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HELD IN RUSSIA

Washington, Jan. 18.—Secretary Hull, receiving word from the soviet government that Mrs. Marie Rebeck, of New York city, had been arrested in Moscow on suspicion of espionage, asked soviet authorities tonight to permit an American official to see her.

F. D. R. INVITED

Danville, Va., Jan. 18.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be invited to come here next June to dedicate Danville's \$3,000,000 hydro-electric plant in Patrick county and to press a key which will send the first impulses of water-made power coursing 60 miles over the transmission cable.

DEFICIT GROWING

Washington, Jan. 18.—The treasury reported today its deficit on January 15—after 6 1-2 months of the fiscal year—was \$795,726,970. President Roosevelt estimated two weeks ago that the deficit for the fiscal year would total \$1,294,345,300. In the first 6 1-2 months of the last fiscal year, the deficit was \$1,200,000,000.

SEVENTEEN BURNED

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 18.—Seventeen charred bodies of children and priests lay on improvised morgue slabs tonight when firemen, who had volunteered to search for the smoking ruins of Sacred Heart College dormitory, seeking at least 27 others believed trapped when fire destroyed the building early today.

CONDEMN LYNCHINGS

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—A resolution expressing "shame" and "distress" at the eight lynchings which occurred in the south in 1937 was passed unanimously today at the second annual convocation of the North Carolina Council of Churches. The resolution recommended that the council sponsor legislation to "eradicate the lynching scandal from the United States."

RECALL AMBASSADOR

Tokyo, Jan. 18.—The Japanese ambassador to China was called home today as indications increased that Japan would eventually recognize the new Peking regime as the government of China. The recall of Ambassador Shigeru Kawagoe from Shanghai set the seal on the repudiation of the Chinese government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek made in the Japanese government's statement last Sunday.

PROLONGED FASTING

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 18.—The Very Rev. Israel H. Noe, who has been fasting for 17 days in an attempt to prove that man is immortal, cancelled plans to leave tonight for Knoxville where the convention of the Tennessee Diocese of the Episcopal Church is in session. Standing in the doorway of the deanery—weak and white from his fast—the dean said the cancellation was caused by Mrs. Noe's illness, and not because of his own health.

FLAY COMMISSION

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—The board of conservation and development tonight charged the federal power commission with overstepping its authority in assuming jurisdiction over the proposed \$6,000,000 hydro-electric dam at Tuckertown, on the Yadkin river. A subcommittee was instructed to draft a resolution supporting Governor Hoyer's assertion that the commission had no control over the Montgomery county dam site.

G-MEN GET MAN

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Scowling Peter Anders was rushed eastward today in the custody of federal agents who seized him in Los Angeles for the kidnap-slaying of wealthy Charles S. Ross. His captors cloaked their movements with great secrecy since J. Edgar Hoover, director of the government's bureau of investigation, announced late last night that the slaying was the work of the "Black Legion," a group of stock peddlers and his comrade in crime, James Atwood Gray.

Masonic Notice

J. F. Marquette, Assistant Grand Lecturer will be at North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 307 A. F. & A. M. each evening, January 24th to 26th, at 7:30 p. m. All Masons are invited to attend and bring a contribution to the fund for the purchase of a new building for the lodge.

Automobile Driving Course In City School Will Close Friday

Many Students to Obtain License To Drive Autos

Practical Demonstration Is Held On Fairgrounds In Presence Patrolman

TEXTBOOK IS STUDIED

Combination of Book Knowledge and Driving is Practical Course

A high school class which not only teaches safety but teaches children how to drive automobiles will be completed this week at the North Wilkesboro high school.

Probably the first experiment in actual driving instruction in schools of the state will close Friday when the driving demonstrations are completed at the fairgrounds under supervision of Carlyle Ingle, state highway patrol corporal.

The course, which has already attracted much attention here and from many places in the state, was begun on November 29 and continued for six weeks, the textbook part of the course being completed on January 14.

Approximately 50 students from the senior and junior classes who had a study period available volunteered for the course and Miss Mabel Popping, a member of the high school faculty, was in charge of the class in studying a textbook entitled "Man and the Motor Car." A great volume of literature dealing with traffic accidents and safe driving was furnished the students.

The course included studies of leading accident causes, demonstrations of speed ratio to braking power, gasoline consumption at different speeds, tire strain, crash forces, effects of intoxication upon drivers, traffic laws and signals, automobile inspection, care of the automobile and many other subjects which are included in a complete course.

The course was instituted by W. D. Halfacre, city schools superintendent. In discussing the course Mr. Halfacre said that no other agency offers instructions in driving and the duty falls upon the public school system to afford this practical instruction so badly needed. The course is only a part of the broad safety program inaugurated and stressed in the city schools here.

The first step in setting up the driving course was a physical examination, which resulted in eliminating eight students because of defective eyesight which school authorities deemed in need of correction before being allowed to operate an automobile.

In the class at the close of the textbook course were 30 students who do not have license to drive. Actual driving demonstration began Wednesday at the fairgrounds with Corporal Ingle in charge. The fairgrounds were laid off in courses with regulation signs and the driving course represented a facsimile of sections of highway and city streets with accident hazards and affording ample opportunity for students to demonstrate the teachings of the course. If the 30 who do not have license show sufficient proficiency in handling an automobile they will receive license at the end of the course Friday.

Also in the class are 15 who already have license to operate an automobile. They will demonstrate their knowledge of driving by observing all laws and signals over the course before the scrutinizing eyes of the patrol officer.

The remaining five students in the class have successfully passed the complicated examination on the classroom part of the course but do not have sufficient knowledge of an automobile to drive. They will be given learners' permits.

Wilkes Auto Sales company furnished a Plymouth automobile for the driving demonstrations on the fairgrounds.

Road Story Told by Prize Poster



The nation's road builders have chosen the poster above as best of more than 200 submitted by art students of the Cleveland, Ohio, public high schools. Charles M. Upham, right, engineer-director, American Road Builders' Association, Washington, D. C., will award a \$300 Road Builders' art scholarship to Clarence Van Duzer, 17, left, when 25,000 road builders meet in Cleveland during the week of January 17, the association's 35th annual convention.

Officers Continue to Meet With Success In Raiding Illicit Stills

Hams Stolen Here Found In Lenoir

Police Uncover Evidence Incriminating Two Local Youths For Theft

Investigation by North Wilkesboro police has apparently solved two cases of meat stealing in this city.

Seven hams sold to a firm in Lenoir by Troy Reynolds and Paul Lambert, local youths, have been identified as meat belonging to Will Johnson and a Mrs. Lovette, of this city. Their meat has been returned and the boys have been indicted on theft charges.

Reynolds is now serving a road sentence imposed Monday morning on a charge of stealing chickens. Lambert has been released from jail on bond.

Adult Teachers In Tenth Area Meet

Halfacre Addresses Group in Meeting Tuesday at the Courthouse

Fifty teachers in WPA area 10 attended an adult education conference held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Tuesday. Mrs. Marion G. Falson, of West Jefferson, supervisor of adult education in the ten counties in the area, presided.

The principal address was by W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of North Wilkesboro city schools, on "How an Adult Teacher Can Be Helpful to Public Schools."

The meeting opened at ten a. m. and devotional was conducted by Rev. A. B. Hayes, one of the 12 adult teachers in Wilkes. Mrs. Ethel D. Moore, of this city, is supervisor in Wilkes county.

Mrs. J. M. Day, field representative from the Raleigh office, attended the meeting and presided over a number of conferences during the day.

The program of work being accomplished by the adult teachers in Wilkes has been widely commended.

May Put Aside Anti-Lynching Bill In Senate

Washington, Jan. 19.—Southern senators said today they would attempt to sidetrack the anti-lynching bill early next week to clear the way for other legislation.

Two Men Arrested and Several Plants Destroyed in Wilkes During Week

Despite continued raids by officers, arrests, bad weather and low markets the moonshine industry continues to flourish, according to information gained from officers and others who should know what they are talking about.

During the past week federal and county officers have destroyed a number of stills and have arrested two alleged operators.

In the Windy Gap vicinity Tuesday federal officers Bennett, Williams, Felts and Deputy Marshal W. A. Jones raided a still and arrested Coy Bell and Otis Johnson, who will face trial in the May term of federal court.

In order that their arrival might not be heralded to the operators of the still via shotgun and car horn telegraph the officers left their car on highway 421 and walked through the mountains to the still in the Windy Gap vicinity.

On Saturday Sheriff C. T. Doughton and Deputy Odell Whittington and C. S. Felts, federal officer, destroyed a large still above the forks of Roaring River. They cut down 900 gallons of beer and found evidence that plenty of liquor had been made.

Several days ago federal officers arrested Arvil Pruitt at a still in the Traphill community. Pruitt, convicted in federal court two years ago, was alleged to have been the leader of several moonshiners who produced liquor on a surprisingly large scale. He was paroled after serving part of his sentence in the industrial reformatory at Chillicothe.

Wilkes Unit O.E.S. To Install Officers

Will Celebrate First Anniversary of Chapter on Thursday, Jan. 27th

On Thursday, January 27, Wilkes chapter of the Eastern Star will celebrate the first anniversary of its institution by installation of officers and a special program.

Guests from other chapters from all parts of the state are expected and several Grand officers will take part in the installation ceremonies.

The chapter was chartered with 28 members and the membership has increased to 42 during the year. The Wilkes chapter has been very active and has been commended by Grand Officers and leaders in the order at many places in the state.

50 Wounded In Holy Land Jerusalem, Jan. 13.—Fifty persons were reported wounded today in fighting between Syrian nationalists and separatists in the Holy Land.

Laying Plans For President's Ball At Armory Hall On January 28th

Is Annual Event to Raise Funds Used in Fighting Infantile Paralysis

CRANOR IS CHAIRMAN

Committees Named to Head Local Organization; Tickets Offered

With Attorney H. A. Cranor as chairman, organization has been completed for the President's Birthday Ball, which will be held in the spacious armory hall here on the night of January 28, beginning at eight o'clock.

Others on the organization committee include C. T. Doughton, J. C. Reins, C. B. Eller, Mayor R. T. McNeil, J. R. Rousseau, J. E. Walker, T. S. Kenerly and D. J. Carter.

Mayor McNeil is secretary-treasurer, C. T. Doughton is publicity chairman and J. B. McCoy is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The ball to be held here will be one of thousands held throughout the nation for the purpose of raising funds to fight infantile paralysis, the treacherous disease which annually takes such an alarming toll in lives of children and leaves many of them crippled for life. Leaders here emphasized the fact that it is non-political and is a great crusade for a most worthy and commendable cause which everybody is asked to help.

Tickets to the ball here are now on sale at one dollar each and the organization has been fortunate in making arrangements for the ball which will not entail a very great expense, leaving practically all of the proceeds from the sale of tickets to go into the benefit fund.

However, the committee has arranged for orchestra music and everything necessary to round out a program of good entertainment. Tickets may now be obtained from any of the following: R. T. McNeil, C. T. Doughton, H. A. Cranor, C. B. Eller, J. B. McCoy, George Forester, R. G. Finley, O. K. Pope, A. A. Cashlon, H. M. Hutchens and T. S. Kenerly.

Further announcements of the ball will appear Monday. In the meantime all who are interested in this great undertaking are urged to make plans to attend the ball and to keep the date closed from other engagements. Those who do not wish to attend the ball but who wish to aid the cause may do so by purchasing a ticket.

Furniture Shows Now Under Way

Encouraging Reports Come From High Point and New York Markets

Two outstanding furniture exhibitions are under way this week and reports encouraging to the industry are heard from the southern market in High Point and the market in New York city.

Reports from High Point indicate a decided revival in furniture buying as compared with the exposition in Chicago a few weeks ago and leaders in the industry are looking forward to a more rapid climb out of the recession than was formerly anticipated.

Local manufacturers are represented at the shows as follows: Forest Furniture company—J. R. Finley at New York, N. O. Smoak at High Point; Home Chair company—Jack Quinn and Henry Moore in New York, R. I. Moore and J. D. Moore, Jr., at High Point; American Furniture company—J. R. Hix and A. B. Johnston at New York, Richard Johnston and Dick Gwyn at High Point; Oak Furniture company—John E. Justice, Jr., at New York; Key City Furniture company—J. E. and Bryce Caudill at High Point.

Paul Casey, a member of a widely known Wilkes family, is general manager of the High Point Furniture exposition. He is a brother of Attorney A. H. Casey, and Dr. R. P. Casey, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Clate Duncan, of Fairplains, visited Mr. Duncan's mother, Mrs. C. D. Duncan, Sunday.

1937 Banner Year In Home Building

No Meeting Pythians Monday, January 24

It has been announced that there will be no meeting of the Pythian lodge here on Monday night, January 24. The lodge is omitting the meeting next week in order that any who wish may attend the Masonic lectures. Pythians meet the following Monday night with second degree work.

Cooking School Is Successful Event; Over 800 Present To Enjoy Picture

Appreciation Expressed To Co-operating Firms Making Event Possible

SCHOOL IS ENJOYED

Held at Liberty Theatre On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Mornings

The Journal-Patriot cooking school which closed this morning was a decided success from every standpoint.

Despite inclement weather which made it very desirable to stay indoors, more than 800 people gathered at the Liberty Theatre for the three-day school furnished as an additional service to the people of this section by this newspaper.

Speaking for the sponsor, we are appreciative of the many complimentary remarks concerning the picture, which displayed the art of preparing food in a most appetizing manner.

The picture was very much enjoyed each day.

The Journal-Patriot wishes to express a deep sense of appreciation for all firms whose cooperation made the showing of the picture possible and appreciation for the cooperation of Ivan D. Anderson, manager of the Liberty Theatre, for his important part in arrangements for the event.

Among those who attended the showing during the three days were home economics classes of a number of the high schools in the county.

The services of the ushers, members of the home economics classes of the North Wilkesboro high school, were appreciated. The ushers Tuesday were Wanda Kerley, Edith Craven, Metta Joines and Fay Williams. Ushers Wednesday were Helen Phillips, Nellie Gabriel, Frances Crawford and Betty Halfacre. Nellie Rousseau, Betty Rhodes, Ina Myers and Frances Bowman were ushers today.

Believing that the event was worthwhile and beneficial the Journal-Patriot will endeavor to stage another cooking school in the fall of this year when a new picture is released.

Play Friday Night At Millers Creek

Mountain View high school faculty will present a very entertaining three-act play, "Mama's Baby Boy," at Millers Creek school on Friday night, January 21, 7:30.

This play promises to be one of the high lights of the year and a large attendance is expected. Proceeds from the 10 and 25 cent admission charges will be used for the Millers Creek library.

G-Men Hold Anders Depart Mysteriously

St. Paul, Jan. 19.—Federal agents holding Peter Anders for the kidnap-slaying of Charles S. Ross embarked upon a mysterious mission today.

Several carloads of the F. B. I. men left for an undisclosed destination amid indications they were seeking the bodies of Ross and the prisoner's alleged confederate, James Atwood Gray, or attempting to find a cache containing the bulk of the \$50,000 ransom obtained from the family of the wealthy Chicago clubman.

Total Value Of Construction In Wilkes \$500,000

Estimated That 100 Homes Were Erected in Wilkes During Past Year

MANY BUSINESS HOUSES

Two Industrial Plants Erect Large Additions; Three New Warehouses

More than 100 new homes and about 50 industrial buildings and additions were erected in Wilkes county during 1937, figures obtained from authoritative sources today revealed.

In North Wilkesboro, during the year 1937 22 new residences were erected while new building in the business and commercial field consisted of 17 new buildings, six major repairs and additions. The cost of construction during the year in North Wilkesboro is estimated at \$160,000.

Outstanding among the industrial construction were the addition of a veneer plant to American Furniture company, factory and a spacious addition to the plant of Key City Furniture company. The largest structures in the merchandising field were warehouses erected by S. V. Tomlinson, C. E. Jenkins and N. B. Smithey on A street. A spacious new building was erected by Wilkes Auto Sales company on Forester Avenue.

The past year was probably the greatest one in the history of the county from the standpoint of construction of new homes in the rural sections. The greatest part of the new building was on the state highways leading through the county but there were many new homes constructed on leading secondary roads.

The fact that many of the new homes erected within the past two years are of modern type construction has attracted favorable comment from people of this section and from many from distant points who come this way.

During the year desirable real estate was sold readily with the best home sites getting first consideration in the real estate business. Several desirable tracts were subdivided and sold very successfully.

Dealers in building materials reported much activity during the year and while it is conceded that 1937 was a banner year for construction there are bright prospects that 1938 holds forth promise of even greater progress.

Outstanding among construction of public buildings in Wilkes county during the year 1937 was completion of Millers Creek consolidated school building, a large elementary school building in the Mulberry community north of this city and an elementary unit at Benham. The three buildings were erected jointly by the Public Works administration and Wilkes county at a total cost of more than \$100,000. Late in 1937 work was begun on an addition to school building at Wilkesboro. The new structure will contain ten classrooms and is being erected by the Works Progress administration and Wilkes county.

Total value of all new buildings completed and in process of construction in Wilkes county during 1937 is estimated at more than half a million dollars.

Physical Education Didertor To Speak At Millers Creek

Eugene Garbee, director of physical education at A. S. T. C. in Boone, will address the Millers Creek Parent-Teacher association in meeting on Thursday night, January 27, seven o'clock.

Mr. Garbee will speak on "Uses of a Gymnasium," a subject very appropriate when the school and community is endeavoring to raise funds for erection of a gymnasium in connection with the Works Progress administration.

All parents of the school, regardless of whether or not they are members of the P. T. A., are urged to be present.