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Local Officer Arrests Mocksville Desperadoes

LATE NEWS OF STATE AND NATION

College Student Missing
Raleigh, Jan. 18.—A widespread search was under way here today for Lorraine Anderson, Jr., a senior at North Carolina State college from Wilmington, who has not been seen here since Tuesday night.

Williams on NRA
New York City, Jan. 17.—Extension of NRA for one or two years "substantially in its present form," was recommended tonight by S. Clay Williams, chairman of the national industrial recovery board.

Couldn't Take It
Riom, France, Jan. 20.—Henri Rondeau, a young prisoner serving a seven-year term for manslaughter, committed suicide today by plunging into a 150-gallon vat of boiling soup in the penitentiary kitchen here.

Entertain President
Washington, Jan. 20.—Negro spirituals of the South Carolina low country echoed through the east room of the White House this afternoon as the Charleston Singers gave a recital as guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Deaths and Births
Raleigh, Jan. 17.—Death claimed 35,334 North Carolinians last year, but there were 79,350 births to more than offset this total, the annual report of the bureau of vital statistics of the state board of health showed today.

Jail Fire Kills One
Maxton, Jan. 20.—One prisoner died from suffocation, another is in a serious condition in Laurinburg hospital, while a third is less seriously hurt as a result of a fire in the Maxton jail early today. All were negroes.

Robbed of \$43
Elizabethtown, Jan. 18.—J. H. Goodman, representative of the Gate City Life Insurance company here, reported to the sheriff's office last night that he had been held up and robbed of approximately \$43 on the Clarkton-Elizabethtown highway.

Hunting Tax Yield
Washington, Jan. 18.—The senate committee on wild life conservation finds that the license tax imposed on hunters has amounted this year to \$600,000, and collections will probably aggregate \$800,000 by the end of the season.

President's Daughter Weds
New York, Jan. 18.—A brief, simple, entirely secret wedding today united the President's daughter, Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Dall, and a newspaperman—John Boettiger, former White House correspondent of the Chicago Tribune.

State's Agriculture
Raleigh, Jan. 18.—North Carolina, which moved to third rank in the nation in value of all crops in 1934, surpassed all the southern states in the percentage of increase, William A. Graham, state commissioner of agriculture, said today.

Six Killed In Wreck
Sanford, Jan. 20.—Three people were fatally injured and six others seriously hurt in a truck-automobile collision on highway 60, near Ryes, in Harnett county, 12 miles east of Sanford, about 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. The dead: Mrs. W. H. Wade, about 55, who lived on Lillington, Route two, Mrs. Wade's young son, Clarence, Orville Draughan, about 21, of the Lillington neighborhood.

The Reynolds Case
Winston-Salem, Jan. 18.—An allegation that Smith Reynolds lived with his first wife only two weeks was put into the records of Forsyth Superior court today as R. C. Vaughan, "next friend" of infant Christopher Smith Reynolds, filed an answer to her effort to bar the child and his mother, Libby Holman, from sharing in Reynolds' \$30,000,000 trust estate.

Davie Youths End Crime Orgy Here Thursday

Said To Have Stolen Two Cars and Held Up Two Service Stations in One Night

Three youths from Mocksville ended a night of banditry here Thursday morning at 5 o'clock when they were arrested and placed in jail by a member of the city police force.

A check-up revealed that Fred Franklin, 17, Joe Martin, 18, and James Poplin, 17, had stolen two cars, attempted to hold up one service station and had robbed another Wednesday night.

When they left Mocksville Wednesday night they were occupying a Ford roadster stolen from a Mr. Sanford. From their home town they proceeded to Barbers Junction where they attempted to hold up a service station operated by a man and woman of advanced age. They fled the scene amid a hail of bullets from guns in the hands of the aged couple.

Then, according to the boy's own story, they proceeded to Cornelius, where they stole a late model Plymouth from beside the home of J. C. Sherrill. They then turned in this direction and near Statesville entered a filling station and stole a quantity of bread, cigarettes, tobacco and canned goods, which were found in the stolen car.

Before dawn Thursday the three desperadoes entered North Wilkesboro and Patrolman W. E. Winkler saw the car parked under the shed of Charlie Brown's service station in the northern end of the city. He stopped and went to the car to investigate. The boy under the wheel attempted to start the car while the one beside him reached for his gun but the officer had them covered. The third youth was in the back seat and was sleeping.

Thursday morning they denied everything until local officers communicated with Mr. Sherrill in Cornelius, after they had found his name on an invoice in the car. Mr. Sherrill told the local officers that his car was not stolen but, when he looked for it he found that it was gone. With this evidence officers here were able to gain a confession from the youths.

Sheriffs of Davie and Rowan counties, accompanied by Chief of Police Rankin, of Salisbury, came here Thursday and carried the three men back to Mocksville.

So far as could be learned here, the boys have no criminal record, although Martin said he was recently discharged from a (Continued on back page)

Still Moving About



San Francisco . . . Amelia Earhart Putnam (above), slept a few hours after her solo flight, Honolulu to Oakland then hopped down to see her mother at Hollywood the next day, Sunday. She said she would fly to Washington and check in . . . then planned to be back here on Thursday to meet her husband who was trailing her in by boat from Honolulu.

ERA Office Seeks Place For Number Of Relief Cases

Landlords With Farms to Rent Asked to Get in Touch With District Office

District relief office in this city for the counties of Wilkes, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry and Yadkin is seeking farms for relief families. C. A. Miles, district farm supervisor, stated today.

It has been pointed out that there are many families on the relief lists who could do much better if they were located on a farm and for this reason the ERA office is wanting to contact all who may have farms to rent for cash, crop share or repair of buildings in lieu of rent.

Any landlord who has a vacant farm building in any of the six counties is asked to get in touch with Mr. Miles at the district ERA office in the Bank of North Wilkesboro building here.

Kills Wife and Self
Charlotte, S. C., Jan. 20.—Eugene F. Dougherty, chief city sanitary inspector, whom police found in his cell bleeding from a neck wound, died at a hospital at 9:20 tonight, a little less than 24 hours after the killing of his wife. The sanitary inspector had been detained at headquarters for questioning in connection with the crime.

Tobacco Growing and Crop Control Discussed In Wilkesboro Meeting

E. Y. Floyd, Tobacco Expert, Explains AAA Plans For Tobacco Control

Although Wilkes is not usually classed as a tobacco growing county there were more than 300 tobacco growers in attendance at a meeting held at the courthouse on Friday afternoon, at which time E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist of the extension service, told about the 1935 crop reduction program and gave certain points calculated to help growers to raise better quality weed.

A. G. Hendren, Wilkes farm agent, presided over the meeting and presented Mr. Floyd. O. F. McCrary, district agent, was also present and spoke briefly.

After Mr. Floyd had explained in detail many questionable points in the AAA plan a round-table discussion was held as he answered many questions pertaining to contracts and allotments.

Mr. Floyd gave detailed information concerning who may and may not sign government contracts or obtain allotments. He explained that the allotments this year will be 85 per cent of the base acreage and poundage for contract signers. The tax on non-signers will be 33 1-3 per cent.

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Myers Returned To N. Wilkesboro

Four Injured In Collision Near Waycross Are Convalescing At Call Hotel Here

Iredell M. Myers, coroner of Wilkes County and proprietor of Hotel Wilkes, his son, Walter Myers and wife and small child, were brought to this city Friday by ambulance from Waycross, Ga., where they were seriously injured in an automobile collision on Sunday, January 6. Since that time they had been treated at a Waycross hospital.

The injured are reported to be well on the way toward recovery.

N.W.H.S. Will Play Elkin Blanketeers At Gymnasium Here

Tonight at 8 o'clock the basketball team of the North Wilkesboro Athletic association will play the strong team of Elkin Blanketeers on the local high school gymnasium court.

The Blanketeers are known as one of the strongest and fastest cage quints in this part of the state and the best game of the season is anticipated tonight. All basketball fans are invited to see the game.

Auto Accidents Lead Causes of Death In City

Nine Persons in North Wilkesboro Died of Automobile Wrecks Past Year

HEART DISEASE NEXT Figures Given Out by Registrar Give Interesting Information

Automobile accidents led all diseases and other causes of death in North Wilkesboro in 1934, according to the report of W. A. Bullis, registrar of vital statistics for the city. Deaths by automobile accident totaled nine as compared with eight by heart disease, the next highest.

During the year there were 64 deaths from all causes as compared with 131 births, or four more than double the number of deaths. Of the births 64 were males and 67 females.

It is interesting to note that the total number of deaths by accident in North Wilkesboro during the year was 15, or almost one-fourth of the number of deaths from all causes.

Death certificates filed with Mr. Bullis classify the accidental deaths as follows: Automobile, 9; broken neck by fall from tank, 1; burned in dwelling fire, 3; crushed by locomotive tumbler, 1; gunshot wound, 1.

Other causes were: Apoplexy, 1; appendicitis, 1; alcoholism, 1; cancer, 3; cerebral hemorrhage, 4; child birth, 2; chronic neuritis, 4; cause unknown, 1; diphtheria tremens, 1; diseases of the heart, 3; diseases of the liver, 1; dysentery, 2; gunshot wound (suicide) 1; meningitis, 1; paralysis, 1; peritonitis, 2; pneumonia, 6; premature birth, 7; tumor on brain, 1; tuberculosis, 1.

Going Fishing



New York . . . Ever since Mrs. Oliver C. Grinnell 57, (above), caught that big tuna fish last year, business has not interested her so much. Last week she gave her lithographing business to her employees and is going on the reel to go fishing.

Kiwanians Ask More Money For School System

Resolution Passed in Meeting Friday Noon; Good Program Rendered

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club in luncheon meeting on Friday noon adopted a resolution asking the general assembly to "make the most substantial increase possible in funds allocated for the support of the eight-months school term."

The resolution, submitted to the local club by Kiwanians of High Point was passed after brief discussion. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, North Carolina cannot hope to command the services of competent teachers without paying them reasonably adequate salaries to enable them not only to live but to keep themselves professionally up to date; and

"Whereas, North Carolina cannot hope to train its children to meet the competition of the rest of the nation on one-third of the national cost;

"Be it resolved, That we, the members of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club, respectfully request and urge that the general assembly omit no opportunity to make the most substantial increase possible in the funds allocated for the support of the eight-months school term, not only for salaries but for other expenses necessary for the operation of good schools."

It was pointed out that the average teacher salary in North Carolina is \$618 per year as compared with \$1,222 for the nation, 39 students per teacher in North (Continued on page eight)

Phin Atwood Is Placed In Jail

Is Alleged to Have Broken Woman's Arm; Brother of Late Ed Atwood

Phinn Atwood, who is alleged to have assaulted Mr. and Mrs. Tom Love and broken Mrs. Love's arm in an altercation near Harley Wednesday, was arrested and placed in jail at Wilkesboro Friday by Deputies Sheriff H. C. Kibby, Old Wiles and Barney Sparks.

The prisoner is a brother of Ed Atwood, who was killed by Sheriff W. B. Somers while resisting arrest in the same community several months ago.

Phinn Atwood was reported to have led a wild life a few days prior to the time he was taken by the officers and had been carrying a shotgun over the community and threatening officers who dared to attempt to arrest him. However, when the officers found him near his home he tried to run away but did not offer any resistance.

Time For Signing Tobacco Contracts Extended To Jan. 31

Farmers who did not sign tobacco crop reduction contracts last year and who are eligible to sign may do so any time during January. County Agent A. G. Hendren stated this morning that the time had been extended to give every eligible grower an opportunity to share in the benefits of the crop reduction program and he has the necessary blanks at his office in the courthouse in Wilkesboro. January 31 will positively be the last date for signing.

Canada leads all countries with exports to the United States; Japan is a close second.

1934 WAS WET YEAR IN CITY

The year ending December 31, 1934, was one of the wettest in some time for North Wilkesboro, according to rainfall records kept by Sam Craven at the city water plant.

During the year there were 53.42 inches of rainfall as compared with 39.49 in 1933, representing an increase of approximately 20 inches. There was ample rainfall for crops throughout 1934 and at no time was there a very damaging drought in this section.

Two Schools Closed On Account of Fire Hazards

TWO INJURED IN FALL FROM WATER TANK

Emmet Estep and A. T. Moore Fall From Water Tank Near Filtration Plant

Emmet Estep and A. T. Moore, residents of this city, were painfully injured on Friday morning when they fell from where they were working on a water tank near the filtration plant of the city water system.

They fell a distance of 18 feet and Moore suffered a painfully burned hand when it struck a hot rivet. Estep sustained a dislocated elbow. The men were employees of the R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company, contractor for the erection of tanks and towers for the city water system.

Millers Creek, Sulphur Springs Schools Closed

Will Reopen When Certain Changes Are Made; Work Is Now Going On

As the result of four school buildings being condemned by state insurance authorities Millers Creek and Sulphur Springs schools have been temporarily closed down. Meanwhile, adjustments are being made on Wilkesboro and Mountain View buildings that will enable them to operate for the remainder of this school year provided the auditoriums are not used for public gatherings.

At Millers Creek two rooms were unconditionally condemned in the upper story of the elementary building while several changes must be made on the high school building. Workmen are engaged in changing the doors and removing the fire hazards about the stoves and chimneys. School authorities stated today that the school may be able to reopen by the middle of the week.

The school at Sulphur Springs has been closed because the dilapidated building has been unreservedly condemned as a fire trap and in a state of collapse. Other arrangements for housing the children must be made before the school can resume work.

At Wilkesboro exits are being made to the outside from the basement rooms now in use.

Before the 1935-36 school term opens a great amount of work must be done at Wilkesboro, Millers Creek, Mountain View and Sulphur Springs. The county commissioners now have the matter under advisement and are expected to work out the best possible solution.

Miss Victoria Bell Speaker For Service

Relief Administrator Will Tell of ERA Work In Methodist Mid-Week Service

Miss Victoria Bell, district administrator of the Emergency Relief Administration, will speak at the mid-week service to be held at the Methodist church here Wednesday evening at 7:30, according to an announcement today by the pastor, Rev. H. K. King.

Miss Bell will tell of her work in the relief administration and an interesting address is anticipated. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Yadkin Valley Co. Buys Its Quarters

Ford Dealers Buy Present Quarters From Firm of C. D. Coffey & Sons

The Yadkin Valley Motor Company, Ford dealer in this territory, completed a deal involving a considerably large sum last week when it purchased from the firm of C. D. Coffey and Sons the building it occupies on the corner of Ninth and C streets.

This building, which will continue to house the business, has been the quarters of the Yadkin Valley Motor company since its organization in 1915. It is well constructed and affords convenience to all departments of the establishment.

An aerial survey costing 150,000 pounds will be undertaken in Northern Australia.

Wilkes Solon On Four Committees

Legislature Begins Grind on Hundreds of Bills Now Introduced

T. Sherman Bryan, of Traphill, Wilkes county's representative in the general assembly now in session in Raleigh, has been named on four house committees as follows: Counties, cities and towns committee; agriculture committee; committee on institutions for the blind; committee on institutions for the deaf and dumb. The first two named are regarded as very important and essential committees.

Senator Joe Williams, of Yadkinville, representing the 24th district, composed of Davie, Yadkin and Wilkes, is on six senate committees as follows: Finance, roads; banks and currency; agriculture; conservation and development; counties, cities and towns.

A vast array of measures have been introduced in both the house and senate and, according to present indications, the legislature may be in session for several months.

Family of 13 Left Homeless

Fire Sunday Morning Destroyed Residence on J. M. Bumgarner's River Farm

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Roop and a family of eleven children were left homeless yesterday morning when fire destroyed the six-room residence on J. M. Bumgarner's farm on the Yadkin River four miles west of Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Roop, parents of 13 children, two of whom are married, were tenants on the farm. About nine o'clock Sunday morning members of the family discovered that an upstairs room was in flames and the fire had progressed so far that it was unable to extinguish it.

Practically all of the home furnishings were destroyed and the building was a total loss. The loss is estimated to exceed \$2,000 and no insurance was carried on the property.

Advantages of National Housing Act To Be Told in Meeting Here

Will Be Held In City Hall Wednesday Evening at 7:30; Public Invited

In a public meeting to be held at the city hall here Wednesday night at 7:30, advantages offered under the national housing act will be fully explained by a representative of the district NHA in Asheville.

It has been pointed out that this immediate section has been slow to comprehend the meaning of the opportunities afforded home owners to improve their places of abode and for this reason the meeting is to be held.

In addition to this phase, a Wilkes County Better Housing campaign will be started with a local organization, to be formed in the meeting Wednesday night. The general public, and especially those who are interested in remodeling or improving their homes or places of business, have a most urgent invitation to be present. Representatives of all banks and building and loan associations are also asked to be present.

Through the NHA home owners may be aided in securing long term credit in order to gain funds for home improvement. No better place or time can be found for learning details of the advantages than in the meeting to be held on Wednesday night.

Wilkes County Corn In Virginia Show

Will Via For Honors In Crop Improvement Exposition In Hopewell, Virginia

Wilkes County White, a variety of corn famous for the premiums and honors it has won at various fairs, will be exhibited at an exposition sponsored by the Virginia Crop Improvement Association to be held in Hopewell, Va., on January 34 and 35.

R. Don and Ted R. Nichols, both of Purlear, have sent ten exhibits to the exposition, which is open to the United States and Canada. The premiums offered are by no means lucrative but the Wilkes farmers are eager to place their product with the keenest of competition.

Calls Attention To Penalties On Taxes

Sheriff W. B. Somers, tax collector of Wilkes County, and P. L. Lenderman, tax collector for the town of Wilkesboro, are calling attention to that fact that a penalty will be added on all taxes not paid on or before January 31. The county and town need the money and taxpayers are urged to pay during the remainder of January and save the amount of the penalty.