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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

For annual advance in your buying in North Wilkesboro, the trading center of Northwest North Carolina.

Nine Die In Fire
Tennaska, Ark., March 20.—Nine lives were lost today in fires which almost simultaneously swept a business district here and a farm house across the state.

Patman Dies Fatal
Wilmington, March 20.—McCoy Suggs, 21, of 303 South Front street, died in a hospital here this morning as the result of a self-administered dose of poison, Coroner Asa W. Allen reported this afternoon.

Mockins Is Endorsed
Smithfield, March 20.—Delegates of the county Republican party, meeting in the Johnston county courthouse yesterday, endorsed Federal Judge Isaac M. Mockins, of Elizabeth City, for nomination for President of the United States.

Patrolman Killed
Thomasville, March 20.—Clarence Leggett Fidler, 23-year-old state highway patrolman, was killed here late today when his motorcycle struck a telephone pole as he attempted to avoid a collision with a car driven by Clifford Watts, of Thomasville.

50,000 Pension Eligible
Raleigh, March 20.—North Carolina has as eligible for old age pensions probably 50,000 persons, Governor Ehringhaus said this afternoon in releasing a statement compiled by the state board of charities and public welfare.

Farmer Is Suicide
Nickory, March 20.—Roy Speagle, 27-year-old farmer of Brandy township, was found dead in a field with a single-barrel shotgun between his knees, at 10 o'clock this morning. His father-in-law, Clifford Watts, of Thomasville.

McRae Liquor Plan
Raleigh, March 20.—John A. McRae, of Charlotte, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, tonight advocated an alcohol control plan for North Carolina "similar to the Virginia liquor act" with local option but "state control and operation of stores."

Planes Drop Food
Harrisburg, Pa., March 20.—Relief came to flood-isolated Renova today when seven bombing planes from Langley Field, Va., dropped food and provisions. Seven other planes from Philadelphia, unable to land, sloshed down in a sea of mud at Lock Haven with medical supplies, which were taken to Renova by truck.

Mountain View Y. T. H. F. Meeting On Monday Night

Monday, March 16, the Mountain View Chapter of Y. T. H. F. held its regular meeting. The boys decided to take as a group project two acres of corn and one acre of tobacco. The crop will be cultivated by the members and the returns go to the chapter. Edgar Alexander, Roy Myers and Bruce Felts were appointed as a committee to purchase and sow the tobacco seed. Wayne Brown, Ralph Henderson and Rendie Cochren were named as a committee to direct preparations of the seed bed and plant the corn.

Sherrill Gregory, Earl Johnson and John Robert Church will be in charge of a Father and Son banquet to be sponsored by the Mountain View Y. T. H. F. club.

The program of work as mapped by the program of work committee and accepted by the chapter is as follows: 1. To develop the ability of the student and to balance crop and livestock enterprises. 2. To encourage cooperation in buying and selling. 3. To encourage developing the student to change production practices (a) by use of records as basis of further planning, (b) to develop the ability of the student to increase yields per acre, per animal and develop higher products. 4. To develop ability of student to rotate crops and improve soil, also soil conservation. 5. To develop local leadership. 6. To develop the ability to repair and make farm and home equipment. 7. To carry on a beautification program. 8. To have a Father and Son banquet. 9. To enter all judging contests. 10. To sponsor at least one camping trip. 11. To sponsor a community fair. 12. To display a live-at-home exhibit. 13. To have a group project. 14. To enter public speaking contest. 15. To sponsor athletic activity. 16. To enter chapter contest.

Mr. Homer Carlton, prominent member of the Eastern section, was among the speakers to North Wilkesboro the last of the week.

Wilkes Red Cross Raises Flood Relief Quota, \$500

Traphill School Roof Is Damaged

Wind Wednesday Tears Part Of Roof From Building; Damage Repaired

March winds with almost the velocity of a tornado tore a portion of the roof from the Traphill school building Wednesday.

Workmen were soon placed on the job and the damage was repaired in time to prevent further damage to the building by the steady rainfall Friday.

Ben Whittington Is Killed In Fall

Lives Only Few Hours After Fall From Road Shovel Near Waynesboro, Va.

Ben Whittington, a member of a prominent Wilkes family, was fatally injured Thursday afternoon when he fell from a road shovel which he was operating near Waynesboro, Va., on a grade of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The accident occurred about mid-afternoon and he died about ten o'clock Thursday night in a hospital here.

Relatives here and at Reddies River were immediately notified of the accident and news of his death was an occasion of sadness to a wide circle of acquaintances in Wilkes.

He was a son of the late John L. Whittington and Mrs. Whittington, of Reddies River. He leaves his mother and the following brothers and sisters: Eugene Whittington, Reddies River; O. K. Whittington, Wilkesboro; Kendall Whittington, Reddies River; Rev. Walter Whittington, pastor of West Jefferson Baptist church, West Jefferson; Mrs. Harl Bumgarner, Reddies River.

Also surviving are two half sisters, Mrs. S. M. D. Ward, North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. M. M. Dancy, Reddies River.

His body arrived here Friday night and the funeral service was held Sunday at Reddies River church in the presence of a throng of people saddened at his passing.

One Man Arrested In Raid On Still

Officers Get Outfit in Clingman Community; Morgan Martin Taken

Federal revenue agents operating in Wilkes Thursday raided a moonshine still and arrested Morgan Martin, colored. The arrest and seizure of the still and materials for manufacture of illicit whiskey were made in the Clingman vicinity.

Martin was released under bond of \$500 for appearance in the May term of federal court following a hearing before Commissioner J. W. Dula. Agents taking part in the raid were A. R. Williams, Leonard Roope, C. C. Noble and J. T. Jones.

Roscoe Prevette was arrested Thursday by W. A. Jones on a warrant charging violation of liquor laws.

Mrs. John B. Fraley

Statesville, March 21.—Mrs. John B. Fraley, 32, died late last night at her home on East Broad street following nine weeks' illness. Mrs. Fraley, who was Miss Margaret Elizabeth McAuley before marriage, was born in Huntersville, Mecklenburg county, a daughter of Mrs. Edna Watts McAuley and the late W. M. McAuley.

She is survived by her husband and a son, James McAuley Fraley; her mother, Mrs. Edna Watts McAuley, of Huntersville; four sisters and a brother, Mrs. J. R. Savage, Miss Martha McAuley and Mrs. Mary Brown, of Huntersville, Mrs. Lee McLemore, of Davidson, and Hugh M. McAuley, of Charlotte.

The funeral will be held from the residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Junior Order Meeting

The Oriental grade will be a feature of the Junior order meeting of the North Wilkesboro council Tuesday night. All members are urged to be present.

School Heads To Take Donations

Red Cross Committee Says Quota Is Raised In Short Time

It was learned this morning that Wilkes county's quota of \$500 for relief of flood sufferers has been raised by the local chapter of the Red Cross.

This is considered a good record for the Wilkes chapter and shows that the people of the county are ready and eager to aid the unfortunate in time of disaster. However, many have not been contacted and the drive for funds will continue until all have been given a chance to help. A full report of contributions and names of contributors will be published in this newspaper Thursday.

EARLIER REPORTS

Wilkes county chapter of the American Red Cross has received from Cary T. Grayson, national Red Cross chairman, a telegram asking that the local chapter raise \$500 as quickly as possible for relief of flood sufferers in eleven states.

The telegram, received Wednesday night by J. H. Whicker, chairman, was as follows:

"Reports received late tonight indicate thirty-eight thousand families in eleven states driven from their homes in flooded areas. This number expected to increase. These people all looking to Red Cross for immediate relief including shelter, food, clothing, medical care. Minimum relief funds of three million dollars necessary to provide care for flood victims for indefinite period until they can return to their homes. Please take immediate action. Please your chapter quota of \$500 in behalf of these disaster stricken families. Feel confident people of your community will wish to give promptly and generously. Remittances should be forwarded to headquarters as promptly as possible. Report progress at least twice each week."

Thursday following the receipt of the message Chairman Whicker called the Red Cross chapter committee, composed of himself as chairman, J. B. Williams, treasurer, Dr. R. B. Templeton, Rev. Eugene Olive, E. R. Sprull and T. E. Story, and they issued the following appeal to the people of Wilkes:

"We earnestly urge our people to make liberal donations in appreciation of what national headquarters has done for us in our distress. Donations will be received by J. B. Williams, treasurer, E. R. Sprull, Hays, T. E. Story, Wilkesboro; R. V. Day, Millers Creek; S. E. Matthews, Mount Pleasant; W. L. Bowman, Ronda; C. M. Cook, Roaring River; Carl Hendrix, Traphill.

"Our quota is five hundred dollars and this amount should be donated at once. Names of contributors and total amount donated will be published in local papers from time to time until quota is raised."

Licenses to wed were issued during the past week by Old Wiles, register of deeds, to two couples: Linville Sidden and Alma Byers, both of Dockery; Smith Joiner, Wilkesboro, and Ora Church, North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Isaac Duncan and guests, Jimmie Stevens, Dick Watson and Pete Bowen, spent Saturday in Elizabethton, Tenn.

Wilkesboro M. E. Church Revival

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To Coach Cornell

Ithaca, N. Y.,—Carl Snaveley (above), new football coach of Cornell, succeeding Gil Dobie, is being acclaimed a good selection by football coaches throughout the land. His winning records at Bucknell and North Carolina landed the job for him.

Fifty Farmers in Wilkes Apply For T V A Fertilizer

Showing Much Interest in Plans For Demonstration Farms in the County

Fifty Wilkes county farmers have made application to conduct Tennessee Valley Authority demonstration farms this year, it was learned today from W. J. Hanna, assistant county agent in charge of TVA and soil conservation work in the county.

Farmers have shown much interest in the TVA plan of soil conservation and planned farming. Mr. Hanna reported, and it is hoped that all those whose applications are approved will be able to obtain phosphate as allowed by the TVA plan. Specified amounts of 47 per cent phosphate furnished by the TVA are allowed each acre of soil building crops provided the farmer outlines and agrees to a plan whereby he will raise his food and feed as nearly as possible.

Many of the fifty applications have been approved by the county committee, composed of J. M. German, H. C. Roberts and T. W. Ferguson, and have been forwarded to Raleigh for approval by state authorities.

In case the applications are approved there the farmers will be given requisitions to obtain their supply of phosphate from the forty tons which are now being stored here. The only cost to the farmers for the phosphate will be freight from the shipping point in Alabama to North Wilkesboro and a small charge for storage.

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Merchants' Association Membership Increasing; Interesting Meeting Held

Wilkes County Merchants' Association held an interesting meeting on Thursday night and planned a banquet to be held in the near future.

The membership committee of the newly organized association reported a number of new members Thursday night and also brought word that several other merchants are planning on entering the association soon. The membership at the time of the meeting totaled 31. Other committee reports were also received and all indications were that the association is getting off to a very good start and will prove to be a great help to the merchants and to the city as a whole.

Emergency Seed Loans Available For Spring Crops

Farmers May Make Application at Office of County Farm Agent

Emergency crop and production credit loans are now being granted and all farmers desiring them are urged to make application at the earliest possible convenience. It was learned today from a representative of the department of agriculture in Wilkesboro to make arrangements for taking the first applications.

These loans are from the federal government and are for the purchase of seeds to assist farmers to get out their crops in cases where they would not be able to get out a crop without a loan.

Details concerning the loans may be obtained from the office of A. G. Hendren, county farm agent, where applications are now being received. Those who are interested in loans should lose no time in making application.

Last Rites Held For N. M. Felts

Prominent Citizen Of Spurgeon Community Passes; Was Widely Known

Funeral service was held this afternoon at Mt. Pisgah church for N. M. Felts, prominent citizen of the Spurgeon community who died Saturday night.

Mr. Felts was well known and highly esteemed in his community and by many friends throughout the county. He was a member of the Masonic lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida Jarvis Felts, and five children: Luther Felts, Mrs. Groves; Mrs. Esther Hays, North Wilkesboro; Webster Felts, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Ruth Provette, Union Grove; and Mrs. Joyce Oakes, Wind Gap.

Halfacre Speaks Before N. C. E. A.

Seven School Authorities in Wilkes Attend Annual Convention

W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, addressed the division of city and county superintendents of the North Carolina Education Association in annual convention in Raleigh Friday.

The convention opened Thursday evening and continued through Saturday morning. Supt. Halfacre's address on Friday morning was on the theme of "Pre-service Training For High School Teachers."

Those from Wilkes attending part or all the sessions included Supt. Halfacre and C. B. Eller, county superintendent, Miss Clara Gentry, T. E. Story, E. R. Sprull, R. V. Day and Vaughn Jennings.

Last Rites Held For W. H. Hamby At Mt. Pleasant

W. H. Hamby, 61, died at his home near Boomer March 14, and was buried at Mt. Pleasant church March 16.

His death was a shock to his family and friends. He had been in ill health for several years, but had spent the week prior to his death with his brothers and sisters at Champion and Purlear, returning home Saturday evening a few hours before his sudden death.

He was well known as "Dick Hamby", being a good singer and before his health failed taught vocal music.

Rev. A. E. Watts, of Taylorsville, was in charge of the funeral service. Pall bearers were nephews of the deceased. Flowers were carried by his nieces. Among those from a distance attending the funeral were Rev. and Mrs. Grady Hamby, of Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hamby, of Valmead; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamby and daughters, Ella and Madeline, of Fannettsville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Worrell and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hamby, of Winston-Salem.

Some arrangements are noticed in the condition of Miss Margaret Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller, of Wilkesboro, who is under way on operation several days ago at the Wilkes Hospital. She is a student of Wilkesboro school.

Wilkes Republicans Hold Harmonious Convention

Rock Surfacing Trogon Roadway

WPA Forces Have Laid About 100 Yards of Stone Surface; City Furnishes Stone

Works Progress Administration forces have started today a graded stone surface on the Trogon road in this city and about 100 yards of such surface has been completed.

Under the arrangement agreed upon by the WPA and the city of North Wilkesboro, sponsor of the project, the WPA furnishes the labor and the city the stone to be used in surfacing.

The Trogon road was first improved two years ago by CWA forces. Eighteen men are now employed with A. U. Billings as foreman.

Local People Plan Cruise to Bermuda

Several Will Attend North Carolina Bankers' Convention in June

Raleigh, March 20.—Several North Wilkesboro bankers, their wives and friends have made reservations for the convention-cruise of the North Carolina Bankers Association to Bermuda in June, according to an announcement made by Clarence T. Leinbach, Winston-Salem banker who is president of the Association.

Among those going from North Wilkesboro are: C. T. Doughton, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. McNeill, Mr. Frank Tomlinson, Mrs. Ruby Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tomlinson.

The bankers and their friends will sail from Norfolk June 7 on the S. S. Reliance, arriving in Bermuda June 9 for a two-day stay, and returning to Norfolk June 12.

Business sessions of the convention will be held on board ship to and from Bermuda, with a number of prominent bankers scheduled for the programs.

Mr. Leinbach stated that reservations are being taken rapidly throughout the State and that only a limited number of additional reservations could be made. He urged all bankers who plan to make the trip to sign up immediately. Reservations are being made through H. H. Allen, convention manager of Thos. Cook & Son—Wagons-Lits, Inc., 587 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Millers Creek P. T. A. Will Meet Thursday

Parent-Teacher Association of Millers Creek school will meet Thursday evening, seven o'clock, in the school building. R. V. Day, principal, will have charge of an interesting program which has been planned and all members of the association and other interested school patrons are urged to be present.

Ferguson P. T. A. To Meet On Wednesday

Parent-Teacher Association of Ferguson school will meet on Wednesday night, March 25, at 7:30. All school patrons are urged to attend.

Ask Donations For Fire Dept.

Amount Raised so Far Not Enough to Get All Equipment Needed

Several days ago a drive was started to solicit contributions for the purpose of buying some needed equipment for the North Wilkesboro fire department.

Although the response from manufacturers, many businessmen and some individuals has been quite satisfactory, the amount raised is still some eight of the sum needed and the request for contributions is renewed.

The equipment needed includes rubber hose, ladders, axes, pikes and a few other items. Contributions will be accepted at the fire department, or by mail to the fire department.

Hear Address of State Chairman

Endorse Judge Mockins For President of United States

PERFECT ORGANIZATION

J. M. Brown and Kyle Hayes Re-elected Chairman and Secretary

Republicans of Wilkes county held a most harmonious convention in Wilkesboro Saturday, perfected the county organization, named delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions and listened with fast interest to an enthusiastic denunciation of many Democratic policies by W. C. Mockins, chairman of the Republican state executive committee.

J. M. Brown, chairman, and Kyle Hayes, secretary of the county executive committee, were re-elected unanimously. The convention moved along smoothly with no contests and all resolutions and motions offered were carried without a dissenting vote.

Wilkes has 23 delegates to the various conventions and a resolution was passed endorsing Federal Judge Isaac M. Mockins, father of the state chairman, as North Carolina's choice for the Republican nomination for the President of the United States. A resolution was also passed endorsing W. C. Mockins for state chairman and C. A. Jones for national committeeman and the delegates were instructed to that effect.

The convention opened at 10 o'clock and closed at 10 o'clock. The convention was held in the presence of a large number of guests.

Chairman Mockins opened the address with words of praise for the Republican party in Wilkes, which he later referred to as the Banner Republican county in the state and the one looked to to lead the party to victory this fall.

"The campaign this year," he said, "is more important than any since the Civil War" and went on to explain his declaration that the administration is not practicing Democratic or Republican policies but is practicing socialism. He referred to the three ex-candidates for president on the Democratic ticket and declared that all three are fighting the New Deal socialism. Further lambasting the Roosevelt administration along this line he said that the Republican party is the only way true patriots can turn in facing the test and crisis of American liberty life and opportunity. "I consider the campaign of the Republican party in 1936 a patriotic duty rather than a partisan matter," the speaker declared after referring to what he termed Roosevelt's attempts to stir up resentment against the supreme court following the NRA decision.

He attacked the AAA as a means whereby the administration sought to seek prosperity through scarcity and went on to say that the AAA had caused an influx of foreign meats, dairy products and grain. He urged Republicans to rally to the campaign and support a constitution that "stands between the autocrat and the humblest citizen of the land, guaranteeing him freedom, liberty and opportunity."

He attacked the state Democratic administration as "never seeking economy but always trying to find new taxes to raise revenue. He said the Republican party was strongly opposed to the sales tax, which he denounced as a "vice in name of a virtue," and said the party favored practicing economy to replace the taxes gained by what he termed the "unfair and inequitable tax." In his discussion of the state school system he charged politicians in the schools.

Turning briefly again to national affairs he described the WPA as a political setup with high salaried officers and administrators to hand out more pitance to the men who do the work on various projects. Following the address of the state chairman C. E. Lewis was named chairman for the convention and Kyle Hayes was named secretary and J. M. Brown was named treasurer.

In London calls are being received by the state executive committee to have buildings destroyed by the rats. (Continued on page 12)