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Dismisses Chauffeur
Windsor, Dec. 22.—Windsor parted reluctantly with his chauffeur after 18 years, breaking the "last tie" with the England he left for love of Wallis Simpson.

83 Miners Killed
Nueva Rosita, Mexico, Dec. 22.—Thirty-three miners were killed, 83 were burned seriously and eight are missing tonight as the result of an explosion in the Rosita zinc mines.

Wants Strong Opposition
Washington, Dec. 22.—Saying any administration needed a vigorous opposition to keep it from becoming lax, James A. Farley expressed the hope today that the Republican party will be strong—but not too strong.

Retain 40-Hour Week
Raleigh, Dec. 22.—The State Department of Labor reported today 80 per cent of the textile mills in North Carolina are working employees 40 hours a week, but that at least 12 manufacturing plants are operating mills on the basis of more than 50 work-week hours.

Forest Fire Loss Small
Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Forest fires caused only \$5,570 worth of damage in 59 counties co-operating in fighting them during November. There were 128 fires reported but the average area burned over by each was only 21 acres, lowest for any month of the year, the department of conservation reported.

Burned On Live Wire
High Point, Dec. 22.—Wayne Connor, 25 linesman on a rural electrification project near here, slipped while at work on a pole and fell upon a high-tension wire and received burns so serious that his left leg and right arm were amputated tonight. E. R. Bundy, a fellow worker, climbed the pole and cut Connor down and brought him here.

Oppose State Control
Raleigh, Dec. 22.—North Carolina's 17 "wet" counties served notice on the remainder of the state today they would fight any movement to take from them revenues derived from the sale of alcoholic spirits. Opposing state control of liquor sales, representatives of the counties, meeting here, passed a resolution asserting "management of . . . stores and law enforcement must remain local."

Reorganize Government
Washington, Dec. 22.—A business-like organization that will be said by President Roosevelt today to be the object of government reorganization studies now under way, committees are now looking to the question of revamping government setup. Mr. Roosevelt indicated only a few could be discontinued consequently the saving in operating expenses would be small.

Journal-Patriot Will Not Issue Monday, Dec. 28

Editors and printers being mere humans and in need of an occasional well earned holiday, The Journal-Patriot will not be issued on Monday, December 28. Today's issue was put to press a few hours early in order that the paper might carry timely Christmas greetings and in order that the force would be able to enjoy Christmas eve as a part of the holiday vacation. We will resume work Monday, December 28, on the basis of Thursday, December 31, and hope to carry all the news of the Christmas season. Local news items will be appreciated by personal call, by telephone or by mail.

New Farm Act To Benefit Farmers In Wilkes County

More Than 800 Farmers To Receive Payments Early In 1937
REPORTS PREPARED
Soil Improvement Will Be One Great Result Of New Program

More than 800 Wilkes county farmers will receive checks in the latter part of January and early in February for compliance with provision of the soil conservation act, which substituted for the triple A after its demise. Although it is not definitely known how much the farmers will receive checks or the exact number, more than 900 signed work sheets and a small number of those who signed have failed to qualify for payments by growing soil building crops in lieu of cash crops.

The opinion has been expressed that the soil conservation act will benefit the farmers of Wilkes county more than the triple A while it functioned, in both cash benefits and soil improvement. This condition exists mainly because it is broader in scope and covered diversified farming and because the farmers were interested in soil improvement.

Final details of reports prior to the final report requesting payment are being worked out in the office of County Agent A. J. Hendren and the work will be facilitated as much as possible.

WPA Office Holidays
Local office of the WPA will close today for Christmas holidays and open again on Monday morning. Many of the projects will observe the same holidays.



Mayor at 23
Portsmouth, N. H. . . . Kennard E. Goldsmith, 23, and college graduate, has a job he thinks he is too young to hold. He's the new mayor of this town of 15,000 persons, defeating the Democratic incumbent by some 3,000 votes. He's going to try out the job anyhow.

Christmas Cheer Will Remember 87 Underprivileged

Is Activity of Welfare Committee of Parent-Teacher Association

Through the welfare committee of the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association the Christmas Cheer work for North Wilkesboro has been well taken care of with a large number of underprivileged families to be remembered on Thursday morning.

Eighty-seven children were given toys, clothing, candy, fruits and nuts. The toys to be distributed were the ones which had been collected by the Boy Scouts and (Continued on page eight)

The Journal-Patriot "Cash Offer" Campaign — December 23, 1936

JUDGES STATEMENT
We, the undersigned, duly appointed to canvass the returns of The Journal-Patriot "Cash Offer" Campaign, do hereby certify that the campaign was closed according to the rules governing same and that we compiled the subscriptions and remittances deposited in the ballot box and the Campaign Department's records of the subscriptions turned in during the campaign by the various contestants or members, and we find the following named persons entitled to the awards according to the rules governing their distribution.

Name	Award	Amount	Votes
Mrs. J. B. Church	1st Award	\$600	14,503,098
Mrs. Tal Pearson	2nd Award	\$400	11,261,507
Mrs. Grace Cooper	3rd Award	\$200	7,707,850
Mrs. Russel Hendren	4th Award	\$60	4,029,031
Mrs. A. J. Proffit	5th Award	\$50	2,895,290

COMMISSION WINNERS

Mrs. Verna Woodruff	2,852,966
Mrs. Joe Palmer	2,698,850
Miss Malvina Williams	2,096,391
Miss Chessie Edmisten	1,954,899
Mrs. Jettie Gambill	1,706,783
Miss Winnie Sue McLean	1,382,916
Mrs. B. A. Edwards	1,363,905
Miss Dare Eller	1,354,650
Mrs. Lois Jarvis Roberts	1,264,850
Mrs. W. B. Sparks	1,160,822
Mrs. Larry Brewer	1,158,650
Miss Mary Inscore	1,076,413
Mrs. Jay Hartley	921,916
Mrs. T. F. Greer	565,198
Mrs. C. T. Wiles	491,965
Miss Margaret Hendren	274,699

Winner, \$50.00 Extra Cash Prize, (December 7 to December 19), Mrs. J. B. Church
Winner, 1st Protect You Vote Ballot, 1,000,000 votes, Mrs. J. B. Church
Winner, 2nd Protect You Vote Ballot, 1,000,000 votes, Mrs. Tal Pearson
Winner, 3rd Protect You Vote Ballot, 1,000,000 votes, Mrs. Grace Cooper

Signed DUDLEY S. HILL,
W. B. GWYN,
M. G. BUTNER,
Judges

Benefit Dances Christmas Day

At Legion Clubhouse; Sponsored by Local Junior Woman's Club

North Wilkesboro Junior Woman's club will sponsor a tea dance and night dance Christmas Day and night at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. Profits from the dances will be used in furthering many of the commendable activities of the club.

At the tea dance from four to six p. m. Mrs. F. C. Forester and Mrs. W. R. Absher, members of the senior woman's club, will serve as hostesses. Stubby Taylor and his 11-piece orchestra will furnish music for the afternoon dance and also the night dance from 9:30 to 1:30.

During the past year the club has aided a number of underprivileged families and has purchased milk, fruit, fresh vegetables, etc., for the day nursery. Attendance at the dances will help to carry on these and other activities.

Barber Shops To Be Open Saturday

Due to the fact that many customers depend upon the barber shops for all their barber work, local barber shops have decided to be open Saturday, December 26, and observe only one day for Christmas. It was announced earlier this week that the barber shops would be closed both Friday and Saturday.

Attention is called, however, to the fact that barber shops have agreed to close at six o'clock Saturday evening and customers are advised to have their barber work done before that time.

Wilkesboro B.&L. Stockholders Meet

Good Report Heard; J. H. Johnson Is Elected As President For Year

In the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilkesboro Building and Loan association a splendid report for the past year was rendered by Wm. A. Stroud, secretary-treasurer, and officers and directors were elected for the coming year.

J. H. Johnson, president, named N. O. Smoak to preside over the meeting, which was well attended. Directors elected were J. H. Johnson, T. E. Story, J. W. Dula, Wm. A. Stroud, J. M. Bumgarner, J. H. Leckie, L. Bumgarner, B. J. Kennedy, R. B. Pharr, W. E. Smithey, J. T. Prevette and O. K. Whittington.

Following the stockholders' meeting the directors met and elected the following officers: J. H. Johnson, president; T. E. Story, vice president; Wm. A. Stroud, secretary-treasurer; Kyle Hayes, attorney.

The appraisal committee is composed of J. T. Prevette, W. E. Smithey, J. H. Johnson, J. W. Dula and L. Bumgarner.

Prevette Stores To Be Open Saturday

The management of Prevette stores, both the main department store and the Close-Out store, has announced that both stores will be open for business as usual on Saturday, December 26. The Prevette stores will be closed only one day for Christmas, Friday, December 25.

Mrs. J. B. Church Wins \$600.00 Cash Award

Second Award Goes To Mrs. Tal Pearson; Third to Mrs. Grace Cooper; Fourth To Mrs. Russel Hendren; Fifth to Mrs. A. J. Proffit; 16 Commission Winners.

Woman Commits Suicide Tuesday

Mrs. Hillary Billings Hangs Self at Home of Father Near Lomax

Mrs. Hillary Billings, age about 40, ended her life Tuesday morning about eight o'clock at the home of her father, Grant Cheek, in the Lomax community.

According to the account of the tragedy related to Coroner I. M. Myers by Mr. Cheek, he had gone to a tenant's residence for a few minutes and when he returned he was unable to find his daughter until he went upstairs, where he found her hanging to a joist over the kitchen. He called a neighbor and she was taken down and to the hospital in Elkin but efforts to revive her failed.

Coroner Myers pronounced the death a suicide and an inquest was deemed unnecessary. Mrs. Billings had been in ill health for some time and only recently had undergone hospital treatment. Despondency over ill health was attributed as the cause of the act.

A daughter of Grant Cheek and the late Mrs. Cheek, Mrs. Billings is survived by her husband, H. B. Billings; an adopted daughter, Mrs. Charlie Spicer, of Lomax; her father; two brothers, Gullford Cheek, of Newcastle, Ind., and Watson Cheek, of Traphill; four sisters, Mrs. Walter Burgess, Mrs. James Burcham and Mrs. Clyde Hinshaw, of Elkin, and Mrs. Conrad Sparks, of Moxley. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Route Hill Baptist church. Rev. L. E. Sparks will conduct the services. Burial will follow in the church graveyard.

Collection Toys Are Repaired By Recreation Group

Appreciation Expressed To People Who Donated To Christmas Cheer

Through the interest and generosity of many individuals and business firms of the city, toys, which add to Christmas joys, will be available for distribution by the Parent Teacher association to underprivileged families here today and tomorrow.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts helped to collect many toys, which were donated by numerous homes in the city. Several business firms also contributed a number of toys.

The toys and playthings which were in need of repair were placed in usable condition by workers employed by the recreation project of the WPA under supervision of Miss Lucille Ham-

No Christmas Paroles

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Governor Warrington said today he would give out no paroles as Christmas presents. Any paroles which may be issued on or immediately before Christmas day, he said, would be merely of the routine variety submitted to him by Parole Commissioner Edwin M. Gill. In past years, as many as 200 or 300 convicts sometimes have been freed during the Christmas season.

The "Cash Offer" Campaign sponsored by The Journal-Patriot, which has been in progress for the past six weeks, came to a close Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. The doors of the campaign office were locked promptly at that hour and the audit of the subscriptions and votes collected was started at once. The announcement of the winners was made about 10:30 o'clock by Dudley S. Hill of this city, to a crowd which was made up of contestants and interested friends.

The winners were: Mrs. J. B. Church, \$600; Mrs. Tal Pearson, \$400; Mrs. Grace Cooper, \$200; Mrs. Russel Hendren, \$60; Mrs. A. J. Proffit, \$50. There were 16 contestants receiving commissions.

The campaign was a success for several reasons. First, credit should go to the contestants themselves for the untiring efforts from start to finish. Then, too, we had the public with us throughout the campaign and we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of its enthusiastic support and herewith pledge ourselves to give them the best paper within our power.

Good Salesmanship Displayed
Every active candidate has been awarded a prize commensurate with the amount of time and energy expended, and satisfaction with the outcome has been expressed by all the contestants. Those not taking top prizes accepted their awards in the very finest spirit of sportsmanship.

The Journal-Patriot has added hundreds of new readers to its list which added to the creditable circulation enjoyed previous to the campaign, affords advertisers a medium unparalleled in this section of North Carolina. Due to the efforts of the contestants, every part of the territory was exploited with the result that The Journal-Patriot covers thoroughly the sections the publishers wish it to serve.

The A. M. Alexander Co., conducted the campaign in such a way as to make for the paper hundreds of new friends, and handled it in such a manner that there is no possibility of an unfavorable after-math. Their efforts in fairness to all candidates was the subject of much commendation.

The judges for the contest were M. G. Burner, manager of the local branch of the Duke Power Co.; D. S. Hill, assistant cashier of the Deposit & Savings Bank and W. B. Gwyn, teller at the Bank of North Wilkesboro.

These gentlemen proved to be interested and congenial workers and to them we wish to express our appreciation and thanks for the cooperation and assistance in (Continued on page eight)

New Subscribers Being Added To Subscription List

During the subscription campaign which closed Wednesday night numerous new and renewal subscriptions were turned in and The Journal-Patriot force found it next to impossible to keep the list posted up to date and add all the new subscribers as they were turned in by the various workers. A special effort will be made to have all renewals credited and all new subscribers on the mailing list by January 1. Many have already been added but those turned in during the last several days of the campaign have not been to receive their papers.