

### DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST WILL BE HELD AT LENOIR

C. Harper, Chairman, Advises Superintendent Wright of Date

#### FOR EIGHT COUNTIES

Wilkes Usually Enters Contestants; Likely To This Year

The District Music Contests for the district composed of the counties of Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Watauga and Wilkes will be held in Lenoir on April 21, according to a letter received by Superintendent C. C. Wright from James C. Harper, of Lenoir, chairman of the district.

Wilkes county usually enters contestants and is expected to do so again this year. The district contest has grown every year and increasing interest is being shown in musical attainments.

The following is taken from Mr. Harper's letter:

"Schools which have a shortened term this year are allowed to compete even after their commencements when their term closes before the date of the contest provided that only students are used who would have been eligible if the term had extended longer. In some cases this will make the problem easier than before as the teacher and students may devote uninterrupted time to practice just before the contests and the conflict with commencement plans is easier.

"All information about the contest is to be found in the contest bulletin which may be had free on request to Dr. Wade R. Brown, Dean of Music, Womans College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, N. C. "It is advised that all schools start to work on their contest music as early as possible. Addresses of houses which can supply the contest music may be found in the bulletin itself. "The fees for the contest are the same as in past years—fifty cents for each event entered. Fees and registration must be sent to the undersigned two weeks before the date of the contest. Late registration will be allowed only where the fees are double the usual amount."

### FRAZIER IS CONVICTED ON FORGERY CHARGE

Elkin, Feb. 16.—Charged with forgery and embezzlement in four counts, J. W. Frazier, former secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Biltrite Furniture company, of Elkin, up to the time of its failure to function almost five years ago, yesterday was convicted on two counts in Surry Superior court at Dobson, over which Judge W. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, is presiding and sentenced to the state prison for two to three years.

Immediately after the alleged forgeries and embezzlement of a considerable amount of the furniture company's funds, approximately \$70,000, Frazier fled the state and many weeks afterward was apprehended and arrested in Detroit and brought back to Elkin for a preliminary court hearing. He was convicted and committed to Surry county jail to await a Superior court hearing, and later made bond for his liberty.

Attorneys for the defendant, at each term of criminal court in the county for five years, have asked continuance.

At the present term when the Frazier forgery case was called, the same plea was made by J. Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville, counsel for the defense, but the presiding jurist and solicitor were of the joint opinion that five years was a sufficient period of grace for a case of such nature.

The defense attempted to show that Frazier was temporarily incompetent to transact business at the time of the forgery and embezzlement but state witnesses, including the most prominent merchants and business men of Elkin, testified to their belief in his mental competency.

Catawba county poultry growers have sold one shipment of capons to eastern markets this season for 21 1-2 cents a pound.

A group of Pamlico county hog growers sold 6,000 pounds cooperatively last week at a net price of \$3.95 a hundred.

## North Wilkesboro Wins In Game With N. C. School For the Deaf

### Now Senator Clark



Bennett C. Clark, (D) Missouri, son of a former Speaker, Champ Clark, was sworn in as the new Senator from his state, February 3, succeeding Sen. Hawes, and thus gaining seniority rights.

## G. O. P. MAKING PLANS REBUILD PARTY FOR 1936

### National Republican League Headed By Present Vice President

WASHINGTON.—A national Republican league, headed by Vice President Curtis, has been formed to attempt restoring the G. O. P. from the tremendous drubbing the voters gave it last November.

The new organization, announced Sunday night by John A. Campbell of White Plains, N. Y., who will be its director, is designed to carry on a vigorous campaign for a come-back, not only in the 1936 year's congressional races also.

It is professedly neither for nor against the interests of any one candidate. What has been disclosed of its make-up so far is strictly regular Republican.

Under Curtis as Chairman, three vice chairmen have been named: Senators Felix Herbert of Rhode Island and Daniel O. Hastings of Delaware, and former Representative John Q. Tilson of Connecticut. Headquarters will be opened in Washington, and from it a steady campaign of "information" will be issued, directed especially at the younger voters but not overlooking any of the public. Campbell's announcement pointed out that some 8,000,000 new voters will come along between now and 1936 and said: "To a very large degree the future of the Republican party will be in their hands."

Curtis, in his letter accepting the office, said: "It has long occurred to me that some such organization should be formed for the education of the youth of the country in the principles of the Republican party."

Campbell, the organizer, has worked for the Republican national committee in its eastern headquarters during the last three presidential campaigns and in between has helped the national congressional committee. He said the league already has eastern headquarters functioning in eNw York City.

This move is the first rebuilding step in the party since election, but a general reorganization has been looked for by many in the party to come some time after March 4. At the capital the Republicans have been very busy conferring. Some have been trying to get together to oust Everett Sanders as chairman of the national committee. He was put there by President Hoover. What part Mr. Hoover is to play in the direction of the Republican party of the future is one of the fundamental questions to be settled. The machine as it stands is largely his, but whether it could remain so if he wished to retain control and point for renomination in 1936 has yet to be shown.

### Harvey Bullis Is Given Surprise Birthday Party

Harvey Bullis was given a surprise birthday party at his home at Adley Wednesday night. Those from outside the Adley community who were guests at the party included Charlie Ferguson, Misses Pansy and Early Ferguson, of Goshen, and Miss Blanche Swanson, of Boone.

After the dinner, the guests were entertained with string music and singing by Harvey and Roy Bullis, and Frank Gilreath, who played the violin, banjo and guitar. Everyone seemed to have a most enjoyable time.

### QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question: How should Irish potatoes be treated before planting to prevent disease?

Answer: Before cutting for seed all Irish potatoes should be soaked for 1 to 1-2 hours in a solution of one pint of Formaldehyde and 30 gallons of water. They should then be washed and dried before cutting the seed pieces. If bad weather or other causes prevent immediate planting, the seed pieces should be dusted with finely ground sulphur to dry out and protect the freshly cut surface.

### Played At Morganton Friday Night; Score Was 24 To 16

In quest of a Western Conference championship, the North Wilkesboro high school basketball quint, coached by H. V. Overcash, won their eighth straight conference victory Friday evening at Morganton by defeating the North Carolina School for the Deaf by the score of 24 to 16.

Revis and Church were high scorers for the local team, each getting 7 points. Pardue was close behind with 6 points to his credit.

Coach Overcash's boys displayed the same high class basketball that has carried them through their Western Conference schedule undefeated to date. They have lost but two games this season.

Lambert led the attack to the "dummies," scoring nine of his team's 16 points.

This was the second time the local boys have won over them.

### Physicians Mystified At Death of Boxer In New York Last Week

New York, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Death came with the dark hours before dawn today to take Ernie Schaaf, 24-year-old Boston heavyweight, and leave shrouded in mystery one of the most tragic episodes in modern ring warfare.

Scarcely had the boxing world learned the youngster was dead, apparently the result of the beating Gigantic Primo Carnera gave him in 13 rounds in Madison Square Garden last Friday night, before a succession of developments revised almost every previous conception of the happenings of the past three days.

Dr. Charles W. Norris, chief medical examiner, announced that an autopsy revealed "absolutely no evidence that Schaaf died as a result of injuries received in that bout," although Dr. Bryan Stookey, brain specialist, who operated on the stricken warrior yesterday in an effort to relieve brain pressure, had declared flatly to the contrary.

Cerebral Hemorrhage Cause Yet Dr. Benjamin Vance, assistant to Dr. Norris, and the surgeon who performed the autopsy, signed the certificate giving as the causes of death "cerebral hemorrhage and cerebral compression," sustaining Dr. Stookey's diagnosis.

But to further heighten the mystery, Dr. Vance said it was his opinion that some growth, a cyst, or tumor hitherto unsuspected, was the real explanation of the compression that paralyzed the fighter's left side and left him in a state of semi-coma from the moment he was carried out of the ring until he died in Polyclinic hospital at 4:26 this morning.

Complete examination and microscopic analysis of the brain, which would determine absolutely the cause of death, cannot be completed for 10 days because of the necessity for treating the brain with solutions.

These developments, lending credence to the first beliefs that Schaaf entered the ring in poor physical condition or had been suffering from an unsuspected organic ailment, overshadowed police investigations that began immediately after the fighter died.

No Criminal Negligence First orders were issued for Carnera's arrest to answer homicide charges, but this was quickly changed to interrogation at the district attorney's office. No evidence of any "criminal negligence" was found, according to Assistant District Attorney James P. Daly, after an examination of all concerned, but he added a final decision was reserved until receipt of the medical examiner's full report.

In addition to Carnera, his and Schaaf's managers and handlers, the referee and boxing commission official all were questioned, but contributed no new developments. From Alabama came an order by Governor Lehman to the New York State Athletic commission for an investigation into "all the circumstances" in connection with the boxer's death. As a result Billy Cavanaugh, West Point boxing coach who referred the match; the judges William Dunn and Tommy Shortell; Dr. William Walker, commission physician, who examined and passed Schaaf as in perfect condition before the fight, were among those interviewed.

Then to complete the cycle of events, legislators in Albany, led by Senator Henry G. Schackno, chairman of the judiciary committee, announced a movement would be started within a few days to repeal the boxing law under which the game has been conducted here for more than 100 years.

Early Settler (?) A visitor in a village noticed that one inhabitant was treated with great respect by the others. He asked a storekeeper the reason.

"He's one of the early settlers," the merchant replied.

Early settlers? "Why, he's not more than thirty years old!"

"That may be true, but he pays his bills promptly on the first of every month."

### Mtn. View Forfeits To Mount Pleasant

Girls of Mountain View Win 21 To 1; Boys Decline To Play

Mount Pleasant finished the county conference race with only two defeats Friday afternoon, when Mountain View high school forfeited the closing game of the season by declining to play. With a schedule of ten games, they won eight, defeating some of the strongest teams in the county.

The Mountain View boys rather than play on an outdoor court Friday afternoon preferred to forfeit the game which if they had won would have given them at least a tie for the county championship. Mount Pleasant thus took the lead.

The Mount Pleasant girls, sadly outclassed during the entire season, lost 21 to 1 to the Mountain View girls who finished the conference race without a defeat. The sextet of Mount Pleasant won only one game during the season.

### LEONARD OPPOSED TO SALES TAX

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consumption, in order that the wheels of commerce may begin spinning again. Sales taxes are a tax on consumption, and should not be tolerated. I cannot agree with those who claim sales taxes would equally distribute the tax burden, and would not effect consumption.

### Income Tax Fairest

"Then, too, sales taxes reverse the principle of the income tax—the fairest of all taxes. A little figuring will show that. For instance: The man with an income of \$100,000 would probably not spend more than \$10,000 a year for merchandise subject to sales taxes, which means he would pay a sales tax of only one-tenth of one per cent on his income. But the man with an income of only \$1,500 must normally spend \$1,000 of that income—or 2 thirds—for necessary merchandise, which he would pay two-thirds of one per cent on his income.

"A prominent member of the Legislature who knows my views on taxation told me in Winston-Salem a few days ago that I was right in only one portion of my oft-repeated statement that the government, both State and national, should do what its citizens had been forced to do, namely: reduce expenses and defer payment of part of the debt. He said the expenses could be reduced, but that payment of public debt could not be deferred, because the State's financial stability was threatened: that the budget must be balanced to save State's credit.

He sees it from the banker's standpoint, which I can thoroughly appreciate. But I still contend that it is time for the people to rise up in their might and demand that budgets be balanced by reducing public expenses, rather than by increasing taxes to take care of appropriations which have not been materially reduced.

### Nerves On Edge

"The nerves of the people are on edge. Our spiritual structure is threatened with a breakdown in keeping with the breakdown which has come to our economic structure. Something must be done to relieve us of such a great tax burden and something must be done to save the city dwellers from mortgage foreclosures, along with the farmers. The bidding-down process is working just as great havoc as did the bidding-up process. Prices of everything are being depressed, and will be until something is done to break the vicious circles working toward disaster. I believe real leadership will soon assert itself to remedy much of this, and that presently we will all feel the good effects of the turn of the tide, which now appears to be more or less stationary. We need courage to keep on-keeping on until victory against economic forces is definitely won and prosperity returns."

Although no longer connected with the merchants association, Mr. Leonard has retained his interest in matters of taxation. While executive secretary of the association, he led a successful opposition to a sales tax.

### Counting Them

An old lady visiting New York asked a policeman what bus she should take to get to a certain place. He told her to take the 412 bus that passed her corner.

A few hours later the policeman returned to find the old lady still standing on the corner. "What, haven't you got your bus yet?" he asked.

"It's all right," she said. This is the 223rd, so it will only be 189 busses from now."

### CARD OF THANKS

We thank our many neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy, shown during the sickness and death of our dear father and husband.

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## Today and Tomorrow

BOOM . . . . . and in gold The end of almost every previous depression in the history of the world has been marked by some kind of a speculative boom. Perhaps the wave of speculation in gold mining stocks which started a couple of weeks ago on the London Stock Exchange may prove the impetus that will bring money back into circulation rapidly.

More gold was mined in 1932 than in any previous year since world records began to be kept. Most of it came from South African mines; a big percentage of it from Canada. Gold is worth more, measured in commodities and labor, than it has ever been. That makes shares in producing gold mines particularly valuable.

In times like these no predictions are safe, but I want to register a guess that the next few months will see a revival of speculation not only in gold mining stocks, but in other securities. Speculation does not make prosperity, but it is nearly always an evidence that people who control important money have come to the conclusion that the worst is over, and are taking their money out of hiding. And that means that prosperity is closer at hand.

### TAXES . . . . . and how applied

I cannot escape the conviction that the fairest systems of taxation are those that are based directly upon what the taxpayer gets for his money. Every cigarette smoker pays a six cents tax every time he buys a package of twenty cigarettes, but nobody protests because nobody feels that he is being taxed. Few people object to paying the gasoline tax, the proceeds of which make highway improvement and maintenance possible.

I think one weakness of our income tax system is that incomes from all sources are taxed at the same rate and lumped together. Incomes from rents ought possibly be taxed at one rate, incomes from dividends on stock investments at another rate, and incomes from the profits of trade at still another.

More people are studying this question of taxation, and studying it more intelligently than ever before. We are going to see radical changes in our taxation system.

### BATHS . . . . . in the White House

I remember when I was a boy in Washington that there was a great debate in Congress over the question of putting a second bathroom into the White House. Mr. Cleveland was President and his political opponents in Congress declared that he was a devotee of luxurious extravagance in wanting more than one bathroom for the entire White House.

I don't know how many bathrooms there are in the White House now, but my guess is at least a dozen. But when it was proposed in Congress the other day to give President Roosevelt enough money to put a swimming pool in the White House basement, and Representative Schaefer of Washington objected on the grounds of extravagance, I was reminded of the furor over Mr. Cleveland's bathroom.

"There are lots of people in the United States that don't have swimming pools," said Mr. Schaefer. That was a pretty cheap appeal to unintelligent voters. He might have added that there are a lot of people, also, who are not President of the United States.

### AMENDMENTS . . . . . important one

Perhaps the next amendment to the Federal Constitution will be the repeal of Prohibition, but there is another amendment that has been pending for ten years, which may get in ahead of repeal.

This is the amendment permitting the Federal Government to bar from interstate commerce the products of the labor of children under eighteen. Congress passed a law years ago to that effect, and the Supreme Court held it was unconstitutional. An amendment to the Constitution to overcome this was submitted in 1922. Only nine State Legislatures have ratified it. Thirteen have not even brought it to a vote, and twenty-six have rejected it.

A great many people believe that this child labor amendment is more vital to the future welfare of the United States than the repeal of Prohibition.

### SILVER . . . . . again

Nearly two years ago I began commenting in this column on the price of silver and its effect upon commodity prices and world trade. Since then a good many intelligent people on both sides of the Atlantic have waked up to the fact that the demonetization of silver in Europe and the resulting devaluation of

### Chevrolet Company Has Sales Increase

Month Of January Highly Satisfactory; Gain Is Made In Business

Chevrolet dealers reported delivering 16,826 new cars and trucks to consumers in the last ten days of January, bringing the total of retail sales for the month to 39,701 units, compared with 35,199 in January of last year, H. J. Klingler, vice-president and general sales manager of the Chevrolet Motor Company, announced here today. This is a gain of 12.8 per cent.

January sales were the largest since June of last year, and the last ten-day sales were larger than any reporting period since June 20—just prior to establishment of a federal excise tax—and compare with 18,438 sales in the last ten days of January, 1932, a gain of 25.2 per cent, Mr. Klingler announced.

To date over 50,000 of the new 1933 models have been placed in owners hands since announcement of the new line despite the fact that a field shortage existed. With field stocks at normal now, he said he expects February sales to score a considerable gain over February of last year.

In the first ten days of January dealers delivered 10,162 units, in the second ten days 12,713 units, and 16,826 in the last period, the increase reflecting the availability of cars for delivery, Mr. Klingler stated.

He said the National Automobile Show sales indicated the upturn experienced all over the country during January. At the Chicago show, just closed, Chevrolet dealers sold 1,052 new units during the week of the show as compared with 710 in auto show week; and secured 1,756 prospects as compared with 1,323 in the like 1932 week. Comparable results were obtained in New York, and at other automobile shows already throughout the country, attendance, interest and his company's sales generally are running higher than at any time since 1929, according to the Chevrolet executive.

### CHARLES H. COWLES HOME FOR WEEK-END

Representative Charles H. Cowles, who is attending the sessions of the Legislature at Raleigh, spent the week-end in Wilkesboro with his family. Mr. Cowles has introduced but few bills this session and has been working hard on the numerous committees of which he is a member.

The money of the Orient is one of the important causes of low commodity prices and a serious obstacle to international commerce.

I think it can be proved that the re-establishment of the pre-war price of silver would be the longest possible step toward a revival of business. That does not mean "sixteen to one," but it does mean that the discussions of the silver question in Congress ought to be taken seriously.

### Mary Holder Dies At Age 88 Years

Highly Esteemed Lady of Rock Creek Township; Funeral Sunday

Mrs. Mary Holder, a highly esteemed lady of Rock Creek township, was claimed by death Friday, February 17, at 9 p. m. She was 88 years old; being born May 25, 1845.

Funeral services for the aged lady were held at Bethel church near her home yesterday. Rev. Landreth Blevins conducted the service.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Sarah J. Kyle, of North Wilkesboro; J. S. Holder, of Liberty; M. C. Holder, of Wilmouth, W. Va.; W. M. Holder, of North Wilkesboro.

To Efficient "Do you think you know enough to be useful in this office?"

"Know, enough? Why, I left my last place because the boss said I knew too much."

### Classified Ads

COUNTY BLOODHOUND—I now have the county bloodhound and will answer all calls promptly if possible. Phone 2711—S. M. Estep, Wilkesboro. 2-20-1t-pd

FOR SALE—Several nice young fresh Jerseys at Tomlinson's stables, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25, or will trade for dry cattle. Leonard Templeton, Jennings, N. C. 2-23-1t-pd

LOST—Taken from my car on Kensington Avenue Tuesday evening, one physician's bag. Liberal reward for its return to Journal-Patriot office. No questions asked.—W. K. Newton, M. D., North Wilkesboro. 2-16-1t-pd

MAN WITH CAR WANTED for local tea and coffee route. No experience needed. Must be satisfied to make \$32.50 a week at start. Write Albert Mills, Route 6, 2298 Monmouth, Cincinnati, O. 2-16-pd

BABY CHICKS—Big husky chicks that live. Blue Ridge quality. Special low prices Barred Rocks and Reds \$8.00 per hundred. White Leghorns \$7.00 and heavy mixed \$7.50. Please place order at once. Blue Ridge Hatchery, North Wilkesboro, N. C. 2-23-2t

FOR SALE—Baby Chicks. Same high quality as last season. Hatches each Tuesday. \$8.00 per 100. We are now selling a full line of Purina chicken feeds, including starter, growing and laying mash, scratch feeds, etc. Custom hatching, price 2 cents per egg.—Wilkes Hatchery North Wilkesboro, N. C. 2-2-1t

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