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## Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

### Two Aviators Killed

Washington, Jan. 28.—Two army aviators stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., were killed here today when their plane crashed in an attempted landing at Bolling field.

### Licenses Sales Up

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Sales of fishing licenses showed an increase of one-third for 1935 as compared with 1934, John D. Chalk, state commissioner of inland game and fisheries, reported today.

### Thrill Slayer Killer

Joliet, Ill., Jan. 28.—Slashed three times by a razor in the hands of an enraged fellow convict, Richard Leob, 30, co-perpetrator of the "thrill slaying" of Bobby Franks in 1924, was killed today in Statesville penitentiary.

### Talk Tobacco Control

Washington, Jan. 28.—Temporary control to prevent over-planting of flue-cured tobacco pending new farm legislation, was considered here today by a committee representing growers in four states, agricultural officials and members of Congress.

### Steel Shows Profit

New York, Jan. 28.—For the first year since 1931 the United States Steel corporation operated at a profit, the earnings report for 1935 showed today. Net income last year of \$1,084,917 compared with a net loss of \$21,667,780 in 1934.

### Injured By Explosion

Concord, Jan. 28.—Mrs. John M. Flowe, wife of a well known Concord man, suffered a broken leg and possible internal injuries this morning when an exploding water tank blew into fragments the kitchen floor of the Flowe home, half a mile south of Concord.

### Receive Low Bid

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, tomorrow will canvass the low bids received today on construction of nine road, street, and railway crossing elimination projects.

### Outlaw Is Captured

Mount Airy, Jan. 28.—Caleb Wagner, 50-year-old Siloam outlaw charged with the fatal shooting of Tom Marion, near Shoals three weeks ago, was captured without bloodshed this afternoon. A picked squad of officers surrounded his home on the Ararat River, several miles west of Pilot Mountain, with riot guns, rifles and machine guns.

### Weatherman Forgets

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 28.—U. S. Meteorologist R. P. Powell at the weather bureau warned: "Sub-zero temperatures are coming. Be sure and turn off your water lines at the meter lest the pipes freeze and burst." Plumbers reported but one case of frozen lines—at the home of Meteorologist Powell. He forgot to shut the water off.

### Prefers Jail to Cold

New York, Jan. 28.—A man who said he was Thomas Rooney, and once earned as much as \$150 a week as chief electrician for the theatrical productions of the late Oscar Hammerstein asked to be sent to jail today to avoid cold and hunger. Asked how long he would like his term to be he said, "For life, if possible." He got three months.

### Led to Death

Wisdom, Mont., Jan. 28.—Worry over his 13 pet cats led William Ballyn, 80, a shepherd and fur trapper, over an ice trail to his death. Anxious to get home to them, he set out from Wisdom last December 24. Sheriff's deputies reported today he had been found after a prolonged search at a remote cabin near Bearhead National forest. He died there of a heart attack, doctors said.

## Sanitary Inspector Visits Eating Places, Dairies In Wilkes County

G. S. Odell, sanitary inspector working in Wilkes county in cooperation with the county health department, has been quite busy during the last two weeks making inspections of cafes and dairies in the county.

Mr. Odell said today that work of this type will be carried on for several weeks before much attention can be given to other phases of sanitation, including sewerage disposal systems and privies for private homes.

## Farmers Discuss County Planning In Meet Monday

### Committee Named to Decide On Crop Estimates For County This Year

### MANN IS SPEAKER

### Extension Worker Tells of Value of County Planning for Farmers

With representative farmers from all parts of the county present a meeting was held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Monday to institute what the extension service calls a program of county planning.

Records of yields and acreages during the past year was discussed with a view of ascertaining whether or not the county is self supporting in certain crops and a committee of farmers from many communities was named to estimate the acreage and yield of farm crops in 1936.

The job that is facing the committee is to decide what the production of staple crops will be under normal conditions and with or without governmental restraint. A meeting of the committee will be held on February 15, one o'clock, for the purpose of arriving at joint estimates.

The committee members are L. B. Murray, C. H. Colvard, H. C. Roberts, Jack Hoots, Paul J. Vestal, C. M. Wellborn, Dollie White, T. W. Ferguson, L. P. Somers, J. N. Hendren, C. W. Hendren and J. M. German.

A. G. Hendren, county farm agent, will assist the committee in arriving at estimates. The meeting Monday was addressed by Julian E. Mann, of the extension service, who explained the aims and purposes of county farm planning. Very much interest was shown in this new phase of the extension service by the farmers present.

## Colored Prisoner Is Giving Trouble

### Clemmons Fletcher Tries to Wreck Cell in Wilkes Jail; Tear Gas Used

Officers have found it necessary on at least one occasion to use tear gas to quiet Clemmons Fletcher, gigantic negro prisoner in Wilkes jail awaiting trial on a charge of throwing Jim Cheek into a vat of boiling still slop near Traphill about a year ago.

Fletcher was apprehended in Circleville, Ohio, early in December and held for Wilkes officers. Before extradition papers were cleared and a deputy sheriff went to Circleville to return Fletcher here the police department became impatient and wired Wilkes officers to make haste because Fletcher was unruly.

Fletcher was a good prisoner in the Wilkes bastille for several days after he was returned but during the last few weeks he has raised almost all types of disturbances possible and has frantically tried to wreck the jail. On one occasion he wrenched a radiator fixture from his cell with his bare hands and broke all the window panes in his cell.

The giant negro will be tried during the March term of court for inflicting serious injury on Cheek, a white man, with intent to kill. In fact he almost killed Cheek, who was badly burned and perhaps permanently disabled.

### Recovering From Injuries

Miss Edna Willes is recovering from injuries sustained several days ago when the car in which she was riding collided with another vehicle on Trogdon street. Her head crashed the windshield, inflicting painful injuries.

## Wife and Son of the Doomed Hauptmann



TRENTON, N. J. . . . Mrs. Bruno Hauptmann (above), was so overjoyed when she learned that her husband Bruno had received a 30-day reprieve from death, for the slaying of the Lindbergh baby, that she agreed to pose for this picture with her son Manfred.

## Welfare Department For County Enlarged

### Huge Hawk Caught By Walter Miller

Walter Miller, known locally as "Daniel Boone," because of his hunting and trapping exploits, exhibited a huge hawk here this week which he caught in a trap on his farm near this city.

The hawk had a wing-spread of three feet, nine and one-half inches and was one of the largest ever seen here. This chicken hawk, Miller said, not only carried off small chickens, but he had actually seen it carry full grown hens from his farmyard.

### Mrs. W. J. Bason Is Case Worker

### Warehouse For Distribution Surplus Commodities Is Located Here

Through aid from a final grant to the relief administration, the county welfare department in Wilkes has been enlarged to take care of increased demands due to the ceasing of activities by the relief administration in the state.

### Escaped From Jail Several Months Ago; Charged With Hiway Robbery

Don Sprinkle, young man of the Fairplains community wanted on a charge of being a member of a party of three that held up and robbed Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Elledge at their store at Hays early last summer, is again behind the bars in the Wilkes jail.

Sprinkle was one of the eight prisoners who escaped through the roof of the jail by cutting a hole with a pocket knife or some similar instrument and was not present for trial when Roy Henderson and a colored boy were convicted and sentenced to prison.

When Sprinkle was recaptured by Sheriff Somers and deputies one day last week in the Fairplains community he was industriously engaged in a game of poker and his three playmates in the game were jailed on a charge of gambling. When the group sighted the officers Sprinkle made a rapid dash for freedom and put up a good race with a deputy sheriff but the officer proved to be more fleet on foot.

## Wilkes Minister Writes Hoffman

### Rev. E. A. Vannoy Asks New Jersey Governor to Save Hauptmann

Rev. Eugene A. Vannoy, of Reddies River, has submitted to The Journal-Patriot a copy of a letter which he sent yesterday to Governor Harold G. Hoffman, of New Jersey, asking him to save the life of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, doomed to die for the kidnap-slaying of the Lindbergh child.

Without stating an opinion as to Hauptmann's guilt or innocence, Rev. Mr. Vannoy cited several passages of scripture in his letter which he construed to mean that the Bible teaches that capital punishment is wrong. Several scriptures are cited, including the account of David sending Uriah to the front lines of battle. He asks Governor Hoffman to call upon God for help and guidance in the matter.

### Thumb Is Amputated

The thumb on the left hand of F. C. (Tom) Forester was amputated at Davis Hospital in Statesville Tuesday. Mr. Forester has been suffering for several days from an infection caused by an injury on his hand several weeks ago. Many friends hope that nothing will bar early recovery.

## Very Few Positive Reactions Found In the T. B. Clinic

### Health Authorities Pleased With Results of Clinic So Far

### ONLY 7 PER CENT

### Of Children Tested During First Week Show Positive Reactions

Health authorities are well pleased with the results of the tuberculosis clinic in the schools of Wilkes county so far, the report for the first week showing that only seven per cent of the children reacted positively to the preliminary arm tests.

It was expected that the per cent of positive reactions to the preliminary tests given to determine suspects would be much higher, possibly as high as 15 to 20 per cent and naturally the county health officer is pleased to know that so few children show positive reactions and that cases of tuberculosis are scarce in comparison with tests a few years ago and with reports from other counties.

The results of the tests would seem to indicate that the children, generally speaking, are properly fed and clothed and that climatic conditions are quite healthful.

The clinic is going forward with tests to all children in the larger schools and children from the smaller units which cannot be visited during the clinic are gathering at the central schools to be tested and, if need be, examined. The clinic has been given splendid cooperation by school patrons. Mrs. Bertha Bell, county nurse who is assisting the clinician from the state sanatorium, said today.

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## May Erect Addition To Courthouse For Agricultural Building

### Mrs. Schall in Race



Washington.—Mrs. Thomas D. Schall, widow of the late blind senator from Minnesota, announces that she will be a candidate for the U. S. senate seat vacated through the death of her husband, and for which Gov. Olson has also announced himself a candidate.

## New Plans Include Four Office Rooms

### To Be Used By County Officers; Agricultural Quarters Upstairs

### SAVING IS SUGGESTED

### County Would Be Able To Secure Addition At Low Cost Through WPA

Instead of a separate agricultural building for Wilkes county an engineer of the extension service is making plans for a two-story addition to the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

Under a proposal worked out by the Works Progress Administration and the extension service the WPA will furnish \$7,812 of the cost of erecting a building for agricultural offices and an assembly room provided the county supplement the sum sufficiently to make the total amount slightly over \$9,000, including a building site.

It was first considered that a portion of the courthouse lot could be used as a building site, thus resulting in a saving to the county, and then the plan to extend the courthouse in the rear was brought up. Engineer Raney, of the extension service, was in the county yesterday and drew plans for the extension, which are to be forwarded to district and state headquarters of the Works Progress administration.

The extension would be the same width as the courthouse and would be 34 feet in length, allowing for four spacious office rooms on the first floor to be used as additional office space for the various county and court offices and the second floor would contain the offices for the county agent, clerical help and an assembly room for meetings of farmers.

This plan is expected to meet with the approval of all concerned and enable the county to acquire additional courthouse space at lower cost, due to the grant of \$7,812 from the WPA for the construction of the agricultural building and at the same time would provide facilities as good as if the agricultural building were a separate edifice.

As soon as the plans are drawn up by the extension engineer, County Agent A. G. Hendren will submit it to the commissioners for approval and it is hoped that work can be started as soon as the Works Progress administration makes funds available.

## Two Wilkes Men Lose Licenses

### Only Two From County Listed in Revocations Sent to Officers This Week

Only two Wilkes men were listed among those whose drivers' licenses have been revoked by the state. They were S. B. Church, of this city, and Tyre Bumgarner, of Wilkesboro.

Lists of persons who have lost their driving licenses so far have been sent to patrolmen, police chiefs and sheriffs in all counties in order that enforcement of the law can be made possible.

Ninety per cent of the revocations so far have been for driving drunk. However, many of the charges are for driving recklessly and also for being intoxicated while operating a motor vehicle.

## Map of Scenic Parkway In Wilkes Is Filed With Register of Deeds

Maps showing the survey of the Scenic Parkway in Wilkes, Alleghany and Ashe counties have been filed with the registers of deeds of these counties for the convenience of landowners whose lands have been condemned by the state for right of way and scenic easement purposes.

The state highway commission recently filed with Old Wilkes, register of deeds of Wilkes county, maps showing the lands taken for right of way and scenic easements in Wilkes county and work from the other counties is to be the effect; that similar maps have been filed with the registers there.

Original landowners are not allowed to cut trees or otherwise interfere with the landscape on right of way or scenic easements. There is also a provision that side roads cannot be constructed into the parkway or that any signs be erected except for small signs offering products for sale at nearby points.

Capus M. Waynick, chairman

## COCA-COLA BOTTLING PLANT IS REPAINTED

Workmen have been engaged during the past few days in repainting the interior of the Coca-Cola Bottling company plant on Tenth Street. The work has added much to the attractiveness of the plant.