

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

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VAN DINE DEAD. New York, April 12.—William Huntington Wright, 91, who as S. S. Van Dine created the fictional character Philo Vance and made a fortune from that suave master detective's ability to solve baffling murder mysteries, died at his apartment of a heart ailment, his family disclosed today. Death came last night after an illness of several weeks. His ailment was diagnosed as coronary thrombosis.

1 KILLED, 12 HURT. Wytheville, Va., April 12.—One person was killed and twelve were injured today when a north-bound Greyhound bus plunged into a small concrete bridge and overturned on U. S. Route 51, five miles north of Hillsville. Mrs. D. A. See, 80, Cantonburg, Pa., died in the Emergency Hospital here of injuries received in the accident. Mrs. See, said by witnesses to have been thrown through the windshield, received a fractured neck and cuts and bruises about the face and head.

WINTER STRIKES. Cleveland, April 12.—A big shipment of winter, imported from Canada, made the weather market polar bearish today from Maine to the Rockies and southward into Kentucky. Some places had the coldest April 12 in history. A blizzard struck Cleveland. Snow shovels struck sidewalks in some communities in 15 states. Light snow and flurries were common. Chicago's 21 was seven degrees colder than 1900. April 12, the previous champion. Louisville's 27 shaved five degrees off the record for the day. Cleveland's 21 and Detroit's 22 equaled records.

QUITS UNDER FIRE. Washington, April 12.—The resignation of Federal Judge Edwin S. Thomas of Connecticut, whose financial affairs and activities have been under grand jury investigation at New York, was announced today at the White House. Attorney-General Murphy, discussing the case at a press conference later, said, "The resignation has made it unnecessary to give further consideration to the question of impeachment." The grand jury will continue its investigation, he said.

PROMISE PROTECTION. London, April 12.—Britain and France will reply to Italy's invasion of Albania tomorrow by announcing their intention to protect Greece and Turkey from similar attack and warning Italy and her axis partner that further aggression endangering their interests will be met by force of arms. The special session of Parliament convoked by Italian seizure of Albania will hear this announcement from Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Foreign Minister Viscount Halifax. At the same time Premier Edouard Daladier will make a similar announcement, reputed to be even stronger in language, in Paris.

School Finals 21st At Millers Creek

Rev. W. M. Cooper Will Deliver Commencement Sermon April 16

Millers Creek high school will close a successful year on Friday night, April 21, with graduation exercises and presentation of high school diplomas. The commencement program will begin on Saturday, April 15, when the district commencement will be held, beginning at ten o'clock. Included on the program will be salutatorian's address, recitation and declamation contest, spelling bee, perfect attendance awards, recognition of those to receive diplomas and valedictorian's address.

A field day will be held in the afternoon and will include the following contests: 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, broad jump, high jump, chinning, girls' events, spectacular rope jumping contest.

On Sunday evening, April 16, Rev. W. M. Cooper, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, will deliver the commencement sermon.

On Monday night, April 17, a musical recital will be given by Mrs. A. H. Kilby's pupils.

The class day program entitled "The Rainbow Trail," will be given on the night of Thursday, April 20.

Mrs. L. B. Laws, of Moravian Falls, attended the wedding of Miss Eleanor Fox and Mr. James Larkin Pearson Thursday at Guilford College.

STYLES FOR SAFETY



Members of the Greater New York Safety Council, when they met recently, found out what the safe worker of 1939 will wear. Miss Sammy Cunningham demonstrates aluminum toe guards, fiber shin guards, an eye shield of non-inflammable plastered and a respirator. She holds a safety belt with red reflectors.

Health Authorities Asks Vaccination Of Dogs In County

Annual Immunization Campaign Against Rabies Is Now Under Way

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer, today said that annual vaccination of dogs in Wilkes county is now under way and made a strong appeal for the dog owners of the county to abide by the law and thus protect humans from danger to one of the most horrible deaths known to medical history.

Hydrophobia has been reported among dogs in every section of Wilkes county this year, he said, and several people have taken the Pasteur treatments. No one knows how many dogs have been bitten and but few dog owners can be positive that their animals have not been exposed to rabies. For this reason, Dr. Eller said, every dog owner should have his dog vaccinated and all public spirited people should encourage vaccination of dogs for the protection of society, especially the children who so often are innocent victims of neglect and negligence on the part of adults. A dog owner who fails to abide by the law, the health officer said, should be responsible for any damage done by his dog.

A fee of 50 cents is charged for vaccination of each dog but the money is refunded when county taxes are paid.

Mr. L. A. Wiles and Mr. F. D. Broyhill, of Pores Knob, were visitors to the city Wednesday.

Over \$11,700 In Farmers' Checks Come To Wilkes

536 Soil Payment Checks Will Be Handed Out In Wilkesboro Saturday

ONE-SIXTH OF TOTAL

Farmers Will Be Notified As Other Checks Arrive Office County Agent

Over \$11,700 in government checks will be paid out to farmers of Wilkes county on Saturday, April 15, for compliance with provisions of the government's soil program in 1938.

The exact total of checks received by County Agent Dan Holler is \$11,704.76, representing payment to 536 farmers, or an average payment of about \$21. This represents only about one-sixth of the total number of checks to be received and others will be arriving soon. However, Mr. Holler explained that as checks arrive from Washington each farmer for whom a check is received is notified by mail to call for his check and that it will be useless to call for a check until notice is received.

In connection with the program for this year, attention is called to the fact that those who wish to participate in the program for the first time should call at the office of the county agent immediately and sign a work sheet. Those who participated last year will not have to sign again.

New signers may receive lime at \$2.40 per ton, the payment for the lime to be deducted from the 1939 earnings under the program, or may later secure Austrian winter peas and vetch seed on the same basis along with those who have already been participating in the program. It was explained.

Business Deal In Auto Business Is Announced Here

Announcement was made today that J. H. Somers, who has been associated with the sales personnel of the Gaddy Motor Company for sometime, has purchased the interest of his brother, W. B. Somers, in the Yadkin Valley Motor Company, and will be connected with the latter company in the future.

W. B. Somers has gone to Georgetown, S. C., where he has taken a Ford agency. Mrs. Somers and daughter, Peggy, will leave for Myrtle Beach, S. C., where they have a summer home, following the closing of the Wilkesboro high school.

Mr. H. J. Steelman, of Moravian Falls, suffered a light stroke of paralysis Monday.

Married Fifty Years Ago



A. L. Sidden, 75, and Nancy Yale Sidden, 70, heads of a prominent Wilkes family, were feted at their home at Joynea Sunday on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children, Mrs. G. C. Pendry, Hays; Mrs. B. H. Caudill, Traphill; A. C. C. C. J. T. J. W., R. A., and C. B. Sidden, Joynea; J. E. Sidden, Winston-Salem; Mrs. McKinley Hanks, New Life; and Mrs. Boyd Venable, South Boston, Va., attended. A big dinner was spread on a long table at the home. Talks were made by Rev. Landreth Blewins, Rev. Guy Cox and P. E. Brown. (Cut by courtesy of Winston-Salem Journal).

School Committees Named

Mother, 13 Years Old, to Celebrate Birthday



Mrs. Luella Brookbank of Dayton, Ohio, who will celebrate her fourteenth birthday anniversary in April, is pictured with her son, who was born in March. Her husband, Merrill Brookbank, is 15. The child weighed four pounds, six ounces when it was born. Needless to say, the father is very proud!

Representatives Of Grit Visitors Here This Week

North Wilkesboro Selected For Reader And Advertising Survey by Grit

Four representatives of Grit Publishing company, of Williamsport, Pa., are in North Wilkesboro this week conducting a reader and advertising survey.

The Grit, a popular weekly newspaper and magazine combined, has a circulation within North Wilkesboro of 140 and a total circulation of several hundred in rural communities nearby. The circulation in the United States exceeds 600,000.

Grit is making several similar surveys in various other states to obtain a cross section "picture" of its average type reader and the kind of towns in which its readers live. The circulation is principally in the smaller cities and towns.

North Wilkesboro is the only locality in North Carolina selected for the Grit survey. The crew of representatives, including some of the men who hold highly responsible positions with the nationally circulated publication, is spending the entire week here. They are: Gilbert E. Whiteley, who has charge of the advertising survey, E. J. O'Sullivan and Merlin W. Troy, also with the advertising department; Richard F. Williamson, news editor; and Paul E. Fink, of the personnel department.

The survey in North Wilkesboro is being conducted through the Junior Woman's club and the club will appreciate cooperation from all persons contacted in the survey. Many photographs are being made of public buildings, business establishments and homes and these, together with other information gained in the survey, will be used in promotion of national advertising, incidentally giving much publicity to North Wilkesboro.

The representatives expressed themselves today as being highly pleased with the courtesy and hospitality accorded them here.

Apple Trees In Bloom At Present

Apple trees situated in the famous Brushy Mountain fruit section of Wilkes county are expected to be in full bloom by this week-end, and a motor trip through this section will be one more than worthwhile, citizens here state.

Plans have been underway for the past few years to stage an "apple blossom festival" at the height of the apple bloom, but so far no festival has been held.

Highways running through the fruit section of the Brushies will be found to be in good condition if the weather is favorable.

Put a lump of freshly burned lime in the drawer or box when storing away steel articles and it will prevent them from rusting.

Marriage License Business In Slump As Applicants Fail To Have Test Made

New Law Requires Physical Examination and Wasserman Test For Syphilis

The new marriage license law caused a lot of disappointment in Wilkes county during the easter season. Several prospective couples were in Wilkesboro Friday and Saturday making preparations to enter into matrimonial contracts. Easter but were doomed to disappointment because they could not secure license.

The hitch was caused by that clause in the new marriage law which says that the health certificate from a physician must be accompanied by a report showing a Wasserman blood test has been made. It takes four to six days to send off the samples of blood and receive a report, thus making it impossible for week-end marriage license applicants to get the report and be married Easter.

One couple clad in wedding clothes appeared for marriage license and intended to be married immediately and off on their honeymoon but their plans were no go. "I just got to be married Easter," the blushing prospective bride said, but there was no way getting married without a license and there was no way getting a license without the blood test report, which was at least four days away.

Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, explained that the marriage law enacted by the legislature only a few weeks ago requires that both parties applying for marriage license have a certificate from a physician within seven days showing that there is no evidence of venereal disease or tuberculosis and the certificate (Continued on page four)

WPA Worker Dies Of Auto Injuries Received Tuesday

Alleged To Have Been Hit By a Car Driven by Kelly Pipes Near Hays

Funeral service will be held Friday, ten a. m., at Baptist Home church for Sam Adams, WPA worker of the Traphill community, who died in the hospital here Wednesday from injuries received when he was hit by a car said to have been driven by Kelly Pipes, another WPA worker.

According to an account of the accident rendered by witnesses to officers, Adams was walking along the road between Hays and Dockery on his way to work on the road project nearby when he was hit. Officers said that reports tended to show that Pipes was driving on the left side of the road, that he was an inexperienced driver and had no operator's license.

He was arrested and placed under bond of \$1,000. A preliminary hearing was set for Saturday afternoon before Magistrate R. C. Jennings.

Baseball Club To Play On Saturday

The North Wilkesboro Baseball Club will open its 1939 season Saturday when the strong Hanes Cub nine from Winston-Salem will be met on the local diamond. The game will start promptly at 3 p. m.

Leslie Rhoades, former Carolina league pitcher, will again be team manager and his players have been going through regular practice for the past two weeks.

One Bullpower Caravan Takes to Road



J. L. Talent wagered 50 pounds that he could take himself, his wife and three children in this unique caravan from Melbourne, Australia, a distance of 20 miles, in 25 weeks. He had traveled for 10 weeks when this picture was taken, and expected to reach Melbourne in one more week. The bus-like conveyance is mounted on an abandoned automobile chassis. Talent reported that he expects to use, but offered to sell pictures to curious onlookers.

Board Education Appoints Groups For All Schools

Many Former Committeemen Named For Another Term

Appointments of school committeemen for all the schools in Wilkes county have been made by the county board of education, which is composed of C. O. McNeil, chairman, R. R. Church and D. F. Shepherd.

The committee appointments included committees for each of the eight school districts in the county and advisory committees for the smaller schools within the districts. Many of the school committeemen were reappointed. However, there are several new committeemen in different sections of the county.

The appointments follow:

- District Committee: Wilkesboro District: N. O. Smoak, C. A. Lowe, D. J. Brookshire, T. M. Foster, J. T. Prevette. Mt. Pleasant District: T. O. Minton, W. W. Miles, J. E. Hamby. Millers Creek District: I. R. Vannoy, J. F. Caudill, C. F. McNeill. Mulberry School: W. H. Hayes, H. H. Jennings, Gordon Shatley. Mountain View District: G. C. Pendry, Roy Key, Glenn Dancy, F. C. Johnson, D. C. Caudill. Traphill District: J. W. McBride, Wesley Joines, D. C. Castevens. Round District: Granville Green, Leet Poplin, Dean Best. (Continued on page four)

Moore Withdraws From Town Race

Two Candidates for Mayor And Ten For Commissioners to be Voted on

Henry L. Moore, one of the six new candidates who filed for the primary and election in North Wilkesboro, today announced that he was withdrawing from the race.

His statement follows: "For the best interests of the new candidates for town commissioners and mayor I have decided to withdraw my name as a candidate for town commissioner."

His action leaves two candidates for mayor and ten candidates for commissioners in the field for voting in the primary to be held on Monday, April 17.

Mayor R. T. McNeil and the present board of commissioners composed of S. V. Tamlinson, T. S. Kenerly, Ralph Duncan, H. M. Hutehens and Dr. R. P. Casey filed and announced candidacy for re-election collectively.

The new ticket is composed of Ralph R. Reins for mayor, J. R. Caudill, F. P. Blair, Jr., W. K. Sturdivant, J. B. Carter and Gordon Finley for commissioners.

Get Big Still In Traphill Vicinity

Large Steam Outfit With Daily Capacity 300 Gallons Liquor Found

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies on Monday afternoon raided one of the largest capacity still outfits found in Wilkes recently.

The still, which was found in a house near Traphill, was a modern plant for the manufacture of liquor on a large scale and when the officers swooped in on the plant it was running full capacity and 75 gallons of rye and corn whiskey had already been made during the day. Coke, which makes no smoke, was being used to fire the steam furnace.

The unique alarm system rigged up over the building failed to work and the officers made the arrest of one of the alleged operators, Clarence Pruitt.

The alarm system consisted of a cow bell in the top of the house. From the bell a wire led to a lookout post in a tree on the top of a nearby ridge, but the lookout man had apparently been asleep at his post.