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WAR CONTINUES Madrid, March 31.—Insurgent flyers rained 14 bombs near midnight on the Capital in two raids which were believed early today to have caused heavy casualties.

BROKE IN BIG WAY Miami, Fla., March 30.—Hugh M. Anderson, boom-time real estate operator, listed assets of \$400 and liabilities of \$8,502, 778.84 today in filing an involuntary bankruptcy petition in Federal court. Anderson headed a company that developed the village of Miami Shores, now known as North Miami beach.

DROWNS IN TOILET Spencer, March 30.—Falling from an open toilet at the rear of the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Nesbitt in East Spencer Monday afternoon, Donald Nesbitt, 17-months-old, was drowned in a cess pool. He was found half an hour later but could not be revived at a hospital. Besides the parents, one brother survives.

TAXI BILL \$8,715 Rochester, N. Y., March 30.—Charles J. Pembroke, Rochester manufacturer, allowed cabs to stand for hours at a time and his estate must pay \$8,715.40 for his taxi rides in the 16 months before his death December 17, 1932. Surrogate Joseph M. Feely ruled today. He awarded the sum to Thomas F. Trott, taxicab owner, who put in a cab bill for \$14,000.

FIND POT OF GOLD Chester, S. C., March 30.—Tobin and Matthew Crank, negro brothers, brought an old iron kettle containing \$6,500 in gold coins to a local bank today and Tobin explained that he came upon the treasure while he was cutting wood. He said that his axe missed its mark and sank into the ground, causing a metallic sound. An investigation revealed the gold.

WEEK today announced an increase of wages for the 850 employees, effective next Monday. The amount of the wage increase was not disclosed. About 100 employees of the company have been out on strike for nearly two months, but the plant is operating normally, according to officials. The company operates a machining and textile finishing plant.

500 GET WAGE BOOST Charlotte, March 30.—Approximately 500 North Carolina employees of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey received announcement of pay raises today. C. M. Byars, manager of the North Carolina sales division, said those receiving \$1,800 a year or less would receive a flat monthly increase of \$15 while others will be considered individually by departments.

MONOXIDE DEATH New Bern, March 30.—The carbon monoxide asphyxiation of Wiley Lee Harper, six, near Reelsboro, Saturday night while in an automobile en route to New Bern was caused by a rusted exhaust pipe and a rust-eaten trunk on the rear of the car, the pipe bent so that the deadly fumes seeped through the cushion of the back seat to the victim, an investigation showed. His sister, Katherine, 10, is reported to be out of her mind.

CROP INSURANCE Washington, March 30.—Bipartisan support hustled the administration's crop insurance legislation through the senate today and turned it over to the house. Several hours of debate produced no concerted opposition, although a number of amendments were adopted and Senator King, Democrat, Utah, argued that the government was "heading toward state socialism."

LAWS INADEQUATE Washington, March 30.—President Roosevelt indicated plainly today that he still considers State laws, alone, inadequate to regulate minimum wages. At his first press conference since the Supreme Court reversed itself and upheld the right of States to fix minimum wages for women, the President said he had talked a lot about the inadequacy of State minimum wage legislation on previous occasions and had not changed his mind.

Ferguson Gives Data Concerning County Finances; Bonds Above Par

Says Tax Levy of \$1.10 Is Sufficient to Operate County Government

ENDS TERM MONDAY Served Ten Years; Assisted Commissioners in Working Out Finance Plan

C. H. Ferguson, who on the first Monday in April will end ten years of service as county accountant, granted an interview Tuesday with a representative of The Journal-Patriot relative to the financial condition of the county.

Mr. Ferguson, who during the ten years he has served as accountant has given county finance much study and attention, said that the county is not in default on its indebtedness and that the cash is on hand for the few coupons that are now due and which have not come in for payment.

In this connection he said that all Wilkes county bonds at the present time are selling above par and that as a general rule few of the bonds are changing hands, another indication of improved financial condition of the county.

There has been some misunderstanding, he explained, relative to reports that the county is in default about \$100,000 on bonded indebtedness, including principal and interest. He said that the default, which was brought about intentionally by the commissioners during two of the worst depression years when an 80-cent tax rate was levied, was a financing plan.

When general business conditions improved Mr. Ferguson, the commissioners and members of the local government commission worked out a refinancing plan which has re-established to a great degree the credit of the county and has been responsible for the bonds being worth par and more at the present time.

The financial statement of the county as submitted by Mr. Ferguson to the local government commission shows the valuation approximately 12 and one-fourth millions and the total indebtedness, including all bonds and notes, \$1,442,950.

In discussion of the county general fund Mr. Ferguson said that during the past several years a great part of the deficit was taken care of through acceptance by the county of county general fund vouchers in payment of county taxes, which in reality was equivalent to a loan from the other funds, in that a voucher on the general fund was accepted in payment of the complete tax, including debt service.

Notwithstanding this practice, Mr. Ferguson said, there is a surplus in each of the funds except (Continued on page five)

Oldest Justice



Washington . . . Justice Willis Van Devanter is the oldest member of the Supreme Court in point of service. He was appointed by President Taft and has served 26 years as a member of the highest court.

Federal Officers and Sheriff Find Four Large Stills

5,000 Gallons Beer, 220 Gallons Liquor and One Man Captured in Raid

Federal alcohol tax investigators, Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies are continuing to meet with much success in liquor raids in Wilkes county.

Although they have not kept the pace of last week when they averaged one large still per day, on Monday they raided two large outfits in the vicinity of Windy Gap and made the arrest of Fred Byrd, who was placed in jail in default of bond after a preliminary hearing before Commissioner J. W. Dula. A total of 220 gallons of liquor were destroyed at the site of the still. Federal Officers Leonard Roop and J. T. Jones and Deputies Whittington and Hester were present.

On Saturday, Sheriff Doughton and Deputies Odell Whittington and George Holland destroyed two large plants in Lovelace township. The 6,000 gallons of beer destroyed was evidence of liquor manufacture on a large scale.

Win Three Prizes In Poetry Contest

Students of Wilkesboro school won all three prizes offered in the poetry contest for children held among schools of the entire state in connection with the recent graphic and plastic arts contest.

Winning works will be placed on exhibition at the state education meeting to be held in Durham during the latter part of this month.

The Wilkesboro students making such a splendid record in winning prizes were Roger Wellborn, first; Grace Martin, second; and Calvin Anderson, third.

The contests were arranged by the centennial committee in cooperation with the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs and the state department of public instruction.

Two Important Meetings Announced For Farmers On Friday and Saturday

HADLEY-MOORE BUYS SHOOK CO.

Announcement is made today of the purchase of the stock of merchandise of Shook Hardware store, a long established local firm, by the Hadley-Moore Hardware company, of which Jack Hadley and Frank Moore are the owners. The Hadley-Moore company has moved to the Shook Hardware stand.

The Hadley-Moore Hardware company recently suffered a disastrous fire and much of the stock of merchandise has been sold during the past few days. The remainder has been placed on the second floor of the Shook hardware building for close-out sale.

4-H Club Meeting for Seven Counties Friday; Erosion Meeting On Saturday

Two meetings of general interest to farmers in Wilkesboro and adjoining counties have been announced by A. G. Hendren, Wilkes farm agent, to be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Friday and Saturday.

On Friday at ten o'clock a 4-H club meeting for seven counties will be held at the courthouse and Mr. Hendren has urged all club members and others interested to attend.

On Saturday morning, ten o'clock, a soil erosion control meeting will be held and a talking picture illustrating the best methods of erosion control and prevention will be shown.

Organization Of Consolidated Bank Perfected In Meeting Here Monday

NEXT WEEK IS PROCLAIMED AS CLEAN-UP WEEK IN THIS CITY

To the Citizens of North Wilkesboro—Greetings: The week beginning April 5 has been designated "Clean-up Week" in North Wilkesboro. By full cooperation on the part of the people of the city we may have one of the cleanest and most attractive cities in the state, as well as one of the best for business interests.

The officials of the city give every assurance to the citizens that they will co-operate with the superintendent of the sanitary department during "Clean-up Week," and all the time. All rubbish should be placed at convenient places in the alleys behind business houses and homes in order that it may be loaded on the truck and hauled away free of charge.

Cleanliness—clean streets, clean vacant lots, clean places of business and clean residences make up the best advertisement for any city. Should everyone take the proper civic pride there would be no necessity for "Clean-up Week," and cleanliness would be practiced all the time. Let us consider "Clean-up Week" as a good reminder of our civic duty and be able at all times to keep our city a clean and attractive place to live and in such a manner that tourists and visitors will gain a favorable impression.

Trusting that fullest co-operation will be extended this movement by all citizens. Yours for a clean and sanitary city, R. T. McNEIL, Mayor.

R. A. Doughton Elected President; R. L. Doughton Chairman of Board; LeRoy Martin In Executive Position

Cherry Blossom Queen



Washington . . . Miss Sakiko Sanito, daughter of the Japanese Ambassador, has been chosen Queen of the Cherry Blossom Festival at Potomac Park to be held early in April.

Local Boards Named for Each of Five Branches To Be Maintained

HOOD PRAISES MERGER

Deposit and Savings Bank Building Will Be Institution's Headquarters

The organization meeting of The Northwestern Bank, the newly organized financial institution that will serve five of the counties in this section of the State, was held in the offices of the corporation in North Wilkesboro, Monday. All of the recently elected directors of the bank were in attendance.

The charter of the bank, which was issued on Saturday, March 27th, by the Secretary of State at Raleigh, was unanimously adopted. This charter shows the institution will begin business with a paid in capital of \$150,000.00, and a surplus of \$75,000.00. The head office of the corporation will be located in North Wilkesboro, and branches will be maintained in Bakersville, Blowing Rock, Boone, Burnsville, and Sparta.

The following directors answered to the roll call:

W. C. Berry, P. A. Coffey, R. A. Doughton, R. L. Doughton, W. D. Farthing, G. W. Greene, W. A. Higgins, John C. McBea, W. W. Mast, J. T. Prevette, M. E. Reeves, N. B. Smithey.

By a virtual unanimous vote, the following officers were elected:

Chairman of the Board, R. A. Doughton. President, R. A. Doughton. Vice President, C. C. Hunter. Executive Vice President, LeRoy Martin. Secretary, Edwin Duncan.

Executive committee: LeRoy Martin, chairman; Edwin Duncan, W. D. Farthing, J. T. Prevette, R. A. Doughton, W. C. Berry. Examining committee: N. B. Smithey, Edwin Duncan, W. D. Farthing.

The present Boards of Directors at Bakersville, Boone, North Wilkesboro and Sparta, were unanimously elected as Local Boards of Managers, as follows:

Bakersville: W. C. Berry, chairman; John C. McBea, Sr., W. P. Hughes, J. D. Pannell, G. W. Greene.

Boone: W. W. Mast, chairman; L. A. Greene, G. P. Hagaman, B. B. Dougherty, R. C. Rivers, Mrs. Luna P. Robbins, S. E. Gragg, P. G. Carroll, J. M. May, Dr. R. H. Hardin, G. D. Brinkley, Baxter M. Linney.

North Wilkesboro: C. T. Doughton, chairman; J. T. Prevette, R. L. Doughton, George S. Forester, Ralph Duncan, C. A. Lowe, C. O. McNeil.

Sparta: R. A. Doughton, chairman; D. C. Duncan, T. J. Carson, M. A. Higgins, M. E. Reeves.

At the two other branches to be operated by The Northwestern Bank, the following Advisory Committees were named:

Blowing Rock: H. P. Holshouser, chairman; C. S. Prevette, G. C. Robbins.

Burnsville: C. M. Bailey, chairman; Robert Presnell, B. B. Penland.

Mr. LeRoy Martin, the only newcomer to the organization, has for the past two years been connected with the Trust Department of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, being one of the vice presidents of that organization. He is a native of Yadkin county, and prior to his banking connections was for many years Secretary of the State School Commission.

The Northwestern Bank, which is a consolidation of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, of Bakersville and Burnsville, the Watauga County Bank, of Boone and Blowing Rock, the Bank of Sparta and the Deposit and Savings Bank of North Wilkesboro, will begin business with resources of approximately \$3,000,000.00. The charter provides for an authorized capital stock of \$500,000.00. (Continued on page five)

Calls Attention to Law Requiring Permit to Set Fire Near Woodland

Grange Meeting Will Be Tuesday

Will Go Into Effect Today; Announcement Of Permits Coming Soon

J. R. Spratt, of Lenoir, district forester, was in this city Tuesday with Homer Brookshire, county game and forest warden, and they requested publication of the recent act of the legislature which prohibits setting fire without first obtaining a permit if the fire is within 500 feet of woodlands under protection of the department.

Wilkes county being a cooperating county, attention is called to the fact that this applies to all forests and woodlands in the county. The act follows:

"Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet of any such protected area, between the first day of April and the fifteenth day of June, inclusive, or between the fifteenth day of October and the first day of December, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas; that no charge shall be made for the granting of said permits.

"Sec. 2. That this Act shall not apply to any fires started or caused to be started within five hundred feet of a dwelling house.

"Sec. 3. That any person, firm or corporation violating this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court."

Mr. Brookshire said an announcement where permits will be issued would be made in a few days.

They also called attention to the fact that several fires have started from sawmills and that prosecutions have been made in a number of cases. They urged that people use every precaution to prevent fires.

Edward Finley Given Promotion

Edward Finley, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Finley was on Monday promoted from first lieutenant in the reserve corps to captain.

Many friends here will be glad to learn of his promotion, which indicated a splendid record.

One Killed By Gas Explosion

Roy Pierce, a son of the late Osa Pierce, of Champlon, and a member of a well known Wilkes family, died early this morning at the Wilkes hospital from injuries received Monday in a gasoline explosion.

It is reported that some trouble was experienced with a gas line on a truck and when a match was lighted the explosion occurred. The young man was burned beyond hope of recovery. Funeral arrangements had not been made early today.

R. B. Mahaffey Shoots Himself

R. B. Mahaffey, a resident of Somers township, ended his life Saturday night by firing a shotgun into his abdomen.

According to information gained from I. M. Myers, who investigated the death and pronounced it a suicide, Mr. Mahaffey was at the home of his father that night and some time during the night slipped from the house with the shotgun and shot himself at his own home nearby.

He leaves his wife and four children.

Soon Will Begin Surfacing Road To Ashe County

Contract Has Been Let For Last Section Completing Hardsurfaced Road

Workmen will soon begin the task of placing surface treatment on a new highway number 16 between Wilbar and Glendale Springs, completing the last remaining section of this badly needed highway between the intersection with highway 421 at Millers Creek and the end of the present surfaced road from Glendale Springs to the Jeffersons.

Contract was let several days ago for the surfacing, which calls for thirteen miles and includes three miles now under construction between the "Jumping Off Place" and Glendale Springs. It is expected that the three mile stretch will not be ready for surfacing for some time.

Engineers have been staking the grade between Wilbar and it is understood that surfacing on that section will get under way immediately.

The new highway will be the principal thoroughfare between Ashe county and the remainder of the state.

Block On C Street Is To Be Widened

City Sponsors Project For WPA; Third Cost To Be Paid For By City

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in special session Wednesday night gave the go-ahead signal to the Works Progress administration to widen C street and sidewalk on the south side through the block between Ninth and Tenth streets.

The total cost of the project will be about \$2,250, of which the city will pay \$750 and the remainder will be furnished by the WPA.

The street was widened on the north side a few years ago and since the postoffice was constructed fronting the south side the need for a wide street and sidewalk has been apparent. The work to be done will not only facilitate traffic but will greatly enhance the appearance of the block.

Holiness Revival Under Way In City

Revival services are being held each evening, 7:30, at the Pontecostal Holiness church in this city. Sermons by Rev. Paul A. Jones, of Mount Airy, special singing and good music are features of the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend.