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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

Washington, March 1.—A \$250,000,000 emergency relief appropriation, overwhelmingly approved by Congress, went to the White House today for quick signature by President Roosevelt.

PAY ROLLS INCREASE

Raleigh, March 1.—Pay rolls of 529 North Carolina manufacturing industries increased 7.4 per cent in February over January, Labor Commissioner A. L. Fletcher reported today, and employment increased in each group except textiles.

PERSHING BETTER

Tucson, Ariz., March 1.—The recovery of Gen. John J. Pershing from a grave illness depends on the ability of a weak and badly damaged heart to keep pumping large amounts of fluid his physicians said today. "If the heart is able to do this, the general can get well," said Dr. Roland Davidson in an official bulletin, in which Lieut. Col. S. U. Marietta, army consultant, concurred.

WOING DEMOCRATS

Chicago, March 1.—The Republican program committee today moved to obtain the support of dissatisfied Democrats. Members of the group assigned to prepare a statement of policy on current affairs adopted a resolution instructing the committee to keep in mind: "The desirability of a field of common thought on which all elements in agreement with the political and economic principles that we consider vital to the defense and development of America's free institutions may unite."

BYRD HITS BILL

Washington, March 1.—The administration's government reorganization bill would hand over to the President vital policy-making powers now lodged in Congress, Senator Byrd, Democrat, Virginia, said today. Byrd, beginning a floor fight against the measure, cited provisions permitting the chief executive to reduce, merge, reorganize or transfer government agencies. He told the senate that the President should "abolish functions of government which have been fixed by Congress."

SAFETY WEEK

Raleigh, March 1.—Governor Hoey today designated the week beginning March 6 as "safety week in North Carolina," asserting that the "slaughter on the highways must cease." The big drop in automobile fatalities for January gives great encouragement to state, county and city authorities moving to lessen the highway killings. These lives were saved during a month in which the maximum of machines were running and in weather adapted to speeding. The authorities believe that with a steady campaign for safety additional lives and accidents may be saved.

ENGINEER PULLED

Miami, Fla., March 1.—A railroad engineer was arrested here today and charged with driving his train through the city at an excessive speed. Capt. Fred J. Manning, of the police department's traffic squad, said he paced the Florida East Coast railway train and upon its arrival at the downtown passenger terminal arrested Lon Hardee, 58, veteran engineer. Manning said Hardee's speed averaged 61 miles an hour. The arrest was made under a 20-year-old law limiting trains to 20 miles an hour within the city limits.

First Checks For 1937 Soil Program Arrive In Wilkes

Farmers Being Notified As Checks Arrive at Office of County Agent

Soil conservation checks in payment for compliance with provision of the government sponsored soil program in Wilkes in 1937 are beginning to arrive at the office of Dan Holler, county agent.

The checks received to date total \$6,124, Mr. Holler said, but the checks received represent only a small per cent of the total number due farmers of the county and the others are expected soon.

Mr. Holler pointed out that each person for whom a check is due will be notified by mail when the check arrives and that it will be useless for any person to call for a check until he has received notice by mail.

The checks are made out in Washington, D. C.

Scenic Boulevard Named In Honor Of R.L. Doughton; By Congress Act

Representative Rich, Pennsylvania Republican, Responsible For Name

SURPRISES HOUSES

Name Doughton-Blue Ridge Parkway In Honor Veteran In House

Washington, March 2.—The House of Representatives today paid an unusual tribute to Representative Robert L. Doughton when it re-named the Blue Ridge Parkway in his honor.

Under an amendment introduced by Representative Robert F. Rich (R), Pennsylvania, to the Interior Department bill and unanimously adopted, the scenic highway connecting the Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah National Parks will be known as the "Doughton-Blue Ridge Parkway."

This action was taken just before the House approved an appropriation of approximately \$2,500,000 to continue construction of the parkway—18 additional miles in North Carolina and 18 in Virginia—during the next fiscal year. The House also adopted the appropriation of \$36,350 contained in the bill for administration, protection and maintenance of the Great Smoky Mountains Park.

House Is Surprised Representative Doughton, to (Continued on page eight)

Myers Loses Suit Against Insurance Firm Wednesday

Judge Hayes Rules That Insurance Firm Not Liable For Damages in Suit

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, holding a special session of federal court in Wilkesboro Wednesday for the purpose of working out settlements with owners of the lands embraced in the Bluff Park area in Wilkes and Alleghany counties, ruled that the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Insurance Corporation was not bound in the sum of \$10,000 as a result of a judgment obtained by I. M. Myers, Wilkes county coroner, in Ohio.

Myers, in company with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myers, were on their way home from Florida when their car was struck by a car owned by the Bronard Cab Company, of Akron, Ohio. Myers was badly injured, as well as Mrs. Myers, and their car practically demolished.

Suit against the Bronard Cab Company was brought at Akron, and judgment rendered in favor of Myers in the sum of \$7,500. This was upheld by the appellate court of that state.

The insurance company then brought suit in Judge Hayes' court to declare the policy not in force at the time of the accident which took place near Waycross on January 6, 1935. Judge Hayes upheld the insurance company's contention, voiding the right of Myers to recover his damages.

Trivette and Holsinger, counsel for Myers, gave notice of appeal to the circuit court of appeals.

Lineman Takes 2,300 Volts But Is Badly Burned

M. L. Ladd, a resident of Charlotte, was painfully burned Wednesday afternoon while changing an insulator on a Duke Power line in the Hays community.

Witnesses to the accident said that Ladd's foot slipped and he was for an instant in contact with the line, which carries 2,300 volts. A workman on a nearby pole saw the accident and vigorously shook the line, causing contact with Ladd's body to be broken.

He fell and was immediately brought to the hospital here. One foot and leg was badly burned.

To Direct Play



The attractive young lady pictured above is Miss Christine Howe, who has arrived in North Wilkesboro to direct presentation of "Coast to Coast," a comedy-drama, sponsored by the North Wilkesboro fire department.

Firemen Here To Present Play March 11 and 12

"Coast to Coast" Is Title of Thrilling Comedy-Drama To Be Given Here

Miss Christine Howe, director of "Coast to Coast" which is to be sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Fire Department, arrived Tuesday. "Coast to Coast," the thrilling comedy-drama, using local talent as members of its cast, is to be presented at the school, Friday and Saturday, March 11th and 12th. Miss Howe has had special training for this type of work at the Horner Institute of Kansas City, Missouri. This exciting drama of the networks will include a cast of approximately fifty people.

Besides the play proper, there are some exceedingly clever dances. The choruses contain a group of girls in snappy costumes and singing popular songs.

One of the outstanding groups is the "Farmerette Chorus." These girls, according to reports, have been imported from the surrounding country to entertain with a dance that is rustic and, at the same time, full of life and pep.

Another outstanding chorus, is the "Swing Chorus." "Swing Mr. Palmer," is their tune, and the sing and dance a routine that would be a credit to any professional show.

"Sing, It's Good For You," says the opening chorus, and they really mean it, with their attractive costumes and the peppy song.

There are more dances and snappy costumes and several specialties. The costumes are all lovely. The songs are especially for "Coast to Coast." Everything about the show is new and different. Don't miss it.

Traffic Court Will Be Held Each Monday Night, 7:30, In This City

Food Sale Saturday

The Food Sale to be sponsored by the Woman's Bible class of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church Saturday at Spainhour-Sydnor's Store will begin at 10:30 in the morning. A variety of cakes and other foods will be on sale and if anyone desires a special order they may call Mrs. R. M. Brame, president of the class.

Champion School Asks WPA Project

It was learned here this week from T. D. Heffner, area supervisor for WPA, that projects have been sent to Washington for approval on construction of a new school building at Champion.

It is proposed also that materials reclaimed through salvage from 17 abandoned small school buildings in the county be utilized in construction of the building, this material to count as a part of the sponsor's contribution.

Mr. Heffner's 60-day vacation began March first. In his absence Mr. C. M. Crutchfield will be acting supervisor, with Mr. Paucette as construction engineer.

Former Wilkes Woman's Heroic Trip Described

How Mrs. John Baker traveled on skis over five miles of rugged Rocky Mountain country to get help when a mine explosion killed her husband and son and three other miners reads like the wildest of fiction.

The tragedy occurred at 4:30 p. m. on February 11 at a coal mine high up in the Teton range near the Wyoming-Idaho state line. Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and son, Bill, and Denver Holbrook, all of Wilkes, Henry Ashe, of West Virginia, and Ruland Ivy, of Wyoming, were doing development work in a coal mine. Mrs. Baker was doing the cooking and house work for the workmen.

Travel is recognized as a practical impossibility in the Tetons in the winter time and on December 16 the mining party stocked up on supplies and settled down for the long winter when they would be cut off from the world.

Mrs. Baker was in the camp shack at work when the explosion occurred and she ran toward the mouth of the mine. On the way she found Henry Ashe, who was thrown about 300 feet from the mouth of the mine by the explosion but was still alive. She picked him up, carried him into the house and placed him on the bed.

Though dying from internal injuries and from a broken leg with the splintered bone protruding through the flesh, he told her that the others were in the mine and probably trapped and alive. He told her to get his skis and instructed her as to how to put them on.

Skis are as difficult to manage as roller skates are to the beginner but she immediately began the five mile trudge to a ranch owned by Sam and Rex Young. The normal depth of the snow was four feet but many drifts had reached a depth of 20 feet.

Two sheep dog pups only three months of age, beloved pets among the mine crew, faithfully followed Mrs. Baker, who readily gives them credit for saving her from a lonely death in the snow.

Darkness fell before Mrs. Baker had covered one third of the distance over the treacherous trail. The night was bitter cold. She fell many times in the snow and long before she reached the ranch she was suffering terribly from bruises and the skis had inflicted painful injuries on her legs.

Mrs. Baker said she grew very weak as she neared her destination and three times when she fell the young dogs nestled close, licked her face and hands and tugged at her clothing until she would revive from her dazed condition and make another valiant effort to reach the outside world and help for her husband, son and associates whom she thought

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Duke Power Rates Reduced

New Schedule To Offer Substantial Savings To Patrons

March 1 Reduction One of Many By Company In the Past Few Years

Raleigh, March 1.—The utilities commission announced tonight a new rate schedule for the Duke Power company, which will save consumers in North Carolina and South Carolina more than \$1,000,000 annually, officials estimated.

Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne said North Carolina consumers would receive a \$833,000 annual reduction under 1937 charges, and that South Carolina's annual saving would be \$303,000.

The schedule, which is the same for both states, will become effective on all meter readings after March 1.

Conference Is Held The rates were agreed upon late today at a conference between Winborne and Norman Cox, vice president and general counsel for the Duke Power company.

"We are expecting to make other reductions within the next few weeks," Winborne said. Under the new schedule, he said, commercial customers of the Duke Power company will receive the largest reduction.

Winborne said the Duke Power company had made large reductions each year since 1932, with two reductions during 1936. Last November, he said, the company would not discuss another cut because of an unexpected drop in consumption.

Business during January and February of this year, "steadied, in spite of the closing of mills," the commissioner added.

New Domestic Rates The new residential rate is 80 cents for the first 10 kilowatt hours a month, four cents for the next 40 kwh, 2.5 cents between 50 and 130 kwh and two cents for over 130. The old rate was 80 cents for the first 10, five cents for the next 20, 3.5 for the second 20 and 2.5 cents for over 50.

The new commercial rate is 80 cents for the first 10, four cents for the next 90, 3.5 cents for the next 300, 2.5 cents for the next 1,600, 1.7 cents for the next 8,000 and 1.25 for the next 10,000. The old rate was 80 cents for the first 10, 4.5 cents for the next 90, four cents for the next 400, three cents for the next 1,000 and 1.9 cents for excess.

Savings Analyzed Based on 1937 consumption, the new rates will save North Carolina residential consumers \$223,000 annually. Commercial consumers in the state will be saved \$255,000. Large power users, such as textile and grain mills, will have reductions of \$225,000, and municipalities purchasing power at wholesale will be saved approximately \$45,000.

"This reduction, like the last two reductions made by the Duke company, is slightly more advantageous to the commercial consumers than to the residential consumers," Winborne said. "However, previous reductions were far more advantageous to (Continued on page eight)"

Bids Are Asked For Surfacing Scenic Highway

The United States bureau of public roads last Saturday received bids for the surfacing of the Blue Ridge Parkway in Alleghany, Wilkes, Ashe and Watauga counties until March 17.

Bids have already been received on the Laurel Springs overpass and Glendale Springs bridge, also projects on the Parkway. Contracts are expected to be let soon.

The surfacing project includes 59 miles of the scenic route, and will require approximately 806,500 square yards of conditioning road surface; 269,000 gallons of refined tar; 27,300 tons of crushed stone and chips; and 429,000 of refined tar or cut-back asphalt.

The bids must be sent to the bureau of public roads, 1725 F. street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Bids may be obtained and plans and specifications seen at the office of the bureau of roads in Roanoke, Va.

Paul Holleman Last Rites Today

Paul Holleman, age 24, son of D. A. and Lillie Martin Holleman, of Somers township, died Tuesday afternoon, three o'clock.

A member of a well known family, he is survived by his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: Frances, Ruby, Male, Sadie, Clyde and Calvin Holleman.

Funeral service will be held Thursday at Sweet Home church with Rev. Grady White in charge, assisted by Rev. E. K. Woolson and Rev. W. F. Lawrence.

March Session Of Wilkes Superior Court Will Begin Monday, March 7

Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, Will Preside Over Two-Weeks' Term

FOR CRIMINAL CASES

Over 200 Cases Calendar For Trial; Few Felonies Are Among Number

Over 200 cases are calendar for the March term of Wilkes superior court which will open on Monday, March 7, in Wilkesboro. Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, whose courts are in the 17th judicial district during the first six months of 1938, will preside. Solicitor John R. Jones will prosecute the docket.

While more than 200 cases pending would ordinarily indicate a congested docket, it is interesting to note that very few felonies are charged and that the docket consists mainly of alleged misdemeanors and appeals from rulings of magistrates in minor cases.

A grand jury will be drawn from the jurors for the first week. The first week jurors are as follows:

- C. G. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro;
- W. A. Ellis, Wilkesboro;
- G. B. Dearman, North Wilkesboro;
- Grover C. Whittington, Reddies River;
- W. S. Miller, Wilkesboro;
- A. B. McNeill, North Wilkesboro;
- R. C. Wyatt, Union; John Lawrence, Newcastle; Isaac Rotten, Reddies River; John C. Prevette, Lovelace; Lester Carroll, Jobs Cabin; B. M. Pardue, Moravian Falls; J. G. Adams, New Castle; Ernest Poplin, Edwards; J. R. Walker, Walnut Grove; H. M. Phillips, Wilkesboro; Carlos Prevette, Somers; Allie McGlamery, Reddies River; A. A. Finley, North Wilkesboro; Squares Wiles, Rock Creek; Robert L. Faw, Reddies River; W. J. Woodruff, Rock Creek; Roby F. Johnson, North Wilkesboro; E. S. Tugman, North Wilkesboro; H. G. Green, New Castle; Charles Howard, North Wilkesboro; W. C. Shumaker, Elk; Nat Prevette, Union; John Adams, Walnut Grove; J. W. Snyder, North Wilkesboro; J. Halgwood Eatop, Brushy Mountain; Q. R. Jarvis, Somers; Paul Cashion, North Wilkesboro; L. C. Horton, North Wilkesboro; John V. Foster, North Wilkesboro; D. C. Sebastian, Mulberry.

Marcus Steelman Is Boxing Champ

Local Youth Brings Home Trophy From Golden Gloves Tournament

Marcus Steelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Steelman, battled his way through the finals in the Golden Glove boxing tournament in Greensboro Monday night and won the gold trophy offered the winner in the 147-pound novice class.

In the final match in his weight class he won a decision over Marvin Pruett, of Lumberton.

Steelman is a senior in the North Wilkesboro high school.

Bill Irvin, another North Wilkesboro youth, reached the finals in the 175-pound open class but lost a decision to Jim McDonald, of Guilford College, although Irvin made a brilliant last round come-back.

Annual Inspection Of Guard Monday

Will Be Held at the Armory Hall on Monday Night; Public Is Invited

The annual inspection of Company A, 105th Engineers, national guard, will be held at the Armory hall on Monday night, March 7, 7:30. It was announced today by Captain E. R. Reins. The public is invited.

Major Reins, an army officer from Jackson, Miss., will conduct the inspection, which will include music and field drills. Other distinguished visitors will be present, including Lieut. Col. Williams, of Charlotte.

Was Bad Week For Moonshiners

Four Stills, Much Beer and Over 100 Gallons Liquor Taken In Raids

During the past week Sheriff C. T. Doughton, deputies and several officers have destroyed federal illicit stills in Wilkes county.

The most successful raid occurred Friday when the sheriff destroyed four large stills in the Windy Gap community. Beer destroyed totaled over 2,000 gallons.

Prior to the raids Friday Sheriff Doughton and Deputy Marshal W. A. Jones located over 100 gallons of whiskey in barrels and fruit jars. The liquor was found near a Windy Gap home.