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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

HE CELEBRATED

Chapel Hill, Feb. 23.—J. C. Bryson, negro youth, celebrated his 31st birthday in grand style Sunday. He got drunk, assaulted his stepfather, Hazel Taylor, breaking his wooden leg. Today Judge L. J. Phipps gave Bryson 60 days to contemplate his new freedom.

SPAIN WAR NEWS

Madrid, Feb. 22.—Insurgent warships and government planes engaged today in one of the most thrilling sea and air battles of the civil war in which two insurgent warships were believed to have been disabled, the government announced. The coastal cities of Valencia and Sagunto were heavily bombed and shelled during the engagement in which a French merchant vessel was damaged by a bomb.

GEN. PERSHING ILL

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 22.—Gen. John J. Pershing, seriously ill of rheumatism complicated by a heart condition, rallied tonight several hours after he was transferred from his hotel to a sanatorium. Dr. Roland Davison, the 77-year-old warrior's physician, said Pershing was "better tonight than he was at noon," when he suffered a relapse. He has been confined to bed for a week.

NOT PESSIMISTIC

Winston-Salem, Feb. 22.—America is standing on the threshold of a great advance and the boys of the hour will be its leaders, Gov. Clyde R. Hoey declared here tonight. "This nation has not gone on the toboggan slide," said the state chief executive, "and it is not going there. We have by no means forgot our heritage and that is what will carry us on and upward in making this a greater and more substantial country."

PLENTY QUARANTINES

New Market, Pa., Feb. 22.—Three cards on the door of a rural home near here warn of coughs, rash and itches—all in one family. "Measles, one quarantine sign reads. That is for seven-year-old Ruth Zook and her sister Doris, six. "Chicken pox," says a second. That is for Ruth, who developed measles while recovering from her first illness. "Mumps," warns a third sign. It's for four-year-old Eugene.

HANDS ARE WARNING

Shanghai, Feb. 22.—Terrorists today changed their grim warnings from human heads to hands. Samuel Chang, one-time publicity director at Nanking and now Chinese editor of the American-owned Haw Mei Wan Pao, received a package of amputated hands along with a warning to cease anti-Japanese policies. Hal P. Mills, of New Orleans, owner of the paper, previously had been threatened. In some instances the terrorists sent heads to persons they accused of being anti-Japanese.

DOESN'T LIKE IT

Washington, Feb. 22.—Participating in the debate on the \$250,000,000 emergency relief bill today, a measure designed to provide additional funds to carry on relief activities until the end of the fiscal year, Senator Bailey admitted that he was inclined to face the future with doubt and misgivings. It was not merely a question of concern for the eight, 10 or 12 million unemployed, as the case might be, but there was the urgent necessity for giving thought to the entire population of the United States, whose government, it sometimes seemed, was breaking down.

Four Sentenced For Thefts Here

Police Believe Petty Thieving Rig Broken With the Conviction of Boys

North Wilkesboro police are of the opinion that the arrest and conviction of four boys for stealing bicycles has broken up a petty thieving ring here.

Those arrested were Paul Rhodes, Ashby and Doree Belmont and Naham Combs. One defendant under 16 years of age was given a sentence by Juvenile Judge C. C. Hayes suspended on condition that he be of good behavior and attend school. The others received jail sentences in city court.

The four were convicted of stealing bicycles from Catherine Phipps, Betty Haire and Wilbur Stanley.

"Diamond Bob" to Face Charges In Federal Courts

Vannoy Turned Over to Federal Officers; Charge He Used Mails to Defraud

"Diamond" Bob Vannoy, who was placed in jail at Wilkesboro several weeks ago on charges of forging checks totaling over \$1,000 on Montgomery Ward & Company, has been turned over to federal officers to face charges of using the mails to defraud, it was learned here unofficially today.

Federal officers have not disclosed the evidence accumulated against the man who is alleged to have perpetrated so many swindles and who is said to have made his home in the little mountain community of Vannoy, the center of so many illegal manipulations.

However, it is understood that Vannoy ordered machinery and materials through the mails with which to print the amazing facsimiles of the mail order refund vouchers. It was also learned that he used some of the forgeries in making payment on office supplies ordered through the mails.

It is reported that officers learned during their investigations that Vannoy ordered checks printed on Lambert Brothers, contractors on the Blue Ridge Parkway, which were forged and more than \$300 worth were passed in North Wilkesboro by his alleged confederates in one day. Ironically, one of the Lambert forgeries was said to have been mailed to a firm as part payment on printing supplies used to print the wholesale forgeries on the mail order house.

It has not been learned where Vannoy will be tried. It is thought that he may face trial in the May term of federal court in Wilkesboro.

Two of his confederates, Odell Wyatt and Odell Key, are serving penitentiary sentences for passing forged checks in the vicinity of Concord, Lexington and Kannapolis.

Last Rites For Blast Victims

Funeral service was held today at Obids in Ashe county for John and Bill Baker, father and son who were killed in a mine explosion in Wyoming on February 12. Before going to Wyoming to engage in the mine business about a year ago they were residents of the Fairplains community near this city.

Funeral service for Denver Holbrook, former Wilkes resident who lost his life in the same mine disaster, will be held Friday, 11:00 a. m., at Double Creek church near Abshers.

Skunk Pretty But Scent Not So Good

Corporal Carlyle Ingle, state highway patrolman located here, has never experienced difficulty in making arrest of drunken drivers, bootleggers and other criminals but a small animal listed in Webster's as a skunk has given the popular officer a lot of worry during the past few days.

On Sunday night while patrolling highway 421 west of this city a skunk fell victim to the officer's car. He stopped, got out of the car and made investigation of the fatal accident. Noticing that the animal was covered with beautiful fur he thought of how pretty it would look mounted and evidently the officer's knowledge of animals is not on par with his knowledge of traffic laws and enforcement methods.

Mr. Ingle gingerly picked up the dead animal and threw it into the back of his car but the damage was done. Soon he began to sniff the unwholesome scent but for several minutes did not learn the source.

He has evidently abandoned the idea of mounting the beautiful pelt and since Sunday has given his car plenty of airing out with the doors open and the back end propped up. His uniform has undergone similar treatment.

To Be Buckley vs. Day?



Columbus . . . Whoever the Democrats nominate for United States Senator, whether Senator Buckley, or an opponent of the New Deal, he will have the opposition of a proved Republican vote-getter, Arthur H. Day (above), Ohio Supreme Court Justice, who has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination. Judge Day is a Cleveland lawyer and World War captain, and was elected to the Ohio Supreme Court Bench in 1934, with the highest percentage of votes cast for any state office.

Poultrymen of 8 Counties Attend One-Day Course

Four Extension Specialists Tell Poultrymen of Modern Methods Practiced

Poultrymen, county agents, assistant agents and home agents gathered at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Monday to attend a one-day poultry short course.

Those attending described the course as very interesting as well as practical.

Extension specialists included C. F. Parrish, C. J. Maupin, Roy S. Dearsteyne and T. S. Brown. They conducted the course.

Following the lectures in the morning session, the afternoon was devoted to discussions of poultry problems and to demonstrations in egg grading.

Post mortem clinic with bodies of diseased birds also proved interesting and were designed to be of practical benefit to poultrymen in control and treatment of poultry diseases.

Wilkes and adjoining counties comprised the territory from which representatives of the extension service and interested poultrymen came to the course, which has become an annual occasion.

Bank Building Here Renovated

Addition to Building and Repairs Adds to Appearance and Convenience

Workmen have completed the task of renovating the Northwest Bank building here, home office of the bank with branches at Sparta, Boone, Blowing Rock, Bakersville and Burnsville.

In addition to repairing and renovating the entire building an addition was added to the front and affords double space for the bank. Modern fixtures were installed to add convenience and floor space made necessary because of the bank's expansion in this part of the state.

An electric water cooler and fountain has been installed in the bank lobby.

All offices in the building have been renovated and have new floors and new wall and ceiling paint. Grounds adjacent to the east side of the building will be grassed and planted in flowers and shrubbery.

Minister Appreciates Anonymous Contributor

Rev. N. T. Jarvis, well known Baptist minister of the Roaring River route 2 community, has been receiving cash contributions weekly through the mail from an anonymous friend.

Rev. Mr. Jarvis said today that he wishes to express appreciation through this newspaper for the friendship of the unknown person and for the contributions received.

New Robins' Roost Reported in Wilkes

Millions of robins are roosting near Ronda, in Wilkes county, John D. Chalk, state game commissioner, said today.

The birds, he added, are feeding in the fields of Thurmond Chatham, which were seeded for game birds, and every effort is being made to protect them from persons who believe robins are a delicacy.

Will Air Park Land Titles 2nd

Judge Hayes Calls Hearing to Be Held in Wilkesboro Wednesday, March 2

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the middle district U. S. court, will conduct a hearing at the Wilkes county courthouse on Wednesday, March 2, ten o'clock a. m., an attorney for the national park service said today.

At that time any motions in the condemnation case involving about 5,000 acres of land in the bluff park area will be heard. Former owners of land in the bluff park who have not received payment for their lands and other interested parties are asked to be present.

A commission will be appointed to appraise tracts of land for which settlement has not been made and over which contests have been filed.

Payment for some tracts of land in the parkway has been made in cases where no contests arose.

Special Service Held for Scouts

Eagle Badge Is Presented to Robert McCoy; Eshelman Principal Speaker

Robert Watt McCoy, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCoy, of North Wilkesboro, was the second son in this family to receive Eagle Scout Honors in less than two years. A very fitting program was arranged for the special Scout service at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening and a fine and appreciative audience filled the church. Scouts and scouters from Troops 34, 35 and 36 were present. T. E. Story, chairman of the local Court of Honor presided and presented the speakers. Rev. Watt Cooper, pastor of the church, led the invocation. P. Ward Eshelman, Deputy Scout Commissioner of this district, made the principal address in which he stressed the importance of having more man power to direct and lead in Scout work. Mr. Eshelman stated that it had been his privilege in recent years to employ many boys and men and that every Scout he had employed has made good.

W. E. Vaughn Lloyd, Scout Executive of the Winston-Salem Council, presented the certificate of award and the eagle to Robert, who in turn passed it to his mother and she pinned it on his uniform.

Robert is not yet fourteen years old. He has impressed the Court of Honor as well as his Troop and Scoutmaster with his earnestness and thoroughness in the work. His achievement in Scouting has been as rapid as the time limits would allow.

He has passed the following merits: Art, book binding, animal industry, farm home and its planning, metal work, first aid to animals, firemanship, reptile study, wood carving, swimming, first aid, life-saving, personal health, public health, cooking, camping, civics, biology study, path finding, pioneering, safety, and athletics.

Other Eagle Scouts in this community are: named in order of the attaining the honor, Hale Jones, Joe McCoy, Jr., Robert Wood Finley, Pat Williams, Jr., and Paul Haiswood.

Attorney F. D. Hackett Not Expected To Live

Attorney Frank D. Hackett, seriously ill at a hospital in Raleigh, was reported today as being critically ill, with death expected momentarily.

Mr. Hackett has been in Raleigh for sometime, and his condition has been steadily growing worse.

His daughter, Mrs. H. A. Crano, of Wilkesboro, is at his bedside.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES



Above are pictured C. B. Deane, prominent Rockingham attorney, and Roland F. Beasley, Monroe publisher. They have announced as candidates for the Democratic nomination for congress in the eighth district to succeed J. Walter Lambeth, who will retire from office at the end of the present term. (See news stories on page four).

Rev. H. J. Ford Baptist Pastor

Sparta Minister Is Called by Congregation Wilkesboro Baptist Church

Wilkesboro Baptist church has called Rev. H. J. Ford, young minister at Sparta, as pastor, succeeding Rev. Avery Church, who is studying at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Rev. Mr. Ford, a graduate of Wake Forest college, will continue to make his home in Sparta, where he has part time work, for some time.

Since Rev. Mr. Church left to resume study at the seminary Rev. J. M. Hayes, who is now making his home in Winston-Salem, served as supply pastor.

Announce Formal Opening Theatre

New Orpheum to Open Saturday; Formal Opening Sunday Midnight

The New Orpheum Theatre will re-open to the public Saturday, February 26, with a big double header of action pictures.

However, the formal opening will be Sunday midnight with the doors opening at 11:30. Before the showing of "Radio City Revels" the crowd will be taken a tour of the theatre, during which time these present will be shown some of the many improvements made in renovating and furnishing the theatre following the fire on January 8.

The theatre will be equipped with the latest RCA victor sound. Other new equipment includes new comfortable seats, new screen, new drapes, new carpets, new scenery and new decorations.

New Store Opens In City Friday

Landis Tire and Accessories store, owned and operated by N. G. Landis, will open Friday in the new building next door to L. S. Lowe's store on C street.

Mr. Landis has moved his tire store to this city from Boone and has added new lines and larger quantities of tires and all kinds of automobile accessories.

The firm has the Goodyear company's dealership in this territory and will engage in both retail and wholesale business. An easy payment plan is offered to the customers.

"TRADE DAYS" ATTRACT MAN 95 YEARS OLD TO THE CITY

Yes, sir-ree, "Trade Days" brought the old and the young to town Saturday. There were children here by the hundreds, and one shopper was a man 95 years of age, and notwithstanding his age he got about town almost like a young man.

His name is J. E. Luther, of Deep Gap, Watauga county, and he came here to take advantage of the "Trade Days" bargains offered by local merchants.

Mr. Luther paid a visit to Pevette's clothing store where he met the owner, Mr. J. T. Pevette, and in the course of his remarks he stated that he had noticed in the paper that the city was having "Trade Days," and he just thought he would come to town and see what he could find at a saving.

Oil Men Opposing Diversion of Road Funds; Also Extra Tax On Fuel Oils

Banquet Held Tuesday Night at Hotel Wilkes Here Largely Attended

SPARGER SPEAKER

Secretary State Petroleum Industries Committee Makes Inspiring Talk

The Wilkes county unit of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries committee held a banquet meeting here Tuesday night at Hotel Wilkes went on record as opposing diversion of gasoline taxes to funds other than highway construction and maintenance.

The meeting of the Wilkes oil men, an organization of about 200 members, also went on record unanimously against the proposed federal tax on fuel oils.

S. V. Tomlinson is chairman of the organization in Wilkes and W. J. Bason is secretary. Mr. Tomlinson presided at the banquet meeting Tuesday night.

The principal speaker was S. Gilmer Sparger, of Raleigh, secretary of the state committee. He delivered an inspiring address, placing particular emphasis against use of funds derived from gasoline and automobile taxes for purposes other than road construction and maintenance.

Other speakers included J. Gordon Hackett, highway commissioner, and Zeb Stewart, division highway engineer.

The meeting was well attended by wholesale and retail petroleum products distributors and their employees.

A statewide campaign against diversion of highway funds to other purposes appears to be making great headway in the state, and it now seems certain that anti-diversionists will be in position to wage a very aggressive and probably successful, campaign against it.

The recent blast of State Highway Chairman Frank L. Dunlap at what he said would be federal "diversion" if the President's road fund cut recommended by Congress is followed; the strong position of the North Carolina State Grange against diversion, and the continued campaign of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee appear to be having a marked effect on sentiment.

The anti-diversionists start with the advantage of their strong showing in the 1937 legislature. Only once during that session of the General Assembly was the Administration majority in danger of losing its grip on the situation, and that was when it sought to push through the revenue bill permitting almost unlimited diversion of highway funds.

On that occasion, Representative Con D. Johnston, of Iredell, chairman of the roads committee, and as staunch an Administrationist as there was in the House, broke completely and led a revolt which had the machine forces groggy and on the ropes; only quick parliamentary maneuvers which resulted in a recess saved the situation. During the lull, a compromise worked out permitting diversion only if other funds should prove to be insufficient to meet appropriations.

Dr. Casey's Office Is Now Located In Northwestern Bldg.

Dr. R. P. Casey, prominent local dentist, has moved his office from B street over Blackburn's to the Northwestern Bank building, ground floor. His present office, on the north end of the building, was formerly occupied by J. R. Rousseau.

Dr. Casey has been practicing in North Wilkesboro for 17 years, and in the same location until this week.

His new offices are more spacious and will enable Dr. Casey to practice his profession with more convenience and comfort to his many patients in Wilkes and adjoining counties. His quarters consist of a large reception room, office, two operating rooms, and laboratory. The interior has been renovated and is attractively decorated.

If you can't see through your windshield, don't drive.