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State News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

Five Delegates Free Reins
Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 28.—The Iowa State Republican committee today gave its 22 delegates free reins in choosing a presidential candidate at the national convention and adopted a 10-point farm program.

Bus Firms Not Worried
New York, Feb. 28.—Ralph A. L. Bogan, president of the Great Eastern system, one of the country's largest bus companies, said tonight he did not believe the proposed reduction in rail passenger rates would affect bus travel.

Eckener Sticks To Zeppe
Friedrichshafen, Germany, Feb. 28.—Dr. Hugo Eckener, German Zeppein expert, discussed the possibility of regular North Atlantic planes service of between 30 and 35 hours today but declared "that kind of transportation does not compete with Zeppein lines for comfort."

Army of Jobless Grows
New York, Feb. 28.—The National Industrial Conference board, a research organization sponsored by industrial corporations, stated today that there had been an unemployment increase of 8 per cent in January over December and a decline of 6 per cent from January, 1935.

Schoolboy Killed
Mount Airy, Feb. 28.—Olser Harrell, 13, was almost instantly killed when he was struck by an automobile after alighting from a school bus near his home two miles this side of Dobson about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Many Cases Meningitis
Raleigh, Feb. 28.—Six new cases of meningitis have been reported to the State Board of Health this week, raising the total for February up to 15 and for the year to 31, January having had 16.

Guards Blubb Escapers
Columbus, O., Feb. 28.—Shots fired by a guard on the wall of Ohio's century-old penitentiary halted an escape attempt today by three prisoners who were armed with improvised knives and a dummy pistol.

Offers As Substitute
Fleming, N. J., Feb. 28.—C. Lloyd Fisher, defense counsel in the Lindbergh kidnaping case, today received a letter from Robert King of Kearny, N. J., offering to "take Bruno Richard Hauptmann's place in the electric chair."

Shoots Wife and Self
Kinston, Feb. 28.—The bullet-riddled bodies of Jobie Howard, 54-year-old farmer, and his wife, Mary, were found by neighbors today in their home, 15 miles south of here. Officers who investigated said Howard apparently had shot his wife, and then killed himself.

Asks Perjury Charges
Trenton, Feb. 28.—The state's failure to start perjury actions against two of the prosecution witnesses who identified Bruno Richard Hauptmann was vigorously attacked today by C. Lloyd Fisher, chief counsel for the convicted Lindbergh baby killer.

Try To Oust Graham
Charlotte, Feb. 28.—The Observer says it has learned a movement is being definitely launched to bring about the displacement of Dr. Frank Graham as president of the University of North Carolina at the June meeting of the university trustees.

Hotel Robbed of \$20,000
Miami Beach, Fla., Feb. 28.—An early-morning robbery of the Colony Hotel here—associated with a precision investigators—arrested the perpetrators knew the ground thoroughly—netted three hundred bands \$20,000 or more in cash, jewels and other valuables today.

Influenza Epidemic
Raleigh, Feb. 28.—Influenza continued its spread in North Carolina as 147 new cases were reported today to the state board of health, boosting the February total to 1,024. Dr. J. C. Knox, state epidemiologist, said this was higher than the average but was far below the number reached in real epidemic years.

Sets On-Drank Drivers
Elkin, Feb. 28.—Superior Court Judge J. A. Rousseau, presiding over the present criminal term at Elkinville, is making it clear that he has found driving automobiles under the influence of alcohol to be lenient in the past. In a number of cases this week, fines of \$100 and costs have been levied on drivers whose licenses were suspended for a period of 12 months.

Hope For Early Action on County Building Revived

Will Get Addition To Courthouse If More W P A Funds Are Allocated

OFFICIALS HOPEFUL

Plan To Extend Courthouse To Provide Agricultural Office Space

Hope for early action in the construction of an addition to the courthouse in Wilkesboro to be used as an agricultural building and for additional county office space was revived last week when County Farm Agent A. G. Hendren discussed the matter with Jim Rivers, head of the Works Progress administration in this district.

The fate of the project will depend upon whether or not sufficient appropriations are made for continuation of WPA work to cover the cost.

It was first proposed that the WPA would furnish the greater part of the cost of an agricultural building provided the county would furnish the building plot and a small per cent of the cost of material.

The county commissioners agreed to this proposal and after preliminary plans were drawn it was deemed advisable to change the plans to call for a 35-foot extension on the rear of the present courthouse building. The ground floor would be used for county offices and the top floor would contain the space that otherwise would have been in the separate agricultural building.

The substitute measure for the triple A, the TVA and broadened extension work activities have greatly multiplied the duties of the county farm agent to such an extent that adequate office space and clerical help are very necessary. An assembly room for meetings of farmers and farmers' organizations is also needed in each county.

Mr. Rivers expressed a hope that funds would be available for the project and plans have been sent to Washington for approval. However, the WPA is being somewhat curtailed in the move for national economy.

Zone Meeting Of W. M. S. Friday

Will Be Held At Warrensville Methodist Church; Program Announced

Zone meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will be held on Friday, March 6, at the Warrensville Methodist church in Ashe county, it was announced here today.

Announcement of the meeting, together with the program, was given out by Mrs. B. S. Call, chairman, Mrs. J. B. Henderson, secretary, and Miss Mamie Sockwell, reporter. The program follows:

Morning topic, Missionary Study; 10:30—hymn and devotion by pastor of Warrensville church; 10:45—"Gleams From the Past," Rev. Mr. Widenhouse, of Boone; 11:00—"Echoes From Japan," Rev. and Mrs. Frank; 11:30—"Missionary Call From Mr. Airy District," Rev. A. C. Gibbs, presiding elder; and Mrs. J. L. Woltz; 12—"Observance World Outlook Sunday," Rev. A. W. Lynch, of Wilkesboro, and Mrs. J. D. Rankin, of Boone; 12:30, lunch.

Afternoon Session
1:30, hymn; 1:35—Group meeting of officers; spiritual life, Mrs. Rackly; presidents, Mrs. Rankin; Christian social relations, Mrs. N. O. Smoak; Children and babies' division, North Wilkesboro; mission study, Mrs. Carl Graybeal; supplies, North Wilkesboro; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. B. Austin; treasurers, Sparta. The remainder of the program will deal with report of findings of groups, report from auxiliaries, business and adjournment at three o'clock.

Attend Sales Meeting Of Duke Power Company

M. G. Butner, manager of the Duke Power company branch here, and Gordon Forester, member of the office staff, were in Charlotte Friday to attend a sales meeting of the Duke Power company. Representatives of the various branches of the company were present and a most interesting meeting was held. Sales plans for the electric range and the electric water heater, on which a campaign is now being taken up in the meeting.

NYA Organization Set Up In Wilkes

Proves Washington's Dollar Throwing Feat



Fredericksburg, Va.—"Big Train" Walter Johnson, one of baseball's pitching immortals, proved that the legend of George Washington having thrown a silver dollar across the Rappahannock river here when 11 years old, was entirely possible. In two out of three attempts here on Washington's birthday, Johnson threw silver dollars across the 272-foot stream. His throw was 317 feet.

Judge Sink Says Day Of Usefulness Of Grand Jury Has Passed; Wilkes Court Begins On Congested Docket

Will Exhibit Women's Work

An exhibit of the work done by the Woman's Division of the WPA will be given at the American Legion hut Tuesday, March 3, from 4:30-5:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Charles Smoot Dies In Virginia

Former Industrial Leader Here Passes; Funeral In Alexandria, Va.

Many people in this city were saddened at the news that Charles C. Smoot, age 51, a former business and industrial leader in North Wilkesboro died at the Blue Ridge Sanatorium near Charlottesville, Va., Thursday. He had been ill for several months.

He was a son of the late James Clinton Smoot, who established the Wilkes Tannery plant, and Mrs. Smoot, of this city. After his father's death he was manager of The Wilkes Tannery until it was sold to the International Shoe company. In this connection he became widely known in this part of the state.

In addition to being a prominent business and industrial leader, he took an active interest in civic and community life while he made his home here. He was the first president of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club.

In addition to his mother, Mrs. J. C. Smoot, he is survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. E. G. Finley, of this city, Mrs. M. M. Pound, of Charlotte, and James Clinton Smoot, Jr., of Panama. Also surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Ulster Smoot, and four children, all of whom reside in Alexandria, Va.; Marbury Seaman, Miss Frank Smoot, Charles and Kitty Smoot.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the residence of his aunt, Miss Cora Smoot, in Alexandria, Mrs. Smoot and Mr. and Mrs. Finley from this city attended the last rites.

Ashe Man Taken Larceny Charge

Earl Severt Is Arrested By Wilkes Officer; Taken To Jefferson Jail

Ashe county officers Friday claimed Earl Severt from the Wilkes county jail. Severt was arrested Thursday by Deputy Sheriff W. B. Sparks on the advice of Ashe officers who said Severt was wanted in that county for going into somebody else's poultry business. He is alleged to have stolen chickens from a number of Ashe farmers. Deputy Sheriff Dave Burkett, of Ashe county, came to Wilkesboro Friday to take Severt to the jail in Jefferson.

Committee Named In Meeting Held On Friday Night

National Youth Fund Will Aid Needy School and College Students

STORY IS CHAIRMAN Of Advisory Committee; Next Meeting To Be Held On March 9th

Citizens of Wilkes county interested in the aims and activities of the National Youth administration met at Hotel Wilkes here Friday night to hear L. W. Teague, field representative of the NYA in North Carolina, explain how the NYA plans to aid and is helping needy high school and college students to remain in school.

T. E. Story, head of Wilkesboro district schools, previously designated to serve as chairman in calling the meeting, presided. The principal object of the gathering was to learn about the NYA and to perfect a county organization consisting of an advisory committee, and an executive committee. Mr. Story was named chairman of the advisory committee.

The executive committee consists of Mr. Story; W. D. Half-acre, superintendent of North Wilkesboro city schools; A. F. Kilby and N. O. Smoak, business men; and Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church here.

The advisory committee, representing civic organizations and various lines of endeavor, is as follows: Mr. Story, chairman; Mrs. A. T. Lott, secretary; A. H. Casey, Kiwanis club; Mrs. B. S. Call, Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association; A. F. Kilby and N. O. Smoak, district schools; E. R. Spruill, head of Mountain View district schools; C. M. Cook, principal Roaring River school; Rev. Eugene Olive, ministry; County Agent A. G. Hendren, labor; J. M. German, farming; Mrs. Palmer Horton, Woman's Club; Miss Marcella Pendley and Yale Miller, youth; J. R. Edelin, Lincoln Heights school.

The second meeting of the NYA organization will be held at Hotel Wilkes on Monday, March 9, 7:30 p. m., at which time C. S. Proctor, assistant director of the NYA, and Mr. Teague will be present to assist in laying plans for a definite youth aid program in Wilkes county.

In the meeting Friday night those present engaged in a round table discussion with Mr. Teague, during which time it was explained that the NYA has a two-fold purpose, to aid students in staying in school and thus keep jobs open for those who have completed school. In its activities funds are provided to give needy students part time jobs in order that they may partially earn their expenses in high school or college.

The NYA is already aiding many students in various parts of North Carolina but it was pointed out that Wilkes has not shared proportionately so far.

Many Apply For TVA Phosphate

Total of Applications Reach 36 On Friday; Hanna Is In Charge

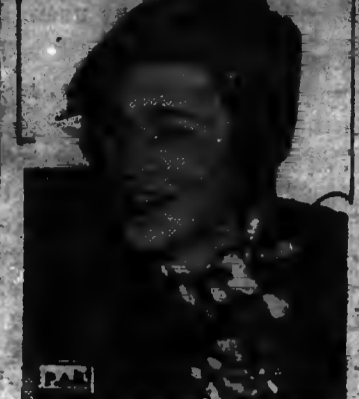
At noon Friday a total of 36 farmers had applied through W. J. Hanna, assistant county agent for Wilkes, to conduct Tennessee Valley Authority demonstration farms and obtain phosphate to use in growing soil conservation crops.

Quite much interest is being shown in the proposal and the county committee, composed of J. M. German, T. W. Ferguson and H. C. Roberts, will meet soon to pass on the applications and forward them to Raleigh for final approval before requisitions for phosphate can be made.

A car of forty tons has arrived and is being stored pending approval of applications. Farmers are given phosphate for cost of freight and storage in specified amounts according to the number of acres planted to soil conservation and cover crops.

Mrs. A. G. Hendren has been quite ill at her home at Glendale and friends will regret to learn.

Mrs. Col. Stoopnagle



Baltimore . . . She now signs her name, Mrs. F. Chase Taylor. She is the new bride of Mr. Taylor, known on stage and radio as Col. Lemuel Q. Stoopnagle. Mrs. Taylor is the former Ray Bell, secretary to Paul Whiteman.

Production Credit Loans Obtainable For Spring Crops

Twenty-five Wilkes Farmers Have Made Application For PCA Loans

Miss Rosa Billings, who takes applications for Production Credit association loans in the office of County Agent Hendren, stated today that 25 Wilkes farmers have made application for loans to finance the planting of the 1936 spring crops.

These loans will not be government loans, but the Production Credit association will secure the funds for them from a Federal Intermediate Credit bank, and an interest rate of 5 per cent will be charged. It is further required that each borrower buy \$5 worth of stock in the association for each \$100 or fractional part thereof in loans granted him, which stock remains in the association as long as the borrower desires to obtain loans.

Each borrower and stockholder has a voice in the direction of the association.

The Production credit association is now in its third year of activities and has more than 200,000 members.

Anyone who is interested in obtaining a loan should call at Mr. Hendren's office in the courthouse.

Grayble Prevette Draws Long Term

In Yadkinville Court; Also Facing Trial On Larceny Charge In This County

By virtue of the proceedings of court in Yadkinville, Wilkes county will have one less jail case on the docket for court beginning today.

Graybel Prevette, Jonesville man arrested some time ago and placed in jail at Wilkesboro to await trial on charges of being a member of a party of four who entered and robbed J. C. Green and company store at Clingman about a year ago, was sentenced by Judge J. A. Rousseau in Yadkin county court Thursday to from four to six years in the penitentiary after he was convicted of robbing a store in Yadkin county. Thus Wilkes authorities will have a considerable wait before trying Prevette if he is not brought to trial before he finishes the sentence imposed at Yadkin court.

Epworth League Time Of Meeting Wednesday 6:30

Announcement is made of the change in the weekly meeting of the Epworth League of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church. The services, which heretofore have been held at 6:30 o'clock on Sunday evenings, will be held at 6:30 o'clock on Wednesday evenings preceding the prayer service.

ARNOLD FOSTER HAS ACCEPTED POSITION WITH COCA-COLA CO.

Mr. Arnold Foster, well known young business man, has accepted a position as advertising manager for the Coca-Cola Bottling company. He began his duties in this capacity today.

Road Conditions Causing Delay In Work on Parkway

Contract Let For Section Between Beng And Deep Gap Last Week

CONTRACTORS READY

To Begin Work As Soon As Machinery Can Be Moved On Highways

Contractors are experiencing difficulty in beginning work on the Blue Ridge parkway in Wilkes and Ashe county due to the inability to move their heavy machinery to the projects over hardsurfaced highways.

Contractors have made considerable progress on the first 12-mile line from the Virginia line southward to the intersection with highway 26 in Alleghany county but work was suspended for 30 days on the second Alleghany county link to Airbelles Gap due to bad weather. Work will be resumed soon on the third link extending to Laurel Springs and the intersection with highway 18 on the Blue Ridge between North Wilkesboro and Sparta.

Nello Teer, who holds contract for two links extending from Laurel Springs to Beng postoffice, is ready to begin on both projects at Glendale Springs as soon as the state highway commission will permit him to move machinery over the roads to that point. Contract was let a week ago for the remainder of the parkway as far south as the intersection with the Boone Trail between North Wilkesboro and Boone and work was to have begun today but there will be delay on account of not being able to move machinery over bituminous surfaced roads to Deep Gap.

Officials of the district re-employment service here have registered many men along the Blue Ridge for employment in order to be able to furnish labor when the contractors already let will complete the parkway as far south as Deep Gap and from there the Boone Trail will be temporarily used as a connecting road to Boone. Meanwhile plans are going forward for the letting of contracts in the Asheville and Mount Mitchell vicinity.

Wilkes Motor Supply In New Location

Moved From Phillips Building To McNeil Building Opposite New Postoffice

The Wilkes Motor Supply, local firm managed by W. H. Duhling, has moved from the Phillips building on Tenth street to more spacious and better quarters in the McNeil building opposite the postoffice on C street.

The Wilkes Motor Supply, established two years ago, is enjoying a growing patronage from all parts of Wilkes and from adjoining counties.

The firm carries at all times a large stock of parts for popular makes of automobiles and the most complete line of accessories, paints and paint equipment, garage and service station equipment to be found in this section, catering to both wholesale and retail trade.

Moving to the new location was necessary because of a rapidly growing patronage, necessitating carrying a more complete stock to fill increased demand for products of the firm.

On the occasion of moving into the new location Mr. Duhling expressed appreciation for the patronage that made it not only possible, but necessary, that larger quarters be obtained, and stated his determination to render a better and even a more complete service to garages, service stations, and the automobile and truck owners in the ever-expanding trading area of North Wilkesboro.

Provide Work For Relief Children

Officials of the WPA office here today said that part time work can be furnished to children from relief families.

Part time work will be provided as many children as possible between the ages of 16 to 25. Only one from each family can be given work. Those interested are asked to call at the WPA office on the second floor of the courthouse.