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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

WASTED SALARIES

One more suspended salary was paid today when a bill was introduced to prevent the 25 per cent take-home pay for state employees in April, May and June, 1933.

TRAIN KILLS CHILD

Kings Mountain, Jan. 29.—James Foster, three, was killed by a Southern passenger train near his home here today. Witnesses said he was playing in the yard of his home and had wandered onto the nearby tracks just before the train passed.

\$28,846 COLLECTED

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Charles G. Powell, chairman of the unemployment compensation commission, said today he had collected payments of \$28,846 from 230 employers.

\$100,000 GIVEN

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—North Carolina's cash contributions for the relief of mid-west flood sufferers amounted to substantially more than \$100,000 today and Red Cross officials estimated the state's total might reach the \$250,000 mark.

STORM ON COAST

Manteo, Jan. 29.—A 65-mile gale struck Hatteras Island early today, washed several small houses off their foundations, inundated highways and crippled utility lines. The freight boat Jones was driven ashore near Cape Hatteras and its crew of three men was saved by the coast guard. An abnormally high tide inundated large areas.

HUNT VICTIMS

Little Rock, Jan. 29.—The "revenuers" who make trouble for moonshiners in the river country have stopped tending to their business for the duration of the flood. Rex P. Hayes, chief investigator of the federal alcohol tax unit in Arkansas, said today his men, instead of looking for moonshiners, are now plying the Mississippi in search of flood victims.

FIRE EXTINGUISHED

New York, Jan. 29.—Harassed by fire and storm, the \$3,500,000 Clyde Mallory liner Shawnee labored toward New York tonight after assuring other ships along the coast that her 190 passengers and 174 crew were in no immediate danger. Capt. E. A. Chelton, who cancelled a distress call during the morning after a fire in No. 2 hold under control, advised the home office he would arrive around 3 a. m. tomorrow.

WOULD REVISE ACT

Washington, Jan. 29.—Congressional Republicans started a drive today for the revision of the social security act. They proposed to include domestic servants and farm workers under the old age pension system and to place the system on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. The drastic changes—which also would repeal the disputed provision for an eventual reserve fund of \$47,000,000—were offered in both house and senate.

WALKERS COLLIDE

Goldsboro, Jan. 29.—A head-on collision between two pedestrians here last night resulted in serious injuries to one and bruises and severe shock to the other. Both were taken by ambulance to the Goldsboro hospital. T. C. Ellis, about 60, was on his way to his place of business during a blinding rain. James Sullivan, a young man, was running through the downpour, and the two met with such force that the impact was both to the pavement, Ellis striking his head and cutting it badly. Fifteen stitches were taken at the hospital to close the wound.

Ask Highway Be Begun This End

Resolution Is Passed Asking Construction Highway 268 Going Eastward

The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in meeting Friday passed a resolution directed to the state highway and public works commission and requesting that construction of highway 268 between North Wilkesboro and Ronda be begun on the North Wilkesboro end.

It has been pointed out that the highway has been constructed from Elkin to Ronda, while from Ronda westward through the remainder of Wilkes to Patterson in Caldwell county it remains in the mud. From that point westward to Lenoir a good highway is under construction.

Expect Sales Tax Will Remain Three Per Cent; Exempt Some Necessities

Proponents Lose Fight For Two Per Cent Tax In Committee Vote

MAY BEGIN AT 15 CENTS

Legislature Hopes to Remove Some Obnoxious Points Of Tax Plan

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Representative King, of Scotland, leader of 2 per cent sales tax proponents, indicated in the joint finance committee session this afternoon that he would not continue his fight on the House floor when the committee, by a vote of 44 to 5, voted to table his amendment.

The committee had adopted a subcommittee report recommending a 3 per cent levy starting at 15 cents and exempting "necessities of life" as listed in the Democratic platform.

King explained that he would withdraw from further debate "in order to facilitate business of the General Assembly so we won't be here all summer." His stand drew applause from the majority with Senator Johnston, of Buncombe, declaring, "Mr. King's move displays the finest spirit I have seen here this term."

The committee also heard representatives of the Railway Express Agency and the Garrett Wine Company, of New York.

Ask Lower Tax

W. F. Hope, of Brooklyn, N. Y., appearing for the wine company, urged that low taxes be placed on North Carolina wines "in order to furnish encouragement to grape growers."

He said the state's grapes are superior to California's for winemaking purposes and declared "economic conditions would be improved by increased grape production." Wines made of North Carolina grapes should be taxed only 5 cents a gallon, with a 40-cent-per-gallon tax on imported wines, he said.

The advisory budget commission recommended a tax of 20 cents a gallon on all wines sold at retail.

Public Library Open This Week

Representative State Library Commission to Address Social Council Friday

Of particular interest was the announcement today of the opening this week of the Wilkes county public library, which has temporary quarters in the Girl Scout "Little House."

Announcement relative to the opening of the library came from Mrs. W. R. Absher, chairman of Wilkes County Council of Social Agencies, central civic organization which promoted the library project.

A representative of the North Carolina Library commission will address the next meeting of the council, which is to be held on Friday night, February 5, 7:45 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Jenkins with Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Eller and Mrs. B. R. Underwood hostesses.

Miss Gilbert, who will be the speaker, will have a message of interest and the council desires to have representatives of all civic organizations and public institutions in the county present.

Bar Endorses 2 For High Court

Wilkes county bar association in meeting last week endorsed Judge G. V. Cooper, of Kinston, and Judge Felix Alley, of Waynesville, for justices of the state supreme court.

The two judges endorsed for members of the high court are held in high esteem by several local attorneys. Judge Alley is now presiding over courts in this district and will preside over the Wilkes criminal court in March.

Two additional members are to be appointed on the supreme court because a constitutional amendment to that effect was passed in the November election.

Over Million Homeless In Nation Flood Zone Along Two Great Rivers



NEWS PICTURES of flood scenes, Pittsburgh to New Orleans, down the Ohio and Mississippi river basins, all tell the same story of record flood peaks, loss of lives and great property damage. Fires, started from topplings and bursting oil tanks in Cincinnati but added new horrors and losses. . . . Top photo shows raging fires, caused by oil and gas spreading over the flood water from burst tanks there. . . . Second to top. . . . A crew of a Coast Guard unit leaving Chicago for flood duty. 800 Coast Guards, 200 boats, 12 airplanes, and 24 portable communication outfits were sent into flooded territories, the biggest mobilization of Coast Guard for flood relief in history. Third from top, a thrilling rescue of a critically ill citizen from flooded home. Lower photo, scene as in all flooded towns as citizens flee to the hills for safety.

Demurrer Is Filed In Swaringen-Poplin Suit

Defendant Seeks Dismissal Of Action In Demurrer Filed Before Clerk

Aged Woman, Ill, Gives 5 Dollars To Flood Relief

Many human interest stories have resulted from the flood disaster in the mid-west and concerning raising funds for relief of flood victims, but the incident most strongly portraying the spirit of sacrifice and giving in this locality was reported Thursday by Attorney J. H. Whicker, chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross.

Mollie Alexander, an aged colored woman in Wilkesboro, notwithstanding the fact that she has been ill and forced to give up her work, telephoned Mr. Whicker and said she wanted somebody to come after her donation because she was unable to get away from the house. She said she was not overly blessed with material things but that she was warm, dry and comfortable and had food and clothing while hundreds of thousands of flood victims suffered. She made a donation of five dollars.

The flood disaster is a challenge for the American people to aid their neighbors in distress. Many have answered the challenge admirably.

J. C. Lynn, farm agent, reports that several Mitchell county farmers plan to dig trench ditches next spring to help solve the winter feeding problem.

It is recalled that the quo warranto suit was instituted by Swaringen, Republican, after returns were certified by two members of the election board showing Poplin elected by two votes over Swaringen, who until Poplin took office on December 7 was chairman of the board. Swaringen alleged that he was credited with 100 votes less than he received in Rock Creek township.

The demurrer filed by attorneys for Poplin claimed that the court has no jurisdiction because of failure to allege in the complaint that the plaintiff complied with the statute in having the matter heard before the county board of elections or the state board of elections.

The second item in the demurrer said that the complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute cause of action and does not allege that the plaintiff complied with the law in filing suit.

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Announce Rates of Soil Payments In State During 1937; Pay For Diversion

Soil Conservation Acts Help Farmers Finance Improvement of Soil

RATES ARE OUTLINED

Criswell Tells What Allowances Will Be Made For Various Practices

Soil-building payments offered North Carolina farmers who participated in the soil-conservation program this year have been announced by J. F. Criswell, of State College.

The maximum amount of these payments a grower will be eligible to earn is called his soil-building allowance, Criswell said.

These payments will be in addition to the diversion payments offered for taking land out of soil-depleting crops and planting it to soil-conserving crops.

On farms where a diversion payment can be earned, the soil-building allowance will be \$1 for each acre, normally devoted to soil-conserving crops, plus the number of acres diverted from soil-depleting crops.

For farms not able to earn any diversion payment, the soil-building allowance will be 75 cents for each acre of crop land or \$1 for each acre in soil-conserving crops, whichever amount is larger.

In both cases additional allowances will be made for truck growers, orchardists, and dairymen, Mr. Criswell continued.

The rate of soil-building payments are:

For planting approved seeds of legumes and perennial grasses; alfalfa, \$2.50 per acre. red clover, common clover, sericea, vicia, and vicia, \$2.50 per acre. Austrian winter peas, vetch, crimson clover, alsike clover, sweet clover.

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Berean Class In Annual Banquet

Address Delivered by Attorney Earl James; Was Enjoyable Affair

Berean Bible class of the First Baptist Sunday school enjoyed its annual banquet on Friday night at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. The occasion was described as one of the most enjoyable banquets in the history of the class.

A sumptuous dinner was served at seven o'clock by the American Legion Auxiliary to the more than one hundred class members and guests in attendance.

Following the dinner Rev. Eugene Olive was master of ceremonies through a number of games which provided much merriment. This part of the program was opened by singing in Siamese "O Wa Ta Goo Siam" to the tune of America. Relay races and stunts rounded out the program of fun.

President C. O. McNeil presided over the meeting and Attorney A. H. Casey introduced the speaker, Attorney Earl James, of Elkin. After a number of humorous incidents were recounted he spoke briefly concerning the enviable position of Sunday school workers and teachers in any community and their responsibilities. His address was very much enjoyed.

Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

Important Matters To Be Taken Up; Amusement Features Also Planned

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet on Friday night, February 5th, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. The meeting will begin at 7:30 and a large attendance is asked.

After the meeting there will be a number of games to provide amusement, including an indoor horseshoe pitching contest between North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro Legionnaires and the legion set back team has organized the Wilkes set back club. Club members will be glad to hear from those who desire to play.

Anyone desiring transportation to the clubhouse is requested to be at Hotel Wilkes at 7:30.

Edison Preserves Plans



Washington. "We must build ships," said the new Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Charles Edison (above), as he settled at his desk after being sworn in on Jan. 18th. Mr. Edison is the son of the late Thomas A. Edison, inventor.

Amount Donated To the Red Cross Locally Is \$1,924.72

Appeal For Additional Sums Given as Need For Flood Relief Increases

Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross has overpaid and subscribed its original quota for flood relief over 12 times, it was learned this afternoon from J. B. Williams, treasurer.

Total donations and subscriptions up to two o'clock this afternoon were \$1,924.72, or about \$75 less than the locally established goal of \$2,000 in the present drive. With the exception of about \$50 all this amount has been paid in to Mr. Williams and forwarded to Red Cross headquarters.

With more than one million homeless and thousands in need of food, clothing, bedding, shelter and other necessities, the Red Cross faces its supreme task in recent years in helping the unfortunate during this great emergency.

Flood waters are slowly receding in part of the Ohio river valley, with several hundred miles on both sides of the river inundated and damage unestimated.

As the highest water on record moves into the Father of Waters—the Mississippi—fear is held that 50 miles on each side of the river, a distance of almost a thousand miles, must be evacuated.

Thus it is seen that the need for relief funds is growing and those who have not contributed are asked by Red Cross officials to compare their own circumstances with the unfortunates in the flood area and then donate in such amount and manner as they believe they should and are able.

Contributions should be sent or mailed to J. B. Williams, treasurer of the Wilkes county chapter of the Red Cross, North Wilkesboro.

Drunks Damage Church Building

Windows and Door Broken In New Church Building In Harley Section

It was learned today from the office of Sheriff C. T. Doughton that arrests of two or more persons is expected momentarily for the "meanest crime" committed Monday night when a party of drunks did much damage to the new Baptist church building near Harley.

In the interest of solution of the case officers did not disclose the names of persons suspected or to be charged with the crime.

It is recalled that on Monday night a party, said to have been composed of three persons, entered the church, which has recently been constructed, and broke out practically all the window panes, burst the doors and broke a number of seats, in addition to doing other damage to the building. Blood was found about the building, which indicated that the guilty parties had suffered at least minor cuts in ravaging the building.

A cooperative bull association has been organized in the Cherry community of Washington county and a pure bred Guernsey sire will be purchased.

Work Completed On Road Between Wilbar and Wilkes-Ashe County Line

Construction Is Now Under Way on Last Link Of Road to Jefferson

SPLENDID HIGHWAY

Is One of Best Routes Scaling Blue Ridge Section In North Carolina

Finishing touches were placed on construction work on that section of highway 16 between Wilbar and the "Jumping Off Place" on top of the Blue Ridge last week, it was learned from an official of T. M. Strider company, contractors.

Work on the project has been under way for a year and engineers are loud in their praise of that section of highway as being one of the best to scale the heights of the Blue Ridge in North Carolina.

The new road follows a direct course in the vicinity of the old "jumping off road" that was the main artery of travel by wagon trains before the day of automobiles. It will be the most direct outlet for Ashe county to this section and piedmont North Carolina.

One link of three miles remains to be constructed before the highway is completed between Millers Creek, where it intersects with highway 421, and the Jeffersons in Ashe county. Nello Tear and stone surfacing the three-mile link between the "Jumping Off Place" and Glendale Springs, and work has begun. From that point a macadam road leads into the Jeffersons. The short link between the "Jumping Off Place" and Glendale Springs will follow in the vicinity of the route of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

New highway 16, in addition to being a splendid route for commercial travel, will abound in scenic interest, "the Jumping Off Place" being a scene of rare rugged grandeur with the highway blasted along the side of a 500-foot precipice near the top.

Stones blasted from the face of the precipice was used after being crushed to submerge the new link of highway and enterprising quarry workers are now mining additional stone for building purposes. The stone is very hard and has a rich blue-gray color. The strata is so formed that large sheets of the stone can be mined.

Hartley to Speak At Lincoln Dinner

Many Local Republicans Expected to Attend Gathering At Greensboro

Congressman Fred A. Hartley, of New Jersey, will be the guest speaker at the eighth annual state-wide Lincoln day dinner to be held at the King Cotton hotel, Greensboro, February 12, at 6:30, according to announcement made here by Republican leaders.

The announcement stated that Congressman Hartley was elected in 1925 and is one of the few Republicans in congress who has been able to weather all of the Democratic land-slides since that time. He is an able and outstanding orator and the committee feels fortunate in having secured him for this event.

Indications are many Wilkes Republicans will attend the dinner, which will draw a huge crowd from all over the state.

Stolen Car Is Left by Thief

Officers today reported investigation of an attempted robbery last night of A. H. Roberts service station establishment on highway 421 east of Wilkesboro and the recovery of a stolen automobile Wednesday night from R. R. Carter, Ronda mail carrier.

Someone tried to enter the service station and the thief exchanged shots with the police trying to force entry. The thief fled the scene, leaving a stolen mobile which officers today reported to be the one stolen from the station.