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PRISONER SUICIDE

Seattle, Dec. 11.—Decasto Earl Mayer, on trial for the murder 10 years ago of James Eugene Bennett, Annapolis, Md., naval civilian employee, strangled himself to death in the King county jail here today. Jail attaché said Mayer, 44, serving life term in the state prison at Walla Walla as a habitual criminal, strangled himself by stuffing wads of paper down his throat and then lashing his mouth shut with his belt.

BROAD PROGRAM

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—A broad legislative program, calling for most increases in state services, confront North Carolina's general assembly which convenes here January 4. The program, for the most part, has been shaped by various commissions authorized by the 1937 legislature, as well as by the advisory budget commission, which already has drafted recommendations for taxes and spending during the 1939-41 biennium.

BAN ARMS EXPORT

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative Ludlow (D), Indiana, proposed today that Congress halt the flow of war materials from this country to Japan. He said he would introduce a bill to prohibit the shipping of munitions to foreign "non-American" countries, either in peace or war. Ludlow declared that the United States had a "moral guilt" for the bombing of Chinese civilian populations because it had sold munitions to the Japanese.

PREVENT HOLDUP

Ahockie, Dec. 11.—Sheriff C. W. Parker reported today that Hartford officers slew a masked negro and shot and captured another last night in thwarting an attempted hold-up of a filling station near Winton. The sheriff said the negro killed was Ernest Jones, 28, of Coffield, and the wounded negro, Fred Douglas. Jones' officers said, had entered the filling station and was holding the proprietor with a

Score Kitchens For the Contest

Miss Pauline E. Gordon, extension specialist in home management and house furnishings, will visit Wilkes county during January or February to score the kitchens of Home Demonstration club members who are planning to make some improvement in their kitchens during the next few months.

This scoring will open a kitchen contest in which every club woman in the county is eligible to enter.

The following score card will be used to rate kitchens at the beginning and the end of the contest which will extend over several months. The women of the county are asked to study this score card carefully in order that they may be prepared to work with Miss Gordon on their kitchens.

I. Location of Kitchen and Floor Area. a. Location. b. Size. c. Shape.

II. Background. 15. a. Floor: (1) Type, (2) Finish, (3) Covering, b. Walls and Woodwork. (1) Finish, (2) Color, c. Window Arrangement: (1) Curtains, (2) Shades.

III. Convenient Arrangement of Work Units. 25. a. Storage of food, b. Storage of equipment, c. Relation of tables, cupboards, stove, fuel, water, etc.

IV. Height of Work Surfaces. 15. a. Tables, b. Cabinets, c. Sinks, d. Stove, e. Wood box.

V. Sanitation. 15. a. Screens, b. Disposal of waste water, c. Disposal of garbage, d. Care of dish towels, e. Flies, roaches, rats, etc. f. General Cleanliness.

VI. Ventilation. 4. a. Doors, b. Windows.

VII. Lighting. 8. a. Natural, b. Artificial.

VIII. General Appearance. 9.

Pythians, Dokies In Banquet Here

Members of the North Wilkesboro Pythian lodge and Dokies Club were hosts at a delightful night meeting at Hotel Wilkes on Thursday evening.

L. Vyne gave a toast to the ladies and then following a program of humorous entertainment under direction of R. C. Jennings, the banquet was largely attended and reflected the interest shown in the lodge and the Dokies club by their many members.

SEA VOYAGE ENDS



Frank E. Clark, 34-year-old English-American sailor, docks in Savannah, Ga., after a thrilling solo voyage from England in a second-hand 30-foot fishing boat. The voyage took three months, with Sallor Clark running through one hurricane.

Wiles Ordered To Sign Voucher For Accountant's Pay

Judge Rousseau Says Signature by Register Deeds Is Ministerial Act

Judge J. A. Rousseau in a hearing held Saturday morning allowed W. P. Kelly, Wilkes county accountant, a writ of mandamus compelling Old Wiles, register of deeds, to sign a county voucher in the amount of \$966.66 made payable to Mr. Kelly for back salary as county tax supervisor and county purchasing agent since April, 1937.

The defendant gave notice of appeal to the supreme court. In granting the order the judge held that the register of deeds' duty in signing county vouchers as clerk to the board of county commissioners was ministerial and that the register of deed has no discretionary powers on claims.

The matter arose out of a resolution passed by a majority vote of the old board of commissioners on November 22 allowing the county accountant \$966.66 in addition to the \$200 per month he had received as salary for county accountant. Mr. Kelly had also served as county tax supervisor and as county purchasing agent.

The resolution stated that Mr. Kelly had taken the job with the understanding that he was to receive \$250 per month. Mr. Kelly was represented in the mandamus action by Attorney W. H. McElwee.

In answering the mandamus Mr. Wiles who was represented by A. H. Casey, now county attorney, alleged that when Mr. Kelly was employed as county accountant and given the extra duties of tax supervisor and purchasing agent that the commissioners passed no order saying what his salary would be for the extra duties.

Mr. Wiles also alleged that on October 19 a statement by R. G. Finley, then chairman of the board of county commissioners, (Continued on page eight)

Wilkesboro High School Planning To Build a Gym

Proposal Put Forward During Football Banquet Thursday Night

Wilkesboro school, largest unit of the county system, is laying plans for the erection of a gymnasium. The movement gained momentum Thursday night in a banquet for the football team at which time the proposal to erect a gymnasium was presented.

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HIS BUSY YEAR



An employee of a large map maker's establishment in Berlin works out the boundaries of the new Germany and Czechoslovakia as a result of the Munich agreement.

Announce Awards In Slogan Contest

Williams to Announce Winners in Keesler Memorial Contest December 19

The awards for the slogan contest of the building, savings and loan associations will be announced on Monday, December 19th, it was disclosed by J. B. Williams chairman of the Keesler Memorial Committee which has charge of the contest.

A large number of entries were received in the contest which closed midnight, November 30th. Newspapers were the advertising medium for the cooperative campaign conducted by the building, savings and loan associations to announce this contest, the purpose of which was to procure a slogan for the 175 building, savings and loan associations in North Carolina.

Quartet Singing To Be Held Sunday

The Blue Ridge Quartet Singing Convention will convene at Friendship Methodist church near Millers Creek on Sunday, December 18, 1:30 p. m. T. A. Eller, secretary, announced today. All quartets, trios, duets and soloists are invited to take part and an invitation is extended everybody to attend.

State Master To Address Grange

Caldwell to Speak at Open Meeting of Pomona On Wednesday Night

Harry R. Caldwell, master of the North Carolina state Grange, will deliver an address in an open meeting of the Wilkes Pomona Grange to be held at Wilkesboro school on Wednesday night, December 14, 7:30 o'clock.

T. W. Ferguson master of the Wilkes Grange, oldest county unit of the farm fraternity in North Carolina, made announcement of the meeting, saying that the state master would address the open meeting at 7:30 and that the Grange would meet in closed session following the address. Officers for the year will be elected and may be installed by the state master, he said.

Mr. Caldwell is recognized as an outstanding speaker and the public is cordially invited to hear him Wednesday night, Mr. Ferguson said.

Twenty-Five Take First Aid Course

Twenty-five persons, including WPA foremen and supervisors, passed a first aid course given by C. J. Jones, first aid instructor. Ten lessons were given and the final test was given on Tuesday night. The course was conducted at the city hall.

WHISTLING CHAMPION



Arlene Lomas, four-year-old New York city miss, is the winner of a gold medal and the champion of the city's whistlers under eight years of age. She won the title at the city's first annual whistling contest sponsored by the department of parks.

Morgan Speaker At Kiwanis Club

Noted Lecturer Tells Club Taxes Not Be Lowered; Bundle Day Planned

Geoffrey Morgan, of Los Angeles, California, here with the Collins entertainment festival, delighted the members of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday with an interesting address on the subject of "Taxation."

In a short business session prior to the program, Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, J. R. Finley and Pat Williams were appointed on a committee to arrange for bundle day.

In his address Mr. Morgan first paid his respects to North Carolina and the South saying that he was a visitor in these parts some fifteen years ago and he recalls a state of mental stagnation which he now finds is rapidly passing away. He finds people not so much now living on the glory of the past but there is progress and efficiency in every line. He thinks it would be well for another Henry Grady to write another book entitled, "The New, New South. Now there are better schools, better roads, better farms but still too many red old hills in Carolina, he said.

"We fought the Revolution because we said there was taxation without representation and we maintained that was tyranny. Now on many hands we hear the taxation we fought to possess called tyranny itself. There are everywhere leagues and organizations to oppose taxation and we hear in some parts ruminations for a tax payers strike. Well, a taxpayer's strike is tyranny. Why this dissatisfaction? Because they seem to be higher than they used to be. But the truth of the matter is they are not. True enough in some communities while the

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Tobacco Quotas Are Defeated In Election Saturday

Control Lacks the Necessary Two-Thirds Majority In the Weed Belt

CARRIES IN WILKES

Control Is Favored Heavily Here; Cotton Quotas are Endorsed in South

Farmers throughout the tobacco growing areas on Saturday turned thumbs down on the tobacco quotas for next year and as a result of their votes the referendum on quotas as provided by law failed to give the necessary two-thirds vote for control of the 1939 crop.

However, tobacco growers in Wilkes gave control a big majority, voting 255 for to 120 against. Although cotton control received the necessary two-thirds throughout the south, the 34 growers in Wilkes county voted against cotton control 22 to 12.

The voting on tobacco is construed to mean that the poundage allotments which have been given for the next year will be null and void and that the only method of control will be vested in the soil conservation program in which the acreage quotas may be used in the voluntary control method whereby farmers are paid for growing soil conserving crops and planting only the allotted acreage to tobacco.

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—The possibility that rejection of crop control for flue-cured tobacco would be reflected tomorrow in lower prices on North Carolina's tobacco auction markets was seen today by some farm experts here.

Most of the state's flue-cured crop, however, already has been sold.

It is believed that a substantial price paid for "would not be surprised" to see a decided price slump tomorrow. Other officials and marketing experts said farmers were anxiously awaiting the opening of markets to see what effect, if any, results of yesterday's crop control referendum. (Continued on back page)

MASSIVE TOY



This giant locomotive is a big toy so small a fellow, but Paul DeLo, smallest man in the world, has grand time as he rides the head of this engine on a visit to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. He is only 19 inches tall and weighs 12 pounds.

Chapman to Audit Accountant Books

Commissioners Award Contract In Recess Session Held On Friday

Frank Chapman, of Charlotte, was awarded contract for an audit of the books of W. P. Kelly, Wilkes county accountant, and checking settlements of Sheriff C. T. Doughton the contract being awarded by the Wilkes county board of commissioners in recess session Friday.

M. F. Absher chairman, and Dr. W. R. Triplett were present at the meeting of the board. C. C. Siddey was not present. Chapman, it is recalled, made the audit of county accounts two years ago when the board of commissioners composed of two Democrats and one Republican took office.

In awarding the contract Friday the board's order specified that the chairman of the board and the county accountant sign the contract for the auditing.

After all, Ham must have been very much interested in the "agrultural" welfare of his daddy.

Wilkes Farmers Vote To Include County In Enlarged Soil District

ROYAL SOLDIER



The Viscount Lascelles, eldest son of H. E. H. Princess Mary and the earl of Harewood, is merely another soldier during field day at the Eaton college officer's training corps in England.

Holiday Trade Is Reaching Peak In North Wilkesboro

"Gifts For Everybody" Featured by Business Firms Throughout the City

With many early shoppers taking advantage of first choice selections from large stocks of holiday season merchandise, Christmas shopping was well under way in North Wilkesboro last week but is expected to increase rapidly in volume this week.

It can be said without fear of contradiction that business houses of North Wilkesboro are more fully prepared for the holiday trade than at any time in the history of the city.

Because the merchants of North Wilkesboro are rendering a complete merchandising service, the trade area of the city continues to expand with more people every year realizing the advantages of trading in North Wilkesboro.

Many stores in North Wilkesboro are presenting an appearance of Christmas cheer. Attractively decorated and with merchandise displayed in such a manner that Christmas shopping is made easy, even for the person who is trying to decide what would be the most appropriate gift for mother, dad, brother, sister, son, daughter, husband, wife, or friend.

'HEART PERCH'



This abstract carving by George Churchill, "Perch for a Heart," will be shown this winter by the London Group at its winter exhibition in Burlington galleries in London. The oddly shaped pieces of wood were assembled by the artist with screw-driver, chisel and hammer.

Burley Growers To Vote Saturday

The 22 growers of Burley tobacco in Wilkes county will have a chance to vote in the referendum on burley control on Saturday, December 17. It was learned today from the office of the county agent.

There will be only two voting places, one at the county agent's office in Wilkesboro and the other at the home of J. M. Blevins at Springfield.

Big Majority For Proposed Plans

Only a Few Votes Are Cast Against Proposal In Referendum Held 10th

By a one-sided vote farmers of Wilkes county on Saturday endorsed the proposal to expand the Tri-Creek soil erosion district in Wadkin county to include all of Wilkes.

The official vote as tabulated today from all voting places showed that Wilkes farmers voted 322 for the proposal and 38 against. There were 29 spoiled ballots which were not counted in the returns.

The soil district election was held along with the referendum on tobacco and cotton control and in addition there were three other voting places outside of the tobacco and cotton growing areas in the county. The three places where votes were cast only on the soil district proposal were Ferguson, Moravian Falls and Mount Pleasant.

The vote of endorsement for the proposal virtually assures farmers of the county that Wilkes will be included in the district and that they will have at their disposal facilities for adequate terracing and other measures to prevent and control soil erosion, Dan Holter, Wilkes county agent, said today.

Ask Motorists To Buy License Now

Rush On Last Days of December May Be Lessened By Early Purchasing

If motorists want to avoid standing in line for a considerable time and want to be rid of other inconveniences attached to buying automobile license plates, it is advisable to purchase the 1939 license plates now.

Those who buy their plates early will have one worry off their minds and will not be inconvenienced by long waiting lines at the license bureau, which is located at the Western Auto Associate state in Hotel Wilkes building next door to Duke Power company office.

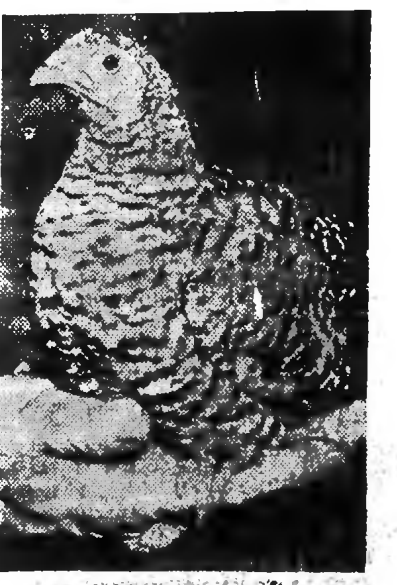
The 1939 license will expire at midnight on Saturday, December 31, and those who operate cars or trucks after that date without 1939 license will be subject to a fine. There will be no extension of time.

The 1939 plates are aluminum letters on a maroon background. They cost the same as last year for all types of motor vehicles.

Those who have received registration cards from the state revenue department should carry the card to the license bureau when they go to buy license plates.

Attention is also called to the fact that the license bureau, of which J. C. McPharmid is manager, will also sell the North Wilkesboro city license plates, which cost one dollar for each vehicle. City owners are respectfully asked to purchase city tags along with state license plates.

WORLD'S SMALLEST



Arnold E. Dibbey of Van Nuys, Calif., through 32 years of breeding, has produced the world's smallest Plymouth Barred Rock, weighing only 19 ounces. The hen is two years old.