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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

CHANGES WANTED

Wilson, Dec. 13.—After many of the stormiest sessions ever held by such a board in the state, the state board of elections will sing its swan song for the year in Raleigh next week when it meets to hear a number of recommendations for changes in the state election laws from Chairman W. A. Lucas, of Wilson.

FOOD COST DOWN

Washington, Dec. 13.—The labor department reported today that the retail cost of food declined four-tenths of one per cent between October and November. The most marked price decreases were reported in Cleveland, New Orleans, Providence and Cleveland, while increases were recorded in Richmond and Denver.

PRISONERS GET CANDY

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—There'll be a pound of candy for each of North Carolina's approximately 10,000 prisoners Christmas day. For some years, the state has given candy to prisoners, and this Christmas will be no exception. The division of purchase and contract has bought 10,500 pounds of sweets. The candy was made in Elizabeth City and cost eight and a quarter cents a pound.

COSTLY DIVORCE

Hollywood, Dec. 13.—Clark Gable said tonight his estranged wife, Mrs. Rhea Gable, probably would file suit for divorce as soon as courts legally interpret their property settlement that was effected three years ago. The property settlement is scheduled to be heard tomorrow. Under terms of the settlement, it was understood, Gable has paid Mrs. Gable, \$286,000.

MOTHER GETS LIFE

Seattle, Dec. 13.—Mary Eleanor Smith, 73-year-old mother whose silence for 10 years shielded her son from murder charges, interrupted her trial with a guilty plea today and was given life imprisonment for the 1928 slaying of James Eugene Bassett. Deusto Earl Mayer, 44, the son and co-defendant, strangled himself to death Sunday in the county jail. He left a note to "Dearest Mother" that he was weary of life, but Prosecutor B. Gray Warner said he did it to cheat the gallows.

TEST FARM STATUTE

Washington, Dec. 13.—A group of Georgia and Florida tobacco growers, attacking the constitutionality of marketing provisions of the 1938 agricultural adjustment act, appealed today to the Supreme court. They appealed from a decision of a Georgia federal court which at the time had been hailed by agriculture department officials as a victory for the new farm program and affecting all its marketing provisions. The growers sought to enjoin warehousemen from paying over to the government as a penalty one-half the purchase price of tobacco marketed in excess of quotas fixed under the act.

"The Toy Shop" At Wilkesboro School

Students of the elementary grades of Wilkesboro school, under direction of Miss Dorothy Lashmit, will present an operetta entitled "The Toy Shop" at Wilkesboro school on Friday night, December 16, beginning at 7:45. In addition to the operetta the program will include singing of Christmas carols by the high school chorus.

Second Break Into School Building

For the second time within one month, the North Wilkesboro school building was entered on Tuesday night, Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, reported today. Entrance to the building was made through a window on the second story but several feet above the ground and over the shrubbery. The lock to the superintendent's office was broken but there were signs of little disturbance within the office. A few keys in change which had been placed in a desk drawer were missing. No clues which promise to lead to the identity of the guilty party was found.

Has 4-Year Term



Fredell M. Myers, Wilkes county coroner who has just begun a four-year term. The term of office for sheriff and coroner was changed from two to four years by the constitutional amendment passed in the November election.

Stores to Remain Open on Evenings December 19 to 24

Will Be Open Until Nine o'Clock for Convenience of Holiday Shoppers

Beginning on Monday, December 19, North Wilkesboro stores will remain open evenings until nine o'clock through Saturday, December 24, it was decided in a recent meeting of the Merchants Association. This move on the part of the merchants will be a great convenience to holiday shoppers, many of whom will not find time to do their shopping during regular hours. Open evenings will be of special importance to those regularly employed and who live a considerable distance from the city. With stocks complete and amid an atmosphere of Yuletide goodwill, North Wilkesboro extends a hearty welcome to every visitor during the holiday season.

Community House Work Under Way

WPA Workmen Assigned to Construction of Stone Building in Park

WPA workmen have begun work on construction of a community house in Trogdon's Memorial park in this city. The project is sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Woman's clubs through the town of North Wilkesboro and the total cost of the building is estimated at \$7,738.84, of which the sponsor's share is \$3,562.00. The building will be beautiful in design and will be of rock veneer construction, the dimensions being 50 by 42 feet. The basement will contain a Scout room and boiler room and the street floor will consist of an assembly hall, committee room and kitchen. P. G. Smithy is supervisor of the project and 20 men are engaged in making the excavation preliminary to actual construction work. Mr. Smithy said the building is to be completed within four months. The building is located near the city water tank and fronts on Trogdon street. The building plot is a part of the land donated by Mrs. C. F. Sherrill and developed into a park by the Woman's club in memory of her brother, the late W. F. Trogdon, often referred to as the founder of North Wilkesboro. The park, in which much development work was accomplished during the past year, was formally opened to the public several weeks ago. Washington, Dec. 14.—C. B. Dean, unsuccessful candidate to succeed Representative Walter Lambeth, of the eighth North Carolina district was today appointed by Senator Josiah W. Bailey as his assistant in the work of the special Senate committee to investigate labor conditions in the merchants marine. The North Carolina senator is chairman of the committee.

Mount Pleasant, Lincoln Heights Ask Gymnasium

Application Made for WPA Projects by Two Schools; County Sponsor

HIRE CASE WORKER

Mrs. Ruby Pendley Named Case Worker for County Welfare Department

Wilkes county board of commissioners in meeting this week ordered the chairman of the board to sign WPA projects providing for erection of gymnasiums at Mount Pleasant high school at Champion and for Lincoln Heights colored high school near Wilkesboro. It is understood that the gymnasiums will be of frame construction and that the communities will put up the sponsor's share of the cost of each. The order passed by the commissioners stipulated that the buildings would be at no cost to the county but it is necessary for a governmental unit to sponsor a project in order to get WPA approval. Mrs. Ruby Pendley, of this city, who has been working in High Point in a recreational project during the past several months, was appointed a case worker for the county welfare department. Her duties to begin as soon as she is certified. Mrs. Pendley took a special course in social work a few years ago in preparation for the job. Blaine Sparks was appointed constable of Traphill township and C. H. Dancy was named constable for Rock Creek township in place of Sol Byrd, who was elected but declined to serve. The full membership of the board, M. F. Absher, chairman, and others, were present for the recess meeting Tuesday.

City Bus Service to Begin Monday

Wilkes Transportation Company to Start First Bus On Monday Morning

Bus service within the Wilkesboro and on four leading highways to outlying communities will be instituted on Monday, December 19. The announcement of the beginning of city and community bus service was made today by officials of Wilkes Transportation company, a local corporation which was organized a few months ago and which obtained franchise to operate buses within the Wilkesboros, westward on highways 16 and 18 to Moravian Falls, eastward over 421 through Cairo, and northward over highway 18 to Fairplains. The company plans to use three buses. However, the service will begin with one bus and continue with the other buses as ready for use. Regular city type buses with all modern conveniences will be used, company officials said. The first run on the city bus service will begin at Millers Creek on Monday morning at 6:15 a. m. and that day's schedule will end at Millers Creek at 11 o'clock Monday night. The company will feature the sale of weekly community tickets, designed for the special benefit of rural people who are employed in North Wilkesboro. A weekly ticket, company officials said, entitles the customer to make an unlimited number of trips between the designated points. Sample fares have been announced as follows: Millers Creek one way 15c, round trip 25c, weekly \$1.50; Moravian Falls one way 15c, round trip 25c, weekly \$1.50; Wilkesboro, Crick-et, Fairplains, Cairo 10c one way, weekly \$1.00; any scheduled point within city limits of North Wilkesboro 5c. A complete schedule for all communities served and complete schedule of fares will be announced later.

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City Hall Contract Let Today

As 76th Congress Prepares to Convene



Lindley G. Beckworth, left, 25-year-old Texan, will be the youngest house member in recent years when congress convenes in January. A former school teacher, he unseated Rep. Morgan Sanders, veteran of 18 years in the house, in the Democratic primaries. Carter Glass of Virginia, center, oldest senator, will celebrate his eighty-first birthday January 4. Rep. Joseph Martin Jr., right, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Republican congressional committee, is almost assured of election to the leadership of the minority in the congressional session. He will succeed Bertrand Snell of New York, who did not seek re-election.

North Wilkesboro Bonds Taken At A Low Interest Rate

Refunding Bonds Will Bear Interest Rate of 2 3-4 And 3 Per Cent

Town of North Wilkesboro refunded bonds to the extent of \$48,000 was taken up with a rate of interest averaging less than three per cent. It was learned today from I. H. McNeill, Jr., city clerk.

Collins Festival Play on Friday at School Building

Maximizing four weekly events, the first program of the Collins festival sponsored by four civic organizations in this city will be given Friday night, December 16, 7:30 o'clock in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium. The program will consist of a Broadway comedy entitled "Mary's Other Husband", and written by Larry E. Johnson. It is described as a farce comedy reaching a new high in fun. The Collins festival has given a program for the past three Friday nights under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, North Wilkesboro Lions Club, Junior and Senior Woman's clubs and the Boy Scouts, the four organizations sharing equally in the profits. The program Friday night will be the most entertaining of the four and it is hoped that the auditorium will be filled for the performance.

1st Class Mail Gets Preference

Greetings With First Class Postage Will Be Forwarded If Necessary

Postmaster J. C. Reins today urged people to post holiday mail early in order to be sure that it will reach its destination on time. He also called attention to comment relative to printed Christmas greetings as contained in the November supplement to the Postal Guide as follows: Printed Christmas Greetings. Large numbers of Christmas greetings, mailed in unsealed envelopes at the third-class rate of postage, are disposed of as waste each year because they are undeliverable as addressed, due to removal of the addressee or other cause. Such greetings are not entitled to the free forwarding privilege accorded those mailed in sealed envelopes at the first-class rate and, consequently, the senders in many cases never know that the greetings were not received by the addressees. This would not occur if the greetings were mailed sealed at the first-class rate.

Youngest Refugee

The youngest refugee in the huge camp at Szeperavice, Czechoslovakia, seems very happy. The camp has been established in a former housing factory near Prague. It houses 100 refugees, including German Jews and Social Democrats. (Continued on page eight)

Abee-Icard Firm Is Lowest Bidder; Begin Work Soon

Jenkins Hardware Co. Gets Contract For Plumbing And Heating

TOTAL COST \$31,085.77

Public Works Grant of 45 Per Cent Approved Several Weeks Ago

Contract was let today for the construction of a city hall for North Wilkesboro.

The firm of Abee-Eckerd, of Icard, was low bidder for construction of the building, a Public Works project, for the sum of \$28,212.

Jenkins Hardware company, of this city, was low bidder on plumbing and heating, the firm bid for both being \$2,873.77.

Total for the contracts for construction, plumbing and heating was \$31,085.77.

The building will be financed by a PWA grant of 45 per cent of the cost, the remaining 55 per cent to be paid by the city of North Wilkesboro.

Application for a PWA grant of 45 per cent of the cost was approved some time ago.

Six bids were opened by the board of commissioners this morning at ten o'clock. The board recessed and let contract this afternoon. C. C. Benton, of Wilson, consulting architect, and H. K. Sotser, of Morganton, resident engineer inspector were present with the city fathers when the bids were opened and contracts were awarded.

It is expected that work will begin within the next few days.

The building, to be located on a portion of Eighth street fronting B street between Tomlinson's Department store building and Wilkes Plumbing company, will contain three floors.

The ground floor will house the police department, city jail and water department.

On the street floor, public library and fire department. The top floor will contain the courtroom and conference rooms.

Learn To Read In Moonlight School

Students in Adult Classes Serious About Business of Belated Learning

Adult schools conducted in several Wilkes communities by unemployed teachers given work by the WPA have proved the truth of the old adage that one "never gets too old to learn."

These teachers report that people who are nearing the allotted three score and ten have entered into the studies with such determination that they have learned to read, write and solve simple arithmetic problems for the first time.

Among these students there is no playing "hokey," no student strikes and they never give their teachers a ny insubordination trouble. They are, collectively, a group determined to make the most of the second opportunity to learn to read and write, having spurned the first during their youth.

This is evidence by the following text of a letter written by Lewis Adams, of Reddies River township, for his teacher, James T. Nichols: "To members of the moonlight school: "I did not try to learn as I should in my school days, and I am glad to have another chance. "Mr. J. T. Nichols asked me to join his class and I am glad I did. I drive five miles every week to night school. "I could not read before taking lessons, but now I can read most all of my Bible, thanks to Mr. Nichols."

Mr. Adams not only can read, but he has learned to write in a most legible hand, which would be a credit to many educated people.

Not every "prodigious" growth of hair rooted itself closely to "gray matter."

N.C.S.E.S. Office Puts 209 To Work During November

Office Here Continued Good Record of Placements; Jobs Under Way

The North Wilkesboro branch office of the N. C. State Employment service continued its good record during the month of November by placing 127 in private industry and 82 on public jobs. The number of private placements was not so great as during the harvest season but the service was able to find jobs for many of the applicants. G. B. Gentry, manager, said today. Registrations during the month totaled 479.

Mr. Gentry said that a number of Public Works jobs are under way or will be under way soon in the five counties served by the office here. The jobs now under way include the North Wilkesboro-Roaring River section of highway 268, water and sewer construction at Blowing Rock, and construction of a science building at A. S. T. C. in Boone. A water and sewer job will begin soon in Sparta.

The employment office here will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday noon, December 23, and reopen on Tuesday morning, December 27. Those who report for unemployment insurance on Saturdays and Mondays will please report on Tuesday, December 27.

All-Stars To Play Elkin On Friday

What promised to be one of the best all star basketball teams in the history of North Wilkesboro is being assembled by the North Wilkesboro Athletic association and will meet its first major test of the season on Friday night of this week against the fast Elkin team at the North Wilkesboro school gymnasium.

A number of former college stars have joined the group and the first practice game of the season was played against Millers Creek, the N. W. A. A. team winning 51 to 25.

The team here desires to schedule games with other semi-pro and all-star teams in Western North Carolina and any teams wanting games are asked to write Frank McNeill, box 366, North Wilkesboro.

Dr. J. G. Bentley Returns To Wilkes

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Bentley have moved from Bristol, Tenn., to the old Bentley home at Pores Knob, which has been renovated and remodeled.

It will be recalled that Dr. Bentley practiced medicine in Wilkes before going to Bristol about 30 years ago, where he has practiced since that time.

Not every girl who ornaments the parlor is worth very much in the kitchen.