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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

## NATIONAL

**SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27—**Waterways, turned to torrents by cloudbursts and melting snow, drove as many as 3,000 persons from their homes today in a score or more northern California cities. Almost nine inches of rain fell in 24 hours at several points. The storm, in its third day, left river conditions critical. More rain was in prospect, and flood conditions equalling the ravages of December, 1937, were predicted by the weather bureau.

**ABOARD U. S. Lang at Sea, Feb. 27—**President Roosevelt said today that doubling the present number of planes and guns defending the Panama Canal was necessary for the long range defense of the vital link between the Atlantic and Pacific. Such a long range program contemplates defense operations extending, if necessary, throughout Central America and as far south as Ecuador, Columbia and Venezuela, he told reporters at a press conference aboard the cruiser Tuscaloosa after he had completed a thorough inspection of canal defenses and had started the homeward voyage to the United States.

## INTERNATIONAL

**LONDON, Feb. 27—**Winston Churchill, seasoned warden of Britain's sea-power, disclosed today that Germany had damaged the British battleships Nelson and Barham, warned of even greater German attacks on "the sea-power by which we live," and then announced to a cheering house of commons that Britain's five new 35,000-ton battleships would shortly join the grand fleet. He also said the Nelson and Barham, both apparently crippled in December, soon would be at sea again.

**BERLIN, Feb. 27—**The impression grew today that Adolf Hitler would give Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, due in Berlin Friday, a comprehensive exposition of Germany's claims to a dominant position in central and south-eastern Europe as well as demands for return of her colonies. Arrangements for Welles' visit were confirmed by Alexander Kirk, American charge d'affaires, in a visit to the foreign office. According to present plans, Welles will go into a huddle Friday with Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, who is recovering from gripe, and probably will see Hitler Saturday.

## Finnish Relief Funds Continue To Come in

Donations to the Finnish Relief Funds continue to come in and interest in the cause of the little nation increases as the days go by and their suffering is intensified.

One development during the week is the soliciting of funds for Fighting Finns, Inc., a separate organization from the Finnish Relief Fund. In this all banks are asked to take donations for this cause, which is for the purchase of arms and ammunition for the Finns. The Bank of Yadkin tells The Ripple it will take any donations and forward them to the right place. The other two banks of the county could not be contacted but it is assumed they will do likewise.

Donations received during the week for the relief fund are as follows:

Previously reported	\$23.25
Yadkinville school	7.41
Forbush school	2.47
Jonesville school	8.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41.98</b>

**Would Fire**  
Spie—What would you say if you saw me lined up before a firing squad like the man we just saw in that movie?  
Gal Friend—Fire!

## Holding Court Here



Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, is holding his first court in Yadkinville this week. Judge Bobbitt is from the district in which Judge Harding formerly resided. He is a man of pleasing personality and his decisions and judgments here this week have met with universal praise from court officials and the public.

## DAM CASE NOT SETTLED HERE; ARGUED TODAY

Settlement Reached, Signed; Then Rescinded by the County Board

### MANY RUMORS HEARD

The High Point dam on the Yadkin river, that turbulent question that has aroused the people of this section for more than a year, flared up again this week when it became known that negotiations were being made looking toward a settlement of the Yadkin case now in supreme court, where it will be argued today.

From the many reports in the daily newspapers and current rumors, The Ripple learns that what happened was about as follows:

The old rumored offer of the city of High Point to pay Yadkin county a certain sum of money; buy the county home lands and rebuild certain roads and bridges, amounting to more than \$100,000, was revived. The board of county commissioners was called to meet Friday afternoon of last week. Two of the members, D. A. Reynolds, chairman, and L. L. Smitherman were present; a resolution was drawn and signed accepting the condition as set out in the original plans.

On Monday the full board met in Yadkinville with representatives and attorneys for the City of High Point and the matter further discussed, agreeing on the settlement.

A few hours later the same board met in the office of County Attorney D. L. Kelly, who was opposed to the settlement, and rescinded their agreement in a written order and recorded the same on the minutes of their meeting, signed by all three members.

Thus the High Point hydro-electric dam project, involving \$6,500,000, remains as it did a week ago and the supreme court is proceeding to hear it as originally planned after Judge Sink's decision last summer.

## Yadkin Basketball Tourney Opens Here Tonight

The annual Yadkin county basketball tournament will begin tonight, February 29, at 7 o'clock and continue through Saturday night, March 2, in the Yadkinville high gymnasium.

Last year the tournament was held in the West Yadkin gym. Yadkinville boys and Boonville girls are the defending champions.

Four games will be played in the tournament the opening night. West Yadkin and Jonesville girls meet in the opening game at 7 o'clock.

The schedule:  
1—West Yadkin vs. Jonesville (girls).  
8—East Bend vs. West Yadkin (boys).  
9—Courtney vs. East Bend (girls).  
10—Boonville vs. Courtney (boys).

## TWO BOYS ARE BOUND OVER TO FEDERAL COURT

Arrested by Yadkin County Officers, They Admit Entering Post Office

BOND IS SET AT \$500

Two young men, each 17, were bound over to Federal court by U. S. Commissioner M. W. Mackie, Friday, after they admitted entering the post office at Boonville on December 17, and taking therefrom a pistol belonging to Postmaster Fred Key.

The two boys, Ernest Brown and Warren Hudson, both of the Boonville section, were arrested by Sheriff A. L. Inscore, assisted by Deputies F. E. Hurt and Jake Brown, who had been working on the case since the breaking occurred. The boys also admitted, according to officers, that they entered the hardware store of C. D. Poindexter at Boonville on the same night by removing a window pane. They also took a pistol and other small articles from this store. Both pistols were recovered, one at Brown's home and the other where he had sold it.

Officers had worked on the case since it happened but were unable to get anywhere until the filling station of W. G. Brown, also in Boonville, was entered a few nights ago. A few days later one of the boys was offering cigarettes for sale and the officers started work again, soon ferreting out the case and the boys confessed.

The post office robbery being a federal offense they were turned over to federal authorities. Commissioner Mackie set their bonds at \$500 each, which they had not made when taken to Winston-Salem jail by a deputy marshal.

Local officers think they have cleared up petty thievery in that section with the arrest of the two boys. They will be tried at the May term of Federal Court at Winston-Salem.

There are now 13 white and two colored persons in the home, two of which will soon be sent to Iredell county, from which they came.

The blue grass in Kentucky is that color only in June.

## Officials Should Sell County Home

The grand jury in session here this week, headed by Worth Rockett as foreman, recommended the sale of the Yadkin county home in their report to Judge W. H. Bobbitt. The paragraph referring to the recommendation reads as follows:

"We recommend that the Board of County Commissioners dispose of the present county home property, and that the proceeds from same be used in the construction of a modern county home on some paved highway, as we consider the present home undesirable."

This is the second time a similar recommendation has been made by the grand jury. The county home property embodies about 200 acres, a small prairie coming to the sand clay road near the state prison camp. The remainder goes back to the creek with some good bottom lands, now uncultivated.

Some of the buildings of the county home have been built in recent years, while others have been there many years and while they are comfortable, they are not

## Yadkinville Girls And Boonville Boys, Win 4-County Cage Tourney

Yadkinville Girls and Boonville Boys carried off all the honors in the 4-County Basketball tournament played at Elkin gymnasium during the past week, ending last night.

The Yadkinville girls swamped Ronda girls 37 to 24 in the finals which ended at 9 o'clock last night.

In the boys' game Boonville defeated their ancient rivals, Yadkinville, by a score of 16 to 10, to win the four-county honors of the annual tournament.

Frank Spencer, sports editor of the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel, last night awarded small miniature basket-balls to the following players in the tournament as a symbol of outstanding ability.

Picked for the boys all-tournament team were: Bill Green, Yadkinville; Graham Stinson, Boonville; Ralph Swaim, Jonesville; Howard Wilmoth, Dobson; and Joe Transou, Elkin.

The girls all-tournament team were: Katherine Williams and Hazel Spillman, Yadkinville; Nannie Woodruff, Boonville; Odessa Martin, Copeland; Ruth Tarpe, Ronda; and Rose Waggoner, Sparta.

The high school band, under the direction of Allen Dickman was on the program to provide music before and between games. Elkin's excellent boys' team Tuesday night reached the semifinals only to be nosed out 20-18 after showing a lead at the half. The Elkin girl's team was eliminated earlier in the tournament.

## Father of 24 Children



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Collins, of Boonville, the former the father of 24 children, 19 of whom are living. Mrs. Collins is Mr. Collins' second wife, and is the mother of 12 of his children.—(Yadkin Ripple Photo.)

## Father of 24 Lives Quietly At Home In Boonville; 19 Living

I. C. Collins, Age 79, Is Farmer Who Has An Even One Hundred Descendants Scattered in Many Sections of the Nation; Says It Is Just As Easy to Bring up a Large Family As An Ordinary One

(By W. E. RUTLEDGE)

Mr. I. C. (Coldwell) Collins, of Boonville, is a good farmer, a good Quaker and the father of 24 children, and this is just a starter for this man of 79 summers who has spent all his life in the Boonville section and has reared this remarkable family with two wives.

Mr. Collins is a quiet, unassuming man of six feet three inches, who goes about his daily duties like a man 30 years younger than he is; he has a large farm and the more tobacco he is allowed to raise the better it suits him.

He is proud of his 24 children, 19 of whom are now living, but not inclined to brag about it. When asked by the writer to name them he threw up his hands and admitted it was too much of a task for him, and neither could he give the address of all as they range across the continent to California. The present Mrs. Collins, who was Miss Fannie Brown and married to Mr. Collins in 1912, is a quiet, industrious little woman and together with a daughter supplied us with all the family information needed to make a small book.

**Married 58 Years**  
Mr. Collins was first married to Miss Lutina Farrington in 1882 and to this union was born a dozen children. His marriage to Miss Brown brought another dozen, although one of these was born dead.

"If all my children had been boys I could have had a couple of baseball teams," said Mr. Collins, "with some extras in case of accident."

The children and their addresses are as follows: Mrs. Wilma Vestal, Mrs. Lora Vestal, Mrs. Grady Reece and Mrs. Julia Waggoner, of Boonville; Arthur Collins, Leonard Collins, Mrs. Ina Coon and Mrs. Lona Barker, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Fonzo Collins, of Redwood City, Calif.; Mrs. Nevada Wood, of Winston-Salem; Daniel Collins, of Clarion, Iowa; Zeno Collins, of Jonesville; Mrs. Cora Lee Smith, Andrew C. Collins, Mrs. Pearl Mendenhall, John E. Farris and Ray Junior Collins, all of Boonville.

**An Even 100**  
Now we are getting down to real descendants. It took some figures to get together the num-

ber of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and when the work was completed the tally showed an even 100 (that was two weeks ago) and they, too, were scattered in many sections. There showed to be 49 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren. Their pictures filled the family album.

**What a Vote!**  
Mr. Collins allowed that he could swing the tide when it came to voting and if he had them all in Yadkin the results might be different on election nights. Mr. Collins has been a Republican all his life, he stated, and strangely enough his children all married Republicans and then more Republicans. With Mr. and Mrs. Collins, their descendants and the in-laws there are 59 votes, all just alike. Three children are under 21, the youngest 12.

Speaking further of his unusual family, Mr. Collins thinks it about as easy to bring up a house full as just an ordinary family and his observation shows little difference. He should know.

**A Reunion?**  
Sometimes Mr. and Mrs. Collins speak of having a reunion of this family of 120 persons but then it seems a problem. However they may try it sometime. It would be an interesting sight for a family of this size in a get-together and is well worth trying.

**Funeral Held for Miles Casstevens**  
Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at North Oak Ridge Baptist church for Miles A. Casstevens, 82, who died early Sunday night from complications due to advanced age. Rev. Cleat Simmons, the pastor, was in charge, with Rev. R. L. Speer assisting. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Casstevens was a native of Yadkin and had spent his life in the North Oak Ridge section. He was a well known farmer. He was married to Miss Catherine Casstevens, who preceded him in death several years ago. Immediate relative is one daughter, Mrs. Ida Fishel, of Boonville.

## POINDEXTER IS FREED; THIEVES GET LONG TERM

Superior Court Here Busy Grinding Out Justice

### NEW JUDGE PRESIDES

The February term of Yadkin criminal court got under way Monday morning with Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, presiding, and Solicitor A. E. Hall representing the state. Worth Rockett, of Union Cross, was foreman of the grand jury and A. H. Logan, of Yadkinville, was secretary. The grand jury finished their work Tuesday.

**Poindexter Freed**  
One of the first cases disposed of was that of Charlie Frank Poindexter, young man of Union Grove, who was charged with perjury in connection with statements made following the burning of his roadhouse, "Green Gables" two miles east of Boonville last year. His trial was started Monday afternoon and continued until Tuesday noon.

At that time his attorney, A. T. Grant, of Mocksville, made a motion to dismiss the case because of insufficient evidence. Judge Bobbitt agreed the evidence insufficient and set young Poindexter free of the charge.

He is a son of Ex-Sheriff C. W. Poindexter, of Yadkin county.

**Wheat Thieves**  
The next trial of consequence was that of three white men charged with stealing a quantity of wheat from the barn of Arvil Vanhoy. The men are Mose and Sherman Hazelwood and Willie Stanley, all of Surry county, but who are said to have roamed over the state right much and when arrested by Sheriff Inscore and deputies were wanted in a number of counties on theft charges, according to the officers.

They were convicted on two charges of stealing and sentenced to serve three years in state prison on each charge, but the sentences are to run concurrently, making three years each.

After being placed in jail here the three tried to tear up the Yadkin jail and were tried in county court on that charge, being given 60 days each on the county roads which they served before this term of court. After going to the county roads they escaped but were recaptured.

Sheriff A. L. Inscore states that his information is they are bad boys and when he arrested them they had 26 empty sacks in their car, which belonged to Stanley and the car was equipped with wooden blocks to hold the springs in place when overloaded. They also had a sawed-off shot gun in the car when arrested in Stokes-town near where the wheat was stolen. Sheriff Inscore spent some time on the case before cracking it, making two trips to Eastern Carolina tracing them.

In the case of Henry Newman and Jesse Couch, of Elkin, and Fred Shore, charged with breaking and entering the store of B. B. Spencer near Boonville, all defendants pleaded guilty and were sentenced as follows: Henry Newman 18 months in state prison; Fred Shore 15 months in state prison and Jesse Couch 12 months in state prison.

Since robbing the Spencer store Newman has been tried at Taylorsville for breaking into a store in Alexander county and is now serving a term in state prison. He was brought from Raleigh here for this trial.

Ralph Grimes, charged with larceny, plead guilty and was given eight months on the roads. Maliciah Garris, breaking and entering, pleaded guilty and was given 12 months in state prison.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We want to thank the good people of our neighborhood for every service rendered during the short illness and after the death of our dear mother, Mrs. J. H. White. We also extend thanks to those who sent the beautiful flowers and for the special music rendered at the funeral.  
J. H. WHITE AND FAMILY

## AN APOLOGY

In a statement made from the stage of the Yadkinville Theatre, last week, reference was made to an article printed in a newspaper. No reflection was meant on any Local Paper, as the story was in an out of town newspaper.  
J. E. SHEW, Mgr.