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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

ADJOURN DEC. 23?

Washington, Nov. 30.—A steering committee of house Democrats agreed today with a senate steering committee that December 23 was "about right" for adjournment of the special session.

WOMAN'S PREROGATIVE

Seattle, Nov. 30.—Helen Low, Seattle singer, said "No" when Paul M. Holden proposed in Minneapolis 11 years ago. Finally he flew here to try again. She said "Yes." They were childhood friends at St. Cloud, Minn.

LICENSE RECORD

Raleigh, Nov. 30.—With 1938 automobile licenses going on sale tomorrow, the motor vehicle division reported today that nearly 40,000 more tags had been sold this year than ever before. The new high, however, was old news. The previous record, 550,073 licenses in 1936, was exceeded two months ago.

SCREWS IN BONES

New Orleans, Nov. 30.—A new method of repairing broken bones by tying the fragments together with airplane metal screws was announced today before the Southern Medical association. The use of screws to hold a broken bone in place until it knits is not new, Dr. Earl D. McBride, of Oklahoma City, Okla., who reported, declared.

SENT TO ASYLUM

Sandusky, O., Nov. 30.—Judge John W. Baxter today ordered John James Miller, confessed saw-slayer of his only child, committed to the Lima state hospital. Judge Baxter conducted a hearing on insanity charges brought by Mrs. Miller, mother of the seven-months-old boy who was beheaded yesterday. Miller, 32, will be taken to Lima tomorrow, authorities indicated.

CHILD MURDERED

Newport News, Va., Nov. 30.—A 12-year-old girl was fatally shot and another of the same age wounded today as they were returning home from school. Newport News police arrested Michael Ritter, 17, who J. J. Officer Edward G. Burcher said had complained recently that children were defacing his property with chalk marks. Ritter, who lived alone near the scene of the shooting, was charged with felonious shooting and murder and removed to an unannounced destination in custody of Capt. J. M. Peach, detective chief.

SUICIDE THWARTED

Miami, Fla., Nov. 30.—A gasoline tank which ran dry thwarted today what police said was the apparent desire of a troubled man and woman to die in each other's embrace. Still in a serious condition but recovering tonight from poisoning by exhaust gases were Edward A. King, 39, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Margaret Reeves, 33, of Washington, each married. The two were found unconscious this morning in an automobile with a makeshift connection carrying exhaust fumes into the closed machine, and beside them was a note.

TO GO AFTER DRUNKS

Houston, Tex., Nov. 30.—Anyway, this much seems certain—the police will go after holiday inebriates. Foreman L. W. Mattson said the grand jury conferred with law enforcement officers and decided on this yuletide plan: Intoxicated persons who don't feel up to the task of driving the family car can call headquarters and a policeman will see them safely home. But Mayor R. H. Fonville modified the service a little. "We might go out and get a drunk," he agreed. "But we're going to take him to jail—not home."

Niswonger Coming To Wilkes County On December 4th

H. R. Niswonger, horticulturist at State College, will spend Saturday, December 4, in Wilkes county visiting a number of orchards and checking on various demonstrations.

Anyone desiring to consult the specialist about orchard problems may contact him at the office of the county farm agent.

Shafter Brock Is Honor Student At Baptist College

Shafter Brock, of Pines Knob, one of the 22 honor students at Wake Forest College this year and was also one of the four in the college who made "all A" in the grades. He is a senior this year.

Farmers Showing Enthusiasm For Soil Plan Offered For the Next Year

Large Crowds Attend Meetings Held In County Places By Agent

COMPLIANCE CHECKED

Payments This Year May Be Expected Earlier Than the 1936 Payments

Applications for payment to Wilkes farmers for compliance with provisions of the 1937 soil conservation program will be forwarded next week, it was learned today from the office of Dan Holler, county farm agent.

The task of checking compliance is near completion and while it was found that several have failed to comply with provisions for payment a majority of those who signed work sheets have carried out practices for which payment is offered under the plan.

A total of approximately 2,000 farms in Wilkes county were covered by work sheets in this year's program. This number is practically double that of last year, when about \$40,000 was paid to Wilkes farmers.

Farmers received their checks for 1936 compliance in the spring of this year. While checking the applications at state and national offices will entail much work and considerable time it is not expected that payment for 1937 compliance will be as late as last year.

County Agent Holler and members of the county committee have been filling a number of appointments throughout the county in order to acquaint farmers with provisions of the 1938 farm plan offered by the government and he reported today that the farmers are showing more enthusiasm than ever before and that indications are that they will cooperate fully with the 1938 soil conservation program, thereby earning payments from the government and at the same time improve their farms.

A county-wide meeting to which every farmer in the county is invited will be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Saturday, December 11, ten o'clock a. m.

Officers Junior Council Elected

North Wilkesboro Council Enjoys Successful Year; Many New Members

Paul Hutchens was elected counselor of the North Wilkesboro council of Jr. O. U. A. M. in the meeting held Tuesday night.

Other officers for the ensuing six-months period are: D. E. Elledge, vice counselor; C. A. Carter, recording secretary; Paul Green, assistant recording secretary; C. G. Day, financial secretary; Bank of North Wilkesboro, treasurer; Hyde Waller, conductor; A. G. Anderson, warden; George Campbell, inside sentinel; Paul Cashion, outside sentinel; E. A. Shook, Junior past counselor; Clay Pardue, C. O. McNeil and C. B. Eller, trustees; H. L. Mecham, chaplain.

The North Wilkesboro council has enjoyed a splendid year's work under the leadership of "Andy" Shook as counselor. The council now has 176 members and expects to increase its membership this winter under leadership of Councilor Paul Hutchens.

The state enrollment fund has met with splendid success since its organization on October 1, 1937. The joining fee is \$3.00 for new or reinstated members. The enrollment fund has already paid out 18 benefits of \$300 each and has a good balance in the treasury.

Each member of the council is requested to be present Tuesday night, December 7, 7:30 o'clock, for a special meeting and a good time is expected. Visiting Juniors will be welcome.

Kills Large Porker

To Sheriff C. T. Doughton goes the honor of producing one of the largest porkers in the county. The hog, butchered recently, dressed 329 pounds.

She's A Sailor's Sweetheart



Pretty Alice Alexanderson wrote the President asking to get her sailor beau, Bradford Greene, released from the last year of his six year hitch in the Navy. Reason: Bradford wrote the score for the play "Right This Way," produced by Alice and now having its premiere in Cleveland. Alice wanted "to get Brad out of the Navy so he could enjoy the success facing him." Brad got a month's leave—no discharge.

Library Growing Steadily; Rental Shelf Is Set Up

Funds From Rent of Latest Fiction Used to Purchase Other Good Books

Although the Wilkes county public library has shown steady growth, many more good fiction books and reference books could be used to advantage and the supply does not fill the demand on the part of the public for good reading.

The total number of books in the library is approximately 1,000 and it is believed that if people took time to realize the importance of a good public library that the number would be boosted by fifty per cent within a short time.

Those who would have a part in the growth of the public library are urged to donate a book or cash equivalent. There is a large demand for Western fiction of the better type and more books of this type would increase the facilities of the library.

There is also a shortage of reference books and any donations would be appreciated.

A rental shelf has been added and funds from renting these most popular books of modern fiction are used to buy other books. Some of those on the rental shelf now are: "The Citadel," by A. J. Cronin; "Katrina," by Sally Salminen; "Northwest Passage," by Kenneth Roberts; "And So Victoria," by Vaughn Wilkins; "Gone With the Wind," by Margaret Mitchell; "Drums Along the Mohawk," by Walter D. Edmonds. A number of magazine subscriptions have recently been donated to the library, which is located in the Reins-Sturdivant building.

Say Farmers Will Get Refund Taxes

McNeil Says Farmers Who File Claims With Government to Get Paid

Robert H. McNeil, Washington, D. C., attorney who is representing about 700 tobacco farmers in efforts to get refunds for tobacco taxes deducted by warehouse men for the government under the invalidated triple A, said here yesterday that the government had not perfected an appeal on a test case and that the farmers would be refunded the amount of the tax.

He said, however, that no farmer who does not file a claim will be paid.

Attorney McNeil, who was active in attacking the constitutionality of the triple A, praised the present soil conservation program as a substitute plan and said that he advised farmers to cooperate fully. He has a farm in this state and he said that farming operations on his place are in compliance with provisions of the act.

MOSONIC NOTICE

North Wilkesboro Chapter No. 78, R. A. M. will meet Thursday evening, 7:00 o'clock for the election of officers for the coming year. All members are urged to be present for this important event.

O. P. WALTER, H. P.

One Shot and One Gets Scalp Wound; Two Land In Jail

Major Adams Suffered From Blow on Head; Son Gets Wounded In Elbow

Major Adams sustained serious injury from a blow on his head and his son was shot in the elbow in an altercation late Saturday night in the Dellaplane section.

Deputy Sheriff Winfield Nichols made investigation of the affair about midnight and arrested Roy and Fred Sales, colored men of that community. It later developed that they were not the guilty parties and on Sunday he arrested Peter and John Sales, also colored. The latter two have confessed to being the parties which inflicted the injuries on Adams and his son.

Adams said that he and his son and Connie Sprinkle were in a truck which was stuck on the muddy road when the colored men attacked them with a double barrel shotgun, a single barrel shotgun, fired several shots and hit him on the head with some heavy object. An ugly scalp wound was the result. His son was not critically hurt.

Peter and John Sales are being held in the Wilkes jail and have not filled bond.

Science Award In City Schools

Honored by Being Named In Group of Schools By Bausch & Lomb Co.

North Wilkesboro High School has been honored in being named as a member of a group of high schools in the United States to award the Bausch and Lomb Science Medal, according to W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of the school.

The Bronze award, established in 1932, is presented by the faculty to the senior who has made the greatest progress in science during three years of high school work. Originally presented in the high schools of the State of New York, the award is now in use in every state in the United States and in some territorial possessions.

It has thus become a symbol of national recognition for exceptional work in science by high school students. Many of the twenty-five hundred students who have won the honor are, continuing their excellent records in some fifty colleges and technical schools, according to the Award Committee at Rochester, New York.

This is the first year that the local high school has received this recognition, and it is with interest that the notification from the company was received. The medal has also been received and is now on display on the bulletin board in the high school building. There is absolutely no advertising proposition connected with the award. It is simply made available to high schools that meet the standards determined by the Bausch and Lomb Company. The award will be made during the graduation program next May.

F. G. U. and I. O. M. E. better health for 1938. I must not forget to buy and use my 1937 United States Seal.

Disabled Veteran Awarded Verdict In Federal Court

Mitchell Taylor Wins Suit For War Risk Insurance; Total Disability Case

Mitchell Taylor, who went to the World War from his mountain home near Laurel Springs, won a war risk insurance verdict in federal court at Wilkesboro Wednesday for \$12,870 to date and \$57.50 per month for the remainder of his life.

The jury deliberated only 20 minutes before returning the verdict. Taylor presented what observers considered a very convincing case of total disability incurred while occupying captured German ferry boats during the war. Physicians testified that he had been suffering from tuberculosis, heart disease and paralysis agitant since his discharge and that the three ailments made him unable to follow a gainful occupation.

He was represented by Attorney R. H. McNeill, of Washington, D. C., and Attorney J. F. Jordan, of Wilkesboro. District Attorney Carlisle Higgins and assistants represented the government. It is understood that appeal by the government will not be recommended.

The Taylor case, Attorney McNeill said, is the last to be tried in the Wilkesboro circuit of federal court.

He has represented many veterans in suits for insurance and he said yesterday before leaving for his home in Washington that approximately \$250,000 had been paid to disabled veterans in war risk insurance in the territory served by the Wilkesboro circuit of federal court.

License Plates Are Lowered In Prices

Local License Bureau Located at Landon's; Several License Prices Given

The new 1938 automobile license plates went on sale yesterday, Wednesday, throughout North Carolina, it has been announced.

Through November 22 a total of 585,179 plates had been sold compared with 544,638 for the same date in 1936, a gain of more than 40,500. Carolina Motor club offices sold 476,922 plates. The total this year has set an all-time record for registrations, and the final figures for 1937 will be between 590,000 and 600,000.

Previously plates have been placed on sale December 15. Passenger car owners will experience a reduction in fees of five cents the 100 pounds. The 1938 rate is 35 cents the 100 pounds compared with 40 cents for 1936 and 55 cents for 1935. Minimum fee this year is \$7 instead of \$8.

List of Fees

Light cars, including Ford, Chevrolet, and Plymouth sedans will be licensed at from \$9.45 to \$10.50; Terraplane sedan, \$10.15; Oldsmobile sedan, \$11.55; Dodge sedan, \$10.50; DeSoto sedan \$10.35; Packard, Buick, La Salle, Chrysler, and Lincoln sedans from \$11.20 to \$13.30. Owners of light trucks will get licenses at 10 cents the 100 pounds cheaper than during 1937, while trucks having a gross weight of more than 12,000 pounds will pay 10 cents more the 100 pounds.

The 1937 legislation passed two laws that will affect motor vehicle owners. After January 15 a penalty of \$2 will be imposed on motor vehicle owners who fail to make application for transfer of registration and title within 15 days. Responsibility for the transfer is placed upon the purchaser.

\$25 Penalty

After January 1, a penalty of \$25 will be imposed on any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of transporting persons or property for compensation, unless proper license fees are paid by suggesting that winter visitors to our area pause in North Carolina while going to and from the north, while Florida residents may seek the cooler mountain air in Carolina. In turn, North Carolina may point the way to Florida when her summer visitors are enjoying its resort spots.

It is estimated that tourists now bring an annual revenue of \$50,000,000 to North Carolina.

WPA And Highway Forces Surface Half Mile of Road For Each Working Day



"Educated" Hen

Here's an "educated" hen, wearing "specks," not to see more but to see less. The metal blinders prevent "bullies" from picking feathers from the more timid henhouse boarders. When wearing these iron pince-nez, a hen can see food and drink by peering around the blind spot in front of her eyes. But when she starts picking, she can't see straight.

Installation New Traffic Lights Is Near Completion

Central Controls Are at Fire Station; Motorists Are Asked to "Patience"

The task of installing traffic lights for six street intersections in North Wilkesboro is near completion and the system may be used for the first time the latter part of this week, Police Chief J. E. Walker said today.

The automatic time controls will be located at the fire station on Ninth street, which will facilitate the handling of traffic while the fire truck is reaching the scene of a fire.

The lights have been erected and on Tuesday caused some confusion among motorists. The reflection of the sunlight from the red glass caused a number to stop and in order to prevent further confusion the lights were covered with sacks and will not be uncovered until the system is ready for use.

Chief Walker urged that motorists refrain from double parking and other practices that obstruct or inconvenience traffic.

Laying Plans For B. & L. Contest

Stroud Chairman for County; Is Hoped Many Schools Will Participate In It

W. A. Stroud, Secretary-Treasurer of the Wilkesboro Building & Loan Association, has again been appointed as chairman of the Keeler Memorial Committee for Wilkes county and he invites high school principals and teachers to get in touch with him regarding the new rules now pertaining to this essay contest. The rules have been changed considerably since last year and it is felt that the contest offers to high school students far more attractive features for entering the contest than it has heretofore.

J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the North Wilkesboro Building & Loan Association, has been re-appointed president of the Building & Loan District and he said that the district meeting will take place sometime the latter part of March or early in April and he personally hopes that every county in his district will have a participant at the district meeting who will have a chance at a cash award of \$30.00.

Wilkes Has 27 Students In A. S. T. C. Fall Term

A report of the registrar, J. M. Downum, said that Wilkes county has 27 students in the regular winter term at A. S. T. C. in Boone. The total enrollment is 313.

Four Crushers In Operation Now In The County

Division Engineer Says Very Satisfactory Work Being Accomplished

WORK AT FOUR POINTS

Traphill Doughton Road Is Near Completion; Stone Surfacing Durable

Works Progress administration workmen and highway forces cooperating are placing all-weather surface on secondary roads in Wilkes county at the rate of half a mile for each working day, it was learned here today from T. D. Heffner, division engineer for the WPA.

Four rock crushers are being used on the roads and another crew of men are kept busily engaged in hauling creek gravel, considered the next best surface for dirt roads.

As a result of WPA and highway commission cooperating many miles of dirt roads on which school buses and mail carriers have traveled with extreme difficulty and irregularly have been placed in condition for all weather travel this winter.

Some of the roads which have been surfaced include the Brasby Mountain road, Cricket-Hendrix road, Fairplains-Hays - Traphill-Doughton road, a cross country road in Rock Creek township, a section of road in the vicinity of Buck in Reddies River township and roads in Lewis Fork township.

Mr. Heffner said that approximately 140 men are being used on the county-wide road project, which includes all the road work. This force is supplemented by the use of state highway machinery, including rock crushers and trucks and a number of men employed by the highway commission.

This combination is working very satisfactorily, Mr. Heffner said, and is really getting results sought for a number of years. A more permanent type of road improvement is the result, since the highway commission has joined forces with WPA and made equipment available.

Heretofore, the principal criticism of WPA road work had been that the men had merely stirred up red clay for the rains to make soft, mainly because that organization lacked the equipment for placing stone or gravel surface on the roads the men had graded.

Christmas Seals On Sale In City

One of the state's largest volunteer armies since the days of the world war went into action last Friday as the North Carolina Anti-Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated groups in all sections of the state launched the annual Christmas Seal crusade.

The Wilkes county chairman, Mrs. Tip McNeil, with Mrs. Ivey Moore and Mrs. I. E. Pearson, on the committee, has mailed the seals to all the teachers in the county schools as a preliminary to the general sale which begins the first of the week. School children will probably be asked to assist in the sale later. Boy Scouts are carrying on the sale in the Wilkesboro.

Christmas seals play an important part in the organized crusade against tuberculosis. The treasurer part of all funds derived from their sales is used in local projects of education and treatment of patients who have contracted the disease. The fact that the tuberculosis death rate has been lowered in the past few years indicates clearly the value of the educational angle of the crusade for funds, but the fact that in North Carolina last year 3,894 deaths occurred from the disease emphasizes the necessity for constant vigilance to prevent its spread.

Citizens of Wilkes county could find no better way of investing their money than in the purchase of all the seals they feel they can afford.