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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

Suicide Epidemic

New York, Dec. 29.—Ignoring shouts of two porters who sought to dissuade him, Max Pincus, 56, a labor union official, climbed out of a fifth floor apartment house window today and plunged to his death.

Sees Revival of NRA

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Roosevelt tonight sharply rebuffed unfair employers and urged the administration to a fight to eliminate child labor, reduce working hours, and increase wages of those who toil.

Man's Body Mangled

Gastonia, Dec. 28.—A gruesome discovery by a railroad section foreman this morning marked Gaston county's fifth tragedy of the holiday season. The body of Lee Smith, 31, horribly mangled, was found beside the tracks of the Southern railroad at Lowell near here.

New Coal Regulations

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Dec. 29.—A brand new plan for federal regulation of the soft coal industry was advanced today by the Pittsburgh Coal Company.

Address Is Suicide

New York, Dec. 29.—Elizabeth Field, Minneapolis department store heiress who had been missing since last Tuesday, was found today in a room on the 18th floor hotel window today after pausing first to take spiritual consolation from the Bible.

State Gets \$4,842,707

Washington, Dec. 29.—The secretary of agriculture today approved the various states \$125,000,000 of regular federal aid for improvement of the federal highway system, \$25,000,000 for improvement of secondary or farm-to-market roads, and \$68,000,000 for elimination of hazards at grade crossings.

Has Tax Receipt Issued In 1814

Mrs. Lee Brooks, aged resident of Wilkesboro, today has in her possession a tax receipt issued 122 years ago to her grandfather. The receipt reads as follows: "Received this 5th day of August, 1814, from Thomas Brooks the sum of 25 cents and 5 mills for direct tax upon the property of said Brook in the county of Wilkes in the 13th collection district, in the state of North Carolina, under the act of congress passed the 2nd day of August, 1812, to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States. 5 cents, 5 mills. A. HUTCHENS, Deputy Collector of Revenue, 13th district." It is interesting to note that the tax was only a fraction more than 25 cents, although he owned an average sized farm and several head of livestock at that time.

Holiday Season Is Quietly Observed In Wilkes County

No Serious Accidents or Major Crimes Reported During Week

TWO-DAY VACATION

Observed by Business Houses Friday and Saturday December 25-26

Christmas was observed quietly in Wilkes county with no serious accidents or major crimes to mar the joy of the season. Business was practically at a standstill Friday and Saturday with the banks and many business firms enjoying a two-day holiday vacation. The weather, mild and clear, was very well suited to the hunter's taste and many nimrods took to the fields to enjoy the hunting sport. Others observed Christmas in a very quiet manner. The police department here reported no major crimes but a considerable increase in number of arrests for drunkenness. Nothing of unusual interest occurred in connection with the sheriff's office.

International Shoe Company Raises Wages

Increase to Go Into Effect On January 1; Amounts To 5 Per Cent

The International Shoe Company announced today that it is making adjustments in the day rates and piece rates paid in its manufacturing plants; the adjustments to become effective January 1, 1937. The average increase will amount to approximately 5 per cent. It is interesting to know that this company has continued to operate under the minimum rates and maximum hours established by the N.R.A. code, and has made no change in either since the N.R.A. was declared unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court.

WPA to Provide Jobs to March 1

Projects Are Extended Until That Date; Will Improve Several Roads

Work projects in the five counties served by the branch office of WPA here have been extended to provide employment to jobless until March 1. It was learned today from T. D. Heffner, division engineer. The county-wide road project furnishes employment for a great majority of jobless on WPA rolls in the county and the road program was extended to include sections of school bus and mail routes which had not been improved under the project which recently expired.

Bill Somers Joins Yadkin Valley Co.

W. B. Somers, for eight years sheriff of Wilkes county, has joined the Yadkin Valley Motor company, of which he is part owner. Mr. Somers has taken up his duties as a member of the sales force of the company, which has the dealership for Ford and Lincoln cars in this territory. He is an experienced automobile man, having been actively engaged in the automobile business for several years prior to the time he was first elected sheriff in 1928.

Mr. M. L. Carter, of State Road, was a business visitor in this city Thursday.

Judge Threatened



Kansas City . . . Judge A. L. Reeves (above), was told over the phone, "We're going to get you for this," a few hours after instructing a Grand Jury to reach for high as well as low in the alleged election frauds, November 3rd.

Parking Limit Ordinance Will Be In Effect 11th

Parking Time On Streets In Business Section Limited To Two Hours' Time

The ordinance of the city of North Wilkesboro limiting parking time of motor vehicles in the business district to two hours will go into effect on January 11. The ordinance was ratified by the city council in a recent meeting. The ordinance is designed to greatly alleviate congested traffic conditions in the city, which has "outgrown its streets," and to provide parking convenience for those who do business in the city. The parking limit ordinance covers all the principal business thoroughfares of the city and will be in effect between the hours of eight a. m. and six p. m. During the holiday season, a special traffic policeman was added to the force and great improvement was noticed in local traffic conditions. It is understood that the special officer will be retained to enforce the new ordinance and that a special effort will be made to enforce ordinances previously passed relative to double parking and parking long trucks diagonally to the curb. The ordinance, listing streets on which parking will be limited, is published elsewhere in this issue of The Journal-Patriot. Penalty for first violation is set at not less than one dollar fine and costs and five dollars and cost for subsequent violations.

Increase Capacity Of Wilkes Hatchery

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gambill, who own and operate The Wilkes Hatchery, announce the purchase and installation of a new Buckeye incubator and separate hatcher of 32,000 capacity. The new hatcher is described as the latest and most highly improved available and its installation makes the total capacity of the hatchery 60,000 with the three incubators. Purchase of the new equipment was made possible and necessary because of the growing patronage of the firm and the increased demand for its products.

Charge Man With Larceny of Auto

Anson County Resident Is Bound to Court Under Bond of \$500

William T. McQuage, of Anson county, faces trial in the next term of Wilkes superior court for stealing an automobile belonging to Ivan Absher in this city on December 10. The car was stolen from Main street and no trace could be found by officers until it was wrecked only a few days ago at Brooks Cross roads in Yadkin county. Local officers here learned that McQuage, who had been an employe on the Parkway, was driving the car and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Sheriff Gaddy, of Anson county, arrested McQuage and he was brought here for preliminary hearing, at which time he filed bond in the sum of \$500. Mr. Absher's car, although badly damaged, was recovered. Robert, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Arion Triplett, is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL

Tomorrow we launch into a new year. The year 1936 has passed into history and we pause on the threshold of the New Year to extend an expression of sincere appreciation for all favors extended in the old. The Carter-Hubbard Publishing Company, publishers of The Journal-Patriot, wishes to thank each and every one for the patronage extended the newspaper, printing or office supply departments, and to wish to one and all a most Happy and Prosperous 1937. Each year brings new hopes, new joys, new ambitions and new duties to perform as a public institution. Our relations with our patrons have been most pleasant and with each comes a realization of a duty to perform, a public duty increasing as the years roll along. This New Year Greeting is extended heartily to the many new readers of The Journal-Patriot added through the recent subscription campaign, to those who have been its readers for years, and those who by their renewals, have expressed a trust and confidence in the newspaper of their home town and county. We shall endeavor to prove ourselves worthy of that trust by supplying a more complete news, printing and advertising service than in any previous year. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

GREETING THE NEW YEAR



Above is pictured but one of America's Queens who will greet the New Year, 1937, this Queen, from a throne of roses. Miss Nancy Bumpus, college junior of Pasadena, Calif., will rule the real in the annual Tournament of Roses at Pasadena on New Year's day.

Paul Greene Head Junior Order Here

Officers Elected in Meeting Tuesday Night; Large Council Membership

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order on Tuesday night elected officers for the next half-year period. Paul Greene was elected councilor, succeeding B. F. Bentley. The officers are as follows: Paul Greene, councilor; E. A. Shook, vice councilor; C. A. Cantor, recording secretary; J. D. Moore, Jr., assistant recording secretary; C. G. Day, financial secretary; Bank of North Wilkesboro, treasurer; R. B. Church, conductor; A. G. Anderson, warden; J. S. Minton, inside sentinel; B. F. Bentley, Junior past councilor; C. B. Eller, Clay Past due and C. O. McNeil, trustees; H. L. Mechem, chaplain. The North Wilkesboro council now has a large membership and is a very active fraternity. Every member is requested to be present on Tuesday night, January 5, at a very important meeting. There will be installation of officers and side degree work.

City Schools To Re-open Monday

North Wilkesboro city schools will re-open on Monday, January 4, following the Christmas holidays. During the holiday vacation the buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and everything is in shape for resuming work when the second half of the year begins. Mr. R. W. Wall spent Christmas with friends in Morganton.

Swaringen Sues Leet Poplin For Title to Office

Complaint Issued in Election Case Involving Office of Commissioner

BE TRIED IN MARCH

Rock Creek Vote Is Basis Of Contention; Other Allegations Are Made

Suing in the name of the state of North Carolina, D. B. Swaringen, of Traphill, former chairman of the Wilkes county board of commissioners, has instituted suit in Wilkes superior court to try title to office of Leet Poplin, of Ronda, who was one of the two Democrats sworn in as county commissioners on Monday, December 7. On the basis of returns certified by J. Milton Cooper, chairman, and J. C. Newman, the Democratic members of the Wilkes county board of elections, Poplin defeated Swaringen, Republican, by a margin of two votes. J. C. Grayson, Republican member, refused to sign the returns. The bone of contention in regard to title to the office lies in the allegation by Republicans that the returns to the county board of elections credited Swaringen with receiving only 341 votes in Rock Creek township when it should have been 441, which would have been a vote similar in number to the total cast in that precinct for other Republican candidates. The complaint which has been drawn up by Mr. Swaringen's attorneys lists the names of 411 voters in Rock Creek township who are said to have made voluntary affidavits on the Bible that they voted for Swaringen and additional evidence is to the effect that 889 voters in that publican ticket. The complaint, however, is not confined to the Rock Creek vote, but alleged that more than 100 people in the county under 21 years of age cast votes for Mr. Poplin and that he received more than 300 votes of people who had not been in the county or precinct long enough to legally cast ballots. Permission of the attorney general of North Carolina was granted last week to sue in the name of the state and a bond of \$1,000 was filed with him. A cost bond in the same amount was filed by Swaringen with the clerk of the superior court of Wilkes county. Under the heading of "Relief" in the complaint the plaintiff asks (1) that the election certificate delivered by the board of elections to Poplin be declared null and void (2) that the plaintiff be declared legally elected and inducted into office (3) that the penalty of \$2,000 as prescribed by law be adjudged by the court against the defendant (4) that the defendant be required to file a cost bond of \$1,000 with the clerk of superior court. It will be recalled that Republicans began a mandamus action against the county board of elections and Poplin soon after election returns were canvassed but in a hearing before Judge J. H. Clement in Yadkinville was dismissed on the grounds that the election certificate had already been delivered to Poplin before (Continued on page eight)

Holiday Mail In This City Was At Highest Peak

Over 50,000 Letters and Cards Canceled During Four Days Last Week

North Wilkesboro postoffice during Christmas week handled Postmaster J. C. Reins said 50,376 letters and cards were registered on the canceling machines during the last four days before Christmas, representing an increase of 15,245 over the 35,133 canceled in the same period in 1935. The cancellation figures include only letters and cards but do not include the packages and other parcels too large for the canceling machine. Only one extra clerk was used during the holiday rush. Postal receipts at the North Wilkesboro office for 1936 are expected to show a gain over 1935, Mr. Reins said.

Many Roads In Bad Condition

Intense Rain During Past Several Days Melts the Dirt Thoroughfares

Almost incessant rains during the first four days of this week caused quite much damage to dirt roads in several parts of the county and revived desire on the part of many people in rural sections for improved roads. Reports from various sections of the county indicate that roads which have been surfaced with gravel or crushed stone recently are still passable while many clay roads are nearing the impassable stage. Although several schools have not re-opened following the holidays buses at the schools which are operating have been able to make their regular runs but with considerable difficulty in localities where dirt roads are traveled. Many citizens who do not live on hard surfaced highways have expressed the hope that the highway commission and WPA will hasten their work of improving leading secondary roads by applying crushed stone or gravel surfacing.

Thieves Loot Two Service Stations

Midway Service Station Entered Sunday Night; Also Enter Walter Reavis'

Two robberies were reported in Wilkes Monday, the thieves making away with loot valued at more than \$200 and leaving no visible trace of their identity. Thieves entered the Midway Service station between the Wilkesboro Sunday night and stole shotguns valued at more than \$100. Various other items, including a quantity of cigarettes, were missing when the place was opened for business Monday morning. The store and service station of Walter Reavis at Moravian Falls was also entered Sunday night. Reavis was forced through a screen window, which apparently had been carefully removed and not sealed. The thieves a slot photograph was taken of about \$100 in cash, shotguns and several bottles of Scotch whisky.

KIWANIS CLUB TO INSTALL OFFICERS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club will meet Friday noon and the main feature of the program will be installation of new officers. Every member who can attend is expected to be present. Old and new boards of directors of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club will hold a meeting on Thursday night (tonight) at Hotel Wilkes.