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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

Slot Machines Banned
Lenoir, Feb. 18.—City commissioners here have decreed that all slot machines and penny boards must be kept out of Lenoir, the order becoming effective Monday, February 21.

Lead In Still Fields
Atlanta, Feb. 18.—For the second consecutive year, alcohol tax unit agents of the Atlanta district, comprising Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Florida, today led the nation in stills and liquor destroyed and persons arrested.

Duplin Man Suicide
Dublin, Feb. 18.—John Will Quamby, Sr., about 65, shot himself to death on his Grady cross roads farm in Duplin county Sunday after wounding a neighbor who sought to prevent the suicide.

Injection Restores Sight
New York, Feb. 18.—A simple injection in the arm has proved successful in restoring the sight, at least in part, of persons blinded by trachoma or corneal opacity, the New York Academy of Medicine was told tonight.

Says Best Days Ahead
Rocky Mount, Feb. 18.—Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby candidate for governor, told the Current Topics club of Rocky Mount last night that he did "not believe the best days of America are in the past."

Much Gold Mined
New York, Feb. 18.—A flood of new gold, so vast that yellow metal mining passed the billion dollar mark for the first time last year, with a promise of mounting volume for years, was reported to the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers here tonight.

Woman and Girl Perish
Franklin, Feb. 18.—Mrs. John Parker, about 55, was found frozen to death and her daughter, Minnie, 16, was found in an unconscious condition in the Nantahala mountains of Macon county this morning by workmen from the Coweta forest experiment station.

Unemployment Registered
Raleigh, Feb. 18.—There were \$194,545 persons registered with the state employment service on January 31 seeking jobs, it was shown today. There were 14,094 placements in January and 12,476 new registrations. The total registration was 6.1 per cent of the state's 1930 population.

Held For Robbery
Asheboro, Feb. 18.—Arcie Saferight, 22, of Greensboro, Thomas Eddie Cranford, 25, of High Point, and M. J. Moore, 25, of Atlanta, Ga., yesterday were bound over under \$10,000 bond each to the April term of Randolph Superior court after a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Phillips in the case charging them with the \$2,000 payroll robbery at Worthville, near here, January 7.

Italy Well Armed
Rome, Feb. 18.—A group of martial measures was adopted today by the Italian government as a precaution against "international emergencies," well informed sources disclosed. They included a strengthening of air and land forces and a large appropriation for extraordinary colonial and military defense expenditures.

Mr. Weaver Starr resumed his position at the Bank of North Wilkesboro yesterday after being confined to his home for several days on account of illness.

People Asked Not To Call Operators In Case of Fire; Alarm Tells Location

Since city authorities have instituted an alarm system to designate in what part of the city a fire occurs, it will not be necessary for anyone to call the telephone operators to ask about a fire.

In view of the fact that answering so many calls about fires slows up the telephone service, telephone operators hereafter will not give out information.

Following is a statement issued by the local branch of the Southeast Public Service Company and C. G. Day, fire chief:

"In view of the fact that North Wilkesboro has been divided into fire zones and that the fire will, by the number of designate the zone in which the fire occurs, there will be no necessity for people to call telephone operators to learn where the fire is.

"The people have the instant the fire occurs to learn where the fire is and what practice has often

Sales Automobile License Tags Far Ahead of Last Year

Condition of Roads Causes Slack in Sales During Last Month

LICENSES ARE CHEAPER

Motorists More Prompt in Buying New Tinware This Season

Sales of automobile and truck license plates at the local branch of the license bureau are far ahead of the number sold at this time last year, it was reported today by J. C. McDermid, manager.

Demand for 1936 plates has been quite slack during the past few weeks but this was attributed to the bad condition of the roads. When the weather lets up and the roads can be used with more certainty it is expected that the sale of new tags will show a sharp upward trend.

Generally improved business conditions and the reduction in price of tags from 55 to 40 cents per hundredweight were attributed as the cause for the increase in number sold here, especially during the early days in January and the last week in December. The price reduction, however, applies only to private passenger automobiles and not to commercial cars.

Central Schools Will Reopen on Monday Morning

Hope for Considerable Improvement in Roads of County This Week

After being closed for two weeks and one day on account of roads being impassable, schools in Wilkes county where transportation is used will reopen on Monday morning, February 22.

The present winter, which appears to be tapering off, has been more disastrous to secondary roads than any winter in the remembrance of the present generation. Heavy snows, sub-zero weather, and frequent rainfall have disintegrated what surface the dirt roads may have had that would have stood up and remained passable under normal weather conditions.

The individual school units in rural districts where no buses are used have been operating practically all of the time with fair attendance but operation of buses on dirt roads has been almost a physical impossibility.

School authorities are hoping for ordinarily good weather and large attendance when schools reopen. So far this year there have been no epidemics of disease to keep children from school and the health department reports a very small number of communicable diseases in the county.

J. Paul Lucas Kiwanis Speaker

John Paul Lucas, vice president of the Duke Power Company, will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club in meeting Friday at noon.

Mr. Lucas will have an interesting message and a full attendance of members is expected. R. G. Finley will be in charge of the program.

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Young Mr. Scroggs was recommended for appointment by Congressman Walter Lambeth and won the designation of first alternate in a competitive examination recently at Chapel Hill. A youth by the name of Daniel Binkley Williams is principal and if, for any reason, he does not get the appointment it will fall to Mr. Scroggs, who went to Hickory yesterday to begin the three-day examination.

The appointment calls for four years of study and two years of service with expenses paid by the federal government.

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Senator Borah Fuses For Press Talk



Washington.—Now that Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, is an announced candidate for the Republican presidential nomination at the Cleveland convention in June, he is finding that his press conferences with the newspaper boys are becoming quite exciting, as witness the ear-lobe-pulling habit which is reported to have developed since he tossed his hat into the presidential ring.

Wilkes Man Gives Account Of Grange Master's Address

Tabor Sheds No Tears Over AAA Says New Farm Bill Will Be Much Better Than Triple A

By T. W. FERGUSON

I am giving you herewith a brief report of two Grange meetings I attended last week in Greensboro and Raleigh and which were addressed by both the National Grange master and local Grange masters, respectively. We believe that this will be of considerable interest to the people of Wilkes county, especially to the farmers, since it comes just as this critical crossroads of agricultural history.

Farmers are beginning to realize that a great deal of the legislation that was for their benefit has been invalidated by the Supreme Court and has seemingly left them stranded and marooned in a rather critical situation. Is this the case? Listen to a brief outline of what Mr. Tabor had to say along this line at the North Carolina Mutual Grange Fire Insurance meeting in Greensboro and also at the State Grange Deputies Conference in Raleigh which meetings were largely attended by both state and national farm leaders.

Perhaps Mr. Tabor is the best qualified farm leader in the country to give a correct analysis of our present agricultural dilemma. In the first place he is a red blooded dairy farmer himself and knows exactly what it is to milk a cow on a (Continued on page eight)

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In the event he receives the appointment he will be the third from North Wilkesboro in the remembrance of the present generation. His uncle, D. M. Allgood, studied at Annapolis, and Lieut. Ernest Eiler was the more recent one from this section.

Unemployment Is At Low Ebb In This Part State

Fourteen of Fifteen Brick Masons Registered Were On Jobs

SKILLED LABOR SCARCE

Want Tractor Drivers and Road Machine Operators on Parkway

The re-employment office in this city reports that the supply of available skilled labor, especially in building trades, does not fill the demand.

Recently the state office called on the local branch, which serves Wilkes, Alexander, Ashe, Watauga and Alexander counties, for brick masons and of the 15 registered for work only one was available, all the others being busily engaged on various jobs in their own communities. There are also very few unemployed carpenters.

Immediately after the call for brick masons came a representative of the office contacted everyone of the brick masons registered and promptly learned that all with the exception of one were gainfully employed on private projects. The office is asking that all skilled workmen without jobs register and keep in touch with the office in the event that the office is called on to furnish skilled labor.

It was also reported from the office that skilled tractor drivers and road machine operators are wanted for work on the Blue Ridge Parkway, 30 miles of which is now under construction in Alleghany and Wilkes counties. Some previously employed have given up their jobs because the weather did not permit working full time.

Employment in this section is at a high mark at the present time and there is a comparatively low registration of jobless.

Should Apply For Bonus Payment

Free Service Being Rendered by Legion and Red Cross in This City

World War veterans who wish to have assistance in filing applications for bonus payment should do so within the next few days while the Red Cross and the Legion are maintaining an office at the Yadin Valley Motor company for that purpose.

A. F. Kilby is in charge of the office to give out application blanks and assist in filing applications. A stenographer is employed to do the clerical work.

This service, maintained jointly by the Legion and the Red Cross, will be maintained for only one month and veterans who wish to avail themselves of the free service should do so right away.

Notwithstanding the fact that there are around 800 veterans in the county, less than 200 have filed so far. However, it is presumed that many have secured blanks from other sources and sent them in.

It is important that veterans bring their discharges and statements of loans on adjusted compensation certificates when applying for payment, which will be made in baby bonds and cash about midsummer.

Swedish Tanner Is Visitor Here

Spends Week Viewing Tanning Processes at International Co. Plant

Carl Gustaf Carlsson, tanner and shoe manufacturer from Vannorsborg, Sweden, has been spending the past week at the local plant of the International Shoe company. Mr. Carlsson has been in America for the past four months studying American tanning methods at several tanneries throughout the country. Since leaving Sweden he has also visited tanneries in Germany, Austria and Roumania.

Mr. Carlsson is accompanied by his wife and they are this week enjoying a trip to Florida, after which they will return to Philadelphia to visit tanneries there and in other northern cities before returning to his native country late in March.

Judge T. O. Bowie and son, Thomas, of West Jefferson, were in this city yesterday attending to business matters.

Erosion Control Equipment Is Badly Needed In Wilkes

Is Opinion Of Assistant Agent Who Will Handle TVA Farm Plans and Promote Soil Conservation

W. J. Hanna, who began his duties as assistant county agent in Wilkes this week, is of the opinion that Wilkes county is badly in need of a terracing machine in order to carry on an effective fight against soil erosion.

Mr. Hanna, a graduate of Clemson who for the past year headed the soil erosion control work in Surry county, will devote a great part of his time to looking after TVA demonstration farms in the county and other phases of soil conservation work.

Mr. Hanna explained that in Surry county about a year ago a soil erosion control association was formed and that a tractor and terracing machine was purchased to terrace the lands of farmers wanting a more permanent type of terracing done.

The tractor and machine manufacturer agree to sell the equipment on 24 months terms to a soil erosion control association provided the county commissioners guarantee the cost, which usually amounts to between \$3,500 and \$4,500. Under the plan being used in many parts of the country the association will terrace a farm for \$3.00 per hour, which amounts to a profit of about \$2.00 per hour, less labor, to be applied on the purchase price and in no county has the plan failed to be self-liquidating.

By terracing lands at \$3.00 per hour the average cost is about \$2.00 per acre, which is conceded to be lower for the type of work done than the farmer can do it with teams. Mr. Hanna further

stated that the degree of slope. However, a terracing machine can construct terraces that, with the proper care, can be considered permanent.

A movement was started some time ago to organize an erosion control association in Wilkes but, for lack of interest among the farmers, was dropped for the time being. It has been the experience in counties where equipment is purchased that it will be kept busy all the time the weather permits by farmers who see the type of work accomplished.

Wilkes is listed as one of the badly eroded counties in this part of the state and the need of erosion control work is apparent.

MORE SNOW IS FALLING TODAY

Snow which began falling about daylight today had reached a depth of about two inches at ten o'clock this morning and there was no indication of an immediate let up in the weather.

Wednesday Star Value Page To Be Regular Feature of Journal-Patriot

Readers of The Journal-Patriot are asked to watch the page advertisement of Wednesday Star Values, which will appear in each Monday's paper.

The first Wednesday star value page appeared on Monday of this week with a number of merchants offering outstanding values for Wednesday only. According to reports yesterday, the people read the advertisements with quite much interest and it is expected that the offering of Wednesday star values will attract additional interest as the special feature becomes more an established custom.

The values offered on the Wednesday star value page can truly be called bargains and in each instance will represent a reduction up to 25 per cent or more under the regularly listed price of the articles.

Various merchants will use space on the Wednesday star value page and each week many of them will be sure to offer some special bargain that will appeal to you as a reader of this newspaper. For this reason each reader is asked to read the Wednesday star value page in every Monday's paper in order to take advantage of the special values offered.

Duke Power Has Appliance Drive

Now Featuring Sale Of Small Appliances At Attractive Prices And Long Terms

The Duke Power Company is now in the midst of its annual actively on small appliances and lamps—table lamps, floor lamps, and Pin-It-Up Lamps—all of which embody the indirect lighting features.

Attractive propositions where-by the customers of the local branch office of the company may select as many appliances as desired and pay for the group over a period of twelve months are now in effect. These are proving very popular among the company's patrons.

Since the new rates went into effect, everyone has a cheaper rate in their homes which enables them to use any appliance at any time at a great saving in electrical costs.

Any member of the sales personnel connected with the local Duke Power office will be pleased to have you call at the office for a demonstration and prices or a demonstration will gladly be given in the home at any time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Vannoy, of Farrisburg, were visitors in this city Saturday.