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AUTO FATALITY... Lexington, Feb. 5.—Miss Daphne Simpson, 27, injured in an automobile-truck collision near here yesterday, died this afternoon in a local hospital without recovering consciousness.

GOOD NEWS!... New Orleans, Feb. 5.—Government Meteorologist W. F. McDonald said tonight that crests of the Mississippi River below Arkansas City and past New Orleans "will not reach previous high marks but will fall two to seven feet below the stages recorded in 1927."

TRAIN KILLS YOUTH... Charlotte, Feb. 5.—Charles Freeman, 16-year-old Thomasboro youth, died today a few hours after he was hit by a Piedmont and Northern train.

HELD IN FATALITY... Charlotte, Feb. 5.—L. J. Prévatt, of Elizabethtown, and Hanson Sadler, of Charlotte, were placed under \$1,000 bonds for trial in Superior court after a preliminary hearing here today into a three-way traffic crash in which their trucks collided with the car of Leroy Morris, of Monroe, killing him.

MUST MAKE REPORTS... Raleigh, Feb. 5.—Charles G. Powell, chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, said tonight many North Carolina employers had not filed liability reports with the commission and "will find themselves in hot water unless the reports are filed at once."

LIQUOR BILL HEARING... Raleigh, Feb. 5.—There may be whether North Carolina shall abandon the position its citizens took on the liquor issue when they were permitted to do so, but those who do not agree with what has been done have until next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock to so notify their senators at Raleigh.

WILL EAT BREAD... Rockingham, Feb. 5.—Nine prisoners were brought from the Orange county chain gang on January 27 to the Richmond county gang. But the new men refused to eat corn bread, the nine were carried to the dark cell at the Montgomery county camp near Troy, and kept in solitary for 72 hours, on water and crackers.

OUT OF BALANCE... Raleigh, Feb. 5.—The General Assembly's joint subcommittee on appropriations today gave tentative approval to 1937-39 allocations totaling \$11,623,020 to 50 state institutions and agencies and heard Representative Bryant, of Durham, House finance chairman, explain that the revenue and spending bills are currently from \$1,250,000 to \$1,800,000 out of balance.

DELEGATION SPLIT... Washington, Feb. 5.—North Carolina members of Congress today received President Roosevelt's recommendations for a sweeping reorganization of the federal judiciary with mixed emotions, indicating that when the proposed legislation comes before the Congress there will be a split in the delegation.

Schools Re-Open After Holiday On Account Of Rough Road Conditions

Schedule of Central Schools Interrupted Since Early In December 1936

WEATHER IMPROVES Hoped That Roads Can Be Kept In Good Condition For Regular Bus Travel

Schools in Wilkes county closed for several weeks because of road conditions that made bus travel impossible over some roads and impractical over others, resumed operations today with the hope that the weather man would provide weather favorable enough for constant travel over dirt roads in the county.

Central schools which operate buses over secondary roads have not been able to operate since early December without depriving many of the children of the opportunity to attend school. Because many children would miss school and others be exposed to unfavorable weather conditions the schools were suspended and several of them had been closed for a month before re-opening today.

During the past week several days of fair weather allowed the elongated mud holes to become more solid and highway forces dragged several of the routes. It was thought that all buses would be able to run on schedule today.

Millers Creek was the only high school or central school in the county to operate without suspension, the buses being routed mainly over hard surfaced highways. Wilkesboro and affiliated schools and Transhill high school were closed last week.

Before the beginning of another school year a concerted effort will be made on the part of county school authorities and citizens to have something done for the secondary roads that will place them in condition for incessant travel under ordinary conditions. Abundant rainfall this winter has caused the collapse of the roads but there have been no snows or other severe weather of the type that caused the roads to become impassable a year ago.

Negro Is Being Held For First Degree Burglary

Odell W. Valentine Remanded to Jail Without Bond Privilege

In a hearing before Mayor R. T. McNeil, Odell W. Valentine, Greensboro negro, was ordered held without bond for trial in Wilkes superior court on a first degree burglary charge.

It is alleged that Valentine entered the homes of Myrtle Davenport and James Little, colored residents of this city, on Thursday night while the homes were occupied and made away with valuable home furnishings. It was also shown by evidence that he stole a shotgun from John A. Brown's boarding house here.

Three charges were preferred, larceny, grand larceny and first degree burglary. Bond for the larceny charges were set at \$500 and \$1,500 while he was ordered held without bond on the charge of first degree burglary, a capital offense in North Carolina.

Law Relative To Chickens Cited

J. E. Walker, North Wilkesboro police chief, today issued a warning to people who have chickens in the city to keep them confined.

City to Be Headquarters \$3,000,000 Northwestern Bank; 4 Banks to Merge

Deposit & Savings Bank, Watauga County Bank, Merchants and Farmers Bank of Bakersville, and Bank of Sparta To Consolidate.

RESOURCES OVER THREE MILLION

To Have General Board of Directors; R. L. Doughton, N. B. Smithy and J. T. Prevette Are Local Men Named On General Board

By unanimous action of over 85 per cent of the stockholders of the Deposit and Savings Bank, this morning in their banking rooms, the second step toward the consolidation of four of the leading banks in Northwestern North Carolina took place. The consolidation plan contemplates the organization of a new banking institution, to be known as The Northwestern Bank, with headquarters in North Wilkesboro.

The Deposit and Savings Bank, of North Wilkesboro, the Bank of Sparta, at Sparta, the Merchants and Farmers Bank, of Bakersville with a branch at Burnsville, and the Watauga County Bank, of Boone, with a branch at Blowing Rock, are the four institutions involved.

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People Warned Not to Violate School Bus Law

Many Motorists Disregard Law Prohibiting Passing Of School Buses

Complete disregard of the law requiring motorists to stop behind or meeting a school bus taking on or putting off children has caused school principals to request the attention of the public through this newspaper.

It is a violation of the law for any motorist to pass a school bus, either from behind or meeting it, while the bus is stopped and taking on or putting off school children. There has been some misunderstanding on the part of people as to whether or not an automobile meeting the bus while stopped should stop but officers point out that the law is the same in either case.

School bus drivers have reported to principals that many motorists do not even slow up and pass in complete disregard of the law. Efforts will be made to enforce the law for the safety of the children and full cooperation is asked.

School authorities very much desire to eliminate all possible risks in transporting school children in order that the good record of safety and no accidents so far may not be marred. Violations of the law as stated above will be reported to the proper authorities for prosecution.

50 Births and 29 Deaths In Month

Health Department Furnishes Vital Statistics For Month of December

Vital statistics for the month of December in Wilkes county have been released from the office of Dr. A. J. Eller, health officer for Wilkes county.

Due to the fact that there is some delay in reporting deaths and births on the part of township registrars the reports complete for the county are one month behind.

For the month of December there were 50 births and 29 deaths. The births were classified as 43 white, and seven colored. The deaths were 28 white and three colored. Number of deaths under one month was 5, deaths over one month but under one year 4 and three were premature births.

Lenten Services At St. Paul's Church

Soil Conservation Act in Educational Meeting Feb. 19th

Compliance Supervisor Will Explain Farm Benefit Act at Wilkesboro On 19th

H. A. Patton, compliance supervisor of the soil conservation act, will address a gathering of farmers here on the soil conservation program on February 19, one o'clock.

The meeting has been called for acquainting the people of the county with provisions of the farm act for 1937. Those who did not sign work sheets for the year 1936 but who desire to enter the program for the current year should attend the meeting, along with those who participated during the past year.

Mr. Patton will explain the benefits to be derived and clear up any questions regarding compliance or administration of the act.

Over 900 farmers in the county will soon receive checks for compliance with the 1936 program and it is expected that many additional farmers will sign for the ensuing year. More than 1,000 signed work sheets last year but some few failed to comply with provisions of the act and will not receive cash benefit payments.

Payments will be made during the coming year for diversion of lands from cash crops to soil conservation crops and for soil improvements as in the past year.

No Sign, No Pay In Farm Program

Those Who Have Not Signed Applications for Soil Payments Must Act

A. G. Hendren, Wilkes county farm agent, is asking all farmers who are to receive soil conservation benefits for the 1936 to sign final application for payment.

Meetings were held at various points in the county but several who have qualified for benefit payments failed to appear at the meetings and sign the final application.

An opportunity is being given those who so far have failed to sign to appear at the county agent's office to affix their signatures to the applications. Only by prompt action can the applications be forwarded and payments received in a short time.

Those who have not signed have been notified by Mr. Hendren that they must sign before February 13 or they will not receive payment.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Beach, former residents of this city, have established their residence at the Ralph Greer place near the home of Mrs. W. R. Spainhour in Boone, where Mr. Beach holds a position with the Watauga Democrat. Their daughter, Miss Annelle Beach, will remain in North Wilkesboro until the end of the present school term. She is a member of the senior class.

Local People To Attend Hearing On Liquor Laws

Dry Indignant Over Action of House in Regard to County Option Plan

Several people from Wilkes county, along with other counties in this section of the state, are becoming indignant over the way in which the legislature has tried thus far to steam roll legislation over the protests of the people of this section of the state in reference to liquor.

Large delegations from several counties recently attended the hearing of the legislative committee on the liquor question to voice their plea for another mandate of the people, but came from Raleigh with the belief that the dry hearing was of little avail.

Even larger delegations are expected to attend the hearing of the Senate committee at the capital Thursday afternoon, two o'clock, and voice with the dry leaders, the hope of their cause, to the committee of the Senate, which constitutes a much smaller and more experienced group of law-makers.

The drys of this section feel that the liquor question is not one to be madly rushed through the legislative halls, to place the state among those states which they say place revenue above morals and the common welfare of the people.

Many letters and expressions of protest have already gone to the legislators.

W. D. Halfacre On Program State Meet

Discussed "Supervision in High Schools" Before Meeting City Principals

W. D. Halfacre, state wide meeting of city superintendents and principals at Chapel Hill Friday, Mr. Halfacre led the discussion of "Supervision in High Schools."

Mr. Halfacre was accompanied to Chapel Hill by T. E. Story, superintendent of Wilkesboro district schools.

McDuffie Asking That J. P.'s Apply To Clerk's Office

Representative Explains All Justices Are Appointed At the Same Time

Attorney F. J. McDuffie, Wilkes county's representative in the general assembly, has directed a public statement to the Journal-Patriot relative to appointment of justices of the peace. A part of his letter which explains justices' appointments follows:

"Will you please run a notice in your paper for me in regard to the appointment of Justices of the Peace for Wilkes county? Kindly explain to them that they will have to go to the clerk of the court's office, Mr. C. C. Hayes, and give him their names and the townships from which they hail, and any other information which he may desire in regard to their appointment."

"The clerk of the court will furnish me the names of each and every justice to be appointed, and they will all be placed in the mill at the same time."

"I am receiving letters every day from various justices of the peace in the county to please have them re-appointed. They do not understand that all will be appointed at one time so far as the Legislature is concerned."

To Attend Lincoln Day Dinner Friday

Attorney J. M. Brown, chairman of the Wilkes county Republican executive committee, today announced that those who wish to attend the annual Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro Friday should be at the court-house in Wilkesboro Friday at noon if they desire transportation.

Library Association To Be Formed Here



"It's a Boy"

London, Eng. — Mu Swal, of the Burma tribe whose women wear huge rings around their necks, is shown above with her newly arrived seven-pound son, at a hospital here. "Thank goodness he's a boy," says Mu Swal, "no neck rings for him."

Air Demurrer This Afternoon Before Judge Felix Alley

Swearingen is suing Poplin for title to office as a member of the board of county commissioners. Prior to the November election Swearingen, Republican, was chairman of the board and on basis of returns certified by a majority of the county election board Poplin, Democrat, defeated him by a margin of two votes in a vote of more than 15,000 in the county.

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Applications For PCA Loans

Applications for Production Credit loans for financing farm crops for the current year may be signed in the office of A. G. Hendren, county farm agent, it was learned today.

Wilkes county is served through the Winston-Salem production credit association and many farmers last year took advantage of the facilities offered for loans with which to buy seed, fertilizer, feed for livestock or poultry. The security required is a lien on the crops to be produced.

Miss Rose Billings, secretary in the office of Mr. Hendren, will take applications of any who are interested.

Plan Outlined In Council Meeting On Friday Night

Every Person Who Contributes to Library Will Be Member Association

OFFICERS ELECTED For Council Social Agencies During Year; Several Activities Planned

Wilkesboro Council Council of Social Agencies in meeting Friday night at the home of Mrs. C. E. Jenkins heard plans for a successful county public library outlined by Miss Gilbert, a representative of the state library commission.

A public library is one of the main activities before the council, which is a central civic organization composed of representatives from 32 civic and charity organizations and public institutions.

Miss Gilbert explained a successful plan which has proven to be of much value in other counties. This calls for a library association, made up of all people in the county who contribute to the library fund either in cash or book donations, the minimum donation to be 25 cents for any member.

This will form the library association although she explained that it must be distinctly understood that the library would be for the public regardless of who contributed or what amount. The library association would have annual meetings and would state library commission would help the library off to a good start by loaning a number of books for three or six months period.

The council has started the library on a small scale and it will open in the Girl Scout house but plans are under way to make the library a county-wide institution which would be a credit to the county and a source of much enjoyment and beneficial recreation to the people.

Further plans for the library and announcement of a concerted book drive will be made soon. Meanwhile the council is considering forming a library association here and will in all probability carry out the plans outlined by Miss Gilbert, which would call for book exchanges at various convenient points in the county.

The public library, which was to have been opened last week, will not open until some books the state library commission is to furnish for three months arrive. The volumes to be loaned the public library here will greatly boost the number of volumes. The date the library, which is being set up in the Girl Scout House, will open is to be announced in a few days.

In the meeting Friday night it was announced that the Kiwanis club, Woman's club, the American Legion and Auxiliary had made cash donations to the organizations are expected to lend their support.

Officers for the year were elected in the meeting of the council Friday night. W. K. Sturdivant was elected chairman, Mrs. B. R. Underwood, vice chairman, and Charles McNeill, secretary.

The council has other activities planned in addition to the library project, which has the center of attention at this time.

Tiny Town Revue Is Legion Project

Mock Beauty Contest Will Be Feature of Show at Liberty On Tuesday

Everything is in readiness for the showing of the "Tiny Town" Revue, at the Liberty Theatre, tomorrow (Tuesday) night from eight until nine-thirty o'clock. It promises to be one of the most outstanding shows ever presented here. It is a fast-moving arrangement. There will be so full moments in the entire show. One of the most interesting features...