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LATE NEWS OF STATE AND NATION

Five Killed At Crossing

Pottsville, N. B., Dec. 21.—Five persons, returning home from a Christmas shopping trip, were killed when their automobile was wrecked by a train at a grade crossing tonight.

National Debt Swells

Washington, Dec. 19.—America's national debt burden advanced today toward President Roosevelt's fiscal year-end estimate of \$31,543,000,000, despite tax revenues bigger than a year ago.

2 Die In 1 Home

Roanoke, Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Newcomb, 60 and 55 years old, respectively, residents of the Allensville section, five miles east of here, died this morning at the home within 30 minutes of each other.

N. C. Buying Heavy

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Farmers who benefitted this year from Federal crop adjustment programs thronged North Carolina trading centers in a late pre-Christmas rush. Buying is the heaviest in six years.

Larger Army Urged

Washington, Dec. 21.—An immediate increase in the strength of the regular army to 14,000 officers and 165,000 enlisted men is an urgent need of the War Department. Secretary George H. Dern indicated today.

Favors Tobacco Control

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—North Carolina farmers were believed to have voted over 96 per cent, in favor of retaining the Kerr-Smith tobacco acreage control act in a referendum which ended today.

Plane Pilot Killed

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 19.—Sanford Baldwin, 22, of Framingham Center, Mass., was killed late today when a plane he was piloting crashed from 3,000 feet into the mud flats adjoining Sandberg field, the municipal airport.

Runs Out of Shoes

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Jack Hobbs, negro, was wearing shoes and socks when officers started chasing him here today, but was barefooted when they caught him after a mile run. The wrecked car from which Hobbs fled, contained 79 jars of liquor.

Air Crash Kills 7

Bagdad, Iraq, Dec. 21.—Armored cars and ambulances with surgeons rushed into the desert tonight to remove the bodies of seven victims killed in the wrecked Netherlands air liner Ulver, burned when it crashed on a commercial flight from the Dutch East Indies.

Studying Tax Structure

Washington, Dec. 20.—The entire tax structure of the United States—federal, state and municipal—will be studied by the Treasury Department in an effort to eliminate overlapping taxes, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. revealed today.

Ashe County Man Killed

Lenoir, Dec. 20.—Gathero Canter, 40, of Trout, Ashe county, was fatally injured this afternoon when the log truck he was driving overturned on the Blowing Rock highway and crushed his body. He died in a local hospital, three hours after receiving emergency treatment.

48-Passenger Plane

Baltimore, Dec. 20.—The largest flying boat ever built in this country—a craft that may blaze an air passenger trail to the Orient—was lifted off choppy water today for a successful test flight. She is Pan-American Airways' 48-passenger craft, now known only as flying clipper No. 7.

Sets Flight Record

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The Florida Flier Eastern Airlines plane inaugurating passenger service between Miami and Chicago, landed at Chicago airport at 5 p. m. today, establishing a new record for the distance. The time was 7 hours, 40 minutes, three hours better than the previous record for a passenger carrier of 10 hours and 40 minutes.

Christmas Greetings



Nineteen hundred, thirty-four years ago angels from the heavenly throne visited this terrestrial creation to herald the news that a Savior was born, God's gift to the beings created in his own image. The heavenly creatures sang "Peace on earth; goodwill toward men." Today we repeat this greeting to the world as an expression embodying what Christmas should stand for. As long as the human race shall inhabit the world Christmas will be an occasion of goodwill and peace.

It is with this spirit of solemnity and goodwill that we today publish our greetings to every reader of The Journal-Patriot. We wish for all who read these lines the happiest holiday season of their lives and hope that the fullest blessings from this anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace may be received. We conclude these greetings with an expression that will never become monotonous or grow old, notwithstanding the fact that it has been used millions of times: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

State and County Election Boards Cannot Revoke Election Certificates



Trenton, N. J., Rev. Dr. Lester H. Clee (above), is scheduled to be speaker of the N. J. Assembly, the first clergyman to so serve and the first without legislative experience. He was elected on a clean government platform.

District Relief Office Functions

Office Force Taken From Former County Offices; Key Positions Filled

With practically all of the key positions filled the district relief office located in this city is now functioning for six counties, Wilkes, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry and Yadkin. The key positions are Miss Victoria Bell, formerly of Catawba County, administrator; C. H. Smither, Jefferson, project supervisor; C. W. Miles, of Sparta, Rural Rehabilitation Farm Supervisor; T. B. Moore, of Roane, disbursing officer; Guy Norman, of Dobson, statistician. Assistants and clerical force were taken from the county offices in the six counties. The office closed Saturday for the holidays and will reopen on Thursday of this week.

Tobacco Vote Is Unanimous

330 Weed Growers in Wilkes Want Tobacco Crop Control Continued

According to the referendum recently held on the Agricultural Adjustment Administration's plans for tobacco crop control Wilkes County has 330 tobacco farmers who are in favor of a tax on flue-cured tobacco and not one voted against the plan. All votes were canvassed Thursday and the returns sent into Raleigh. In the cotton referendum on the Bankhead law Wilkes had 33 farmers voting for continuing the law and 6 voting against.

Kills Father

Seguin, Texas.—Emil W. Bock, Jr., 17, confessed to detectives today that he killed his father, wealthy business man and retired farmer, with a piece of iron pipe. The youth said he beat his father to death in the dining room of the palatial Bock home here because the elder Bock refused to sanction his marriage.

Attorney General Rules On Question Regarding Alexander Situation

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt late today ruled that neither the state nor the county board of elections has authority to revoke certificates of election once it issues them to individuals, even though a re-canvass of the votes is held and a sufficient number of apparently illegal votes is found to change the first result. The board of elections, in its investigation of alleged irregularities in Alexander county, asked Mr. Brummitt to answer the following questions: "Whether, after certificates of elections have been issued by a county board of elections, and the holders of same have qualified and been inducted into office, the state board of elections has the power to order a county board, upon satisfactory proof of the illegality of a sufficient number of votes to change the result of an election, to revoke its certificates heretofore issued and to re-canvass the votes of said election and to certify the results as found by the re-canvass."

Find No Law

Mr. Brummitt replied "I am unable to find anything in our election laws authorizing action such as you suggest." In its resolution asking the attorney general's opinion, the board of elections set forth it had prima facie evidence that there were enough illegal votes to change the result of the election. The resolution added that the board would meet in Taylorsville if it had power to revoke the elections certificates, at a date to be set by the chairman, and would turn over its information to the solicitor for possible criminal prosecutions if it had no power. Mr. Brummitt told the board that the determination of a contested election "is a matter for the courts in an action in the nature of quo warranto."

"Such an action," he said, "may be brought in the name of the state by consent of the attorney general, which consent is granted as a matter of course when the formalities of application and giving bond are complied with." Amendments in election laws (Continued on page five)

C. T. DOUGHTON'S AUTOMOBILE STOLEN

A 1934 model Plymouth sedan belonging to C. T. Doughton was stolen on Friday afternoon from where Mr. Doughton had parked it near Claude Mathis' home on Roaring River route 2. He was bird hunting nearby when the car was driven off. Although a widespread search has been made for the car it had not been located late Saturday.

No Paper To Be Issued Thursday

The Thursday issue of The Journal-Patriot, December 27, will be omitted this week in order to give the force a well-earned Christmas holiday vacation. Today's issue is being published early in order that it may reach all readers in this territory before Christmas Day. The force will return to work Friday and the regular issue, carrying all features, will appear on next Monday, December 31.

115 Lives Lost in Highway Wrecks

New All Time High Record in November; Report is Made By Capt. C. D. Farmer

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Automobile accidents claimed 115 lives in North Carolina in November, a new all-time high record for fatalities in a single month in the state and the third successive month saw a new record set. Capt. Charles D. Farmer of the state highway patrol announced the total this afternoon at the same time that he revealed that highway patrolmen arrested 671 persons in November for traffic law violations. In October, 107 persons were killed in automobile accidents and in September the toll was 106, each a new record at the time. The death toll for 11 months of 1934 was 869 from automobiles. Other details of the accident report was not available. Fines totalling \$9,336.60 and costs of \$4,149.08 as well as prison sentences totalling 698 months were imposed on law violators taken by patrolmen in November, Captain Farmer said.

Mountain View High Takes Double Header

Mountain View High School basketball teams took a double header from Roaring River on the former's court Thursday afternoon. The Mountain View boys won 33 to 11 and the girls beat Roaring River 11 to 1. Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—Police of five states were on the lookout tonight for five desperadoes led by Robert Mals, known killer, who looted the payroll office of the Philadelphia Electric Company of \$48,500 in a daylight robbery. Four of the bandits forced 60 employees to lie on the floor while they collected the money—all small bills and coins. Knocking down three men who attempted to interfere, they fled, after discharging a shotgun at random.

World War Veterans Warned to Apply For Bonus Certificates Before Jan. 2

Applications May Be Filed With County Headquarters of Red Cross

The final date on which World War veterans may file applications for adjusted compensation certificates has been set for January 2, 1935.

Any veteran who had more than sixty days service in the World War, or any dependent of a veteran who is dead, who have not applied for "bonus" certificates, is requested to visit Wilkes County Chapter headquarters on or before January 2, with proper honorable discharge, so that an application may be filed. Veterans eligible for the "bonus" certificates must have served more than sixty days during the war period—April 5, 1917—November 11, 1918, and have been honorably discharged. Certain high ranking commissioned officers, civilian employees of the Army and a few other similar classes are not eligible. Dependents of veterans who died in the service, or since, who failed to apply for the certificates, or who died after filing, but before receiving certificate, should make application before dependents have preference over dependent parents. If there is no it is too late. Widows and child or widow or child, dependent mother may file, or if mother is not entitled, dependent father may file. Dependency of parents is presumed after age 60, and before that age evidence of dependency must be presented.

Girl Health Champion



Wilton Junction, Ia., Fifteen year old Doris Louise Paul of this place is national 4-H girl health champion of 1934. She weighs 130 pounds and scored highest in the annual national competition at Chicago.

Federal Agents Arrest Two Men

Ray Weatherman and Thurmond Wiles Bound Over to Federal Court

Ray Weatherman and Thurmond Myers were arrested by federal officers Thursday on a charge of manufacturing whiskey and operating a distillery which had not been registered and upon which tax had not been paid. Federal Agents J. R. Brandon, C. S. Felts and J. W. Hurst made the raid Thursday in the Osbornville section, where a distillery was found. Weatherman was found at the still while Myers was arrested nearby. Both were given preliminary hearings before United States Commissioner J. W. Dula in Wilkesboro and released under bonds of \$500 each for appearance at the next term of federal court.

No Check Tax After Jan. 1st

Removal of Two-Cent Tax on Each Check Expected To Swell Bank Deposits

The custom with banks here in handling the tax has been to charge two cents for each check off the depositor's account when the check is paid. Those who do a large business with checks will realize a substantial saving when the tax is discontinued. After December 31 the tax on checks issued on bank deposits will be discontinued. Discontinuance of the bothersome two-cent tax on every check is expected to be a great boon to checking deposits in banks and will greatly facilitate the banking business. Has 836 Pounds of Pork From 2 9-Months Shoats

Another hog raiser is heard from. Clarence Hendren, resident of Wilkesboro route 2, states that he has just butchered two hogs, nine months old, which were dressed into 836 pounds of pork. One hog weighed 410 and the larger 426.

Sheriff Makes Settlement For Taxes For 1933

Now Has Tax Books for Collection of County Taxes for Current Year

COMMISSIONERS MEET

Recess Session Held Thursday Morning; Settlement Resolution Passed

W. B. Somers, sheriff of Wilkes County, on Thursday made settlement with the board of county commissioners for the 1933 county taxes and now has the tax books for collection of the 1934 taxes. The commissioners met in recess session for the purpose of making the settlement and all members, D. B. Swaringen, Chairman, M. F. Absher and Ralph Duncan, were present. No other business of public interest was transacted and the board adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in January. Sheriff Somers filled bond for office as sheriff and tax collector when he was sworn in for the new term the first Monday in December but the tax books for 1934 could not be delivered to him for collection until he had made settlement for taxes for 1933.

Settlement for 1933 taxes was held up because of the fact that the commissioners had postponed the sale of land for taxes until December and settlement was drawn up when the tax sale was completed and certificates had been made out for lands sold for taxes. County Accountant C. H. Ferguson had been serving as tax collector for the county from the time the new books were made out until Thursday, when the sheriff's settlement for 1933 taxes was accepted by the commissioners.

Program Arranged For Singing Meet

Expect Several Classes To Take Part In Pleasant Home Singing Sunday

J. C. McNeill, chairman, has announced program for the Blue Ridge Singing Association to be held at Pleasant Home Baptist Church near Millers Creek, Sunday, December 30. The assembly will be called to order at 10 a. m. Devotional will be conducted by Rev. Nelson Bumgarner. Address of welcome will be spoken by Calvin Church and response by Walter Blackburn, of Walsh. Program of singing by the classes and quartets throughout the remainder of the morning and the afternoon session will be interspersed by other interesting features. The public, and especially all singing classes and quartets, is invited to attend.

Frank Page Dies in Hospital at Raleigh After Brief Illness

Prominent Banker Entered Institution Last Monday; Heart Trouble Fatal

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Frank Page, 59 years old, executive vice president in charge of the Raleigh branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company and former chairman of the state highway commission, died at 6:25 o'clock this afternoon in Rex hospital here. Mr. Page had suffered from heart disease for some time, but his condition did not become acute until last Saturday, Dr. N. H. McLeod, Jr., his physician, said tonight. When Mr. Page's condition became critical, he was removed to the hospital Monday.

1935 Ford Will Be On Display Here Saturday

According to an announcement by Henry Ford, appearing recently in the daily press, the 1935 model Ford cars will be on display in the show rooms of dealers all over the country soon. The Yadkin Valley Motor Company, local Ford dealers, is expecting to display the 1935 models on Saturday, Dec. 29, and invites the public to inspect the new cars. New York City's police department roster contains 19,000 names.

DAM ON YADKIN NEAR HERE IS LISTED IN POTENTIAL POWER SURVEY BY GOVERNMENT

Washington.—Water projects that would cost in excess of \$92,000,000 are listed for North Carolina in a summary of potential navigation, flood control and power developments prepared by army engineers for submission to Congress by Secretary Dern. It was emphasized the projects were not necessarily recommended by army engineers, but were only studied and estimates made of the probable cost and returns. Four North Carolina River basins, the Neuse, Tar, Yadkin and Cape Fear, were listed for potential co-ordinated development for power and flood control. Two projects in that state in the Roanoke River basin also were listed. Army engineers estimated cost of developing the Neuse basin would be \$15,184,034, which would include \$2,243,093 for lands. The summary of the Neuse program envisioned an eight-foot canal from New Bern to Hatteras, which would cost \$3,690,800. Power developments suggested in the Neuse basin would cost \$9,250,141 with an additional \$2,143,093 needed to be spent for lands and damages. Potential sites for power plants and the approximate maximum voltage that could be produced were listed as follows: Wilson Mills Dam, Neuse River, 8,500 kilowatts; Milburn Dam, Neuse River, 9,500; Falls Dam, Neuse River, 11,000; and Smithfield Dam, Neuse River, 9,000. Estimated cost of co-ordinated development of the Yadkin basin was placed at \$22,170,850 with an additional \$12,606,040 set as the price of the necessary lands and damages. Six potential power sites were listed and maximum production of current given. They were: Styers Dam, on the Yadkin River, near Winston-Salem, 20,420 kilowatts; Yadkin junction near Salisbury, 19,370; Lovers Ford Dam, Rocky River, 5,540; Crumps Ford Dam, Rocky River, 19,060; Wilkesboro Dam, Yadkin River, 17,400; and Coolemeec Dam, Yadkin River, 8,560.