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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

Aged Man Suicide
Dunn, Feb. 2.—C. J. Lee, 75, prominent farmer of Linden, committed suicide by hanging himself in a barn on his premises at 9 o'clock this morning.

In For Bad Weather
New York, Feb. 2.—The nation's groundhogs saw their shadows from coast to coast today which, tradition says, can mean any number of things, including six more weeks of terrible weather.

Six To Die Friday
Raleigh, Feb. 2.—Six men are under sentence to die for capital crimes in central prison here Friday, three by electrocution and three in the state's new lethal chamber.

Seeking New Leads
Trenton, N. J., Feb. 1.—The New Jersey state police, doubling back on old investigations for answers to Gov. Harold G. Hoffman's "doubts" that the Lindbergh kidnap-murder case was a one-man job, looked to the governor today to supply any new lead involving others.

Aged Recluse Killed
Hudson, Mich., Feb. 2.—Marshall Gelder, 70-year-old recluse, died early today under the guns of county officers in his barbed-wire home when he resisted arrest after wounding H. L. Campbell, a filing station attendant.

Attacks Neutrality Bill
Washington, Feb. 2.—Secrecy of senate hearings on the administration neutrality bill was shattered today with disclosure that John Bassett Moore, former world court member, had characterized the measure as a "curious blend of homicidal with suicidal mania."

To Liquidate Cotton
Washington, Feb. 1.—Liquidation of the government's large cotton holdings at a rate not to exceed 20,000 bales a week through a sales agent appointed by the President was proposed today by southern senators.

Food Orders Given
Washington, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The \$100 million bonus payment won, the American legion now plans an intensified Americanism campaign, a new drive for neutrality legislation, an effort to reduce highway fatalities and more complete child welfare and disabled veterans aid. J. Ray Murphy, national commander, said here today.

Lenoir Man Wounded
Lenoir, Feb. 1.—Tom Norris is in a local hospital in a serious condition as the result of being shot in a holdup at a store here tonight at 8 o'clock. Two unmasked men walked into the store just before closing and ordered Wilson and nine customers to stick up their hands. Norris replied, "You ain't got the nerve to shoot," and one of the robbers shot him in the right groin.

Revenue Shows Gains
During the first seven months of the present fiscal year, the period beginning July 1, 1935, and terminating January 31, 1936, Collector of Internal Revenue Charles H. Robertson and his associates obtained in North Carolina for the federal government a total of \$163,130,485.27, a comparison made late Saturday by T. Newton, chief of the accounting division, and made public by Mr. Robertson shows.

MR. WALTER SPICER RETURNS TO WYOMING
Mr. Walter Spicer, who has been spending several weeks with relatives in the Traphill section of the county, has returned to his home at Jackson, Wyoming. He was accompanied to Wyoming by Mr. Sam Swearingen, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Swearingen, of Traphill.

Asheville Gets Convention Of State Bar Association
Raleigh, Jan. 31.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Bar association, meeting here today, decided to hold the association's 1936 convention at Grove Park inn in Asheville, July 2, 3 and 4.

J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, president of the association, E. E. Rivers, of Greensboro, chairman of the executive committee, and Henry M. London, of Raleigh, secretary, were named as the committee on arrangements.

Fire Put Out Promptly
A small fire was discovered on the residence of J. J. ... of this city one day last week. The fire department arrived promptly, and the fire was extinguished in the nick of time. The fire was extinguished at the home of ...

Bonus Applications Will Be Explained In Legion Meeting



Los Angeles ... Will Rogers, Jr., new owner and publisher of the Beverly Hills newspaper, has hired 18-year-old Patricia Ziegfeld as society and movie columnist. She is still pursuing her college work. Thus do two children forsake the theatrical footsteps of their famous daddies, who also worked together.

Welfare Orders Are Filled In Winston-Salem

Community Orders For Destitute Must Be Okeyed by Twin-City Office

Food orders given destitute families in Wilkes by the welfare department must be sent to the regional office in Winston-Salem to be filled, Charles McNeil, welfare officer, said today. Mr. McNeil gave this information for the benefit of those who are to receive orders and who expect to receive the food the same day the welfare department issues the order. Several days must elapse between the time the order is written and the food is given to the relief case.

Greer Is Speaker At Class Banquet

Berean Class Of First Baptist Church In Annual Banquet Thursday

I. C. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home at Thomasville, addressed the members of the Berean class of the First Baptist Sunday school in their annual banquet Thursday night at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. The annual banquet of the Berean class, one of the largest and most influential Sunday school classes in this part of the state, is always an enjoyable affair and the address by the head of Mills Home added enjoyment and inspiration to the occasion. His address was filled with humor, pathos and an enthusiasm and inspiration that comes from the service he renders as being head of the Baptist institution.

WILKESBORO P.-T. A. WILL PRESENT PLAY

"The First Commandment," a Biblical drama, will be presented under the auspices of the Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association on Monday and Tuesday, February 10 and 11, in the Wilkesboro school auditorium. A cast of 60 people, including many well known business men of the Wilkesboro, has been selected and rehearsals have begun under the direction of Miss Virginia Hendricks. The presentation will be one of the outstanding plays of the season in this vicinity this year and is expected to draw capacity audiences. Readers are requested to watch this newspaper for further announcements.

All World War Veterans Asked To Attend Meet

Bonds and Cash Will Be Paid to Veterans About July 1, 1936

PATIENCE IS ASKED
Every ex-service man in Wilkes county who is interested in the things the American Legion stands for, regardless of whether or not they are members of the Legion, are asked to attend the February meeting of the Wilkes Legion post to be held at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse Friday night, February 7, at 7:30 o'clock.

At this meeting application blanks to be used by the veterans in applying for immediate payment of the bonus will be available and an organization will be set up to render the veterans a real service in filing application and giving out necessary information. In the meeting an opportunity will be given veterans who are interested in the work of the Legion to enroll in its membership. The Legion has consistently fought for immediate payment of the bonus and its influence has been quite a factor in securing passage of the bonus payment bill. Legionnaires and other veterans are asked not to forget the meeting Friday night as there is much important business to be attended to and even more important things to be discussed.

Application blanks to be filled out by veterans of the World War in order for them to receive their share of the immediate payment of adjusted compensation certificates—the bonus—have arrived here for distribution within the next few days. From authentic sources it is learned that veterans in Wilkes will receive \$380,360 in baby bonds and cash around July 1 as a result of the recent bonus measure which both houses of congress passed overwhelmingly over a presidential veto, thus ending a long fight and writing the last chapter in a long congressional and presidential controversy that has been to the front for 15 years.

Blanks will be distributed to the veterans who will fill them out and send them to the nearest regional office of the veterans' bureau, Charlotte, or Washington, D. C. If a loan has been secured on the certificate the veteran must apply to the office from which the loan was made.

President Roosevelt has repeatedly asked that the veterans be patient after the application is filed and refrain from writing follow up letters to learn why payment has not been made. It was estimated that it will be July 1 instead of June 15 that payment can actually be started, due to the fact that much work remains to be done by the treasury department before baby bonds of \$30 denomination can be sent out as bonus payment.

The bonds will be redeemable at par but veterans who are not in need are asked to hold them as a nest egg because they will draw three per cent interest. Odd amounts which the bonds will not pay will be paid in cash. Bonus amounts for adjoining counties are: Surry \$437,874; Caldwell, approximately \$500,000; Alleghany \$76,110; Yadkin \$198,308.

N. W. A. A. Team Defeats White Oak

Basketball team of the North Wilkesboro Athletic Association won a thrilling game from the team from White Oak (Greensboro) on the high school gymnasium court here Thursday afternoon by the score of 65 to 44. This was the second victory of the fast local team over the White Oak team. All reserves on the local squad got action in the game. Jones was high scorer with 24 points to his credit. Some good games have been scheduled to be played during the next few weeks.

Wilkes Poet Is Paid Tribute In Big Newspaper

Lura Thomas McNair Favors Naming James Larkin Pearson Poet Laureate

QUOTES NEWSPAPERS

New York Times Says His Work Is Meritorious In Highest Sense

In the three-column newspaper article in the Charlotte Observer yesterday entitled "Three Tar Heel Poets," Lura Thomas McNair paid a beautiful tribute to James Larkin Pearson, Wilkes county poet who is unofficially known as Poet Laureate of North Carolina. The writer urged that he be acclaimed officially to that honorary post. The article follows: The first one of these natural singers to be mentioned here, who has something to say and which is best expressed in what is often referred to as the greatest of all arts, poetry, is James Larkin Pearson. He is so natural that he might even pose as a statue of the typical Tar Heel. His poems all the way from the wren song to the glorious outburst of the mocking bird. Reading Pearson's Poems, is like wandering at will, through a woodland and hearing the natural melody of songsters. There is something very restful, and genuine about it.

The author was born in 1879 near Boomer, a small mountain town, where he still lives. He published his own book and also a charming small book titled, "Fifty Acres And Oother Poems." "I am a good deal of a hermit," he says, "I live alone out here in the woods, and seldom go anywhere. I am fifty-five years old but I have been through the mill enough to make eighty." His poems occur now and then in the New York Times, The N. C. Poetry Review, The Charlotte Circle and other literary publications.

Pearson is a printer. He must be very much alone in his mountain home. All very near relatives are dead and he has no children. His father was of English descent and his mother a McNeill, was Scotch. The Saturday Review of Literature in 1927 speaks of Pearson as naive, genuine and forthright and says his "Homer in a Garden" is "a fine performance technically." He is pungent and appealing as well. I cannot forego the pleasure of quoting from at least two of his poems: Permanence. "A Vagrant Homer begging for a crust. A rustic Burns with only song to give—when all the lordlings are forgotten, dust these

Frank Johnson Held Under Bond

Federal Agents Charge Him With Manufacture of Illicit Liquor

Frank Johnson, who resides 15 miles east of Wilkesboro near the Boone Trail highway, was bound to federal court under bond of \$500 in a hearing Friday before J. W. Dula, United States commissioner, on a charge of manufacturing illicit liquor. His arrest was the result of a raid by A. K. Littleton and J. R. Brandon, federal revenue agents who destroyed a still near Johnson's home. They testified that signs of travel led from the distillery to Johnson's home.

Judge Rousseau, And Solicitor Lose Money, Pipe

Court Officials Get First-Hand Knowledge About Thieves

Judge J. A. Rousseau, of this city, and Solicitor H. L. Koontz have had opportunity during the past few days to learn how victims of thieves feel. While sleeping soundly in a Greensboro hotel room one night last week, thieves broke in Judge Rousseau's room, which was bolted on the inside, and took several dollars from the pockets of his trousers. In Lexington, Solicitor Koontz, an ardent pipe smoker, laid his pipe on a window sill in the prison room of the courthouse and when he went back to get it, it had disappeared.

Wilkes Hospital Occupying New and Modern Building

Asks to Make Lie Detector Test on Hauptmann



TRENTON, N. J. ... Above is pictured Dr. Wm. H. Marston of New York, inventor of the Systolic Blood-Pressure Deception Test, which he has requested Governor Hoffman to allow him to use on Bruno Hauptmann, convicted murderer of the Lindbergh baby, now under reprieve from death. He is pictured demonstrating the Sphygmomanometer, or lie detector device, on Miss Dorothy Richey.

A. F. KILBY WILL HANDLE BONUS APPLICATIONS HERE

The American Legion and the Wilkes county chapter of the American Red Cross have made arrangements with A. F. Kilby at his office at the Yackin Valley Motor company to assist all veterans in Wilkes county in making application for payment of adjusted compensation. Application blanks have been received and Mr. Kilby is ready to assist any veteran who may wish to make application. The regular meeting of the Wilkes post of the American Legion will be held Friday, February 7, 7:30 p. m., at which time any veteran may secure the necessary information relative to payment applications. This service will be available for one month only and no charge will be made. The above statement was issued for publication today by W. G. Gabriel and N. W. Bumgarner, commander and adjutant of the Wilkes post, respectively. H. Whicker and J. H. Williams, chairman and treasurer of the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross.

Making Progress On Highway 16

Despite Suz-Zero Weather; Over Four Miles of Seven-Mile Project Graded

Snow, ice, rain, mud or sub-zero weather failed to halt or materially hinder contractors in the rush to make headway in the construction of the new highway 16 from Wilbar toward the Ashe-Wilkes county line. T. M. Strider, of Nashville, Tenn., holds the contract for grading and gravel surfacing of the seven-mile project that will complete the new highway to within about four miles of the end of the present hard surface at Glendale Springs. Workmen, with the aid of a new outfit of machinery, have started on their fifth mile of rough grading but progress is not so fast since they are now grading on the deeper cuts and fills of the Blue Ridge on what engineers say will be one of the best mountain roads in this part of the state in that it will be on a moderate grade with very few curves, although it will traverse a rough section of Blue Ridge mountains over what is known as the "jumping off place" along the route of the old "jumping off road," which was the main route of wagon travel between Wilkes and Ashe counties for decades. End of the project now under construction will be near the intersection with the Scenic Parkway on the summit of the Blue Ridge.

Power Trouble Is Quickly Remedied

Power Off Only 15 Minutes Saturday When Giant Transformer Goes Bad

Local people may have been momentarily inconvenienced Saturday when the power went off but are quite surprised with the dispatch and efficiency with which the Duke Power company branch handled the situation when they learned that a giant transformer went bad at the substation. Only 15 minutes were required to get the power back to the lines in the city again after the transformer burned out, which is considered quite a record time for remedying a trouble of such proportions. The transformer was repaired Sunday and service without interruption is assured in so far as practical.

HUEY LONG'S WIDOW TO SUCCEED HIM AS LOUISIANA'S SENATOR

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Huey P. Long, widow of the late senator, was late today appointed by Gov. James A. Noe to serve his unexpired term. Informed in New Orleans Mrs. Long said "that's fine. That's very fine." Gov. O. K. Allen, Long's chief political ally who died last Tuesday, was nominated to fill the unexpired term in the recent Democratic primary. Governor Noe, who became Louisiana's chief executive upon the death of Allen, predicted the Democratic state committee would also designate Mrs. Long for the unexpired term when it meets February 5. The appointment covers the interim between the present date and the general election in April when the committee's designation would be effective. "I have talked with Mrs. Long and she told me she would accept it," Governor Noe said.

Institution To Be Opened For Inspection 6th

Plant And Equipment Modern in Every Respect; Well Trained Staff

The Wilkes Hospital is now occupying its new and modern fireproof plant, which has been under construction during recent months. The new plant, part of which is being used now for operating purposes and accommodations for patient, will be open for inspection by the public on Thursday, February 6, from one to four and from six to nine p. m. In the new building appointments are complete and thoroughly modern according to hospital plans and the equipment is practically all new and modern in every respect.

The basement floor of the new building contains the heating plant for the new building and the old building, which has been brick veneered and renovated. On the first floor is new kitchen and dining room quarters, the ambulance entrance, emergency room and ward large enough to take care of a number of accident cases at one time. A first class elevator system has been installed to serve the new building. The second floor of the new building will be devoted principally to patients' rooms. On the top floor in the rear of the building is the beautifully arranged operating suite, with the remainder of the floor to be used for wards and individual patients' rooms.

In the renovated old building the top floor will be the nurses' home and the ground floor will be the offices and waiting rooms, X-ray room and laboratory. The ground floor will house a department for colored people. The buildings are connected by an arcade and an inter-communication telephone system will serve all departments of both the new and old buildings. A silent call system will serve each room. Contract for the new building and remodeling the old building was let to Foster and Allen, local building contractors, and plans were drawn by Benton and Benton, Wilson architect firm. All major sub-contracts were let to local firms and individuals. The building is of attractive colonial design and type of architecture. The grounds are fronted by a wall of native stone with steps of the same materials. The lighting scheme and landscaping is in keeping with the general theme.

The Wilkes Hospital was founded in 1923 by Dr. F. C. Hubbard. The institution started with ten beds and has grown to 50 at the present time. The aims of the institution are to keep up with modern trends in hospital development and to render good service for the people of Wilkes and surrounding counties. The staff of the hospital is made up of well trained and regularly licensed men. As far as the profession is concerned the institution is semi-open. In addition to work by the regular staff any reputable physician in the vicinity has the privilege of treating medical cases in private rooms. Among the new features of the hospital is the thoroughly modern eye, ear, nose and throat department, which adds materially to the facilities of the institution and the hospital service rendered.

Apple Storage House Is Burned

Packing House and 700 Bushels Fruit Burned at J. S. Jennings Home

An apple storage and packing house containing 700 bushels of apples and the home's supply of pork was destroyed by fire at the home of the late J. S. Jennings at Pores Knob Thursday. Mr. Jennings died Sunday evening. Damage from the fire was estimated to be around \$1,500. It was thought to have caught from a stove which was used to keep the apples from freezing. Mrs. Clayton Woodie has returned to her home near Cricket after an appendix operation at the Wilkes Hospital.