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Mrs. Biester Will Address Auxiliary Meeting On Feb. 12

National President To Attend Post and Unit Officers' Conference

CONFERENCE OUTLINED

Mrs. W. R. Absber, of This City, To Preside At Auxiliary Sessions

Mrs. William H. Biester, Jr., national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, will address the post and unit officers' conference of the North Carolina department in Statesville on February 12, it was announced Saturday from the local office of Mrs. W. R. Absber, Auxiliary department president.

Mrs. Biester is a resident of Philadelphia and is widely known for her services to the Auxiliary.

Members of Auxiliary units from all over North Carolina will gather in Statesville on Sunday, February 11, for the two-day conference and hear the address of Mrs. Biester.

Mrs. Absber will preside over the Auxiliary conference.

"This conference was called," Mrs. Absber states in the announcement to Auxiliary units of the state, "for the purpose of reviewing and exchanging ideas and considering the best and most efficient means of carrying forward our great Auxiliary work. We want to see how far we have come, if we are giving our best, if we are workers or slackers in the program of service to God and country, as outlined by national headquarters."

The first sessions will be held Sunday, February 11, at 2:30 p. m. The Auxiliary will hold a joint memorial service with Legion post officers at 7:30 p. m.

The program for Monday follows:

9:00 a. m. Executive Board Breakfast.

10:30 a. m. Auxiliary Conference called to order by the Department President. (Broad Street Methodist Church).

1:00 p. m. Dutch Luncheon.

2:00 p. m. Unit Presidents and District Committeewomen's Conferences, Methodist Church.

4:00 p. m. Parade.

5:00 p. m. Tea for Honor Guests, home of Mrs. T. G. Shelton.

7:15 p. m. Joint Session of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Dance.

WASHINGTON SILENT ON FEDERAL OFFICES

Washington, Jan. 27.—It is still assumed that there will be a court in the middle judicial district, and that it will be properly officered. The department of justice has failed for some weeks, however, to recommend to the President the appointment, either of district attorney or a marshal.

Carlisle Higgins, of Allegheny county, has the indorsement of Senator Bailey for district attorney, but, while J. O. Carr has been appointed to perform a similar service in the east, no action has been taken on the Higgins appointment, for the reason, it is understood, that the appointing powers have been informed that Mr. Higgins failed to develop a satisfactory degree of diligence in prosecuting men in Surry county charged with election irregularities. It is explained that this objection to the Higgins appointment has not yet progressed to the point of filing formal "charges" against the man who would like to do the prosecuting in the federal government in the middle district.

The W. T. Dowd appointment for marshal in the middle district was scheduled to come through, according to his supporters, Wednesday, but the week, while an eventful one, did not profit Mr. Dowd anything. Senator Reynolds was at the department of justice again yesterday on this mission, and once more appears confident that the man from Sanford will get the call.

Libby Holman Reynolds Is Studying In Dramatic Class

Philadelphia, Jan. 26.—Libby Holman, "torch singer," who was widowed by the bullet which killed Z. Smith Reynolds, heir to tobacco millions, is studying dramatics for what is believed to be an intended Broadway comeback.

In a select class of 12 pupils, she is treading the path which has been beaten to the door of the Hedgerow theatre, in the beautiful Rose Valley, 25 miles outside Philadelphia.

COMING TO N. C.



Mrs. William H. Biester, Jr., National President, American Legion Auxiliary.

Early Erection Of Post Office Is Anticipated

Committee of Three Is In Charge of Erecting Buildings In State

\$50,600 TO BE SPENT

Early construction of the new post office for North Wilkesboro is foreseen as the result of recent developments in Washington.

The Public Works administration is endeavoring to get its program well under way before the CWA is ended and for this reason, it is expected that the local building will soon be started.

It was announced last week that an interdepartmental committee, composed of L. W. Roberts, Jr., assistant secretary of the treasurer in charge of construction, Silliman Evans, fourth assistant postmaster general, and James A. Wetmore, acting supervising architect, will have charge of construction of the North Carolina buildings, including the North Wilkesboro office.

The sum of \$50,600 was allotted for the local office. The site, which is located on "C" Street, was selected a year ago.

Auto Parts Firm Enjoys Good Year

Mr. Ralph Reavis, Owner, Views 1934 With Much Optimism

Ralph H. Reavis, owner of the Auto Parts and Electric Company, Statesville, and Auto Parts Company, this city, after recent completion of inventory here and the installation of a perpetual inventory system reports a very satisfactory year for 1933. Both stores have experienced an increase in business during the past year which has more than doubled any previous year. Mr. Reavis attributes this increase to the fact that the two stores combined carry the most complete stock of genuine and replacement parts available in the state. He is very enthusiastic over the outlook for 1934. "The new method of stock keeping enables us to maintain a more complete stock thereby more satisfactorily serving our customers," Mr. Reavis said.

Following is the personnel at the local store:

Mr. J. B. Hindshaw, manager; Mr. J. T. Kenerly, salesman; Miss Sallie Hauser, stenographer-bookkeeper; Mr. J. M. Kenerly, parts man; Mr. R. C. Jennings, Jr., assistant clerk.

County Officers Cut Large Still

Approximately 2,000 Gallons of Beer Found At Place Near Purllear

A large steam distillery outfit was destroyed three miles south of Purllear Thursday by Deputy Sheriff G. R. Eller and R. D. Nichols.

Despite the fact that the place gave the appearance of having been the scene of manufacturing on a big scale, the operators were absent when the raid was made. Around 2,000 gallons of beer was destroyed along with the still.

Mr. J. A. Cothran, Miss Mary Mary Cothran and Mrs. Emma Richardson, of Lomax, were visitors in the city a few hours Friday.

LOCAL BABY NAMED FOR THE PRESIDENT

Joseph Delano is the name given to the ten-pound son born to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cashion a few days ago. Delano is the middle name of the President, his full name being Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Lions Entertain Lady Guests In Delightful Way

One-Act Play Given Under Direction of Mrs. Waggoner Is Feature

MRS. C. S. SINK SINGS

Lions entertained their lady guests in a very delightful manner Thursday evening at Hotel Wilkes on the occasion of their annual observance of "Ladies' Night."

Dr. H. B. Smith, president of the club, welcomed the ladies and guests to open the program.

Although all of the program did not materialize, the meeting proved to be a big success. The moving pictures of Lions showed up blank and this feature had to be eliminated.

Mrs. C. S. Sink delighted the club and guests with a vocal solo, "The Old Spinning Wheel," and Mrs. Elizabeth Waggoner very charmingly gave a reading, "Village Orator," a satire on gossiping women.

A feature of the program was the one-act play entitled, "The Light Went Out," which was presented under the direction of Mrs. Waggoner. The cast was composed of B. T. Henderson, reader; E. A. Shook, the hero; W. J. Bason, the villain; Ivy Moore, the mother, and J. D. Moore, Jr., the daughter.

Guests at the meeting included Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Sink, J. D. Moore, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Waggoner, and W. N. Wood.

Reins' Name Is Sent To Senate

Confirmation of Mr. Reins as Postmaster Expected Within Few Days

The nomination of J. C. Reins as North Wilkesboro postmaster was transmitted to the United States Senate for confirmation Saturday. Mr. Reins was recommended by Congressman Walter Lambeth on January 4.

Confirmation by the senate is expected within a few days and Mr. Reins will probably succeed Acting Postmaster Jimmie Anderson early in February.

Monetary Bill Passes

Washington, Jan. 27.—Chief provisions of the administration money bill:

Authority for the President to devalue the dollar, by cutting the gold content from the present level of 23.22 grains to somewhere between 11.61 and 13.93 grains or from 50 to 60 per cent of its present gold content.

Creation of a \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund to permit the secretary of treasury to stabilize the value of American currency and the market price of government securities.

Provision for the treasury to take title to all gold, including almost \$4,000,000,000 worth owned by the federal reserve system.

Gold certificates will be given the reserve system in exchange for the gold.

Devaluation of the dollar will almost double the value of the gold, giving the government a profit from which the stabilization fund will be created.

The profit will depend upon the extent of devaluation.

Forest Fire Raging On Little Grandfather On Highway No. 18

Fire originating near Horse-shoe Bend on State Highway 18 had burned over several thousand acres of forest land on Little Grandfather Mountain 15 miles north of the city up to this morning, according to reliable reports received here.

A contingent of about 50 members of the James Civilian Conservation camp at Purllear were carried to the scene of the fire this morning to fight the flames and endeavor to bring the fire under control.

Birthday Ball In City Expected To Draw Large Crowd

Everything Is In Readiness For Big Affair; Tickets Are Now On Sale

ARMORY IS DECORATED

Roosevelt's Address Will Be Heard Over Radio; Party For Worthy Cause

The Roosevelt Birthday Ball at the armory here tomorrow night is expected to draw a large crowd, it being generally believed that many of the adjoining counties will be represented.

The worthiness of the cause for which the local ball is being given is cited as a reason why those who have not already purchased their tickets should do so at once.

The Peddicord orchestra, of Winston-Salem, will furnish music for the occasion. Several other bits of entertainment have been arranged and this, coupled with the address of President Roosevelt, will round out an excellent evening of delightful entertainment.

The armory has been decorated in a very attractive manner under the direction of Mr. Ed Vannoy and the Radio Sales company is installing a radio for the reception of the nation-wide birthday ball broadcast over the Columbia and National chains.

Everything is in readiness for the ball and now is the time to purchase a ticket.

One dollar of the purchase price of each ticket will be sent to the Warm Springs Foundation for the treatment of persons afflicted with infantile paralysis.

The local ball is only one of 6,000 balls which are being given all over the nation for this worthy cause.

Sponsors of the ball here are urging everybody to co-operate to the fullest extent in seeing that it is a success and that a substantial sum is raised for the foundation.

Mrs. Ervin Will Speak In City

Union Service Will Be Held Wednesday Evening At Baptist Church

Mrs. Mary B. Ervin, national secretary of the W. C. T. U., will deliver an address at a union prayer service at the First Baptist church Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

All churches of Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro are joining in the union service and the members are urged to attend and hear Mrs. Ervin.

Anxious Mother Never Hears Of Son's Disgrace

Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—After a three-day search, police learned the whereabouts of Joseph Haggerty—but the information came 24 hours too late.

For his mother, Mrs. Mary Haggerty, died Friday night in a Philadelphia hospital without word of him. She had hoped police could reach him.

The last thing she whispered to a nurse was: "Please bring Joseph here. I want to see him before I go."

She died believing he was in some distant city seeking employment. Haggerty disappeared six months ago. Before he left he told her he was sure he would find work. But he never wrote.

Last Thursday Mrs. Haggerty became seriously ill and police agreed to use every available means to locate her son.

From the chief of police at Savannah, Ga., last night came a telegram to Philadelphia police explaining why Haggerty had not come home or written. The message said he is in a Georgia state prison.

Infant Dies

Virginia Lee Bell, six-day-old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bell, of Wilkesboro, Route 2, died yesterday and funeral and burial services were held this morning at 11 o'clock at Antioch Baptist church. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Allie Hayes, who is a law student at Wake Forest college, is in the county on a visit with his mother, Mrs. C. B. Hayes, of Purllear.

Mrs. Luther Tilley Arrested On Charge of Murdering Miss Childress; Jailed This Morning

WHITE HOUSE OF HEALTH AT WARM SPRINGS



With its imposing white pillars reflecting the bright sunlight of a perfect day, Georgia Hall, one of the main units of the Warm Springs Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, reflects the cheerfulness always apparent at this great health-restoring center in Georgia. Recognizing the invaluable assistance which the Foundation has rendered to President Roosevelt in his fight for health, a national committee of prominent leaders, headed by Colonel Henry L. Doherty, is staging on January 30, Mr. Roosevelt's fifty-second birthday, 5,000 Presidential Birthday Balls in honor of the chief executive and as a means of raising a permanent endowment fund for the Foundation to carry on and expand its work.

Local Airport Project Approved By State CWA Administrator and Is Sent To Washington Officials

C. T. Doughton, Chairman of Local Committee, Is Advised By Letter

LEADERS ARE HOPEFUL

The North Wilkesboro airport project, calling for the expenditure of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for the construction of an airport near here, has been approved by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, civil works administrator for North Carolina, and sent to Washington for final approval.

This information was received in a letter from state headquarters in Raleigh Thursday by C. T. Doughton, chairman of the local committee which is handling details in connection with this project.

Final approval by Washington officials is expected if sufficient funds are appropriated by congress to carry on CWA.

The D. J. Brookshire property, located three miles east of Wilkesboro on the Boone Trail highway, was selected sometime ago as the site for the airport and a lease and option were negotiated by city and county officials.

Local leaders in the movement are hopeful that the project will be approved and that work will be started in the near future.

F. P. Blair, Sr., Is Brought Home

Stands Removal From Hospital Splendidly; Is Now Resting Well

Frank P. Blair, Sr. was moved from Davis Hospital at Statesville to his home here Thursday and stood the trip splendidly. He is fast recovering his strength and is resting well.

Mr. Blair was seriously injured in an automobile wreck on the Taylorsville-Conover road several weeks ago. He lost the sight of his good eye and sustained severe cuts and bruises in the accident.

Vannetta Will Speak At Pomona Grange Meeting

Wilkes Pomona Grange members will hear State Master A. S. Vannetta, of Orange county, at their special meeting at the court-house in Wilkesboro tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The public is invited to hear him. He will visit the Boomer Grange tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Clyde Hayes, a student at Wake Forest college, is spending the mid-term holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hayes, of Purllear.

Winfield Stanley And Luther Tilley Held In Old Case

Mrs. Tilley Believed To Be Writer of Note Found In Apron Pocket

HEARING ON SATURDAY

Hearing To Be Given Tilley and Stanley Friday Before Spainhower

Mrs. Luther Tilley, 36-year-old wife of Luther Tilley, was arrested last night on a warrant charging her with the murder of Miss Leota Childress and was placed in the county jail at Wilkesboro this morning at 1 o'clock.

The sister-in-law of the slain girl was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Tyre Barker. The warrant on which she was taken into custody was sworn out by Hill Cox, a brother-in-law of Miss Childress.

Solicitor John R. Jones stated this morning that he was not yet ready to disclose the findings of the experts who have been studying handwritings which have been collected in the case, but it is believed that Mrs. Tilley's handwriting was found to be very similar to that of the woman purported to have been left by Miss Childress and said to have been found in the pocket of the apron worn by the girl at the time of her death.

Additional evidence supporting the charge of murder against Mrs. Tilley will be offered at the fourth coroner's hearing which will be held in the courthouse at Wilkesboro Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Luther Tilley, husband of the alleged murderess, is still in the county jail on a charge of murdering Andrew Eldridge whose dead body was found in a lake on the Klondike farm near Elkin in 1927. Winfield Stanley is in jail on the same charge, it being alleged that Stanley and Tilley strung Eldridge up to a tree and killed him. Later they hid the body in a log, it was stated, and fearing discovery, threw it in the lake.

The two men will be given a hearing in the Eldridge case Friday before Justice of the Peace A. E. Spainhower.

Solicitor Jones in an interview this morning made it clear that all others who have been investigated in connection with the Childress case are being held in the county jail on other charges and while they are desired as material witnesses, none other than Mrs. Tilley is directly charged with the Childress murder.

Clyde Tilley, a brother of Luther Tilley, is being held in jail on other charges. He was arrested a few days ago for investigation in the Childress slaying.

Mrs. Luther Tilley was questioned at the time of her husband's arrest, but developments had not been sufficient at that time to warrant holding her on the murder charge.

Solicitor Jones said the investigations were being continued with the hope of filling in the missing links in the chain of evidence which has been assembled.

It was learned from Solicitor Jones that the note left in the Eldridge death was not similar to the note purported to have been left by Miss Childress. Luther Tilley is believed to have written the note found in the Eldridge home which read: "Notice—I have gone to Elkin to work. Will be back Sunday. Andrew."

On the other hand, the note purported to have been left by the girl is rumored to be in the handwriting of Miss Childress.

Epworth League Will Give Food Sale Soon

The Epworth League of the local Methodist church will hold a food sale at Spainhour-Snyder's store Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The league solicits the patronage of the public.

In still without word from Athens, Jan. 25.—About Samuel Insull's case when he is deported a note included the conjecture today that the 74-year-old former operator may have in his remaining years on the ocean an unwanted man without a cent.