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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

HEFLIN PAST CRISIS

Lafayette, Ala., Dec. 28.—Former Senator J. Thomas Heflin, stricken with pneumonia in the midst of a "comeback" campaign, was "probably past the crisis" of his illness today, his physician said in announcing Heflin was "much better."

FILIPINO GOES MAD

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 28.—A Filipino dishwasher, quoted by police as saying he "went crazy" when his wife left him, killed at least three countrymen and wounded 10 others today in a large outburst of shooting and stabbing in the Filipino district.

ICKES WILL SPEAK

Washington, Dec. 28.—Signs that the administration would make an aggressive fight against its business critics increased today when it was announced that Secretary Ickes would speak Thursday night on the subject, "It is Happening Here."

REASSURING NEWS

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Commerce department announced today United States merchandise exports showed a \$151,670,000 excess of exports over imports in the first 11 months of the year. Although imports ran ahead of exports during most of the year, the last few months changed the trend, and November alone accounted for \$91,456,000 of the export balance.

MORE WAR NEWS

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—General Iwane Matsui, the Japanese commander, threatened today to press Japan's attack 1,000 miles into China's interior. Americans at Tsingtao, on the North China coast, at the same time, were fleeing from a threatened attack by another arm of the Japanese army striking swiftly across Sbantung province.

MAY PROBE TVA

Washington, Dec. 28.—Talk of a congressional investigation of the Tennessee Valley authority developed today as a result of differences among the agency's three directors. Senator McNary of Oregon, the Republican leader, said he favored a broad inquiry into TVA activities, and added that the Senate agriculture committee might want to make it.

BOYCOTT JAP GOODS

New York, Dec. 28.—Two of the nation's largest five and ten cent store chains—the F. W. Woolworth company and the S. S. Kresge company—disclosed today their withdrawal from the market for Japanese-made goods. "Our policy is to buy only merchandise that is acceptable to the public," R. R. Williams, vice president in charge of merchandising for the Kresge company, said in Detroit.

MAY INCREASE NAVY

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Roosevelt announced a possible increase in the naval building program today because, he said, the facts of the troubled world situation "are facts and the United States must recognize them." Without referring to the recent sinking of the American gunboat Panay, or any other specific incident, and disclaiming any unfriendly gesture toward any particular nation, he said merely that recent events had caused him "growing concern."

Uniform Hours In City Barber Shops

By unanimous agreement the barber shops in North Wilkesboro have established uniform opening and closing hours, beginning Monday, January 3. For each week day except Saturday the shops will open not later than seven o'clock a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. On Saturday the shops will remain open at night until 10 o'clock. Shops entering into this agreement were Wilkes Barber Shop, City Barber Shop, Dixie Barber Shop, Tenth Street Barber Shop, Sanitary Barber Shop, C. M. Thompson Barber Shop, and E. J. Johnson.

Annual Red Cross Roll Call Termed Successful; Many In Junior Groups

427 Wilkes County Citizens Are Members of Red Cross For Year

160 TEACHERS JOINED

Many Schools Enroll Children in Junior Division Of the Red Cross

The enrollment of the Junior Division of the American Red Cross surpassed any record of former years for Wilkes county. A total of \$67.35 has been collected by the pupils in the various schools. This contribution comes from 136 rooms representing 4,789 pupils.

The teachers of the city and county schools are to be commended on the effort they have put forth to solicit the interest of the pupils to join the Red Cross. Without a doubt this organization represents one of the best possible opportunities for the teaching of good citizenship. While small contributions are asked from the pupils, it is not necessary that a monetary contribution be made for their becoming members. Any pupil who reports a deed of altruistic service is entitled to a membership in this good will organization. A minimum of fifty per room is necessary for the room's receiving a subscription to the monthly magazine published by the National Junior Red Cross.

Subscriptions for the magazine have been placed and the teachers of these 166 rooms should receive the initial copy at an early date. If any school which joined finds from the list below that it is not included, please call or see J. B. Williams and correction will cheerfully be made.

North Wilkesboro City Schools, elementary department, W. D. Halfacre; Wilkesboro School, T. E. Story; Arbor School, S. C. Hutchinson; Cherry Grove School, Miss Myrtle Smithey; Mt. Sinai School, M. T. Mastin; Piney Grove School, M. F. Bumgarner; Shady Grove School, Miss Nola Howard; Somers School, Miss Nell Rash; Mulberry School, Grady F. Miller; Flint Hill School, U. M. Myers; Clingman School, Everett Elledge; DeHart School, J. H. Wood; Pleasant Hill School, E. R. Settle; Moravian Falls School, Z. V. Dickson; Roaring River School, W. H. Davis; Millers Creek School, Clinton Eller; Mt. View School, L. V. Teague; Mt. Pleasant School, S. E. (Continued on page 1, Sec. 2)

Cupid's Business Has Holiday Boost

Twenty-Two Couples Get License for Venture Into Realm of Matrimony

Twenty-two license to wed were issued by Old Wiles, Wilkes register of deeds, during the holiday season.

The couples were: Bradford Hendren, North Wilkesboro, and Helen Parks, Roaring River; Dwight Payne and Arpha Sipe, both of Taylorsville; Winfred McPherson, Raleigh, and Sallie Hauser, North Wilkesboro; G. S. Winters, Clairmont, and Edna Wiles, North Wilkesboro; P. J. Mitchell and Myrtle Steele, both of Wilkesboro; Dallis Harrington, Taylorsville, and Dorothy Gilreath, Hiddenite; Pettie Wellborn, North Wilkesboro, and Jessie Smith, Jonesville; Carl Reavis, Millers Creek, and Tate Lankford, Wilkesboro; Marshal Harp, Hamptonville, and Era Shepherd, Roaring River; Charles Craig Rhyne, Morganton, and Jessie Parsons, Purlcar; Horace Russel, Boomer, and Parlie Bentley, North Wilkesboro; Vance Handy and Hessel Absher, both of McGrady; Ford Baker, Pores Knob, and Ruth Hayes, Gilreath; Albert Martin and Frances Johnson, both of Roaring River; Robert Maher and Ella Bee Wiles, both of North Wilkesboro; Olin Greene, Stony Fork, and Zora Baker, Purlcar; Linville Couch and Faye Cockerham, both of Elkin; Wint Snyder and Sadie Staley, both of Reddies River; Waldo Billings and Mabel Wiles, both of Lomax; Charles Clanton and Dorothy Laws, both of Pores Knob; Lee Johnson, North Wilkesboro route 2, and Lois Anthony, at Radcliffville route 2.

Volume Of Holiday Trade Here Exceeds Expectations

When Is A Mistake Not A Mistake?



This is one of the last pictures taken of the U. S. Gunboat Panay (pro Pa-nigh) before she disappeared beneath the waters of the Yangtze bombed and machine-gunned by Japanese planes and land forces. In protesting directly to Nipponese Emperor Hirohito, the State department stressed the fact that the Panay was flying United States colors (see arrow above) thus disproving earlier Japanese excuses that the attack was a case of "mistaken identity."

Wilkes Man Assaulted and Left For Dead On Road Near Elkin Monday

Banks Will Be Closed Saturday

Both banks here will be closed on Saturday, January 1, it being New Year's Day and generally observed as a holiday.

Advance notice is given in order that no inconvenience may result.

Lighting Contest Here Successful

Sponsored by Garden Department of Woman's Club; Prizes Given

The outdoor lighting contest sponsored by the Garden Department of the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club was a signal success from every standpoint. Nineteen homes participated and the judges, Mrs. B. S. Call, Mrs. L. B. Duia and Mrs. A. R. Gray, had a difficult task. Cash prizes amounting to \$15 were donated by Duke Power company and were presented in this order from decisions by the judges: first, Marvin Warren at the home of Mrs. C. B. Gentry, Sr.; second, Linda Brame at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Forester; third, Mrs. W. E. Jones.

Others entering included Mrs. C. G. Poindexter, Mrs. A. H. Casey, Mrs. D. G. Wiles, Mrs. Jim Brewer, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Gene Moore, Mrs. Russel Hodges, Mrs. H. B. Spith, Betty Tuttle, Mrs. Robert Parker, Dickey Chamberlain, Henry Landon, Jr., Mrs. Ed F. Gardner, Mrs. Walter Newton, Mrs. E. E. Eller, Jimmie Blair. In behalf of the sponsor Mrs. McNeil expressed thanks to those who entered the contest, to Duke Power company for the prizes, to the judges for their services and to The Journal-Patriot for publicity given the project.

John Q. Blackburn Dies In Virginia

Former Resident of Wilkes Was Brother of E. M. Blackburn, Local Merchant

John Q. Blackburn, age 65, brother of E. M. Blackburn, of this city, died Friday in Amelia, Va., where he had lived during the past 15 years. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Blackburn, of Wilkes, and leaves his wife, five children, three sisters and one brother: Mrs. Sarah Wood and Mrs. J. A. Burcham, of Roaring River; Mrs. J. A. Sebastian, of North Wilkesboro route 1; and E. M. Blackburn, of this city. He lived at Roaring River, where he was postmaster for a number of years, before going to Amelia, Va. There he also served as postmaster and was engaged in the mercantile business. Wilkes people attending the funeral in Amelia Saturday were E. M. Blackburn, Miss Ruby Blackburn, of this city; Miss Key, one of the trio of check cashers in that city; and Mrs. J. A. Sebastian, of North Wilkesboro route 1.

Morris Myers Is In Critical Condition at Elkin Hospital; Men Hunted

Morris Myers, 51, of the Austin community of Wilkes county, found unconscious beside his automobile on the highway near Klondike farm, north of Elkin Monday, and later removed to the Elkin hospital by ambulance, recovered consciousness Tuesday.

He told officers that he was on his way to Thurmond, where he operates a wood saw mill, and corn mill, when he halted beside the road to fix a flat tire.

He said two men, well-dressed, one of foreign appearance, traveling in a green automobile, approached and asked for directions to Dick Reynolds' estate, Long Creek lodge, Mitchell's river, offering Myers \$10, then \$15 and finally \$20 if he would accompany them to the estate. Myers declined the offers, explaining that he was already late in arriving to open his plant. One of the men, Myers said, then struck him a blow on the head with a heavy tool. Examination of Myers clothing revealed that a purse of cash, a watch and other contents of his pockets had not been molested. A completed hospital examination indicated no extreme seriousness of his condition Tuesday. He is well-known in Elkin having been employed there by furniture firms before engaging in business at Thurmond. Officers have failed to gain any clues of value in their investigation.

Deputy Destroys Illicit Distillery

Deputy Sheriff Charlie Watson destroyed an average sized still Thursday afternoon in Union township. In addition to the still were 200 gallons of mash, quantity of sugar and other supplies for manufacture of liquor. No arrests were made.

Preaching Services

Rev. A. W. Lynch, pastor of Wilkesboro Methodist charge, will preach at Roaring River Sunday, 11 a. m., and at Union at seven o'clock in the evening. The public has a cordial invitation to both services.

Officers Determine to Locate Check Flasher — "Diamond Bob" Vannoy

"Diamond Bob" Vannoy, alleged perpetrator of a number of swindling schemes and who gained much notoriety lately as being the "brains" of a trio of people printing and cashing over \$1,000 worth of checks on Montgomery Ward and company, is the object of a determined man hunt by Wilkes county. North Wilkesboro and Kannapolis officers in the Blue Ridge mountains near his home on the headwaters of Reddies River. The hunt began Sunday night when officers captured Odell Key, one of the trio of check cashers in that city, and arrested Vannoy momentarily.

Local Merchants Report Increases Over Last Season

Replacement Orders Expected to Revive Many Manufacturing Industries

VOLUME SATISFACTORY

Business Men Look to 1938 With Optimism and Hope For a Successful Year

With Christmas in the background and the new year just ahead, North Wilkesboro merchants and business houses were engaged this week in inventories and preparations for the new year.

A survey of many business firms in the city revealed the surprising fact that holiday trade exceeded expectations and in many instances made new high records. The opinion has been freely expressed that the large volume of holiday business has broken the back of the current business recession and that 1938 should be a prosperous year.

With but very few exceptions local merchants reported an increase in holiday business over a year ago and said that the volume was "very satisfactory."

General business indexes throughout the country indicated that orders to replace merchandise sold throughout the holiday season would cause an upward swing in the business barometer that should continue for some time and that idle factories should soon be busily engaged in manufacturing merchandise.

Many Purchasing 1938 License Tags

No Extension of Time For Driving With Old Plates; Arrests Are Ordered

With only one more day of 1937, motorists of this section of the state are rapidly buying their 1938 automobile license tags in North Wilkesboro at the bureau located at Landon's on Ninth street.

State authorities have warned that there will be no extension of time for using 1937 plates, which expire at midnight December 31, and that it will be unlawful to drive in 1938 without displaying the proper 1938 license tags. Automobile license plates are somewhat lower in price this year.

North Wilkesboro Schools Sell Seals In Amount of \$106

Mrs. Tip McNeil, chairman of the Christmas Seal committee for the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club, said today that the North Wilkesboro schools made a splendid record in sale of seals. A total of \$106.03 was raised by the school through sale of seals.

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Busy Diplomat



Tokyo . . . "Never a dull moment," comments American Ambassador Joseph C. Grew on diplomatic activities here since start of the Sino-Japanese "war" last August. Ambassador Grew transmitted the recent exchange of notes of American protest and Japanese apology touched off by the sinking of the gunboat Panay, three privately owned ships and killing and wounding of American sailors and citizens, latest in a series of "incidents" in the Far East.

Greatest Volume Holiday Mail In History of City

Approximately 53,000 Letters and Cards Mailed Here During Week

RECEIPTS INCREASE

1937 Will Show Sizeable Increase Over Postal Receipts During 1936

The North Wilkesboro postoffice handled the largest volume of holiday mail in its history, it was learned today from Postmaster J. C. Reins.

A total of 53,000 cards and letters of normal size were mailed in the North Wilkesboro postoffice last week, he said. This number did not include packages and letters bearing more than three cents postage. The volume of incoming mail was similarly large.

Commenting on the year fast drawing to a close, Postmaster Reins said that receipts have already passed the \$30,000 dollar mark with every indication that the year closing Friday will show an increase of approximately \$2,500 over the receipts of \$28,286 for 1936. An increase of about \$2,000 average has been the general trend during the past three years, he said.

Carolina Alumni Banquet Tuesday

Maryon Saunders and Dean House Are Speakers; Johnston Heads Group

Maryon Saunders, secretary of the University of North Carolina Alumni association, and R. B. House, dean of the University at Chapel Hill, addressed the Wilkes branch of the association in a banquet Tuesday night at Hotel Wilkes.

Rev. Watt M. Cooper, president, presided at the banquet and introduced the speakers to the crowd of 38 alumni and friends present. Mr. Saunders spoke briefly and Dean House delivered the principal address, sketching the history of the institution and telling briefly of its expanded services in recent years.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Richard Johnston, president; John Henry Johnson, vice president; T. E. Story, secretary. Mr. Saunders and Dean House will address a banquet of Caldwell county University alumni at Lenoir tonight.

Officers Elected By Berean Class

Berean class of the First Baptist church in a recent meeting elected the following officers: J. E. Spainhour, president; C. O. McNeil, vice president; C. G. Horton, secretary-treasurer; A. H. Casey, teacher; J. H. Whiteley and Dr. C. W. Moseley, assistant teachers.

Monday, January 3rd, Be First Day To File Claim For Jobless Insurance

Claims Are to Be Filed at Employment Service Offices in the State

EQUAL HALF WAGES

Jobless Must Report Each Week on Same Day to Renew Their Claims

A number of people are expected to file their initial claims Monday, January 3, at the North Carolina State Employment Service here for benefits under the unemployment insurance change of the state social security act, G. B. Gentry, office manager, said today.

Several have already registered at the office, thereby complying with the first requirement toward filing claims and Monday will be the first day that a claim can be filed under the law, Mr. Gentry said.

However, all persons who file claims during the week beginning January 3, will have their claims dated as of January 1, when the law becomes effective. There will be a waiting period of two weeks before payments, which are to equal one-half the wage earned when employed, begin.

Mr. Gentry called attention to the fact that each person who files a claim must return to the employment service office weekly and on the same day of the week when the application is filed in order to have the claim approved. The employment service will endeavor to locate suitable employment for the claimants and if suitable employment cannot be found payments will be made. Claimants will be penalized if they refuse employment considered available.

Those who worked as much as eight weeks in 1937 on any job covered by provisions of the unemployment compensation act will be eligible to file claims for unemployment insurance benefits.

Schools To Open Monday Morning

With the few exceptions of smaller schools which have already begun the second half of the term Wilkes county schools and North Wilkesboro city schools will re-open following the holiday vacation Monday morning, January 3.

Officers Find Still In Somers Township

Sheriff C. T. Doughton, Deputy Odell Whittington and two federal officers raided a small still Tuesday in Somers township. No arrests were made and considerable quantities of materials for liquor making were destroyed.

Last week Sheriff Doughton and Deputy Whittington raided the premises of Jim Williams one mile west of this city and confiscated about 300 pints of tax paid liquor. He filled bond for appearance in the next term of superior court.

Rose Store Will Increase Space

A & P Store Moves to Hickory Pending Ability to Find Good Location

A business deal of considerable magnitude was made recently when Rose 5 and 10 cent store leased the building occupied by A. & P. company on main street. Rose's store will occupy both its present building and the one until this week occupied by A. & P. Tea company, thus doubling their floor space.

The A. & P. Store was moved this week and combined with another store of the same company at Hickory because of the lack of a suitable location in North Wilkesboro. It is understood that the company will gain place a store here as soon as a suitable location can be located.