

Society

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Legion Auxiliary Held Monthly Meeting

The March meeting of the Legion Auxiliary was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. John R. Justice with Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Miss Elizabeth Finley, and Miss Lillian Stafford as associate hostesses, having around twenty present. Mrs. R. G. Finley, the president, presided for the usual business session, after which Mrs. I. A. Rousseau, chairman of Community Service, presented an interesting program.

Mrs. Palmer Hedges, a representative from the E. T. A., told about the playground movement, which the auxiliary is helping to sponsor. Mrs. T. A. Finley, from the Woman's club, presented the Girl Scout movement, and the auxiliary went on record as making it a national activity instead of locally. Both financially and morally. W. J. Bacon, chairman of the Community Service in the American Legion, explained the Boy's State that is being organized in the schools and said that he hoped to get one organized in the school here for the boys, and that an organization would be set up for the girls too. Five new members were reported. Refreshments were served during the social hour that followed the meeting.

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Social Calendar
The North Wilkesboro Senior Woman's club will meet Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. Q. Adams with Mrs. R. M. Brames and Mrs. E. E. Eller as associate hostesses.

Mrs. S. T. Taylor Is Bridge Club Hostess
The members of the Young Matron's Contract club were delightfully entertained Monday evening by Mrs. S. T. Taylor at her home on Eighth Street. The Easter idea was carried out in the table appointments and the refreshments that followed the bridge game, which was played at two tables. Mrs. Presley Myers won the top score prize. Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. Nachamson, of Durham, was a guest of the club.

Wilkesboro Junior Club Met Tuesday Night
With the Literature Department in charge of which Miss Helen Bumgarner is chairman, a splendid program was given on North Carolina Literature at the monthly meeting of the Junior Woman's club of Wilkesboro which was held Tuesday evening at the Community House. Three songs of North Carolina, "The Old North State," "Ho For Carolina," and "North Carolina Hills," were sung by four school girls, Betsy Barber, Catherine Irvin, Nancy Garwood, and Betty Jean Linney. For dramatics Mrs. Lawrence Miller told about Paul Green's play, "The Lost Colony"; for poetry Mary Gage Barber read some of James Larkin Pearson's poems; and O'Henry's short stories by Miss Margaret Hix. Miss Louise Pearson presented North Carolina novels and Betty Jean Linney gave a reading. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Frank Gentry, the business part of the meeting was in charge of Mrs. Miller. Two new members were received into the club, Miss Iva Faw and Mrs. Carlisle Jordan. Around thirty were present and enjoyed a social hour and refreshments at the close of the meeting. The Garden department is to have charge of the program at the April meeting, which is to be held the second Thursday in April.

Mrs. O. E. Triplett Entertains At Bridge
Mrs. O. E. Triplett entertained at a delightful bridge party at her home on lower Kensington Drive Friday evening at which time she had players sufficient for three tables. The high and second high score prizes were awarded to Mrs. King Spainhower and Mrs. B. A. Lewis. At the conclusion of play the hostess served a tempting salad course followed by sweets.

Fidelis Class Met Tuesday Evening
Twenty-one members were present for the monthly meeting of the Fidelis class of the First Baptist church which was held Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Gladys Lomax with Mrs. J. Q. Adams and Mrs. John Hall as co-hostesses. Mrs. Adams occupied the chair for the business period and the Bible study on the gospels of John was taught by Mrs. Frank Tomlinson. Some contests during the social hour were directed by Mrs. Ethel Moore and Mrs. D. L. Crook, after which the hostesses served refreshments.

96,075,794 Paid To PWA Employees In 9 Southern States

Wage earners in nine southern States drew \$96,075,794 in pay during the past seven years constructing public improvements built with the aid of the Public Works Administration, Regional Director Harry A. Wortham said today as the PWA program neared completion.

"The average earnings of all classes of skilled labor was \$1.12½ per hour and the average for common labor \$0.35½ per hour," he said.

Pay envelopes in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee all average \$1.12 an hour for skilled and \$0.35 for common labor. In Virginia the average was \$1.25 and \$0.40 and in North Carolina the average was \$1.16 and \$0.35 while in South Carolina \$1.00 and \$0.30.

"Workmen in these States spent a little loss of their dollars for food, about the same for clothing, less for housing, and more for furniture and household operation than did workmen in northern States."

"These families also budgeted more of their dollars for transportation, amusements and recreation and medical care than did the families of the New England and Middle Atlantic States," Wortham said.

The earnings were paid during construction of 2,824 public works in the nine-state region over the past seven years. Each project was sponsored by either a State government or one of its subdivisions and the projects are publicly owned, Wortham said.

All workers received wages through regular channels of private industry which co-operated with Federal and State, County and City Governments in the program.

Average wages for the whole pay roll without regard to skill or unskilled classifications of work varied from \$0.43 in Mississippi to \$0.68 in Kentucky.

"This difference is due to varying quantities of common labor used in different types of construction and many methods of accomplishing work. For example, use of machinery requires skilled labor and reduces the need for common labor while boosting average earnings on the job," he said.

There were 8,170 traffic accidents in North Carolina last year, against 7,495 during 1938.

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Giant Jewel



Miss Fátima Davis examines the world's largest topaz, recently acquired by Harvard University. The giant Brazilian topaz weighs 225 pounds, and is estimated to be about 100,000,000 years old.

Surprise Birthday Dinner Is Given
A surprise birthday dinner was given last Sunday for William Marsh, of Wilkesboro, in honor of his sixty-second birthday. The bountiful dinner was spread on a large table on the lawn of his home.

When he and Mrs. Marsh returned home from church the children, friends and neighbors had gathered in the home. Mr. Marsh said "This is a surprise sure enough."

Elder Clanton, pastor of Shady Grove Baptist church, was present and delivered an address, after which everyone helped themselves to the good things to eat.

The children present were: Mrs. S. D. Martin and children, of North Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woodie and children, of Wilbar; Mr. and Mrs. Basil Jarvis and children, of Wilkesboro; Mr. and Mrs. Parks Marsh and little son, Harold Dean, of Millers Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilreath and little son, Alvin, of Wilkesboro; Messrs. Silas, Odell and Dewie Marsh, all of Wilkesboro.

Newspaperman Shot Trying to Nab Bandit
Baltimore.—A Baltimore newspaperman, shot in the chest by a bandit he tried to capture during a downtown holdup, remained in a serious condition today as police threw out a dragnet for his assailant.

The injured man was Robert Murray, 47, Baltimore Sun copyreader and former city editor of the Norfolk Virginia-Pilot.

Witnesses said Murray was in a tavern when two men entered the place about midnight last night, announcing "this is a hold-up." When one patron sought to flee, one of the bandits fired a shot at him.

Murray turned and grappled with the armed man who fired one shot and missed. A second shot struck him below the heart. Other patrons of the tavern jumped on the bandit who fled into the street, firing two shots as he ran.

He escaped in automobile driven by a confederate, police said. A third man, identified by Police Lieut. John B. Kenealy as James Charles Smith, 22, of Washington, was captured as he ran up the street.

Three other patrons of the tavern were injured in the scuffle.

Murray was born in Orange county, North Carolina, and worked on the Durham, N. C., Herald before going to Norfolk. He returned earlier last night from Asheville, N. C., where he had attended the wedding of a relative.

Hospital physicians said his condition was "serious but not critical."

Cost Of Living Up 1 Per Cent For February
New York.—A rise of one-half of 1 per cent in the cost of living in the United States last month as compared with January was reported Monday by the National Industrial Conference board, a research organization sponsored by private industries.

Mainly responsible for the rise, according to the board, was an increase in the cost of food to approximately the level of last October following four months of declining costs. The February costs were 1.8 per cent higher than in February, 1939, and 30.6 per cent higher than in March, 1933, but 23.6 per cent lower than in February, 1929.

Apothecary drug stores are maintained for and supported by the sick.

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"Relish For The Best Of Men"
(A Little Nonsense)

By RUTH LINNEY
The thing that most amazes the undiscriminating man and woman in the streets and bypaths in the U. S. is that two great nations would allow themselves to be ruled absolutely by a ruffian comedian "bif who need no commit robbery and hide his loot in a safe."

It was inadvertently burned by a comrade) and who has the most cruel face, the most wily, deceitful, diabolical eyes ever pictured, on the one hand; and an egocentric, maniac with a hobo's moustache, on the other. Besides being easily the two most hated men on earth, Stalin and Hitler seem to possess nearly as few talents as virtues.

They may not continue their absolutism for long. Vincent Shean says, "A revolution in Germany is as certain as tomorrow's sun, though it may be considerably longer in arriving." And the modern counterpart of Ivan the Terrible may be no more invincible—or immortal.

But there are two reasons, incomprehensible to us, for their "divine right" tyranny. (1) Joe Stalin and Adolph Hitler undoubtedly have abilities we cannot suspect and about which no writer will tell us in the present crisis. History may devote some pages to Hitler, which would immensely gratify the ex-corporal, since it is escape from obscurity and the verdict of history which preoccupies him constantly.

(2) Russians and Germans are, as we "old country folk" are supposed to say of all foreigners, literally, "Not our kind of people." The system of collectivism that dictated the confiscation of grain that caused 7,000 or more peasants to starve in their frozen north, does not even impress the Russian mind inured to Asiatic barbarities descending from the Tartars and Ivan the Terrible. Besides the fact that the Germans will be long and servilely submissive to authority—even to Nazis—Field Marshall Lord Milne says, "There is a deep strain of brutality in the German nation."

It was infuriatingly ironic.

when, in the midst of January's icy cold, the new Sears and Roebuck catalog came out with the announcement, "It's spring at Sears."

Friends at Roaring River said, "We don't see how you stand it to live in the country, to which we incessantly replied, "When did you live in town?" While we can hardly visualize Roaring River as much of a town, or even North Wilkesboro as a very large city, it is a little startling to hear Greensboro spoken of by an educator as "a large village," or to hear "Time," designate Winston-Salem as a "small town." ("True to the name" says Winston-Salem Reynolds, where Smith Reynolds was killed when Lily Holman and Ab Walker were so "tight," is in South Carolina.)

"Time" said Robert M. Hanes was a big city banker, though he lived in a small town. He used to ride a motorcycle. One day it got away from him and tore through his wife's flower beds. At breakfast he complained to his wife, "Mildred, some damn fool has torn up your flowers." "Yes," said Mildred, "I know who the damn fool was."

Junior Home Will Get Two More Teachers

Lexington.—Miss Virginia Bryant, of Boone, and Miss Elizabeth Cowan have been elected additional teachers of the Lexington Children's Home school, which will be enlarged over the coming week-end by arrival of 103 children from the National Junior Orphans Home at Tiffin, Ohio, it was announced by Superintendent W. M. Shuford.

Miss Cowan is an alumna of the local orphanage school and afterwards graduated from Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Bryant is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Superintendent Shuford states that the 67 children brought here from Tiffin less than a month ago have adapted themselves to their new surroundings remarkably well and he anticipates the big shifting of children, an epoch-making event in American orphanage experience, will be completed without hitch.

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Stage and Screen Shows At Liberty
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