

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

ESCAPE WITH SPOONS Sao Paulo, Brazil, Feb. 12.—Soup spoons spelled escape for 16 political prisoners from jail today—they dug a 20-foot tunnel with them. Police said the group used the spoons to dig the underground passage from their cell in the Paraiso jail.

BURNS ARE FATAL Henderson, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Sallie Pleasants, 75, of Henderson, died at a hospital here today of burns suffered yesterday when her dress caught fire at her home. Friends said her clothing ignited while she was standing in front of an open fireplace.

STRUCK BY TRUCK Wilson, Feb. 12.—W. D. Hackney, 80, formerly head of a wagon and buggy factory, suffered a fractured skull, cuts and bruises this afternoon when struck by a truck while crossing a street here. M. L. Williamson, of Wilson, driver of the truck, was placed under \$500 bond.

INVITES PROBE Raleigh, Feb. 12.—A legislative investigation of the state rural electrification authority, proposed in the senate by L. M. Abernethy, of Caldwell county, was "welcomed" in a resolution adopted today by the authority. The state electrification group also urged that the inquiry include a probe "into our inability to secure co-operation from the federal electrification authority."

MAY BALK COMPACT Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Governor Hoey said today he had been informed by Governor E. D. Rivers of Georgia that the tobacco compact bill pending before the Georgia legislature might not be passed unless quotas also were fixed for Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky already have passed tobacco compact legislation, but the production agreements will not be valid until Georgia and South Carolina approve the measure.

FEAR KIDNAPING Toronto, Feb. 12.—(Canadian Press)—Reports of a plot to kidnap at least two of the Dionne quintuplets were circulated tonight, as it was understood provincial police had taken extra measures to protect the five little girls at their Callander home. At Callander, Dr. Allan Roy Dafos, physician to the children, was not available for comment on the reports. A servant at his home said he was traveling and would not return until Saturday night.

STUNTED HIS GROWTH Redsville, Feb. 12.—Leon Moore, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore, of 426 Piedmont street, escaped death by a "hair's breadth" literally, when his eight-year-old brother, Walter, accidentally discharged a shotgun directly over his head Wednesday night. The boys were alone in the house and Walter found his father's shotgun, a 12-gauge of the six-shot, pump type which had been left in a corner following a recent hunting trip. It was empty but the boy found shells and appropriated them as "playthings."

WANT REGULATIONS New York, Feb. 12.—The adoption by the hosiery industry conference of a declaration favoring "reasonable" federally-enforced legislation to regulate hours, wages and fair trade practices was announced late today by Earl Constantine, managing editor of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers. It was decided, said Constantine's announcement, that in any such legislation for the textile industries each should be permitted to draft its own regulations subject to government approval.

Constable Cuts Still On Sunday Mulberry township, on Sunday morning destroyed a large steam distillery outfit near Dehart. He was assisted in the raid on the plant by Claude and Wayne Elledge.

Roby Elledge Destroys Large Outfit Near Dehart; Sugar Beer Is Cut Down Roby Elledge, constable of Mulberry township, on Sunday morning destroyed a large steam distillery outfit near Dehart. He was assisted in the raid on the plant by Claude and Wayne Elledge.

The officer reported that the still had a capacity of 110 gallons and apparently had been in operation for some time. Over 4,000 gallons of sugar beer were destroyed.

A land snail travels at a speed of about one mile a month.

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Crop Classification In Relation to Soil Conservation Act; Pay For Diversion

Benefit Payments Will Be Made for Diverting Land From Depleting Crops

SOIL IMPROVEMENT Will Be Made Practical By Payments for Growing Soil Enriching Crops

Classifications of soil-conserving and soil-depleting crops for the 1937 soil-conservation program in North Carolina have been announced by J. F. Criswell, of State College.

Crops to be counted as depleting are:

Corn, cotton, tobacco, peanuts harvested for nuts, broom corn, sorghum when harvested, and truck and vegetable crops, including melons, strawberries, and Irish and sweet potatoes.

Wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, and grain mixtures when cut for grain or hay. Sudan, millet, and Italian rye grass harvested for hay or seed.

Bulbs and flowers.

The following crops which help build up or improve the soil are to be counted as soil-conserving:

Sweet, red, alsike, white, and mammoth clovers, alfalfa, kudzu, and sericea. Soybeans, velvet beans, field peas, and cowpeas. Vetch, Austrian winter peas, bur and crimson clover, crotalaria, and annual varieties of lespedeza.

Peanuts when pastured. Sudan, millet, and Italian rye grass not harvested for hay or seed. Bluegrass, dallis, reedtop, timothy, orchard grass, Bermuda, carpet grass, and mixtures of these.

Wheat, oats, barley, wheat, buckwheat, and grain mixtures not harvested for grain or hay, provided a good growth is left on the land.

Forest trees planted on crop land since January 1, 1934, and sweet sorghum that is not harvested.

New Provisions When land is used to grow both depleting and conserving crops, the entire acreage will be counted once as soil-depleting, and a part or all of the same acreage will also be counted as soil-conserving.

When summer legumes are grown in combination with depleting row crops, the entire acreage will be counted once as soil-depleting, and half of the same acreage will also be counted as soil-conserving, provided the legumes occupy at least one-half the land and a good growth has been attained.

This means, Criswell explained, that in figuring the general soil-depleting base for a farm, the entire acreage of these mixed crops will be counted in. And in determining the soil-conserving acreage, one-half of the same "mixed acres" will be counted.

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Benham Building Near Completion

Contains Four Classrooms and Auditorium; Will Be Used This Year

Construction of the Benham elementary school plant as a Public Works administration project is near completion and will be used during a part of the present school year, it was learned today from C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools.

The building contains four classrooms, an auditorium, principal's office and teachers rooms. The building was erected in accordance with plans approved by the federal government and financed jointly by Wilkes county and the Public Works administration. A heating plant is being installed and workmen are engaged in digging a well for the school. It is hoped that the building will be ready for use within a few weeks.

The Benham building is the first of three to be erected through the bond issue of \$65,000 and a WPA grant of \$49,090. Construction is under way on a central high and elementary school building at Millers Creek and a large elementary unit for Mulberry township, north of this city on highway 18.

Flees "Sit-Down" Suitor



New York—Florence Hurlbut, 23, of Excelsior Springs, Mo., is the fair lady for whom the "chained to a radiator, sit-down-striking-Romeo-suitor" got many newspaper headlines. She is here, via plane, for radio appearance and it looks like cupid has gone to press-agenting. However, she finally accepted the proposal.

WPA Sanitation Project To Be Resumed Soon

Efforts Will Be Made to Construct Privies Necessary On Watershed

The sanitation project conducted by the Works Progress administration is to be resumed about March 1, it was learned here today from T. D. Heffner, division engineer for the WPA in this branch district.

The project, which had been underway for about one year, was temporarily suspended because of lack of funds, it is understood.

Under the project privies are constructed for homes where the home owner pays cost of materials. C. M. Cranor is supervisor of the project for the county.

G. S. Odell, county sanitary inspector, said in a public statement where he said that many homes on the watershed of Reddies River, from which the Wilkesboros get their water supply, do not have privies in accordance with the law and warned the people residing in that territory to take immediate steps to correct a bad situation. It is understood that when the WPA project is resumed that special attention will be devoted to building privies at homes on the watershed.

Two Are Held On Brutality Charge

Charlie McGlamery and Tom Davis Face Serious Court Charges

Charlie McGlamery and Tom Davis, of the Millers Creek community, were ordered held for court following a hearing before Magistrate J. C. Wallace on charges of mutilating a milk cow and doing other rash acts at Millers Creek several months ago.

They are alleged to have cut teeth from a milk cow belonging to Mrs. C. H. M. Tulburt and also injured a cow at the home of a Mr. Cox. Mrs. Tulburt's cow, a prized dairy animal, was so injured that it was necessary to kill her.

McGlamery will face trial in the March term for a number of offenses. Last week he was bound to court following a hearing here before Mayor R. T. McNeil on charges of forging checks.

J. B. Farmer Is Accident Victim

Was Husband of Former Miss Lucille Cardwell, of This City; Died Monday

J. B. Farmer, salesman who lived at Manasses, Va., died a week ago from injuries sustained on February 7 in an automobile accident.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lucille Cardwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Genio Cardwell, of this city, and four children. Mrs. Farmer is well known here and has many friends who extend sympathy in her bereavement.

Details of the accident have not been learned here. Mrs. Cardwell left early last week to be with her daughter, who will return with her to this city in a few days.

One ounce of oil will cover nine acres of water.

Photos Entered In Contest May Be Sent In Now

Kiwanis Club Offering Ten Dollars in Prizes for Best Publicity Pictures

Those who wish to enter pictures in the contest being sponsored by the Kiwanis club to obtain suitable views for postcard pictures should carry or send them to J. B. McCoy at Hotel Wilkes.

The Kiwanis club is offering a total of ten dollars in cash prizes for the most suitable pictures to use on postcards to publicize North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county.

Those who would try to win either of the three prizes offered would do well to keep in mind that the subject matter of the picture will be chiefly the determining factor, although the negative must be one that can be reproduced satisfactorily.

It has been suggested that mountain scenes, highway scenes, waterfalls, precipices, forest scenes, orchard scenes, bridges, poultry or dairy farm scenes, public buildings, industries, bird's eye views and other scenes of general interest would stand a good chance of getting the prize money.

Anyone who wants to take pictures may enter as many as they like in the contest but the club reserves the right to use any of them judged suitable for use on postcard views. The following statement in regard to the contest was released by the committee in charge, composed of J. R. Finley, J. C. Reins and J. B. McCoy:

"The committee appointed by the Kiwanis club to get kodak pictures to make post cards from, asks that the contestants give the pictures and also the negatives to J. B. McCoy at Hotel Wilkes. The contest will not be closed for several weeks, but would like to get these pictures as soon as possible.

"The prizes are to be \$5.00 for the first choice, \$3.00 for the next and \$1.00 for the third and fourth choices. The committee realizes that the prizes are small, but also think that it would be a pleasure to anyone owning a kodak to join in this movement for advertising our town and county in a public way and would be glad for any one with a kodak who wishes to enter the contest to give their names to Mr. McCoy, or better still, give him the pictures as soon as possible.

"These pictures should be of interest to tourists and people away from our town. We would suggest that the pictures should take in a variety of scenes that would be of interest to people of different localities of the country, such as mountain pictures, dairy herds, chicken farms.

"We hope that we will have a lot of interest in this contest."

Many Republicans At Lincoln Dinner

Wilkes Well Represented at Republican Gathering in Greensboro Friday

Wilkes county was the banner county in representation at the Lincoln Day dinner staged by the state Republicans at Greensboro Friday night.

Wilkes had the largest delegation in the assembly with about 70 in attendance. Practically every township in the county was represented in the state wide meeting of Republicans and much enthusiasm was manifested by the assembly.

Appearing as the chief speaker at the eighth annual statewide Lincoln Day dinner at the King Cotton hotel, Greensboro, Friday night under the joint sponsorship of the North Carolina Young Republicans and the Republican state executive committee, Representative Fred A. Hartley, Jr., of Kearney, N. J., exhorted his hearers to refrain from undue pessimism over the sweeping Democratic triumph of 1936.

"Let us not be dismayed by the overwhelming defeat of last November," the 10th New Jersey district's representative in Congress counseled the audience, "for just as certain as night follows the day as soon as the people fully realize the true intent of the present undemocratic administration, they will turn to our party for deliverance. It is our duty to be prepared (Continued on page four)

Study Sweeping Reform of Federal Judiciary



WASHINGTON... President Roosevelt's message proposing sweeping reform of the Federal judiciary, including giving the President the right to appoint as many as six new justices of the Supreme Court, gets the attention of Congressional leaders. Above, Vice-President Garner (center), with Senator Ashurst (Ariz.), Chairman Senate Judiciary Committee and Senator Dietrich (Ill.), committee member, right. Below: Speaker Bankhead of the House, going over the message with Rep. Sunners (D), Texas, and Rep. Guyer, (R) of Kansas.

I. E. Pearson Is Ill From Poison

Prominent Merchant in Critical Condition; Took Bichloride Mercury

I. E. Pearson, one of the most prominent wholesalers and retail merchants in this part of the state, is critically ill from a dose of bichloride of mercury tablets taken Saturday morning.

Mr. Pearson had been in ill health for several months and apparently in a despondent condition. Saturday morning while in Pearson Brothers store, with which he has been affiliated as part owner since its establishment many years ago, he took a half dozen tablets of the deadly poison.

It was immediately learned what he had done and he was rushed to the Wilkes hospital, where the contents of his stomach were immediately removed but the poison had already dissolved. His condition has been very serious.

Held For Court In Larceny Case

Rocky Mount Man Will Face Trial for Stealing Automobile at Ronda

In a hearing held Friday before Magistrate A. S. Cassel, William Harvey Hayes, who gave his address as Rocky Mount, was ordered held for trial in the March term of superior court for the larceny of an automobile belonging to R. R. Crater, Ronda mail carrier, and for entering and taking merchandise from two establishments in the town of Ronda. Hayes is an ex-convict, having completed a term early this year. He abandoned the car stolen from Crater a few night later when he was run away from A. H. Roberts store after an exchange of shots. He has so far refused to reveal the identity of his companion, who has not been apprehended.

Merchants Elect Seven Directors

Members of the North Wilkesboro Merchants' Association met at the City Hall Friday night and elected directors for the ensuing year.

The following board, members of which represent various lines of business, are as follows: W. G. Gabriel, A. F. Kilby, A. S. Cassel, Julius C. Hubbard, J. B. Williams, Tal Pearson, and Chas. Jenkins, Jr.

The board will meet within the next few days to recommend officers for the coming year.

One Marriage License Cupid had a holiday in Wilkes during the past week, there being only one license to wed issued by Old Wiles, register of deeds, that being to Sam Cothren, of Lomax, and Ruth Pruitt, of Roaring River.

Girl Seriously Wounds Herself

Ethel Brooks Misses Heart in Alleged Attempt On Own Life Sunday

Miss Ethel Brooks, a resident of the Dehart community is in a serious condition at the Wilkes hospital as the result of a self-inflicted bullet wound Saturday.

Miss Brooks, a highly respected lady of that community and a member of a well known family, is said to have shot herself in the chest with a 22 calibre rifle. The bullet missed her heart and went all the way through her chest and out the back. Although her condition is regarded as serious she has been resting very well since the wound was dressed.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks, well known residents of the Dehart community, and a granddaughter of an aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Brooks. No cause was attributed for the alleged attempt on her own life.

Dairy Meetings Will Be Tuesday

Farnham to Meet With Dairy Farmers at Two Points in Wilkes County

Wilkes county farmers interested in dairying are invited by County Agent A. G. Hendon and members of the extension service to two dairy meetings to be held on Tuesday, February 16.

The first meeting to be held will be at Maple Springs at 9:30 a. m. and the afternoon meeting will be held at Mountain View at 1:30.

F. R. Farnham, dairy specialist of the extension service, will attend the meetings and discuss problems related to dairy farming. Mr. Farnham is well known in Wilkes, where he spent several weeks in the interest of dairying prior to the establishment of the cheese and butter factory here. The factory offers a market for all the milk and cream which may be produced in the county.

"I Allow So"

Tuther day me and Cy Hoggans went to town. Cy sez: "There must be some kind of hollerday. There ain't many cars here. I sez: "I allow so." Well after we finished our transaction we climbed in our lizzie, and there it was, a little paper tag, which sez we had parked too long. I gist allowed we'd be put in gall. But we got loose with a fine.

Cy allows it sure were terrible. But I sez that werent so bad after all. The tuther times we was here I tore off five times that much in fenders and rainboards tryin to git up the street, and then park in the county.

LIN SKINER.

Wilkes Officers Are Aiding In Search For Murderer Girl In Alleghany Co.

R. C. Jennings and J. M. Beshears Help Sheriff In Alleghany On Cases

ARRESTS EXPECTED

Feeling Runs High After Body Attacked and Murdered Girl Is Located

Sparta, Feb. 14.—Sheriff Walter M. Irvin said tonight that he had a "suspect" in the criminal assault-murder of pretty Elva Brannock, 16-year-old school girl whose body was found Friday morning in the Saddle Mountain section after she had been missing since Monday, and stated that he expected to make an arrest "within the next 36 hours."

Earlier in the day Sheriff Irvin aided by Deputy Sheriff Perley Rainey and a posse from Surry county along with Deputies R. C. Jennings and J. M. Beshears of Wilkes county, arrested Everett Fortner, 22, and Deltor Fortner, 24, brothers, on assault and prohibition charges.

Both men were subjected to close questioning throughout the day in connection with the Brannock girl's murder. Both denied any knowledge of the attack and murder and tonight Sheriff Irvin expressed the opinion that neither man knew anything of the crime.

The two men had been sought for about a year on charges of assault on Bob Wright. A capias was issued by the Alleghany county grand jury and they were taken into custody after Sheriff Irvin and his deputies raided a still near the Mountain

church Saturday during funeral services for the Brannock girl.

Sheriff Irvin said that the still was found about 200 yards from the place where the girl's body, badly affected by the wet weather, was found Friday morning.

Sheriff Irvin declined to amplify his statement that he was expecting to make an arrest other than to intimate that he knew the identity of the suspect and was expecting to make the arrest sometime Monday or Tuesday.

Meanwhile Sparta had quieted down from the tumult and excitement that has prevailed since the girl's body was found.

Earlier Reports

Sparta, Feb. 12.—Strangled to death apparently by powerful hands after she had been criminally attacked while en route to school Monday morning, the body of pretty, brunette Elva Brannock, 16-year-old daughter of a well-to-do Alleghany county farmer, was found early this morning 15 miles east of here. Coroner Mack Roberts said she had been dead since Monday morning.

Sheriff Walter M. Irvin, of Alleghany county, said an autopsy (Continued on page four)

Farmers to Meet On February 19

Compliance Supervisor Will Address Meeting to Be Held at Courthouse

An educational meeting in anticipation of the sign up for the soil conservation act this year will be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Friday, February 19. The meeting will begin at one o'clock in the afternoon.

H. A. Patton, compliance supervisor of the soil conservation act, will be present and explain the benefits to be derived from signing work sheets and complying with provisions in the act for which payments will be made.

More than 1,000 farmers in Wilkes during the past year signed work sheets to participate in the program and approximately 900 complied with provisions for which payments are to be made and checks are expected within the next few days for those who carried out soil conservation policies and who diverted land from cash crops to soil conserving and soil improving crops.

It is expected that more farmers will sign work sheets this year than participated in the program during 1936.