

State News Of
State-Nation
Told Briefly

BRIDGE NEARLY READY
Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Opening of the new three-mile bridge across Albemarle sound seems scheduled for July 4. W. L. Craven, senior bridge engineer of the state highway and public works commission, said today.

SMALL FRY HEARD
Washington, Feb. 1.—Hundreds of men who draw their livelihoods from such "little businesses" as laundries, bakeries, brickyards, retail establishments and small factories gathered in Washington tonight, ready to tell the government what they think it should do about the business recession.

NEW CONSTRUCTION
New York, Feb. 1.—United States Steel corporation announced today it had borrowed \$50,000,000 payable in one two and three years from banks in New York, Chicago and Pittsburgh. The corporation arranged for these loans, it was said, in anticipation of substantial outlays for new construction work now under way.

FACING STARVATION
London, Feb. 1.—The 200 inhabitants of Rathlin island in the north channel between Northern Ireland and Scotland were threatened with starvation today after being cut off from the outside world by three weeks of continual storms. Plight of the inhabitants became alarming as gales and high seas continued to batter the British Isles preventing food ships from reaching them.

DICK POWELL FATHER
Los Angeles, Feb. 1.—Singing Dick Powell of the movies became a father today. Superior Judge Robert H. Scott approved Powell's adoption of Norman Barnes, three-year-old son of his wife, Joan Blondell, film actress, and her former husband, George Barnes, cameraman. "This action makes me supremely happy," said Powell, taking the boy in his arms and patting his cheeks, while Miss Blondell beamed approvingly.

SIX NEGROES BURN
Hartford, Feb. 1.—Coroner R. E. Rawley disclosed today that six negroes perished last night in a rural community in Gates county when their dwelling burned. The coroner said Hattie Hoffer, 45, and her four children were burned to death in the small house and that Jane Hoffer, Hattie's 73-year-old stepmother, died today of burns. He said a defective flue probably caused the fire.

WITHDRAW \$34,500,000
Washington, Feb. 1.—Twenty-two states and the District of Columbia withdrew \$34,500,000 of their unemployment trust funds from the treasury in January to begin the payments of unemployment benefits. January was the first month that any state except Wisconsin was eligible to begin such payments under the social security act, and all of the eligible states withdrew amounts from \$75,000 to \$10,000,000 each.

FEW FOREST FIRES
Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Fewer forest fires were reported in North Carolina during 1937 than during the preceding year. W. C. McCormick, assistant state forester, said today a total of 3,404 fires occurred in 1937, compared with 3,885 in 1936. An average of 44 acres was burned by each fire last year, compared with 67 acres in 1936, he added.

DIES AT AGE 104
Salem, Feb. 1.—Rowan county has just lost probably her oldest citizen, Alexzine Bing Anderson, who died this week, a month after she had celebrated her 104th birthday. "Aunt Alex," as she was better known, came to Salisbury years ago with her husband and appeared in an Indian medicine show. She was half Indian and half Spanish, her grandfather being George Bushman, a Cherokee chief in Texas. After the death of her husband, she married Kingston Anderson, a local farmer. She was the mother of 13 children, and as a midwife she delivered that she had brought 1,680 babies into the world.

Change Firm Name
Hackney-Harris
The name of L. A. Hackney-Harris, popular department store, has been changed to Hackney and Harris. The new name will be used on Feb. 15, 1938.

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For mutual advantage do your buying in North Wilkesboro, the trading center of Northwestern North Carolina.

People of Wilkes In Healthy State; No Epidemics Of Disease This Year

Scattered Cases of Whooping Cough and Scarlet Fever Prove Threats
PREVENT DISEASE
Efforts of Health Department Over Period of Years Beneficial

Few cases of communicable diseases have been reported to the county health office recently and those interested in public health have reached the conclusion that people of Wilkes county are hale, hearty and healthy. While it is generally known that there has been about the usual amount of illness of an organic nature and that the people of the county have found no cure-all or fountain of youth, they feel fortunate in that no epidemics of contagious disease have occurred during the present school term. The biggest threat of an epidemic was during the latter months of 1937 when scattered cases of whooping cough were reported. By quarantining the disease was somewhat isolated and the number of new cases has been declining with subsequent reports. Earlier in the year several cases of scarlet fever were located in the eastern part of the county but this disease is likewise on the wane, reports of the health officer, Dr. A. J. Eller, show. For many years a health service with full time health officer and nurse has been maintained in Wilkes county and during the past few years a sanitarian was added. Those interested in public health express the opinion that the present activities of the health department and health education has proved to be beneficial to the people of the county in curbing communicable diseases.

G.O.P. Dinner at Greensboro 12th

Wilkes County Expected to Send Large Delegation to Lincoln Day Dinner

Wilkes county is expected to furnish a large delegation at the Lincoln Day dinner to be held in Greensboro on the night of Saturday, February 12, Republican party leaders said here today. The state Republican executive committee and the Young Republicans organization, joint sponsors of the dinner, are completing arrangements for one of the biggest Lincoln Day dinners in the history of the state. Representative Hamilton Fish, of New York state, a prominent Republican in congress and a potential candidate for president in 1940, will be the keynote speaker. Prior to the Lincoln Day dinner Young Republicans will have a series of meetings during the day and it is expected that Wilkes people will take part in those meetings. Arrangements have been made by local leaders to furnish transportation to Wilkes Republicans who wish to attend the Lincoln Day dinner meeting. Republicans from all parts of the county are asked to attend and to notify N. B. Smith, chairman, S. B. Richardson or Kyle Hayes at the earliest possible date. The price of tickets in former years has been \$2.00 each but it was said here today that any Wilkes Republicans who desire to attend may be able to secure a ticket at substantially lower prices if a large number from the county will attend.

Internal Revenue Men Coming Soon

Information received today by The Journal-Patriot from C. H. Robertson, collector of revenue, was to the effect that a representative of his office in Greensboro will spend March 1st in North Wilkesboro to assist people in filing income tax returns. He will maintain headquarters at Hotel Wilkes.

New Cowboy Hand



Hollywood... Guess which perennial Yankee first baseman roams a local movie lot in this cowboy regalia! You're right, Pard, 'tain't none other than Buck Gehrig, otherwise known as Larrupin' Lou, portraying a regular two-fisted, gun-totin' cowboy hot on the trail of a gang of rustlers.

Home Management and Furnishings In the Home Will Be Stressed By the Home Agent During Year In County

Groundhog Day Is No Test Case For Superstition

The peculiar mixture of weather Wednesday, February 2, and close observation of one groundhog caused more argument concerning groundhog weather prophecy. A pet groundhog at the home of Miss Carrie Powell in Wilkesboro got out too late to see his shadow during the few minutes of sunshine about 7:30 yesterday morning, Miss Powell said. Bonnie (that's the groundhog's name) did not act queerly and showed no disposition to celebrate her day. At one o'clock yesterday afternoon the sun began to shine dimly through clouds which appeared to be the forerunner of snow but the groundhog, if she saw her shadow, paid no attention to it and did not hurry back in for the six weeks more of winter weather which are sure to come, according to groundhog weather prophets. Instead of establishing a test case of the groundhog's ability to foretell the remainder of the weather this winter and early spring, groundhog day in this vicinity gave cause for more argument. Some old timers insist that the sunshine or its absence at nine o'clock is the determining factor, while others claim that noon is the time the fuzzy animal is supposed to get scared and hole up for six weeks if the sun peeps out. Not wanting to get mixed up in the argument about the groundhog's ability to forecast the weather we prefer to follow the course of the scientist who was doubtful of the theory that the sun in a million more years will diminish in brilliance—we'll wait and see.

Jobless On Time; Checks Are Late

Unemployed who filed claims for job insurance were on time this week in reporting at the employment service office here but the checks were delayed. According to dispatches sent out from the state office of the Unemployment Compensation Commission the checks due for the week ending January 22 were to have been delivered this week on regular report days of the claimants. Checks were delivered at several offices in the state but those to be delivered here did not arrive on time. The checks for those who have been reporting on Tuesdays arrived Wednesday but will not be given out until next Tuesday. It is useless for an applicant to call for his or her check on any day except the days on which they have been reporting to the employment service office. Mr. James Larkin Pearson, of Boomer, attended the lecture of William Rose Baget, one of the best known poets and critics in the country. The lecture was given in the auditorium of Salem College in Winston-Salem today.

Building Boom Is Expected to Result From Housing Bill Passed By Senate

By Close Vote Senate Passes Measure Making It Easier to Build
LONG TERM FINANCE
Many Unemployed Disappointed at Failure of the Checks to Arrive Here
Washington, Feb. 1.—Administration leaders, beating off a senate rebellion by the close vote of 42 to 40, passed along to President Roosevelt today the bill designed to stimulate a vast home-building boom. Mr. Roosevelt is expected to sign the bill quickly. Its sponsors (Continued on page eight)

Newly Appointed Agent and Specialist to Hold Three Meetings Soon

Miss Harriet McGoogan, until recently assistant dietitian at W. C. U. N. C. in Greensboro, on Tuesday began her duties as home demonstration agent for Wilkes county. The first day as home demonstration agent was spent in company with Miss Anameria Arant, district agent, and they visited a number of people in various communities throughout the large county. Miss McGoogan said she was very favorably impressed with the people and their genial hospitality. She said the people here showed a very cooperative spirit. This year, Miss McGoogan said, will be devoted principally to "Home Management and Home Furnishings." Miss Pauline Gordon, home management and home furnishings specialist of the extension service, will spend three days next week in Wilkes and she and Miss McGoogan will conduct three meetings—at Ronda, Mountain View and Ferguson. Some time will also be devoted to planning work for the year. A home demonstration agent was added to the extension service in Wilkes through an agreement whereby the state and federal governments will pay the entire cost until July 1, 1938, provided the county appropriates \$600 as its part of the cost for the next fiscal year. Miss McGoogan's announcement of the meetings next week follows: We are delighted to announce that Miss Pauline Gordon, State Specialist in Home Management and Home Furnishings, will arrive here on Monday, February 7. Miss Gordon is the first of a series of specialists whom we plan to bring to the women of Wilkes county. She is widely known in the state and nation for her work in home management and it is a real opportunity to have her visit our county. Since home demonstration clubs have not been organized throughout the county, meetings have been called in three communities so that the opportunity of hearing Miss Gordon will be made available to as many women as possible. Miss Gordon will discuss some of the problems of home management and will also give a demonstration which will make her discussion both interesting and practical. Since the successful management of the home is of vital concern to every home-maker, every woman who will find it in any way possible to attend one of these meetings will wish to do so. The meetings will be held as follows: Ronda—Ronda school building, Tuesday, February 8, at 2 o'clock. Mountain View—Mountain View, Teaching, Wednesday, February 9, at 2 o'clock. Ferguson—Ferguson school, Thursday, February 10, at 2 o'clock. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at these meetings.

Vestal Is Director PCA In This Area

Local Man Re-elected to Important Post in Stockholders Meeting
Reports submitted by officers and directors of the Winston-Salem Production Credit Association at the annual stockholders' meeting in Winston-Salem on January 29, 1938, indicated that this farmers' cooperative credit organization had another successful year in 1937. The reports showed an increased volume of business done and, not withstanding crop failures, a good collection record. Complete and detailed reports were given to the stockholders at the meeting, which was well attended by farmers from Alleghany, Caldwell, Davidson, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties, which are served by the Association. The financial statement of the association was displayed on a big chart and other interesting data showing cost of operation, etc., were likewise displayed on charts. Reports were made to the meeting by E. S. Welborn, President, L. E. Francis, secretary, treasurer, and Paul J. Vestal and W. H. Hardy, members of the board of directors. A. B. Hobson was re-elected to serve on the board of directors. Other directors whose terms did not expire this year are W. H. Hardy, E. S. Welborn, J. R. Forrest, and Paul J. Vestal. The reports revealed that the Association made 687 loans for a total of \$117,000.00 in 1937. Sam J. Overstreet, Representative of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia, addressed the stockholders at the conclusion of the business session. Mr. Overstreet stressed the fact that the production credit association is a permanent, dependable source of credit for responsible farmers organized on a cooperative basis. He said these associations have systematized farm financing, are farmer controlled and operated, loan money only to farmers, meet all of the farm (Continued on page eight)

Checks For Land In Bluff Park Area To Be Paid Out to The Owners Soon

Condemnation Proceedings In Federal Court Are Near Completion
5,000 ACRES INVOLVED
Few Tracts Where Interests Undetermined Temporarily Held Up
Checks for payment for approximately 5,000 acres of land in the Bluff Park area in Wilkes and Alleghany counties are expected to arrive this week, it was learned today from the office of the national park service in Wilkesboro. The owners will receive payment through condemnation proceedings instituted in federal court at Wilkesboro in order to facilitate payment. The lands were optioned about two years ago by the government for the purpose of establishing an outstanding wayside park on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Park service attorneys immediately began their duties on abstracting the titles to the mountain land but were unable to establish titles satisfactory to the government. Meanwhile the landowners were restricted in the use of the lands for cultivation and many found themselves unable to locate elsewhere because they had not been paid the amount of the options they had given. In order to expedite payment the park service instituted condemnation proceedings against all the lands with the few exceptions of the tracts for which creditable titles were established. These were obtained by direct purchase. Only a few contests arose concerning title and interest to the lands and these are being determined in federal court. Checks for the tracts where no contests arose will be distributed as soon as certification of county tax payments are obtained, it is understood.

Social Standards Conference Held

Over 100 in '32
Phillips Keynote Speaker Today at Conference Here
Held at North Wilkesboro High School; Representatives Others Here
STUDENTS TAKE PART
Local Civic Leaders Take a Part and Lead Discussions at Group Meet
An address by C. W. Phillips, director of public relations at the Woman's College of the University at Greensboro, was the keynote of the Social Standards conference held today at the North Wilkesboro high school. "Attitudes" was the theme of the conference, the first project of its kind ever attempted by a high school in this section of the state. The address of Mr. Phillips was on "Attitudes Toward Life" and he held the rapt interest of the student body and visitors with his inspiring message. The conference was planned by W. D. Halfacre, city schools superintendent, and was sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association and the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club. Included among the guests were a faculty member, president of the student body and president of the junior class of all the high schools in the county. The conference opened with the general meeting at which time Mr. Phillips spoke. The student body organization of the city high school was immediate sponsor and President Ralph Bowman presided at the general meeting this morning. In the afternoon, Vice President Mary Frances Pardue presided at another general meeting, at which time Rev. Watt Cooper, Presbyterian pastor, spoke on "Attitudes Toward Courtship and Marriage." Twelve group conferences were held during the day with a student chairman to preside, a leader from civic or church organizations to lead the discussion, a faculty sponsor and a P. T. A. sponsor. One meeting was held for all the girls, at which time Mrs. Bess Rosa, of the home economics department of W. C. U. N. C., lead the discussion of "Attitudes Toward Boys." Mr. Phillips discussed "Attitudes Toward Girls" at a meeting of all the boys. Attitudes toward vocations, toward the home, social attitudes, attitudes toward the spiritual, the community and the home were some of the subjects discussed at the group conferences. The student chairmen were Joe McCoy, Margie Gabriel, Paul Haiswood, Alice Wells, Carl Gwyn Coffey, Gwendolyn Hubbard, Frank Cannon, Bob McCoy, Thomas Templeton, Vivian Kerbaugh, Dorothy Jennings and Betty Hill. Leaders who led the discussions of the group subjects included Mr. Phillips, Mrs. Rosa, John Kermit Blackburn, William Marlow, Mrs. W. M. Cooper, Rev. Watt Cooper, Edward Finley, Miss Elizabeth Faw and Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant. The P. T. A. members acting as sponsors were B. C. Gearty, Mrs. C. C. Faw, J. D. Schaeffer, Mrs. Tal Barnes, Mrs. P. W. Eschelman, Mrs. Grace Kilby, W. E. Jones, W. K. Sturdivant, J. B. McCoy, Mrs. J. M. Crawford, Mrs. J. D. Schaeffer and Mrs. Goebel Justice. The initial effort to hold a social standards conference was successful from every standpoint and it is expected it will be an annually anticipated event with representatives from all high schools in the county taking part. The conference ended this afternoon with a basketball game between North Wilkesboro and Miller Creek, at which time the students were afforded opportunity to put into practice some of the teachings of the conference.

Trade Days Event Is Proposed Here By Business Men

A Trade Days event, which would be staged some time in February, has been mentioned among local business men. It has been pointed out that other cities have successful trade events and that it has been some time since one was staged here. The opinion has been expressed that "Trade Days" would be more fitting than the traditional "Dollar Days" because Trade Days could be adapted to all lines of mercantile business. The general belief is to the effect that such an event would be advantageous to the people of this section of the state as well as serving as a business stimulant. Arrangement have not been completed for such an event but announcement will be made if plans materialize.

N. W. A. A. Team Beats Jefferson

North Wilkesboro Athletic association basketball team displayed good form Tuesday night to defeat Jefferson all stars 46 to 26 on Jefferson's court. B. Jones led the Wilkes team with 26 points while Sonny Garwood played an outstanding floor game. Other players were H. Jones, Reavis, McNeill, Eller, Lankford, Wendland. Jefferson will come here for a game at the high school gymnasium on Friday night, eight o'clock. A good game is expected and all basketball fans are invited.

Singing Is Held At Traphill 31st

The most successful singing in 15 years was the way visitors described the fifth Sunday singing held at Traphill Sunday. Singing classes and quartets were present from Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties. Classes included Traphill, Piney Grove, Shoals Branch, Roaring River and Pleasant Hill. Quartets were Granite City Four from Mount Airy, Nightingale, Bethel, Happy Day, Cool Springs, Sunshine and East Elkin. The next session of the Stone Mountain singing association will be held with Bethel church near Hay. Episcopal Service
Vesper service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, February 6th, at four o'clock. Mr. Richard Sumner, of Patterson school, who is President of the Young People's Service League of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, will speak on the youth people's work of the diocese at this service. The population of the United States exceeds 41 persons to the square mile.
Preaching Service
Rev. A. W. Lynch will preach at Roseboro, N. C. Sunday morning at 11:00 and Sunday evening at 7:00.
Nome, Alaska, is farther west than Honolulu!