. F. Jordan, Harold Burke, Clyde Hayes, C. F. Gilreath.

Honorary pallbearers were: A. H. Casey, J. H. Whicker, Sr., John R. Jones, Eugene Trivette, Kyle Hayes, Ralph Davis, J. Allie Hayes, F. J. McDuffie, T. R. Bryan, J. R. Henderson, Judge Johnson, J. Hayes, Judge J. A. Rouseau, Judge T. B. Finley, C. C. Hayes, Old Wiles, C. T. Doughton, C. G. Poindexter, W. B. Somers, James Somers, J. C. Grayson, C. B. Eller, Dr. G. T. Mitchell, Dr. E. N. Phillips, Dr. F. C. Hubbard, Dr. J. H. McNeil, Dr. Sam Holbrook, Dr. J. W. Davis, Dr. Thomas Lee White, Lawrence Gray, Charles Cowles, C. C. Sidden, Dr. W. R. Triplett, M. F. Absher, O. F. Eller, J. R. Hix, R. W. Gwyn, W. D. Half-acre, A. F. Kibby, Norman Smoak, W. O. Blackburn, R. C. Miller, Buel Brooks, Dave Mink, Jesse Sheets, J. T. Wyatt, R. T. McNeill, John Walker, J. R. Rouseau, Lawrence Miller, R. S. Gibbs, J. C. Reins, C. E. Lunderman, N. B. Smither, Joe Pearson.

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