

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

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LENOIR MAN HELD... A charge of burglary has been filed against Hill Prestwood, local driver, in a warrant issued by Mrs. Worley Watson, whose home he is charged with entering by force.

BURNS TO DEATH... A huge crowd watched a Brahmin widow willingly burn to death today on the funeral pyre of her husband to prove her wifely excellence. Her act, the rite of suttee, was once the custom of bereaved Brahmin wives but has become almost extinct under British rule.

BORN IN TRAILER... The stork overtook "trailer family" here early today. A baby was born shortly after the man, his wife and three children pulled into a tourist camp here. The trailer, bearing a South Carolina license plate, was headed north.

SHOULD BE WORKING... Five hundred WPA workers, chaperoned by Washington police, marched from the White House to Capitol Hill today chanting a demand for more relief jobs at higher pay. Their leaders said they had come from 25 states and were members of the Workers' Alliance of America.

STOLE HIS LOSSES... Dave (Slim) Watson, 30, filling station operator, was jailed here today by Sheriff W. D. Reynolds on a charge of robbery with firearms. It is charged he secured a rifle and returned to a card game where he had just lost all his money, held up the crowd and forced them to deliver the amount he had lost. Watson told the sheriff he borrowed the money back but admitted he fiddled his rifle as he requested the loan.

PRISONS CROWDED... Sanford Bates, director of "Grievously overcrowded" government penal institutions are operated under conditions found in "no other civilized nation." The most populous prison in Great Britain houses less than 1,000 men," Bates said. But in this country on December 25, there were 3,120 federal prisoners confined in Atlanta penitentiary, 2,972 in Leavenworth main prison and 1,329 in Northeastern.

TILES TAX HEARING... Willard Bell number one anti-sales taxer and lobbyist for the North Carolina Merchants association, called on the 1937 general assembly to carry out what he said was the solemn pledge and promise of Governor Ehringhaus and the 1933 legislature, the complete repeal of the sales tax after the passing of the emergency as he appeared before its joint finance committee this afternoon. But the committee in its vigorous cross-examination of the merchants' leader showed itself to be only interested in administrative features of a tax which they indicated was inevitable.

REINS-STURDIVANT FORMS BRANCH AT WEST JEFFERSON... Reins-Sturdivant funeral home and burial association have established a funeral home and branch office in West Jefferson. The establishment is located in the Rose building.

TO PLAY LENOIR THURSDAY NIGHT... North Wilkesboro high school basketball teams, both boys and girls, will play Lenoir here on Tuesday night, beginning at 7:30. Admission will be 10 and 25 cents. All local fans are invited out to witness the games.

MOVE INTO NEW HOME... Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Duncan and son, Eric, moved Friday into their new home near Cub Creek church on the Moravian Falls highway. The home, of brick construction, has ten rooms, and is one of the most beautiful residences in that community.

Active volcanoes are seldom found far from the sea.

Resources And Deposits Of Banks Reach New High

Increase Payment Soil Conservation Program In State To Include Costs

Increase Payment Five Per Cent to Those Participating in New Program FARMERS ARE PLEASSED Boost Will Cover Cost of Administering Farm Measures in Counties

An increase of five per cent in the rate of diversion payments to North Carolina farmers who participated in the 1936 soil-conservation program has been announced by J. F. Criswell, of State College. The increase will tend to offset the cost of administering the program, so that in most counties farmers will receive the full amount of their payments as originally scheduled, he stated. Under provisions of the program, farmers were to receive certain payments for diverting land from soil-depleting to soil-conserving crops. From these payments, administration costs in each county were to be deducted. The administration expenses in various counties range from around three to six per cent of the growers' payments, Criswell added. This amount took care of the expenses of county committeemen and of carrying on compliance work. In counties where administration costs are only three or four per cent of the total amount of payments, he went on, growers will receive one to two per cent more than the amount originally offered. That is, if a grower was to have gotten \$100 in payments, the five per cent increase would raise the amount to \$105. Then after deducting \$3 for administration expenses, he would receive \$102. But if the grower were in a county where difficulties in administering the program increased the administration cost to \$6, say, this amount would be deducted from the \$105 payment and he would receive \$99. On the other hand, if the five per cent increase had not been made, the grower would have had to deduct the administration costs from his \$100 payment instead of from the \$105 payment. In the county where the administration costs were six per cent, he would have gotten \$94 instead of \$99.



Carter Glass at 79 Washington... Above is Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, who at 79 is the oldest member of the U. S. Senate. He first served in the 57th Congress. He was Secretary of the Treasury in the Wilson Cabinet. Senator Glass celebrated his birthday two days before the opening of the present 75th Congress.

Local Merchants Association Held Meeting Thursday

Retail Merchants Association Will Elect Officers At Next Meeting The Wilkes County Retail Merchants Association met in January meeting Thursday night with several matters of interest coming before the association. A nominating committee was appointed and officers will be elected in the February meeting to be announced later. Several other matters of interest will be before the association and attendance of every member will be asked.

Christmas Seals Net Almost \$300

Will Be Used in the Fight Against Tuberculosis; 75 Per Cent in County Funds raised during the past Christmas season in Wilkes county from sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals lacked only 35 cents reaching the \$300 mark, according to a report today from Mrs. Tip McNeil, chairman of the seal sale committee of the W. (Continued on page eight)

Sponsor A Contest To Secure Scenes For Card Pictures; Advertise County

Kiwanis Club Offering Ten Dollars for Best Pictures Submitted in Contest TO GIVE THREE PRIZES Pictures Must Be Of Subjects of General Interest To Visitors

In order to advertise North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club will offer a total of ten dollars in cash for the best photographs of places of interest in the city and county. The need for postcard views to sell to tourists and other visitors here has been apparent for some time and the Kiwanis club in meeting Friday named a committee to arrange a picture contest and report at the club's next meeting. Although details of the plan have not been fully decided, the club Friday agreed to give ten dollars in cash for the best pictures, the first prize to be five dollars, second three and third two. This contest will be mainly for the purpose of securing suitable views for use on postcard pictures and all pictures submitted will be the property of the club to use as publicity for the city and county. Details of the contest, including rules, will be arranged for Friday of this week. In the meantime those who are interested in taking pictures for the contest may go ahead with the assurance that the project will carry through. Of course, the condition of the negative will be considered in so far as whether or not a good reproduction can be made but the judging will be mainly upon the subject matter of the photograph. In order that the public may gain some idea of what is desired it is suggested that such scenes as views of North Wilkesboro, bridges, highway scenes, mountain scenes, waterfalls, public buildings, industrial plants, orchards, poultry farms, dairy herds, or any points of unusual interest. Those who wish to win should keep in mind that the picture must be of some object or scene that would be of general interest, always keeping in mind that the picture must be something that would advertise this section.



Los Angeles... P. Milton Smith (above), editor of Mountain View, Calif., this week faced a court on criminal libel charges based on an editorial he wrote attacking President Roosevelt. A local Democratic County official instigated the court action.

Representative Will Interview People Jan. 25th

Attorney F. J. McDuffie Will Be in His Office to Hear Constituents Attorney F. J. McDuffie, Wilkes county's representative in the general assembly now in session at Raleigh, requests that it be announced that he will be in Wilkesboro on Monday, January 25th.

The announcement was requested in order that any people interested might see the representative on that date. Mr. McDuffie said that he will be glad to see any interested in legislative matters.

3 Scouts Attain Eagle Rank Here

Robert Wood Finley, Pat Williams, Jr., and Paul Haigwood Pass Merits Three members of local Boy Scout troops have attained the Eagle Scout rank and will be so recognized in the February meeting of the Court of Honor. As the result of merits passed in the January Court of Honor meeting Pat Williams, Jr., and Paul Haigwood have attained the Eagle rank. Robert Wood Finley having previously passed all required merits. Pat Williams, Jr., was granted (Continued on back page)

1936 Was Prosperous Year For Both Local Institutions

Mirror Plant To Begin Operation Here Wednesday

Will Start With Force of 18 Men Some Glass Is Obtained The Carolina Mirror Corporation, North Wilkesboro's newest industry, will begin operation Wednesday in the plant located in the Palmer building on Main street, it was learned today from Ed E. Gardner, who is in charge of the plant. All new and modern machinery has been installed and the plant will manufacture mirrors for use in the furniture industry. It is one of the best equipped plants in the Carolinas and it is understood that the corporation has ample capital for expansion should business justify it. Mr. Gardner, who is head of the plant, came to North Wilkesboro from Mount Airy, where he was with the Mount Airy Mirror Corporation. He and Mrs. Gardner and two children are making their home here. Mr. Gardner said today that the corporation had been able to secure some glass, despite the tieup in the glass industry, and that the plant will begin operation Wednesday with a force of eighteen men, all of whom have been selected.

Stockholders In Annual Meeting Here Thursday

No Changes in Organization Of Bank of North Wilkesboro For Ensuing Year AYCOCK IS CASHIER At Deposit & Savings Bank; C. T. Doughton Chairman of Directors With resources and deposits climbing by steady growth to new high marks in their record of business here, The Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Deposit & Savings Bank enjoyed very successful and prosperous year in 1936 and look forward to the ensuing year with greatest confidence and bright prospects for continued growth and progress. The growth of the two financial institutions is considered an index to generally improved business conditions. Splendid reports were submitted to stockholders in their annual meeting. Each bank held stockholders' meetings on Thursday.

Gets Verdict In Damage Action

Verdict of \$7,500 Awarded I. M. Myers in Akron, Ohio, Court I. M. Myers, Wilkes coroner and manager of Call Hotel, returned Saturday from Akron, Ohio, where on Wednesday he was awarded a verdict of \$7,500 in a damage action against the Bronart Cab company, of Akron, Ohio. The action grew out of an automobile collision at Waycross, Ga., on January 6, 1935, in which Mr. Myers sustained very serious injuries which proved near fatal. Walter Myers and his wife also have similar cases pending in court at Akron, Ohio, but their cases were continued for two or three weeks on account of the illness of one of the defendant's attorneys. The local people are represented in the damage suits by Attorney Eugene Trivette, of this city, and Attorney J. E. Holsouser, of Boone.

Resources of the Bank of North Wilkesboro are now past the million and three quarters mark, an increase of \$300,000 in 1936. Deposits now total more than a million and a half with steady growth experienced of five per cent was paid January 1. The stockholders' meeting of the Bank of North Wilkesboro was held at the bank Thursday with a splendid attendance. Following the excellent report by J. R. Hix, president, the board of directors was re-elected as follows: J. R. Hix, R. W. Gwyn, John E. Justice, Jr., Ralph Duncan, S. V. Tomlinson, E. M. Blackburn, R. G. Finley and A. A. Finley. Following the stockholders' meeting the directors re-elected the following officers: J. R. Hix, president; A. A. Finley, vice president; S. V. Tomlinson, vice president; R. W. Gwyn, cashier; and W. W. Starr, assistant cashier. The Deposit and Savings Bank also experienced a very successful year with steady and rapid growth of resources and deposits. The statement as of December 31 showed resources slightly under the million mark for a new high in the record of the institution. A splendid report was given the stockholders in meeting at the bank Thursday and prospects were described as very good for another prosperous year. The annual dividend was declared. The meeting was well attended and directors were re-elected as follows: C. T. Doughton, R. L. Doughton, J. T. Prevette, Carl A. Lowe, George S. Forester, Ralph Duncan and C. O. McNeil. Following the stockholders' meeting the directors met for organization and C. T. Doughton, who took office as sheriff of Wilkes county in December, resigned as cashier and was named chairman of the board of directors. R. L. Doughton, 9th district representative in congress, was re-elected president of the bank and L. L. Aycock, who has been bank treasurer, was elected cashier to succeed Mr. Doughton. The other officers are: J. T. Prevette. (Continued on page eight)

County Health Officer Tells Of The Importance of Pure Milk as a Food

Former Resident Of Wilkes Is Stricken Explains Why U. S. Public Health Ordinance Was Passed in the County Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer, in an article issued today for publication, explained the importance of milk as an article of diet and the great importance of keeping milk pure. The article follows: Milk is our most important food. It is the best single food. The exceptional value of milk is due to the fact that it contains all of the essentials of a balanced diet. It is rich in some vitamins, the quality of its protein is especially good, the fat favors growth, and it has a high calcium content in readily usable form. Milk is the only single substance whose sole function in nature is to serve as a complete food. It is a perfect food for the young of the same species. Milk, furthermore, is palatable, readily digestible, and is subject to a great variety of modifications. It is one of the cheapest of the standard articles of diet, and the most economical source of protein. Milk is a protective food, in that it guards against deficiency diseases when used regularly and in sufficient quantity. While good milk has done more than any other single food to obtain and maintain health, BAD milk is responsible for more sickness and deaths, than perhaps all (Continued on page eight)

Shoulder and Leg Are Broken by Tree

Eugene Hoppers, resident of Laurel Springs, suffered serious injuries near his home Saturday when a tree fell on him, breaking his left shoulder and his left leg. Treatment is being given at the Wilkes hospital, where he is apparently on the road to recovery.

"Relief" Subject Of Mr. Sronce In Address to Club

Statesville Daily Editor Delivers Interesting Talk To Kiwanians Choosing "Relief" as his subject, Ben Sronce, former editor of The Wilkes Patriot and now editor of the Statesville Daily, delivered a thought provoking and interesting address Friday before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club. Other features on the program included two vocal numbers by Miss Ellen Robinson, "When My Ship Comes Sailing Home," and "Home On The Range." Following is the text of Mr. Sronce's address: "Relief," according to the dictionary is "the act of relieving, or the state of being relieved."

Road Conditions Cause Three Central Schools to Close; Buses Cannot Run

Revival Under Way At Fairplains Church With Three Fair Days In Three Weeks With only three fair days in as many weeks, condition of dirt roads in many sections of Wilkes county has reached the impassable stage, forcing schools to close where buses are routed over dirt roads. Ronda, Roaring River and Mountain View, it was definitely learned today, had closed pending more favorable weather conditions and reports reached the office of the county superintendent of schools that in all probability Mount Pleasant and Trappill high schools would find it advisable to suspend operations until buses could run with some degree of certainty. With more sections of school bus routes and mail routes reaching the impassable stage every day people are becoming quite much interested in securing better secondary roads in the county and intend to tell highway authorities of their pressing needs. C. E. Eller, county superintendent of schools, has prepared a map of school bus routes, showing the number of miles of (Continued on page eight)

W. L. Pierce, 78, Is Taken by Death

Last rites were conducted Saturday at Arbor Grove Methodist church for W. L. Pierce, 78, well known resident of the Millers Creek community who died Friday. He leaves three children: Walter Pierce, Mrs. Annie Nichols, and Mrs. Lola Eller. The funeral service, which was attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances, was conducted by Rev. A. W. Eller. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Gilreath Resident Claimed By Death

Funeral services were held Friday at Bethany church for Mrs. E. B. Hayes, who died Thursday morning of heart disease at her home near Gilreath. She leaves the following children: D. G. Hayes, Hildegarde; F. L. Hayes, Porce Hayes, W. N. Hayes, North Wilkesboro. (Continued on page eight)

Continued Rains In Midwest Threaten

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Additional flood damage threatened the midwest today. General rains fell through the area, pouring more water into steadily rising rivers. Dalmation puppies are born white! The spots appear with age.