

Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

WILSON RESIGNS Raleigh, Jan. 5.—T. A. Wilson resigned today as chairman of the state industrial commission...

TREE KILLS FARMER Burlington, Jan. 5.—Caught by a falling tree he was chopping down in the Salem church community this morning, Joseph Wright Thompson, 45, farmer of Haw River route 1, met instant death.

MANY ARE HELPED Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Payments of benefits in connection with two sections of North Carolina's social security program reached a new high during December when \$258,390.83 was distributed to 39,782 needy aged and 11,998 dependent children, a total of 32,780 recipients.

BIG DEFENSE SUM Washington, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for record peacetime national defense appropriations of \$991,300,000, and simultaneously began shaping a request for even greater funds.

ROBBED OF \$25,000 Guthrie, Ky., Jan. 5.—Three masked men critically wounded a negro postoffice messenger, shot down the chief of police and fled here late today with a mail bag containing \$25,000.

WANT ROAD FUNDS Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Governor Hovey made public today a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace in which he asserted any curtailment of federal aid road funds would "very seriously interfere with the whole road program in North Carolina."

BE IN RED BILLION Washington, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt forecast a billion-dollar deficit for the next fiscal year today, and he warned the nation that two grave uncertainties—foreign troubles and the relief needs of the unemployed—may increase that estimate.

SUTHERLAND RETIRES Washington, Jan. 5.—Associate Justice George Sutherland announced his retirement from the Supreme court today, giving President Roosevelt a long-awaited opportunity to increase the court's "liberal" faction to a dependable majority.

RAYMOND ELLEDGE IS BOUND TO COURT Local Youth Is Alleged to Have Forged Phillips' Name to a Check Raymond Elledge, young man whose home is near this city, was bound over to superior court from city court here on a charge of forgery, it being charged that he forged the name of A. F. Phillips, well known herb buyer here, to a check for seven dollars.

Miss McGoogan Named Home Demonstrator

Order by Board of County Commissioners Says She Will Begin February 1

PROVIDE FOR CLOTHES Fifty Dollars Appropriated For Purchase of Clothes to Clothe the Poor

Miss Harriet McGoogan, of St. Paul's, was appointed home demonstration agent by the Wilkes county board of commissioners in January meeting. The appointment is subject to approval by state authorities.

Miss McGoogan, according to the order by the commissioners, will begin her duties in Wilkesboro on February 1. The board in meeting Monday ordered \$50 be provided for the purchase of cloth by the welfare department.

Various routine matters were transacted by the board, including reports and auditing of claims. All members of the board, R. G. Finley, chairman, M. F. Absber and Leet Poplin, were present.

James Faw Dead After an Accident

Gwyn McNeill Held in Accident Case; High Speed and Drinking Charged

James Faw, 42, resident of the Mountain Valley community on Reddies River, was hit and killed on highway 421 on Cotton Mill Hill west of this city Tuesday night by a car driven by Gwyn (High Power) McNeill, of Millers Creek.

Coroner I. M. Myers investigated the accident and the jury said that Faw was killed by an automobile driven by McNeill at a high rate of speed and while he was under the influence of liquor. He was ordered held for superior court under bond of \$1,000.

According to the evidence, Faw was walking westward along the highway when he was hit by the car driven by McNeill, who was alone, and that the car traveled about 65 yards uphill before it stopped after Faw was hit. Death was instantaneous and his body was badly crushed.

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Pass New Thriller



Philo Vance, super-detective, who has lived on a thousand screens in the persons of such noted stars as William Powell, Warren William and Edmund Lowe, will solve the Kidnap Murder Case for readers of this newspaper in the new serialized version of the famous "snatch" mystery starting in these columns soon.

Stockholders Of The Northwestern Bank to Meet 11th

Will Hear Report of Bank and Elect Officers For The Ensuring Year

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northwestern Bank, which opened July 1, 1937, as a merger of the Deposit & Savings Bank here, banks at Sparta, Boone, Blowing Rock, Bakersville and Burnsville, will be held at the Northwestern Bank building here on Tuesday, January 11, 11 a. m.

Announcement of the meeting was made here today by bank officials. The stockholders will hear report of the bank and elect directors. Following the stockholders meeting the directors will elect officers for the entire bank and boards of managers for each branch.

Resources of the bank have climbed steadily since consolidation and have passed the \$2,800,000 mark. Bank officials said today that the business of the bank is as good as could be expected and is highly satisfactory. The Northwestern has a capital setup of almost \$200,000 and the services rendered by each branch represent an improvement and enlarged resources because of the consolidation. The capital stock totals \$150,000, surplus \$100,000 and undivided profits of approximately \$20,000. A three per cent dividend for the last six months of 1937 was paid on December 31.

The task of building an addition to the bank building here and remodeling will be completed in about ten days. Lobby space has been doubled, a directors room has been constructed and modern fixtures designed to facilitate accommodation of customers are being installed.

Marine Recruits Wanted In South

Twenty vacancies for service in the United States Marine Corps will be filled from this district during January, it is announced by Captain A. C. Small, District Marine Corps Recruiting Officer, with Headquarters at Savannah, Ga.

Young men between the ages of 18 to 25, not less than 64 inches or more than 74 inches in height, white, without dependents and of good moral character will be considered.

Entrance examinations for the Marines in this district are held at the Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Savannah, Ga. Applicants who are unable to apply in person will be furnished application blanks and full information upon request. Applications received by mail are given immediate attention.

Call Meeting Of Firemen Will Be On Friday Night

C. G. Day, North Wilkesboro fire chief, has called a meeting of all members of the fire department to be held at the city hall on Friday night, 7:30 o'clock. Some important matters will be taken up and attendance of every member of the department is requested.

BIG INCREASE IN SALE AUTO LICENSE PLATES REPORTED AT LOCAL BRANCH OFFICE

\$2,387 More Taken In On December 31 Than On Same Date Last Year; Corresponding Increase on Other Dates

Automobile and truck license tags sold by the Carolina Motor Club license bureau here for 1938 show a substantial increase in number and revenue over the sales of the same date last year, Mrs. Henry Landon, in charge of the bureau, said today.

The largest day's business was on December 31 when \$11,098 was collected for over 700 license. On the same date last year the bureau collected \$8,701. This represents an increase this year of \$2,387 for one day in spite of the fact that automobile license were reduced from 40 to 35 cents

per hundredweight and that there was a flat reduction of \$4 each on price of pickup tags.

Although crowds thronged the bureau on the 31st and on January 1 the bureau accommodated the motorists with but few unable to get their tags when they called. A preponderant number of titles showed operations to some extent but the lines were rapidly cleared as they formed even on the busiest day, December 31st.

A similar increase was reported in the sale of North Wilkesboro city tags, which are also being sold by the Carolina Motor Club.

New Students In Schools Of City

W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of North Wilkesboro city schools, said yesterday that 18 children had enrolled for the first time since schools reopened Monday following the holidays. This indicates that new families have moved to North Wilkesboro.

The school will reach midterm on Friday of next week and students are now looking forward to midterm examinations on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.

Spanish-American Vets, Auxiliary To Meet Saturday

A joint meeting of Camp number 13 Spanish American War Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Saturday, January 8, at 1:30 p. m. Installation of officers and other important business will be carried out. All eligible men and ladies are urged to attend.

Engineers Propose to Straighten Railroad Crossing In This City

The proposal to erect an overhead crossing over the Southern Railway at North Wilkesboro on highways 421, 18 and 16 has been abandoned and engineers are working on a plan to straighten the crossing by eliminating the curve at the entrance to the city which will be eliminated, it was learned today from Mayor R. T. McNiel.

An engineer representing the federal bureau of roads, which would furnish funds for construction if the city guarantees the right of way, and an engineer of the Southern Railway company, have inspected the crossing and told city officials that by raising the railroad four feet Tenth street could be extended in a straight line across the tracks and connect with the Yacklin bridge fill at a point near Forester's Service station.

Mayor McNiel and members of the board of aldermen have expressed much interest in the proposal but are awaiting more specific plans from the engineers before taking any action on the proposal to guarantee the right of way.

J. Gordon Hackett, state highway commissioner, said that the crossing here is considered the most hazardous in the eighth highway division and funds are available for a crossing elimination project at the present time. By eliminating the two curves in the highway between the north end of the bridge and the end of Tenth street many of the crossing hazards would be removed, engineers said, and the appearance of the main entrance to the city from the south and east would be greatly enhanced.

Legion Sponsors Big Bingo Party

To Raise Funds for Promotion of Junior Baseball In Wilkes County

Announcement has been made of a big Bingo party sponsored by the American Legion. The party will be held in the L. S. Lowe building on C street Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The event is being sponsored by the Legion to raise funds for promotion of junior baseball in the county, a project that gained such widespread approval during the past summer.

The Legion decided upon this method of entertainment rather than soliciting contributions and it is hoped that the event will be widely patronized.

Further details will appear in The Journal-Patriot Monday.

'Who's Crazy Now' At Wilkesboro 7th

The athletic association of Wilkesboro high school has invited Millers Creek teachers, who entertained a large crowd at Millers Creek a few weeks ago with presentation of "Who's Crazy Now" to give the play in the Wilkesboro school auditorium on Friday night, January 7, 7:30 o'clock. The admission charge will be 10 and 25 cents.

Making Progress On Power Lines

Clingman Line Made "Hot" Yesterday; At Work On New Traphill Branch

Electricity was turned on the power line extension eastward on highway 421 a distance of 15 miles and into the Clingman community Wednesday, M. G. Butner, manager of the local branch of the Duke Power company, said today.

This major line extension, which was electrified to about ten miles east of Wilkes several weeks ago, will serve many families along the highway and on the several branches, including the Clingman community and in the vicinity of Windy Gap.

Four miles of another long rural line to extend a distance of about 25 miles from North Wilkesboro into and beyond Traphill have been completed near Dockery and construction is progressing rapidly, Mr. Butner said. Some of this line extension will be electrified within a few days.

TRY 2 FOR MURDER

In order that William (Bill) Payne, alias Bill Wells, and Jack Borden, alias Wash Turner, long considered North Carolina's most elusive bad men, may be tried in Buncombe Superior court in Asheville, at the term starting January 24, for the first degree murder of State Highway Patrolman George C. Penn August 22, last, Judge Johnson J. Hines, of United States District court, yesterday relinquished the right of the federal government to try the two desperadoes on bank robbery charge pending disposition of the murder accusation.

Bear Hair



"But I didn't raise my boy to be a pug!" insisted Momma Baer when reporters called to verify the news that it was an eight-pound hair at the Baer home in Oakland, California. Poppa Baer seems highly pleased with his job of hanging out the family wash and declares that he is undecided whether to go into training for a ring come-back or wait and let Little Baer take over the crown.

Report of Public Affairs Group of Club Interesting

Important Committee of the Kiwanis Club Outlines Some of Achievements

The annual report of the Public Affairs committee of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club reflects some of the progress of this section during 1937.

The report of the committee, composed of S. V. Tomlinson, J. R. Finley and J. B. McCoy, is interesting. It follows: The Kiwanis club is bidding for a record in 1937 and preparing a wide reception for the Young Men 1938. In reminiscencing over the past several months we are pleased to recall.

"The eliminating of the many bumps in our city streets has been much appreciated by the traveling public as well as our local citizen. It is hoped that other street improvements can be arranged at any early date. Another important project which is incomplete is the North Wilkesboro and Elkin highway. It is hoped this project will be complete at an early date, and connect with North Wilkesboro at the most advantageous point.

"During the past year Governor Hovey, after careful and painstaking deliberation appointed our fellow townsman, the Hon. Gordon Hackett to the important position on the Highway Commission. Mr. Hackett being a public spirited citizen and loyal to his home town at once arranged for the location of the District Office here. North Wilkesboro is very grateful to Mr. Hackett for this achievement.

"The wonderful program presented by A. H. Casey on 'Apple Orchards' in Wilkes county is very vivid in all our minds. We should plan an outstanding program like this each spring on this important subject. This is along the line of our greatest money crop and the world is our market for Wilkes county apples. If they only knew the wonderful flavor which are incomparable to the flavor of apples grown in other sections.

"We mentioned in our May report of the building activities in our city. We again wish to emphasize the fact that the completion of many new residences and business property has added to the beauty of our city. The removal of the Old Kensington Hotel is about the last of the old landmarks on the main thoroughfares of our city, in each instance when an old landmark has been removed a modern new structure stands on the spot. We might mention the Old Hunter Office which was a very familiar sight for many years. It is now replaced by Landon's place, one of the cities most beautiful and best equipped buildings of its kind.

"During the month of May the Woman's Club of our city gave us a treat, 'To make North Wilkesboro the Beautiful, Clean and Friendly City.' If we have not set forth our best efforts for this aim we have neglected a very worthwhile movement, which (Continued on page eight)

Many Apply Here For Employment Insurance During Monday, Tuesday

People Laid Off or Working Part Time Seek Benefits Under the State Law

MUST WAIT TWO WEEKS

Payments Will Be Made Eligible If No Work Is Found In That Time

Approximately 200 applications for job insurance under the state social security act were filed Monday and today at the branch office of the North Carolina State Employment service, office officials said.

This number represented industrial workers laid off or working only part time and several engaged in construction work.

Monday was the first day that applications for job insurance, which will pay up to one-half regular wages to persons now out of jobs and who worked in covered industries in 1937, were accepted under the law. However, the applications filed this week will be dated as of January 1, when the law actually went into effect. January 1 was observed by the employment service as a holiday.

After application is filed there is a waiting period of two weeks for which no benefits are paid but if after two weeks the applicant has not resumed work and no suitable employment has been found insurance payments will begin.

The law says that those who apply for job insurance must report weekly to renew their claims. This means that those who filed applications on Monday must report back at the employment service office on subsequent Monday. If the applicant is asked to keep in mind that they must report on the same day of each week to renew their claims and to find out whether or not the service has located suitable employment.

Those who refuse employment considered suitable will be penalized and may not receive benefits.

Charles Pearson is local representative of the Unemployment Compensation Commission and handles the claims at the employment service office.

Local Boy Makes Conference Team

Odell Jones Gets Position at End on Western Conference All Star Group

By RALPH CRAWFORD For the second successive year North Wilkesboro high school football team, coached by Ralph Barker, placed a man on the All Star Western Conference team.

Odell Jones, who plays end on defense and quarterback on offense, gained a position at end. His defensive work against Newton, Morganton and Lenoir was outstanding.

Clint Foster made the team in 1936 but this year failed to regain his place at tackle, despite his brilliant work all through the 1937 schedule.

Lenoir led in the number of men on the team with three, while Cherryville, Shelby and Forest City placed two each on the team.

The all-conference team: End, Jones, North Wilkesboro. End, Hamrick, Forest City. Tackle, Wilson, Lenoir. Tackle, Blanton, Shelby. Guard, Sumner, Forest City. Guard, Camp, Cherryville. Center, Driver, Lenoir. Quarterback, Hendrix, Newton. Halfback, Vaughn, Shelby. Halfback, Slack, Cherryville. Fullback, Church, Lenoir.

Episcopal Meeting

The Annual Convocation meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal church will be held at the Wilkes Hotel on Monday evening, January 15th, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

More than 10,000 Communists agitators and spies have been expelled from CCC camps.