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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

BOY LOSES EYE

Maxwell Smith, 13, who had one eye removed at Winston-Salem Sunday night after a firecracker exploded in his face, will recover from the injury, hospital attaches thought today.

TO FIGHT IN JUNE

New York.—Don't breathe it to a soul, but Chicago has the inside track on the championship brawl between Max Schmeling and Joe Lewis next June, with Detroit running a spirited second.

LAST MILE

St. Louis, Mo.—Missouri's gas chamber today was put to rest last night—a 100-pig. The pig died in three minutes. The state legislature last spring substituted asphyxiation for hanging as capital punishment.

LANDMARK BURNS

Elkin, Dec. 14.—Another old landmark, the ancient James Greenwood home place, just west of Jonesville, was reduced to ashes this morning. The origin of the fire which quickly consumed the two-story frame structure could not be determined since the residence had been vacant some time. The property had passed from the Greenwood family having been owned for some time by J. G. Ray, of Jonesville.

TO ABANDON ROAD

Washington.—An examiner's report to the Interstate Commerce Commission today recommended approval of a plan of the Carolina and Northwestern Railway to abandon 23.5 miles of line from Lenoir to Edgemont in Caldwell county. The present and prospective future volume of traffic is insufficient to warrant continued operation of the road, the examiner found.

FIRED IN DEFENSE

Shanghai.—Three American survivors of the Panay bombing arriving here today declared the United States gunboat vigorously returned the Japanese aircraft fire and that the Panay was plainly marked with American flags. The survivors, two of them badly wounded and the third suffering from shock to such an extent he could not tell of his experience, were brought here by a Japanese plane from Wuhu.

BAD ADVERTISING

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Governor Hoyt told members of the state advertising committee today that North Carolina should not seek to attract new industries by stressing "cheap labor." "You cannot build a great state on pauper labor," the Governor said. "In the past, we have probably invited industries to our state because of our advertisements of cheap labor, but that is the type of industry we do not want."

BLAMES ROOSEVELT

Chicago.—Tom M. Girdler, chairman of the Republic Steel Corporation, tossed the cause of the current business recession back to the federal government today with a denial that capital is standing a sidown strike against its policies. In a speech before 2,000 industrialists at the annual banquet of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Girdler declared American business is ready and willing to start up the road to prosperity again if assured it will be let alone.

STACY APPOINTED

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Governor Hoyt today appointed Senator J. Benton Stacy, of Ruffin, to succeed Capus M. Waynick as director of the division of purchase and contract. He will receive a salary of \$6,600 a year. Waynick, who also was receiving \$6,600, has resigned effective tomorrow to accept an executive editorial position with The High Point Enterprise. Before becoming purchase and contract director, Waynick was chairman of the Highway and Public Works Commission.

Infant Dies

John Edward Mayberry, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mayberry, was born on December 2 and died on December 23. Funeral was held at Shady Grove church Monday.

Research Station Near Completion; Fruit Growers To Meet On Monday

Head Of Horticulture Division of State College Will Attend Meeting

ON HIGHWAY SIXTEEN

Is State Institution Established From Appropriation This Year

Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers will celebrate the completion of the state research station and laboratory at Kilby's Gap on highway 16 with a meeting there on Monday, December 20, two o'clock, it was announced today by Dan Holler, county agent.

Carl E. Van Deman, formerly of New York and Vermont, was placed in charge of the station by State College and the extension service. The station was erected and will be maintained by the state out of a \$10,000 appropriation for the biennium. Land on which the laboratory was constructed was donated by Caney Lowe, of Pores Knob, and fruit growers have raised funds for furnishing the building in order that more of the appropriation by the state will be available for actual research work.

Arrangements for the meeting opening the laboratory were made jointly by Dan Holler, Wilkes county agent, J. P. Legans, Alexander county agent, and the fruit growers association.

It is hoped that all members of the association, non-member fruit growers and all others interested will be present at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

M. E. Gardner, head of the horticulture department at State College, will address the gathering Monday.

The 1938 Soil Conservation program offers orchard men a particular advantage and any questions concerning this program will be answered at this meeting.

Making 2 Lines Hot This Week

Line To Caldwell County And East on Boone Trail Are Now Completed

M. G. Butler, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company, said today that electricity is being turned on two rural lines in Wilkes county for the first time this week.

The "juice" is now lighting homes on the line extension from Boomer to the Caldwell county line on highway 18 and the line on the Boone Trail east of Wilkesboro is completed for a distance of about ten miles to Roberts' mill. That part of the line will be turned on this week.

Meanwhile work is progressing on the line to extend to the Clingman community and into Windy Gap and will serve many customers.

Another major extension to get under way is the line from Mountain View to Traphill. People of the Traphill community are meeting today to hear a rural electrification specialist from State College discuss farm home wiring.

Traffic Signals Being Observed

Police Chief J. E. Walker commented today on the splendid manner in which local people and visitors to North Wilkesboro have been observing the traffic light system installed a few weeks ago.

The system was installed at much expense to the city and officials desire that people use and observe them for the sake of safety and to facilitate traffic. Chief Walker explained that there had been some confusion relative to when to make right turns. The law, he said, says go on a green light and that is the regulations here. Red means stop, he said, and no motorist should make a turn when the light is red.

Holiday Trade Volume Rapidly Increasing

Can Still Laugh



Washington... Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace doesn't seem troubled about rumors that the new 27,000-word Crop Control Bill is slated for a Roman holiday in the Congressional arena. Meanwhile, as Congress lays plans for an orgy of speechmaking, rapidly rocketing retail food prices threaten to bring on a virtual consumer's strike and Mr. Wallace's Department publishes figures that less than half of food-buyer's dollar actually goes to producers.

4-H Club Members To Meet Saturday At the Courthouse

Corn Show, Luncheon And Movie Will Round Out Achievement Day

Four-H club members in Wilkes county will gather at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Friday, December 17, ten o'clock to celebrate the annual Achievement Day.

As usual the club members have something to celebrate. This year one of the outstanding achievements was winning two of the three first prizes offered at the State Fair for county displays of corn and a number of coveted individual prizes.

In connection with the Achievement Day, which L. R. Harrill, state 4-H club leader, and O. F. McCrary, district agent, will attend, will be a corn show with prizes offered for the best individual exhibits.

There will also be prizes for the best individual records for the past year and the cash prizes are being given by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

Following the meeting at the courthouse the club members will be guests of the Kiwanis club at a luncheon at Hotel Wilkes and in the afternoon will be guests of the Orpheum Theatre at the matinee show.

Achievement Day for Wilkes county club members was inaugurated several years ago by the late A. G. Hendren, county agent who showed much interest in club work, and will be carried on by County Agent Dan Holler.

Four Jumbo Policy Owners Of Life Insurance Here

Four residents of North Wilkesboro are jumbo policyowners of life insurance, each owning \$50,000 or more, according to an analysis made by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The amount of insurance held by the local owners of large life insurance estates totals \$310,000. These substantial policyowners were reported in the prominent patrons number of the Spectator, Arthur F. Hall, president of The Lincoln National Life said.

"The owners of these large policies are, for the most part, the business leaders of their community," said Mr. Hall. "This insurance guards the business interests not only of the policyowners but also of employees who know that the sudden death of their business heads would not seriously affect the establishment from which they gain their livelihood."

Sebastian Child Dies

Patty Sebastian, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ural Sebastian, died Tuesday and funeral was held Wednesday at Welcome Home Baptist church.

One Hour Parking Limit Ordinance Is Now In Effect

The ordinance recently passed by the board of city commissioners limiting parking on B street from Tenth to Eighth streets is now in effect. Police Chief J. E. Walker today said that all cars who violate the parking ordinance will be given tickets. Parking limits on other streets affected by the ordinance remains at two hours.

Takes USSR Post



Moscow... Mme. Pauline Zhemchuzhina, wife of Premier Molotov, and former head of the perfume trust, who has been appointed Vice Commissar for Food Industries in the Soviet Union, first woman in history of present government to attain cabinet rank.

Field Engineer Says WPA Doing Good Work Here

Thomas E. Winn On Inspection of Government Agency in This Area

Thomas E. Winn, of Raleigh, state field engineer representative for the Works Progress administration, completed his inspection of WPA in this area yesterday.

Mr. Winn said that the WPA in this area has a very fine record and has been doing some exceptionally good work.

This, he said, is due in part to officials and to a very good corps of foremen who are acquainted with the type of work to be accomplished and who are able to handle relief labor.

Christmas Carol At First Baptist

In response to many requests Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church, will read "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, at the evening service Sunday at 7:30.

Commissioners In Resolution Pay Beautiful Tribute to A. G. Hendren

Wilkes county board of commissioners in December meeting unanimously passed the following resolution of respect for the life and services of the late A. G. Hendren:

"Resolved: That we, the board of county commissioners, although tardy in giving expression to our thoughts and sentiments, are nevertheless deeply grieved at the recent passing of the great beyond of our efficient former county agent, A. G. Hendren, and we take this opportunity to express our regard and appreciation for his good work in his department over a long period of time. Grant, as he was affectionately known by his hosts of friends and acquaintances, was a man of those qualities that are only possessed by a few of the pure in heart."

He was more livable to all those whom he came in contact. He literally lived, and thought in terms of better

Crack Down On Persons Shooting Firecrackers Here

Town Ordinance Forbids Dangerous Practice On Streets of City

Shooting of firecrackers, always a dangerous practice, will not be tolerated in North Wilkesboro this holiday season, it was learned today from Police Chief J. E. Walker.

There is a city ordinance which makes it unlawful to shoot firecrackers and the police has served notice that the ordinance will be enforced.

Assistant County Agent Is Assigned To Wilkes County

Jesse Giles, of Archdale, Begins Work This Week For Extension Service

Jesse Giles, whose home is in Archdale and who completed his course at State College Tuesday, has begun work as assistant county farm demonstration agent in Wilkes county.

He will be assistant to Dan F. Holler, young man who was elevated from assistant agent to agent following the death of County Agent A. G. Hendren.

Mr. Holler said that Mr. Giles has a good scholastic record and came to Wilkes well recommended by the college and the extension service.

A home demonstration agent for Wilkes county will be appointed soon and will begin her

Christmas Program At Methodist Church

On next Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, the choir of the First Methodist church will present their annual Christmas program of choral music. It is the desire of the choir this year, as it was last, to make this a quiet, worshipful period of devotion in the midst of the celebrations of the Christmas season. Because of the nature of this short service and the music chosen for it, it is earnestly hoped that all who will come, shall be in their places well before the hour, as the church doors will be closed when the candle lighting begins at five o'clock.

The program is as follows: Organ prelude—Cantique De Noel, A French Carol.

Call to Prayer—The Lord's Prayer, Gregorian Chant. In Dulce Jubilo—14th Century German Melody, Choir.

The Song the Angels Sang—Stults—John Kermit Blackburn. Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus—Carol from France. Lo, How A Rose—A Carol from Germany, Womens Chorus. Whence Come Ye?—Italian Folk Song, Quartette. Gesu Bambino—Pietro Yon—Womens Chorus and Choir. The Prophecy—Isalah. Choral Amen.

Anti-Lynching



After leading the Southern filibuster against the Anti-Lynching Bill, Texas Senator Tom Connally became the target of critics who demanded that Congress "stop stalling on minor matters and do something" to arrest the threatened "New Deal" Depression.

Five Confederate Veterans Survive

Grey Line in Wilkes Rapidly Thinning; Pensions Checks Arrive

Pension checks to the rapidly diminishing line of men who wore the grey have arrived at the office of C. C. Hayes, Wilkes clerk of court, for distribution to the five remaining Confederate veterans.

The five survivors of the conflict and the many intervening years are I. M. Crouch, of New Life; R. F. Jarvis, of the Adley community; Ralph C. Holbrook, of Traphill; Richard G. Phillips, and Fred Carter, both of Elkin.

In addition to the 32 widows there are 32 more widows to receive \$750 each, two class B widows to receive \$50 each and one colored servant to be paid \$100. The total for the six-months' period in Wilkes county is \$6,962.50.

Laurel Springs Man Is Wounded

John Myers Shot In Abdomen at His Service Station; Taylor Hunted

John Myers, citizen of Laurel Springs, was shot and seriously wounded at his service station on highway 18 Saturday evening. Alleghany county officers are looking for John Taylor, alleged assailant.

Taylor is said to have fired two or more shots through the window of the station and then started in. When Myers appeared he shot him, the bullet striking the front of his abdomen and ranging out toward his side.

Myers was brought to the Wilkes hospital where his condition is improving. He has many relatives in Wilkes who hope for him a speedy recovery.

Local People In Successful Hunt

Venison should be plentiful in at least four homes following a successful deer hunt near Fort Bragg.

Beech Blankenship, Birse Bowers, Roscoe Nichols, Grady Holder and Ernest Eller returned from the hunt Monday night with four deer. The largest dressed 175 pounds.

Public Library Hours Changed

The Wilkes County Public Library is now observing the following open hours: 11 a. m. to one p. m.; two p. m. to 5 p. m. The library is open five days per week and is closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Recent Marriages

Licenses to wed were issued during the past few days by Registrar Deeds Old Wilkes to the following: Franklin Caudill, Laurel Springs, and Tiny Billings, McGrady; Claude Hartington, New Hope, and Ada Toddler, Gilreath; E. J. Jennings and Maggie Hutcheson, both of North Wilkesboro.

Beginning Dec. 20, Stores To Remain Open To 9 P. M. Until Christmas

Local Stores Make Shopping Center Claim Justified In This Section

STOCKS COMPLETE

Street Decorations and Window Displays Add to Holiday Appearance

The holiday shopping season is now in full swing and people of Northwest North Carolina are finding North Wilkesboro is an ideal place to trade.

To more thoroughly justify the claim of "shopping center of northwest North Carolina" local stores have stocked heavily for the holiday season with a wide variety of merchandise to fill the needs and demands of a large clientele.

And in order to be of maximum service and to make shopping more pleasant and convenient during the holiday rush the Merchants Association members have decided to remain open until nine o'clock beginning Monday, December 20, and continuing through December 24.

An invitation is extended to everybody in the trading territory of this city to visit North Wilkesboro and its business houses before Christmas.

Attractive street decorations and beautiful window and interior displays in various stores add much to the holiday atmosphere and aid in making the Christmas season permanent in the community.

Greater volume. Shoppers are urged for the sake of their own convenience to shop before the last minute rush.

And as the curtain falls on the old year in the holiday season people of this great nation look forward with bright hopes for a good year in 1938 and the advent of a prosperous era with more force of stability than at any time in recent history.

Few Accidents In Wilkes Despite The Sleet On Highways

Notwithstanding the fact that a solid surface of ice placed roads and highways in a most treacherous condition Tuesday morning only minor accidents were reported in Wilkes.

Early Tuesday morning highway forces scattered sand on some of the curves and no doubt this accomplished something in prevention of accidents.

Chains were resorted to by many motorists as a safety measure while others without chains showed good judgment by traveling very slowly over the ice. Dented fenders were about the worst casualties of the day.

Lighting Contest Judges Selected

Outdoor Lighting Contest to Be Staged Here; Woman's Club Sponsor

Mrs. E. S. Call, Mrs. A. R. Gray and Mrs. L. B. Dula have been selected as judges for the outdoor lighting contest being staged in North Wilkesboro under sponsorship of the Garden Department of the Woman's Club.

The contest is open to anyone and the homes will be visited on the evening of December 22nd by the judges.

A total of \$15 in cash prizes was furnished by the local branch of the Duke Power company and the prizes will be \$7.50 for first; \$5.00 for second and \$2.50 for third.

Mrs. C. O. McNeil is chairman of the contest committee and will be glad to furnish pamphlets containing ideas and plans for outdoor lighting of homes. Window displays and signs may be included in the lighting scheme. Those who are entering the contest are asked to call Mrs. McNeil, telephone 193.