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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

Davis Annals New Deal

New York, Jan. 24.—John W. Davis outlined proposals for sweeping constitutional amendment tonight in an anti-new deal prelude to Alfred E. Smith's expected attack upon the Roosevelt administration tomorrow night.

Rebellious Prisoner Shot

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 24.—Only Powell, one of the nine negro defendants in the Scottsboro case, was shot in the head when he allegedly knifed an officer returning him here from Decatur, Ala., of the trials, today.

Prisoners Food 62 Days

Brade, Yugoslavia, Jan. 24.—Officials of the jail at Pozarevats claimed today that Prisoner Svetozar Lukich set a hunger strike record by refusing food for 62 days. Lukich is protesting a life term imposed for murder.

Market To Close 14th

Winston-Salem, Jan. 24.—Tobacco sales today on the Winston-Salem market totaled only 111,552 pounds and brought \$12,926.57, an average price of \$11.59 per hundred. Announcement was made that the market would close February 14.

Four Burn to Death

Knoxville, Md., Jan. 24.—With ice-coated, snow-blocked roads cutting off rescuers, four members of a family of five were burned to death early today when fire destroyed their isolated frame house on South Mountain near here.

Suicide, Is Completed

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Louis Carrad, 45, a real estate and automobile agency operator, shot himself in the head, then walked three blocks to a four-story building, climbed to the roof and hurled himself to his death today. Police could learn no motive.

Sentenced To Die

Reidsville, Jan. 24.—Odell Oakley, 25, negro, today was sentenced to die in the lethal gas chamber by Judge J. H. Sinclair. The charge was carrying a pistol during Christmas holidays.

Report: Many Killed

Rome, Jan. 24.—Italian press dispatches from Asmara, Eritrea, said tonight 8,000 Ethiopians have been killed and 4,000 taken prisoner in a fierce battle on the northern front. Previous dispatches had described the Ethiopian losses as "several thousand."

Icy Gale Whips Canada

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Canada was whipped by an icy gale tonight as one of the worst storms of the winter beat the Atlantic seaboard. Giant snowdrifts blocked Quebec highways and paralyzed rail traffic on the Canadian national line between Quebec and the maritime provinces.

Predicts Long Fight

Chapel Hill, Jan. 24.—If the Ethiopians fight to the last ditch, as Emperor Haile Selassie insists they will, it will require four years for the Italians to completely occupy the country and three additional years to disarm the natives. Such is the prediction of H. R. Ekins, United States war correspondent.

110,042 Pass King's Bier

London, Jan. 24.—Official figures disclosed that 110,042 persons mourned at the bier of King George today, passing in an endless procession which was interrupted only once. This was when the bier was closed for a few minutes as the royal family escorted Queen Maud of Norway, newly arriving sister of the late king, to the hall for her first view of the coffin.

Pruitt Returned To Home In City

Wounded Man Recovering Nicely; Foster, Alleged Slayer, at Large

Arel Pruitt, 29, resident of this city who was shot through the lower part of his right chest in an altercation with Richard Foster at a store near this city Sunday, had recovered sufficiently today to be removed from the hospital to his home.

3 ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ROBBERY OF SPURGEON JOHNSON WEDNESDAY NIGHT



TORONTO, Can. — Rev. Father J. M. Coulture (above), Canada's sole "flying priest," came out of the Northland to plan for a larger and a "closed" plane with which to service his 200,000 square mile parish. Injuries to his knees several years ago caused him to give up canoe and dog-team travel.

Dr. Burrus Tells of Opportunities In No. Carolina

High Point Surgeon Speaker at Kiwanis Meeting Here Friday at Noon

Dr. John T. Burrus, eminent High Point surgeon, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club here Friday noon.

"Opportunities in North Carolina" was the theme of his address, which was received by the club and several guests with rapt interest. In the beginning, he related experiences and observations made during a trip he took during the past summer to the west coast, comparing the west with North Carolina and, bringing the subject closer home, Wilkes county.

He said that the slogan used to be, "Young man, go west," but that it is changing to "Young man, go south." In contrast to many sections of the west, he said, North Carolina soils are fertile without irrigation, climate is ideal for the production of anything but tropical products and that natural resources are plentiful for the state to be self-sufficient.

Citing some instances of the state buying outside products that should be produced within its borders, Dr. Burrus said that of \$42,000,000 spent for butterfat, \$24,000,000 went to producers outside the state. Another instance cited was sending \$158,000 out of the state for the purchase of black-eyed peas. He expressed a desire that the people of North Carolina realize their opportunities and use them to the best advantage.

Dr. Burrus was introduced by Attorney Silas Casey, of High Point, brother of Attorney A. H. Casey, of this city, who had charge of the program. Other guests included Dr. W. K. Newton, guest of Dr. F. C. Hubbard; C. H. Colvard, guest of Genio Cardwell; Dr. A. J. Eller, guest of his son, C. B. Eller.

Senate Expected To Back House In Vote To Spurn Bonus Ban

Washington, Jan. 24.—The house thundered a 324 to 61 disapproval of President Roosevelt's hand-penned veto of the immediate payment bonus bill today and rushed it to the senate, where an equally hostile reception apparently awaited it.

OFFICERS SEEK OTHER PARTIES

Johnson Says Two Men Took \$236 From Him In Bold Kindap-Robbery

TWO WOMEN HELD Mrs. Sallie Murphy and Mozelle Owens in Jail; Man Is Under Bond

Rufus Wagoner, resident of Jonesville, Mrs. Sallie Vestal Holbrook Murphy and Mozelle Owens, of Doughton, have been arrested in connection with the alleged robbery of Spurgeon Johnson near Doughton Wednesday night.

Wagoner, whom Johnson accused of being one of the men in a car who promised to carry him from Elkin toward his home in the Ingle Hollow section of Wilkes county but who, Johnson said, carried him to a home near Doughton, robbed him of \$236 and tied him to a tree in the woods nearby, was released under bond.

Mrs. Murphy lives in the house which Johnson described as the residence where the robbery took place but she said that she was not at home. Miss Owens lives with her and she is said to have admitted that two men from Elkin spent the night at the house but that no one was robbed there and that she did not see Johnson. She further claims that the men were there practically all night and that it was so cold that they sat by the fire throughout the night.

The two women are still in jail but Wagoner has filled bond pending a hearing. Meanwhile officers in Wilkes and Surry are seeking to locate two other parties thought to be implicated and whose names were not disclosed.

EARLIER REPORTS

Making his way from the Roaring Gap section, back into Elkin, with a broken arm dangling by his side, Spurgeon Johnson, of the Ingle Hollow section of the Wilkes county brushies, twelve miles from Elkin, related a thrilling experience savoring of early life on a Western frontier, when hold-ups and death at the end of a rope were not classed as the unusual.

According to Johnson's story, he spent Wednesday in Elkin and near nightfall sought a cab to convey him to Brooks Cross Roads, on his proposed return to his home. Finding all cabs out on trips, two men whose identity has not been established, volunteered to drive him to Brooks Cross Roads. Leaving Elkin, they turned their course in an opposite direction and when Johnson remonstrated, they quickly thrust guns in his face, proceeding toward the Blue Ridge.

In the vicinity of Doughton, he was escorted, at the point of guns, he said, into a dark room on the second floor of a home, where his cash, amounting to exactly \$236.75 was demanded. In his resistance, his arm was broken, he claims, by a woman who used an iron as a weapon. Afterward he was escorted into a strip of woods, far from the home and tied to a tree with a rope. His pleas for liberty that he might return to his young wife and children, back in the Brushies, gained his release, however, and in agony, he wandered back the twenty-mile stretch into Elkin. (Continued on page five)

I. G. Greer To Be Banquet Speaker

Annual Banquet of Berean Class To Be Held Thursday Night Here

Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home, Thomasville, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Berean class of the First Baptist Sunday school to be held on Thursday night, seven o'clock, at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

King Edward VIII New British Ruler



Above is a photograph of the former Prince of Wales, now ruler of the British empire, following the death of his father, the beloved King George V.

Library Project Now Under Way

Among the Schools of the County; Move To Obtain Library Books

Efforts to improve the library facilities in the schools of Wilkes county is now under way under supervision of the Yoman's division of the works progress administration.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said today that the work is going forward in a number of schools in the central district and will continue until all libraries are repaired, books mended and catalogued.

Eshelman Talks To Schoolmasters

Club In January Meeting Friday Night; Plan For Tournament Here

P. W. Eshelman, president and general manager of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills, spoke very interestingly Friday night on "What a Manufacturer Expects of School Graduates." The address of the local manufacturer, who employs around 550 men and women, was before the Wilkes County Schoolmasters' Club.

He stated that when the hosiery mill began operation here about 15 years ago that the average education of employees was about four years in elementary school and today the average is between the ninth and tenth grades. He remarked that there is a corresponding increase in the type of work.

The two essentials he stressed was "energy and ability with the emphasis on energy." He stated that the firm he manages inquires carefully into the record of a person to be taken into their employ, especially for positions where promotion is likely and that their school records are scanned carefully.

The club accepted an invitation from the North Wilkesboro city schools for teams of the county high schools to play in a tournament at North Wilkesboro in the near future. The proposal was turned over to the athletic committee to perfect arrangements.

Electrification Meet Postponed

Meeting For County Planned During Latter Part of February

Parties in a number of communities in Wilkes county are quite much interested in rural electrification, County Agent A. G. Hendren said today, in announcing that a meeting to promote rural electrification will be held during the latter part of February.

The meeting was scheduled to have been held on Thursday of this week but was necessarily postponed because of the inability of D. E. Jones, assistant supervisor of rural electrification in the state, to be present at that time. Mr. Hendren said that he would announce the date of the meeting as soon as it could be set.

Many communities in the county are now being served by rural lines of the Duke Power company system from the branch in this city and a steady program of expansion has been carried on for several years. The interest that is now being shown in other communities can be expected to result in still greater expansion of the system in Wilkes.

Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw Stricken In Hickory

Wife of Prominent Baptist Minister Dies Suddenly; Funeral Monday

Hickory, Jan. 24.—Mrs. W. R. Bradshaw, 63, well known Hickory resident, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl N. Carr, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock as the result of a heart attack. She was the wife of Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, prominent Baptist minister, pastor of Brown Memorial Baptist church here.

Mrs. Bradshaw before marriage was Miss Zori Bush, of Linville Falls. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Carr; a half-sister, Mrs. Hallie Bush, of Granite Falls, and a half-brother, Ed Bush, of Knoxville, Tenn.

Since their marriage in 1892 the Bradshaws had lived in Hickory, Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, Reidsville and Morganton, where Rev. Mr. Bradshaw held pastorates. They had only recently returned here from Morganton where the minister had been pastor of the First Baptist church since 1926. Prior to that time he was pastor of the First Baptist church in Hickory.

Funeral service will be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church here.

DESPERADOES ARRESTED HERE TURNED OVER TO OFFICERS IN TENNESSEE

News Of Junior Order Meetings

Eight To Be Initiated Tuesday Night; Class Initiations Announced

North Wilkesboro council of Jr. O. U. A. M. will meet on Tuesday night, at which time eight candidates will be initiated. A large attendance is desired. Announcement is also made of the class initiation meeting to be held with the local council on February 18. State Councilor Adams will be present at that meeting. A similar meeting will be held at Copeland on February 21.

Purchasing Park Lands On Route Scenic Parkway

7,000 Acres Will Be Purchased in Wilkes, Alleghany and Watauga

In order to provide recreational areas along the route of the park-to-park highway which will connect the Shenandoah and the Great Smoky Mountains National parks, some 7,000 acres of land along the route of the parkway in North Carolina is being purchased by the resettlement administration, it was learned here today. This land is now in process of being acquired in Alleghany, Surry, Wilkes, Watauga and Avery counties. Similar recreation sites along the route of the parkway in Virginia, amounting to a total of 9,800 acres, will probably be purchased in Patrick and Franklin counties, it was reported.

Development of these tracts of land along the parkway route are being provided by the resettlement administration as a part of its "better land use" program. The actual development of these recreational sites will be under the direct supervision of the National Park service. It is regarded as likely that additional sites will be acquired along the entire route of the parkway through North Carolina, although resettlement officials declined to comment on this angle. If this is done, the parkway will become a veritable national park in itself, with camp sites, picnic tables, foot and bridle trails, likewise fireplaces and sanitation facilities at frequent intervals along the parkway. For in addition to these special recreational areas now being provided by the resettlement administration, the right-of-way for the parkway is to be about 200 feet wide, with easements extending as much as 1,000 feet on each side, all of this land to be developed under the supervision of the National Park service. It will not be defaced with advertising signboards, hot dog stands, filling stations and so forth, unless permission is granted by the National Park service and unless they conform to definite rules and specifications.

By means of these special recreational areas, those who enjoy camping out and "roughing it" may pitch their camps while traveling from one park to another.

Three Taken On Federal Warrant

Joe and Grant Holbrook and John A. Lockhart Arrested By Officers

Deputy Marshal W. A. Jones on Sunday arrested three men in the Traphill section of Wilkes county on charges of violating several sections of the U. S. revenue laws.

Joe Holbrook, Grant Holbrook and John A. Lockhart were the three men whom the officer halted before J. W. Dula, commissioner, for preliminary trial on charges of aiding in the escape of fugitives, harboring, fugitives, etc., they filled bond for appearance at the May term of Federal court in Wilkesboro.

SUDDEN DEATH TAKES WICKERSHAM IN CAB

New York, Jan. 25.—George W. Wickersham, one-time attorney-general of the United States and later chairman of the commission which recommended continuation of national prohibition, died suddenly today in a taxicab.

MEN WITH LONG RECORDS TAKEN

Sheriff Somers Apprehends Men Wanted in Several States By Officers

NAMES FICTITIOUS Were In Company With Thos. Padgett, Who Is Charged With Robbery

William C. Gutter and Pkser Miller Crocker, desperadoes who have made trouble for officers in at least a dozen states, have been released to officers from the police department of Nashville, Tenn., by Sheriff W. B. Somers, who picked them up here several days ago for investigation.

After they were arrested by Sheriff Somers he sent their fingerprints to the department of justice in Washington for identification and within a few days was informed that both men were wanted in several southern states on numerous charges.

Crocker had a record in Memphis, Tenn., of crimes ranging from carrying a pistol to highway robbery and twice had been sentenced to three years in prison for assault and robbery and there was also a record of minor offenses in Alabama.

Gutter had the more lengthy record, including grand larceny in Alabama and Tampa, Florida, lottery in Indiana, holdup and robbery and highway robbery in Dayton, Ohio, auto larceny in Knoxville, Tenn., cohabitation in Danville, Va., gambling in Atlanta, Ga., assault with intent to rob and murder only a few months ago in Alabama.

His most recent offense, for which he was wanted by Nashville police, was cashing forged checks from the parking shop in the Tennessee prison, before they took leave from that institution. They had a number of these in their pockets when placed in jail at Wilkesboro. Along with their criminal records was a long list of aliases, showing that in each locality they had used different names.

When they were arrested here they were registered under fictitious names at a local hotel and had been in company with Thos. Padgett, who is wanted for the holdup and robbery of Lawrence Gray, Wilkesboro furniture dealer, a few days ago near Moravian Falls. Padgett took Mr. Gray's car and about \$75 in cash as Mr. Gray was giving him a lift toward Lenoir on highway 18.

Illicit Liquor Business Slow

Officers Search Whole Day Without Finding Still; Many Serving Terms

The business of manufacturing moonshine liquor in Wilkes county is at a low ebb, it news over the grapevine telegraph can be relied upon.

Although raids by federal revenue agents and deputy marshals about ten days ago were quite successful in that 13 men, 925 gallons of liquor and one large still were taken, it was reported Thursday that a posse of federal officers searched all day in north-eastern Wilkes without finding one still or any moonshine liquor.

In the November term of federal court in Wilkesboro about fifty men drew sentences for manufacture, sale or transportation of illicit liquor and since that time federal officers have been able to affect the arrest of many others, some of whom were considered leaders in the illicit business. Meanwhile the drive to stamp out manufacture and traffic in moonshine spirits is going forward with considerable results.

BEARD IS INDICTED

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 25.—Augustus Dwight Beard, North Carolina prison fugitive caught near Dallas, January 14, was indicted for murder today in connection with the killing of John R. Roberts, former city detective, in a robbery.

Beard also was indicted on five robbery charges, in which it was alleged the convict took a total of \$154.