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BENEFIT BEGIN JAN. 1

Raleigh, Oct. 29.—Attorney General A. A. F. Spawell ruled today that the unemployment compensation commission should begin the payment of benefits January 1, 1938, or "as soon thereafter as applications may be heard and determined."

LAMBETH RETURNS

New York, Oct. 29.—Confident there will be no European war in the near future, Representative J. Walter Lambeth, of North Carolina, returned today from Europe, where he was a delegate for the dedication of war memorials. Lambeth traveled through 12 European countries. While admitting the situation there is tense, he said "It is not as bad as it was two months ago."

PROJECT ON SCREEN

Lenoir, Oct. 29.—The story of rural electrification in Caldwell county will be placed on the screen of the nation by the federal Rural Electrification administration. Manager G. F. Messick, of the local project stated yesterday. Joseph Rogers of the publicity division of the federal REA, has been assigned to write the story of Caldwell county's rural electrification movement and its development.

THREE ARE KILLED

Hot Springs, Oct. 29.—Two men and a woman were killed here this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when a west-bound Southern railway freight train struck a lumber truck at a crossing. The dead are: Jack Rice, 60, prominent farmer of White Rock, in the Big Laurel section of Madison county; Hunter Hipps, young man of White Rocks, and Mrs. Grady Cutshaw, also of White Rock.

FAIR BIG SUCCESS

Raleigh, Oct. 29.—State Auditor George Ross Fox reported today that gross receipts of the state fair, held the week of October 11, would approximate \$66,822. Figures on expenditures were not available. Last year the fair receipts for the exposition totaled \$65,242.12. The state department of agriculture operated the fair this year. Last year it was under lease.

JURY TEST CASE

Convicted of murder Friday in Guilford Superior court and sentenced to death, Ben Sims, local negro hotel manager, has hope of gaining a new trial because women were excluded from the jury which found him guilty of first-degree murder. Judge William F. Harding sentenced the 48-year-old negro to die in the gas chamber at Raleigh December 17 for the fatal shooting last September 5 of Toy Shell, another negro. The jury deliberated two hours and 35 minutes before returning its verdict.

MISS STARNES HURT

Statesville, Oct. 29.—Miss Mabel Starnes, associate secretary of the Baptist Training union of the state mission board, Raleigh, who was recently injured in an automobile wreck, is a patient at the Davis hospital here, suffering with a fractured vertebra. Miss Starnes was at work in this section of the state, October 18, when the automobile in which she was riding wrecked near Mocksville. The preliminary examination did not reveal any broken bones, but later developments showed a fractured vertebra which hospital attendants expect to keep Miss Starnes confined for six or eight weeks longer.

Home Agents Are Kiwanis Speakers

Interesting Program Put On At Meeting of Local Kiwanis Club

An interesting program featuring addresses by home demonstration agents was carried out Friday in the meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club. Don Holler, Wilkes county farm agent, directed the program, which included addresses by Mrs. Willis, southwestern district home agent who talked about home demonstration work in North Carolina; Miss Frances McGregory, assistant 4-H club director, who discussed 4-H club work; and Miss Verma Stanton, Surry county home demonstration agent. She discussed the home demonstration work in Surry county. The speakers were in the city Friday attending the annual district planning meeting held here

Annual Red Cross Roll Call Begins On November 11; Organize For Call

Committees Gather This Week To Perfect Roll Call Organization

EXPECT MANY MEMBERS Counting On Wilkes For Usual Large Number of Red Cross Members

Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross is making plans for the annual roll call to begin on Thursday, November 11. The chapter will perfect the organization this week and announcement will be made of the various officers for the membership campaign. During the past several years Wilkes people have responded liberally to the call for Red Cross members and in special drives for funds for the greatest humanitarian organization in the world. The people now are aware of the fact that the Red Cross is the one organization which stands ready at all times to alleviate distressed conditions and to relieve suffering. It is expected that Wilkes people, fortunate in not being victims of disaster, will respond liberally to the membership drive and do their part in building up the national fund so that the organization will be ready in times of disaster anywhere in the nation. A part of the Red Cross funds will be used in Wilkes county for relief of the needy and destitute.

Kiwanians Enjoy District Meeting

Charlotte, Oct. 29.—Delegates from the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club thoroughly enjoyed the district convention of Kiwanians from North and South Wilkes counties. (Continued on page eight)

Wilkins Asserts Lost Fliers Survive



BROOKLYN... Lost amid Arctic wastes since August 12, Sir Hubert Wilkins, explorer, is confident the six grounded Russian aviators still live, though probably stranded hundreds of miles from human habitation. Here Wilkins is shown beside U.S.S.R. plane in which he and party will wing northward in second rescue flight.

Windy Gap Man Victim Of Auto

Elzie Roberts Succumbs To Injuries Received Wednesday Afternoon. Elzie Roberts, 71-year-old resident of North Wilkesboro route 3, died early Sunday in the Wilkes hospital from injuries received on Wednesday afternoon when he is said to have stepped to the path of a car driven by a Mr. Johnson near his home. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elsie Roberts, and the following children: B. H. Roberts, of Cycle; Odell Roberts, of Jonesboro, Tenn.; Mrs. Jessie Anderson, of North Wilkesboro route 3; Mrs. Ernest McCarter, of Union Grove; and Mrs. Howard Blackwelder, of Pores Knob. Funeral service was held today at Mountain View church with burial in the cemetery.

General Shakeup In NCSES Office Here Announced

Changes Result From Merit Examinations Taken Few Months Ago. A general shakeup resulting from the merit examinations taken a few months ago was announced here today in the branch office of the North Carolina Employment Service. All changes are effective today. James M. Anderson remains as head of the North Wilkesboro branch office serving Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties. R. L. Wooten, who has been with the office here since its establishment in 1933, has received the appointment as branch office manager. Mr. Wooten, who has been an interviewer in the office here for the past twelve months, was appointed junior interviewer for the Mount Airy office. Mrs. Katherine A. Lott, who has been an interviewer in the office here for the past twelve months, was appointed junior interviewer for the Mount Airy office. (Continued on page eight)

Silver Tea Thursday

The Gardner Circle of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church will sponsor a tea to be given in the home of Mrs. Edd F. Gardner on Thursday afternoon, October 30, from 2 to 4 o'clock. (Continued on page eight)

District Meeting Of County Agents Held Here To Plan Extension Activity

Extension Specialists, County Agents and Assistants Gather Here

YEAR'S WORK PLANNED Planning Meeting Is Annual Affair Here For Northwestern District

Extension specialists, county farm demonstration agents, assistant farm agents, home demonstration agents and other extension workers of the northwestern North Carolina district, composed of 23 counties, gathered at Hotel Wilkes in this city Thursday and Friday for their annual meeting. The meeting is held annually for the purpose of planning the extension work for the coming year in each county which has a farm agent or home demonstration agent. District Agent Altman presided over the general meeting, which was followed by a series of conferences in which the agent and assistant from each county conferred separately with each extension specialist in order to discuss the work needed for each county in each particular line. Fourteen extension specialists representing all the major types of agriculture and horticulture were here for the meeting, while the county farm agents, assistants and home demonstration agents numbered about fifty. Agricultural authorities are unanimous in their opinion relative to the value of these planning conferences because it gives each county worker an opportunity to plan extension work in every phase for the coming year.

New Pastor Here

Rev. Carl Spencer, who has been an intern in the office here for the past twelve months, was appointed junior interviewer for the Mount Airy office. Mrs. Katherine A. Lott, who has been an interviewer in the office here for the past twelve months, was appointed junior interviewer for the Mount Airy office. (Continued on page eight)

Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

Wilkes post of the American Legion, now in the midst of the annual membership drive, will hold its November meeting on Friday night, November 5, 7:30 o'clock at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

The post now has 52 members and expects to reach its quota by November 11. Every ex-service man in the county is urged to join the post.

November Term Superior Court Now Under Way

Convened In Wilkesboro This Morning With Judge J. H. Clement Presiding

The November term of Wilkes superior court convened in Wilkesboro this morning with Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, on the bench. The term will continue for two weeks with trial of civil cases. Under the law it is permissible to try both civil and criminal actions at the November term but Solicitor John R. Jones deemed it advisable to try civil cases only because the civil calendar is more congested. Trying civil cases only saves the county cost of a grand jury.

Mrs. C. H. Somers Claimed By Death

Funeral Service For Widely Known Wilkesboro Resident Tuesday, 10:30

Mrs. Lunda Bingham Somers, Wilkesboro resident and a member of one of Wilkes county's most prominent families, died Sunday afternoon at the Wilkes hospital. She was born in Watauga county, a daughter of the late Major Harvey and Nancy Anne Miller Bingham. When she was health for about a year and was seriously ill for several days. (Continued on page eight)

American Legion Launches Public Safety Campaign In Wilkes County

Commander Wilkes Post Makes Public Announcement of Campaign

STRESSES EDUCATION Safety Literature To Be Placed In Hands of Students, Workers

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Wilkes County Post No. 126, American Legion held last Thursday night, it was decided to initiate a "Public Safety" Campaign in North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county during the week of November 8th to 14th. During the meeting, Mr. Frank E. Johnson, Commander of the local Post, emphasized the large number of automobile deaths and injuries which have occurred in the United States during the past few years, totaling 36,800 deaths in 1936, with a possibility of the total reaching 38,000 this year. "1,026 men, women and children were killed on the highways of North Carolina and a large number of them in our own Wilkes county. Added to these are the thousands in the state and more than a million in the country who have been injured by automobiles." He stated that records of automobile accidents showed that only a small percentage were due to mechanical defects, but that most of the accidents occurred because of incompetence and unskillful driving. This might be due to inexperience and lack of training of the operator or it might result because a good driver momentarily failed to give proper attention to the operation and control of his car. Although the strict enforcement of rules and regulations is essential in every component, the general improvement of highway driving depends largely on personal interest in the matter and a desire to excel in the "art of driving." To encourage this interest in North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county, the American Legion has sponsored this educational campaign. (Continued on page eight)

ODD FACTS IN CAROLINA

Beginning with this issue The Journal-Patriot presents to its readers one of the most popular features appearing in Carolina newspapers.

"Odd Facts In Carolina," gathered and drawn by Carl Spencer, of Salisbury, has proven especially popular in the newspapers which have used it since the feature was inaugurated.

The Journal-Patriot was fortunate in being able to secure this feature, which will appear on Thursday each week.

This feature is a collection of interesting oddities from all parts of North Carolina and is assembled by contributions of readers of newspapers in which it appears.

Every reader of the Journal-Patriot has an open invitation to submit oddities to appear in the cartoon and to give the feature added local interest it is urged that every reader be on the lookout for such odd facts as would prove interesting.

Bring or mail your interesting and odd fact to this newspaper but be able to back up statements by positive proof and a photograph will be helpful but not always essential. Let us hear from you. Who will be first?

Every contribution will be turned over promptly to Mr. Spencer in order that he may place it in the weekly cartoon if he deems it worthy.

A collection of cartoon illustrations and text. Top left: A man's head with a speech bubble saying 'PERRY SHOE FITTYS COWAN'. Top middle: A woman's head with a speech bubble saying 'MRS ELVA BYRD OF MORGANTON WAS A DUCK BEFORE HER MARRIAGE, HER MOTHER WAS A HEN, HER GRANDMOTHER WAS A FOX AND SHE HAS A NIECE WHO MARRIED A BEAR!'. Top right: A donkey and a horse with a speech bubble saying 'A BLIND HORSE AND A DEAF MULE ARE TEAMED TOGETHER SO THAT THEY CAN ASSIST EACH OTHER. OWNED BY C. J. SHIVE, FAITH.' Middle: A man's head with a speech bubble saying 'PERRY SHOE FITTYS COWAN ARE PASTORS OF ROBERSONVILLE.' Bottom left: A small egg with a speech bubble saying 'A SMALL EGG WITH A HARD SHELL WAS FOUND INSIDE OF A NORMAL SIZED HEN EGG! MRS. G. D. SMALL, GASTONIA.' Bottom middle: A woman's head with a speech bubble saying 'MRS BETTY TUCKER, ADVANCE IS THE MOTHER OF 12 CHILDREN: 6 BOYS AND 6 GIRLS. 6 BLONDES AND 6 BRUNETTES. 6 CURLY HAIR AND 6 STRAIGHT HAIR. 6 BLUE-EYED AND 6 BROWN-EYED.' Bottom right: A man's head with a speech bubble saying 'AMOS BENNETT AND AMOS BENNETT, NEGRO OF SAMPSON COUNTY, WERE TRIED IN COURT. SINCE BOTH HAD THE SAME NAMES, THE DISTINCTION WAS MADE BY CALLING THEM 'BLACK AMOS' AND 'BLACKER AMOS'.'

Carl Spencer

Thos. S. Miller Died Friday In Sylva Hospital

Funeral Service For Aged Wilkesboro Citizen Held Saturday Afternoon

Thomas S. Miller, for more than half a century a prominent citizen of Wilkesboro, succumbed early Friday morning in a hospital at Sylva. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis a few days prior to his death. He was 80 years of age. Born on July 2, 1857, he was a son of the late Luther and Mary Ann Miller. During the latter part of his life he was traveling representative for the Herb Medicine company, of Springfield, Ohio, and in that connection gained the friendship of many people in various parts of North Carolina and adjoining states. Through his life he took an active interest in public and civic affairs in his community. He was married to Miss Clara Rousseau, who preceded him in death. The children are as follows: Mrs. C. H. Pugh, Gastonia; W. W. Miller, Wilkesboro; Mrs. P. E. Shields, Scotland Neck; Mrs. J. W. Davis, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. W. E. Clark, Chapel Hill; Mrs. J. C. Parker, Winston-Salem; Mrs. K. M. Clement, Mocksville; Mrs. J. Mack Clement, Gastonia; T. S. Miller, Jr.; John W. Miller, Henderson; Mrs. Marvin A. Gallison, Greensboro. Also surviving are two brothers and two sisters: Mrs. J. H. Leckie, Wilkesboro; Mrs. J. F. Ward, Mocksville; L. L. Miller, Mocksville and W. L. Miller, Winston-Salem. Rev. A. W. Lynch, Methodist pastor, conducted the funeral service Saturday afternoon and burial was in Mountain Park cemetery. Pall bearers were O. E. Lenderman, N. B. Smyth, R. B. Pharr, H. A. Cranor, J. W. Dale, Judge Johnson J. Hayes, L. Bumgarner, and B. J. Kennedy.