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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

NINTH MARRIAGE

Los Angeles, March 21.—Mrs. Leonora A. Duncanson, 77, who said she previously had been married eight times, and William Louis Styer, 59, an insurance salesman, applied for a marriage license here today. Styer said he had been married once before and is a widower. Mrs. Duncanson, who identified herself as an ordained minister of the Psychic School church, said they would be married Easter.

BETTER 'N SPINACH

New York, March 21.—A new drink that makes men strong was announced today at the Long Island College of Medicine. The drink is about one-third of a cupful daily of ordinary dry gelatine dissolved in orange and lemon juice. Results, six men doubled their muscular endurance in about a month and a half training at bicycle riding. On women there was no effect. The announcement was made by Dr. G. R. Ray, J. R. Johnson and M. M. Taylor. It is planned to try gelatine on football players and other athletes in training. The gain in strength in the tests lasted a long time and no bad effects have been found.

AGAINST REDUCTIONS

Washington, March 21.—President Roosevelt threw cold water on the congressional economy drive today, saying that any substantial reductions in federal spending would have to come out of relief and other job-making funds. If there were some guarantee that governmental retrenchment would cause business to take up all the slack in employment, he told his press conference, the idea would be worth considering. "I doubt, however," the President added, "whether this would meet with popular approval if it were tried and the results were not attained."

FOR ALLIANCE

London, March 21.—Great Britain called for a combination of soviet Russia, France, Poland and herself against German aggression tonight while clamor increased for some form of coalition at home to fit the nation for new European responsibilities. Foreign Minister Viscount Halifax asked the three countries to sign a declaration with Britain announcing a common policy of resistance to aggression and binding themselves to "consult as to the action they would take" if Chancellor Hitler attempted non-Germanic conquests. Definite military commitments were envisaged by the declaration, on which Rumania, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria also were approached with a view to their possible adherence later.

WIFE IS JAILED

Laurinburg, March 21.—Mrs. Edmund Langley, 25-year-old wife of a local textile worker, was in jail here today because her husband is out. Among North Carolina's statutes is a mandate that a wife shall not be forced to testify against her husband. But, as it was in the army, it may be that they can make her wish she had. Langley was convicted, in recorder court, of severely beating his wife and Judge J. B. McKinnon sentenced him to the state roads. But Langley appealed—and then got out on bond, after several days in jail. His wife had testified against him, voluntarily, in the lower court, but when taken before the grand jury she refused. In Superior court Langley was then set free for lack of evidence. Then Judge F. Donald Phillips, himself a war veteran, sentenced Mrs. Langley to 10 days in jail for contempt of court, which she is serving.

May Enroll Now For CMT Camp

J. B. McCoy Is Enlistment Chairman for Wilkes and Has Application Blanks

J. B. McCoy, Citizens' Military Training Camp chairman for Wilkes county, today called attention to the fact that he now has application blanks available to young men who wish to enlist this summer for free training in the C. M. T. C. The quota for Wilkes county this year is expected to be the same as in 1938, which was 14. The procurement period has already opened and young men who are interested are asked to file application as early as possible. Mr. McCoy called attention to the fact that the government will pay expenses of the youths in training, including railroad fare to those living more than 50 miles from Fort Bragg.

Wilkes County Districting Bill Is Introduced

Land Use Program To Be Carried Out In Wilkes

Agencies Working For Farmers Plan Series of Meetings

Wilkes One of 11 Counties In Northwestern District to Receive Program

TO CLASSIFY LAND Extension Service, FSA, CCC and SCS Will Cooperate In Land Use Work

Wilkes county is one of 11 counties in the northwestern district to be chosen for the beginning of a land use program this year.

The land use program, County Agent Holler said today, is an extensive survey to be conducted cooperatively by all government agencies which have as their purpose helping the farmer, and is far reaching in purpose. He also pointed out that the land use program as authorized by congress meant more than a survey because the findings of the survey are to be carried out as far as possible for the agencies participating.

During the next month educational meetings will be held throughout Wilkes county to acquaint the people with what may be expected from the land use program.

Representatives of various agencies working for the benefit of the farmers have agreed that the principal problem is land use and the program will be a result of that decision. Agencies to have a primary part in the land use program to be carried out in Wilkes include the Farm Security Administration, headed locally by J. H. Highsmith; soil conservation service, with local headquarters at Yadkinville; the extension service, represented by the county agent and State College; and the Civilian Conservation camps, the nearest one for soil erosion control work being at Dobson in Surry county.

Two or more meetings will be held in each township to acquaint the people with the program as the first step and representatives of the above named agencies will be present at the meetings. Second meetings will be held later to make recommendations to the people but there is nothing compulsory, Mr. Holler said.

Following the meetings the land in each section will be classified according to its productive ability and fitness for various uses.

Also to be ascertained in the meetings are the various needs of the residents of various communities.

If the community needs roads, efforts will be made to secure road construction.

If there is need of better school facilities, the cooperating agencies will lend their efforts toward filling the need.

If the people need electric power efforts will be made to secure a rural line extension.

In classification of land for use the program will consider a township or section—640 acres—as a unit and the success of the program, sponsoring agencies say, will depend greatly upon cooperation shown by the people in the rural sections of the county.

Appointments for meetings in which the land use program will be explained have been announced as follows:

- April 3
Holbrook's store at Abshers, 4:00 p. m., representative of C. C. C.
- Traphill school, 7:30 p. m., representative of C. C. C.
- Somers school, 4:00 p. m., representative soil conservation service.
- Benham school, 7:30 p. m., representative soil conservation service.
- Mulberry school, 7:30 p. m., representative Farm Security Administration.
- Virgil Church's store, 4:00 p. m., assistant county agent.
- Concord school, 7:30 p. m., assistant county agent.
- New Hope Church, 4:00 p. m., county agent.
- Champion school, 7:30 p. m., (Continued on page eight)

MISS TELEVISION



Miss Peggy Knapp, Jackson Heights, New York, was named Miss Television in a beauty contest held in Palm Beach recently. Judges selected their winner from televised reproduction.

Surplus Products Help Many Needy In Wilkes County

Over 3,000 Individuals Certified For Aid During Month of February

February certifications for receipt of surplus commodities totaled 218,645 persons in 47,226 relief cases in North Carolina with Wilkes county welfare authorities listing 3,190 persons in 595 cases as on the eligible list. Arthur E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare announced this week.

Seven hundred and ninety-three school lunch rooms of the State were certified during the month to distribute free commodities to 46,949 eligible children in the graded schools.

Wilkes county, serviced from the surplus commodity warehouse at North Wilkesboro, is in the district which listed a total of 2,116 cases representing 10,734 persons certified eligible during the month.

Government Lime Is Now Available

County Agent Tells How Lime May Be Obtained At Very Low Cost

Definite instructions have been received in the county agent's office for securing ground limestone, and the price on this is \$2.40 per ton, delivered to North Wilkesboro and Ronda in open cars of 50 tons.

The county agent's office is asking that producers who file orders get together in their own community and order a car together through the county agent's office. Since there is no means of weighing about the only means of dividing a car would be in stretching a line across the top of the car, and shoveling to a certain point. In other words, the ideal order would be for about five farmers in one community to order a car of 50 tons, then there would be no misunderstanding in the distribution of the limestone.

This limestone comes prepaid and is charged against the check that the producer may earn on the 1939 Soil Conservation Program. Any producer in Wilkes county is eligible for this limestone. Five cars have already been submitted.

Bishop To Visit St. Paul's Sunday

The Right Reverend Robert E. Gribbin, D. D., Bishop of the Western Diocese of North Carolina, will make his annual visitation to St. Paul's church on Sunday, March 25th. The service will be held at four o'clock in the afternoon and the bishop will preach and administer the rite of Holy Confirmation. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Sam Dodson Is Ordered Held In Benge Death Case

Coroner's Jury Recommends Dodson Be Held Without Privilege of Bond

Sam Dodson, who admitted holding the gun which shot and killed John Andrew Benge, his father-in-law, was ordered held in jail without privilege of bond following completion of a coroner's investigation yesterday afternoon.

The shooting occurred Sunday afternoon at Dodson's home in the Straw community on highway 315. Benge was shot through the chest and died within less than an hour after the shot was fired from a .22-caliber rifle.

Evidence in the hearing conducted by Coroner I. M. Myers before a jury indicated that Benge was approaching or passing the home of Dodson when the shot was fired.

Dodson testified in his own behalf in the hearing, saying that Benge had struck him and was wrestling with him when the gun went off.

Persons near the Dodson home said that Dodson and his wife had been quarrelling during the day and intimated that domestic trouble led to the shooting.

Big Forest Fire Is Raging In County

Flames Reported Over Ten-Mile Front in Forests In Vicinity Caldwell Line

What is described as one of the worst and most disastrous forest fires in years in this part of the state is raging in western Wilkes and near the Caldwell county line.

The fire, which raged Tuesday, Wednesday and today was said to have a ten-mile front and was approaching dangerously near the virgin timber tract of Elk Creek Lumber company, one of the most valuable acreages of timber in western North Carolina.

C. C. camp members and volunteers from a wide area have been waging a relentless fight against the flames but the fire fighters have been hampered by wind which spread the fire even after it appears to be under control. Homer Brookshire, Wilkes forest warden, and the forest warden of Caldwell county have been directing the fight in an effort to get the fire under control.

Acute Shortage Of Domestic Workers

There is an acute shortage of domestic workers in North Wilkesboro, according to information gained from the employment service here today.

There are now 15 unfilled calls for cooks and housekeepers, both white and colored, employment service officials said, and the office is asking any white or colored girls who will accept domestic work to register at the office as early as possible. Members of the office personnel have exhausted their files and have made a number of personal calls in order to secure workers to fill the calls.

County Road Is Being Improved

Task of regrading and stone surfacing the main road leading from Mountain View to new highway 268 at a point near Roaring River is going forward.

The road, one of the leading thoroughfares on the secondary system in that part of the county, is being improved by WPA workmen as a part of the county wide road project. The improvement being carried out on the road includes widening, straightening and resurfacing with stone. The work will serve many people in that part of Wilkes county.

Divorcee Asks for 'Freedom of Dress'



The fondness of Ellen Tilton Holmes, society divorcee, for going about in wools, pajamas finally convinced police chiefs of three New Jersey towns that she should be "exported" because she attracted too much attention. She then wrote to Washington for a badge saying "Leave this girl alone, she's all right." Mrs. Holmes is pictured here with Hollywood's Peter the Hermit whom she visited shortly after her divorce in 1931.

County Court Bill Killed By A Senate Committee

Sixty-Five Eggs In One Hen Nest

There should be no scarcity of eggs at the home of Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes at Parkers.

While working about the barn on Mr. Hayes' farm Bonza Wyatt found a hen's nest containing five dozen and five—sixty-five eggs—and none of them were spoiled.

Would Organize A Men's Chorus

The following announcement which is self-explanatory was given in The Journal-Patriot today for publication:

"Attention, men, ages 16 to 90: An effort is being made to organize a Men's Chorus for the community and surrounding territory. All men who are interested in seeing such an organization established in North Wilkesboro, and are interested in joining such a chorus, are requested to attend a meeting to be held in the ball room of the Wilkes Hotel on Monday night, March 27th at 7:30 p. m. If you like to sing and want to learn more about good singing be sure to attend. "You don't have to be able to sing like Caruso. If you can carry a tune come on to the meeting."

New Building For Tenth Street Soon

Attorney W. H. McElwee has let contract for the erection of a large building on Tenth Street near the location of Beeche's Cafe. The building will be 40 feet wide and approximately 70 feet long.

The new store building has been leased to Mr. G. T. Bare, proprietor of Bare's Fair Store, for a number of years, and as soon as completed this firm will move into its new quarters.

Musical Program At Austin School

Wade Mainer and the "Sons of the Mountaineers," including Bill and Joe with their string guitars, fiddling Steve Ledford, Wade Mainer with his five-string banjo and Z. E. Mainer with his fiddle, will appear in person at Austin school on Monday night, March 27. The program is sponsored by Knobbs Baptist church and all are invited to attend.

Commissioners Would Be Named For 3 Districts

Surry and Yadkin Democratic Representatives Put In Bills For Wilkes

ASK FIXED JAIL FEES

Bill Would Fix Jail Board at Minimum 50 Cents and Jail Fee of \$1.00

Raleigh, March 22.—Embodied by previous successes, Democrats enfolded the harassed Republicans of Wilkes county with a crossfire from Democratic representatives of two neighboring counties today.

A third shot came from senate Judiciary No. 2 committee with a favorable report on the bill previously passed by the house to repeal the law enacted by this assembly regarding the North Wilkesboro municipal court and to give Mayor Tip McNeill wider powers.

First bomb of the day came in house bill No. 908, introduced by Representative Henry Dobson of Surry by request. It would fix the fees for the Wilkes county jail, over which Democratic Sheriff Doughton now has control. Wilkes Democrats said the purpose of the bill was to prevent the new Republican board of county commissioners from cutting down the fees for the jail.

Woodhouse Has Bill

Second shot was fired by Democrat Frank Woodhouse, of Yadkin, who introduced by request and "with pleasure" as written on the bill, a measure to provide for election of Wilkes county commissioners and to divide the county into three districts for this purpose. The bill is similar in purpose to the one which the General Assembly recently passed for Yadkin county.

Republican Senator Cowles of Wilkes, informed of the two bills, said he would oppose both and would make a strong fight against the districting bill.

Following is the text of the bill to be entitled "An Act to Fix a Minimum Jail Fee for Turn Key Fee for the Sheriff of Wilkes County and to Fix the Custody and Management of the Jail of Wilkes County."

Sheriff Is Custodian

"Section 1. That the sheriff of Wilkes county is hereby designated as the custodian of the Wilkes county jail and he shall have complete management and control of said jail.

Section 2.

That the county commissioners of Wilkes county are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to appropriate from the general funds of said county to the sheriff of Wilkes county a minimum of forty cents (40c) per day for each and every prisoner imprisoned or kept in said jail.

Section 3.

That the county commissioners of Wilkes county are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to pay from the general funds of said county a minimum of one dollar (\$1.00) turn-key fee to the sheriff of Wilkes county; the said one dollar (\$1.00) minimum turn-key fee to be paid on each and every prisoner imprisoned in said jail.

Section 4.

That the amounts set out above and directed to be paid to the sheriff of Wilkes county shall be paid to said sheriff on each and every calendar month.

Wilkes Bill Only

"Section 5. That this act shall apply to Wilkes county only.

Section 6.

That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 7.

That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Following is the text of the bill to be entitled "an act to district Wilkes county for the purpose of the nomination and election of members of the board of county commissioners.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: "Section 1. That for the purpose of the nomination and election of the members of the board of county commissioners of Wilkes county and said county is hereby divided into three districts, one commissioner to be nominated and elected in and from each district, the districts to be named as follows: (Continued on page eight)

County Will Not Have Recorder's Court Organized

McElwee, Doughton and Niel Appear In Opposition to Bar's Measure

Raleigh, March 21.—"This isn't my bill, I introduced it by request and favor it, but don't let my advocacy of it prejudice your vote," Senator Charles H. Cowles of Wilkes pleaded this morning before the senate committee as it made ready to kill his measure designed to relieve court congestion in his county. The committee slew the bill.

Wilkes had a big delegation of advocates, mostly Democrats, and the opposition was headed by Sheriff Claude Doughton and Democratic Attorney W. H. McElwee. In support of it, former Democratic Wilkes Representative Hugh A. Cranor, former Republican Representative F. J. McDuffie, former Alexander Representative and present Wilkes attorney Harold Burke, and Eugene Trivette, busy lawyer, spoke. Attorney McElwee did the oratorics for himself and the sheriff, the son of Farmer Bob Doughton, contenting himself with a one sentence expression of hostility toward the bill.

Widely Favored

Mr. Trivette said that the vast (Continued on page eight)

Juniors to Hold Class Initiation

Splendid Program Being Arranged For District Meeting to Be Held in City

District number 7 of Jr. O. P. A. M. will hold its spring class initiation in North Wilkesboro according to an announcement issued here this week.

The North Wilkesboro council will be host and the meeting will be held on March 28, 7:30 p. m.

The seventh district includes Wilkes, Yadkin and Surry counties. A splendid program has been arranged for the occasion. The program will include a conference of delegates by the North Wilkesboro degree team and other features. Various entertainment phases of the program are being arranged and refreshments will be served. Leaders in the council held their today that every Junior will receive a cordial welcome. Bradley Dancy, of this city, is district deputy.