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ARE AGAINST WAR Asheville, March 11.—Dr. C. T. Wang, Chinese ambassador to the United States, said here tonight that he believed the people of Japan were against the empire's military program in China and expressed the opinion that were the question submitted to the people, they would vote against it.

VALUE TOBACCO Raleigh, March 11.—North Carolina growers sold their 1937 tobacco for \$141,056,845, an increase of \$40,924,039 over returns from the 1936 crop, W. H. Rhodes, chief statistician of the state agriculture department, said today. The 1937 average was \$1.50 more per 100 pounds than in 1936, he said. Growers sold 577,623,891 pounds last year, compared with 437,552,728 pounds in 1936.

LEGION CONVENTION Winston-Salem, March 11.—The North Carolina department of the American legion will hold its annual convention at Winston-Salem June 26, 27 and 28, Miss Alice Gray, department vice commander, announced tonight. The dates were set at an executive committee meeting held at Fayetteville. Miss Gray said the executive committee would hold its annual session June 26 and the memorial service would be held that night. The convention proper will open Monday and continue through Tuesday.

WIFE DRUGGED Pittsburgh, March 11.—Mrs. Lucille Pearce told a jury today of being drugged and beaten for six weeks while her husband carried on an illicit romance with a nurse. Speaking in low whispers, the fashionably attired Canonsburg, Pa., woman accused her husband, Maxwell D. Pearce, and Margaret Gordon, of Cleveland, of dosing her with sleeping powders and whisky then, she said, they forced her to open a safety deposit box containing \$8,000 worth of securities, jewels and cash.

DEFIES PRESIDENT Washington, March 11.—Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, chairman of TVA, bluntly defied President Roosevelt today and declared himself not a participant in a hearing called by the chief executive to determine "the facts" behind TVA's bitter internal row. Face-to-face with the President and in the presence of his opponents on the TVA board—Vice Chairman Harcourt A. Morgan and Director David E. Lilienthal—the chairman criticized the inquiry as "an alleged process of fact finding" and repeated his plea for an "impartial, comprehensive and complete" investigation by Congress.

TAXES BOOSTED Washington, March 11. A few hours after President Roosevelt, in his regular press conference, reaffirmed his devotion to the closely held corporation surtax, the house rejected finally, and by a record vote of 233 to 133, that principle of taxation, and shortly thereafter sent the bill to the senate. Not only did the house approve the McCormack amendment, eliminating the third basket, the family controlled, or closely held corporation tax, but, to the extreme annoyance of Secretary Hull and Secretary Wallace, approved by a 201 to 182 vote the Thompson amendment, providing for a six cents a pound excise tax on imported pork products, aimed primarily at Poland.

Hitler Takes Austria Vienna, March 12. (Saturday)—Austria has submitted to Adolf Hitler. The government yielded to German's armed might and gave up its five-year fight against domination by the German Fuehrer. German troops, massed on the border, marched into Austria at three points. Early today they were reported at Linz, Austria, 40 miles from the German frontier. Major Clausner, leader of Nazi S. A. troops in Vienna, broadcast an announcement that: "Austria has become free—Austria has become National Socialist... a new government has been formed."

The anti-Nazi chancellor, Kurt Schuschnigg, resigned in the face of a German ultimatum demanding reorganization of the government. Germany's action, scolding protests by Great Britain and France, created Europe's most ominous situation since Hitler defiantly occupied the Rhineland on March 7, 1936.

American Legion Sponsors Junior Baseball League In County This Year

Same Plan as Used Last Year Will Be Carried Out By Wilkes Post

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN League Plan Affords Opportunity for Many Boys to Participate

Wilkes post of the American Legion will again sponsor junior baseball in Wilkes county, it was decided in the March meeting of the organization.

In 1937 the post sponsored junior baseball and eight well balanced teams played a 14-game schedule with Moravian Falls emerging champions on a percentage basis.

The same plan will be followed this year, Legionnaires said, but in the fall there will be a playoff here between champions of Wilkes, Alexander, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties if posts in those counties decide to sponsor junior baseball this year.

The idea of the post sponsoring a team for district and national competition was abandoned because of the fact that a county league of junior teams affords opportunity for a much larger number of boys to participate.

Last year the Legion spent about \$350 to equip and maintain the eight teams in the league. The Bingo party held recently resulted in raising enough money to clear up a great part of the outstanding indebtedness for last year's baseball program and another Bingo party is scheduled for the near future to raise funds to finance the league this year.

The Legion baseball program met with popular approval last year and an opportunity is given anyone to contribute toward the program this year.

However, it is not expected that the expense will be as much this year as in 1937, due to the fact that the post has some of the equipment on hand. The number of teams to be maintained this year has not been decided or the communities where they will be located. Meanwhile the post is, going ahead with arrangements for the season and it is expected that games will begin some time in April.

Legion Birthday Party Thursday

Legion and Auxiliary Will Meet Jointly Thursday Night at 7:30

Next Tuesday to Thursday, March 15-17th, marks the Nineteenth Anniversary of the organization of the American Legion. On that date in 1919, approximately one thousand representative officers and enlisted men of the A. E. F. met at a great Caucus in Paris, France, and laid plans for the organization of the American Legion.

In celebration of this event, Wilkes County Post No. 125 and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion will entertain at a birthday party on Thursday night of this week and a suitable program has been arranged for the occasion. One feature will be the big Birthday Cake with its 19 candles and refreshments after the meeting.

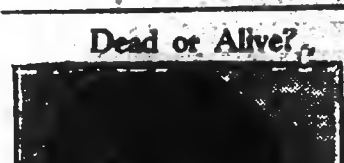
The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 and every member of both Legion and Auxiliary are urged to be present, and especially the Charter members and Past Commanders and Past Presidents of these organizations. The festivities will close with a dance and a most enjoyable evening is looked forward to, by those privileged to attend.

Minstrel Show Is Very Entertaining

Darktown Minstrels, presented Friday night at Wilkesboro school, proved to be highly entertaining. The house was filled to capacity and the show went over in a big way.

Many of the best known amateur actors and singers were included in the cast with selected high school children and the presentation reflected able direction. Miss Elizabeth Faw, member of the Wilkesboro school faculty, directed the show.

Wilkes Republicans In Convention Today



Dead or Alive? Peter Levine, 12, son of a New York attorney and the latest victim of the "snatch" racket, was last seen Feb. 24. Since then his father has received ransom notes demanding \$30,000.

New Rochelle, N. Y. . . Peter Levine, 12, son of a New York attorney and the latest victim of the "snatch" racket, was last seen Feb. 24. Since then his father has received ransom notes demanding \$30,000. Although law-enforcement authorities have promised to stay out of the case no reliable contact has been made with the kidnapers and it is feared the boy is dead.

Jobless Checks Are Delivered More Rapidly

New Check Writing Machine at Raleigh Facilitates Work

Checks due unemployed for job insurance are being delivered more promptly, it was learned here today from the employment service office.

In order to facilitate the work a new type check writing machine was installed in the Raleigh office. This machine will turn out checks faster and has enabled the state to include more than one week in one check and thus catch up with some of the checks due for the past several weeks.

The number of new claims being filed is decreasing weekly, reports show, and many who have been unemployed have found jobs.

Stills Replaced Soon After Raid

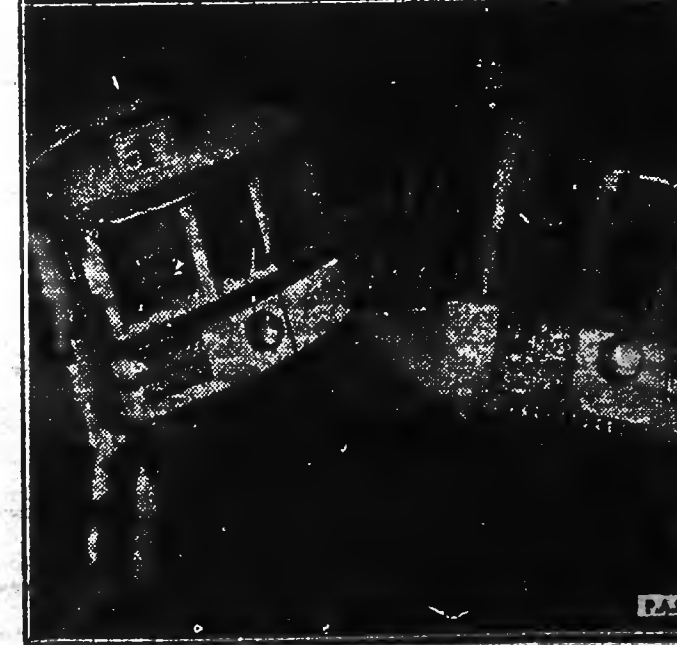
Sheriff Destroys Two Large Outfits in Windy Gap

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and Chief Deputy Odell Whittington destroyed two stills in the Windy Gap vicinity in the same mountain hollow where they cut a number of stills only a few weeks ago.

At one of the large outfits they found 200 gallons of sugarhead liquor. A car was loaded with 95 gallons and the remainder was destroyed on the spot. The 95 gallons placed in the car was poured out on the street in front of the jail Saturday morning.

Large quantities of beer was destroyed and there were indications that liquor was being made on a large scale.

Trolleys Stage Real-Life Crack Up



LOS ANGELES. . . One of the most spectacular happenings during the recent floods here was the crash of these two street cars at a downtown intersection. Staged better than any Hollywood set, the surging trolleys rammed each other at the height of a minimum at night. None of the ten passengers and crew was reported injured.

Smithey - Laws Re-elected Head County G.O.P.

Convention Is Harmonious Occasion; Precincts Are Well Represented

DELEGATES NAMED

To State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial Conventions

Wilkes county Republicans held a harmonious convention today in Wilkesboro and re-elected N. B. Smithey, prominent merchant, as chairman. R. Don Laws, publisher of the "Yellow Jacket," was re-elected secretary and Spencer Richardson, a local business man, was re-elected assistant secretary.

Precinct meetings were held on Saturday afternoon throughout the county and all townships were well represented at the convention today.

The convention was called to order at 12:30 by Chairman N. B. Smithey, who called Attorney J. H. Whicker to the chair as temporary chairman.

On motion of Solicitor John R. Jones Mr. Smithey was unanimously re-elected and Mr. Laws and Mr. Richardson also received unanimous endorsement of the convention as secretary and assistant.

The officers addressed the convention briefly, asked the continued loyal support of the party and predicted a sweeping victory in the fall elections.

H. C. Kilby and Miss Mazie Johnson were recommended as members of the state executive committee.

No contests arose during the convention.

With the exception of the delegation for the judicial convention to be held in Wilkesboro on Saturday, March 19, delegates were not instructed.

With but few opposing votes a resolution introduced by Attorney Allie Hayes that delegates to the judicial convention be instructed to vote for Attorney J. F. Jordan as candidate for the nomination for solicitor was adopted and the candidates were so instructed.

The names of delegates and alternates elected for the judicial convention to be held in the courthouse at Wilkesboro on Saturday, March 19, two o'clock, follow:

- Delegates: J. M. Absher, W. H. Sebastian, A. Caudill, W. S. Watson, Gentry Brown, McKinley Billings, Charles Prevette, A. P. Baugess, Galtner Pruitt, Richard Sidden, Berlie Foster, J. C. Ellis, Pearley Baugess, Charlie McNeil, A. B. Matherly, J. J. Walker, W. A. Payne, Dewit Miller, John McGrady, Hamp Ellidge, Charles H. Day, Ruff Dockery, Reid Royal, W. G. Gabriel, W. K. Sturdivant, J. Ambrose Reeves, Sherman Bumgarner, H. T. Stout, Jim Mastin, Dick Stout, Buel Brooks, Lawson Curry, Bill Miller, Reece

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Franco Wins — And Finds A Ruin



TERUEL, Spain . . . Lost to the Government forces a few months ago, the Spanish Insurgents under General Franco recaptured this city at an enormous cost of men and munitions. Regarded by foreign military experts as a Pyrrhic victory, the occupation of the city by Franco's troops revealed only a battered and deserted shambles.

Overwhelming Vote In Favor Crop Control

With majorities in proportion to the remainder of the state, Wilkes county tobacco and cotton farmers Saturday voted overwhelmingly for compulsory control of tobacco and cotton crops under the farm bill passed a few weeks ago by congress.

For tobacco marketing quotas Wilkes farmers voted 377 to 47 and the cotton farmers voted for control 29 to 5.

The voting places Saturday in Wilkes were Wilkesboro, Trap-hill, Benham, Clingman and Somers school house. The polls were open from seven a. m. to seven p. m. and only those who produced tobacco or cotton in 1937 were eligible to vote.

Results In State Raleigh, March 13.—Governor Hoey and other state officials joined tonight in expressing gratification over crop control's victory in yesterday's referendum.

"The overwhelming vote in favor of tobacco and cotton control," the chief executive commented, "assures stabilization for agriculture and guarantees the farmers at least a reasonable price for these two basic crops."

With complete returns recorded for all but two the state's 796 polling places, the AAA office here listed North Carolina's vote as:

For flue-cured tobacco quotas, 150,226; against 17,112. For cotton quotas, 126,838; against, 15,232.

Tobacco Majority 89.8 Per Cent North Carolina gave cotton quotas an 89.3 per cent majority and tobacco quotas one of 89.8 per cent. AAA officials here had predicted an 80 to 85 per cent majority for control.

Dean I. O. Schaub of the N. C. State College Extension service had estimated about 150,000 farmers were eligible to vote in each referendum.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott said he was "pleased" over the substantial majority, which, he added, "obviously" will make enforcement of control easier.

"I believe the majority of growers have voted wisely," he said, "and the acceptance of this program to save the farmer from ruinous prices that have resulted from over-production will have desirable economic results throughout the state."

Schaub Gratified

Dean Schaub said he was "very much gratified and rather surprised" that control won such a victory. "I don't think I have ever seen more interest in anything on the part of farmers," he said. He added the control "undoubtedly" would help farmers this year, particularly tobacco growers.

Box Supper

Announcement has been made of a box supper to be held on Saturday night, March 26, at Fishing Creek Arbor school house. The supper is for the purpose of raising funds to paint the church and everybody is invited.

Ford Plant to Reopen

Atlanta, March 10.—E. D. Bottom, branch manager, announced today the Ford Motor Company plant here would reopen Monday, resuming approximately 600 men to their jobs.

Highway 315 Is To Enter This City By The Lower Bridge

Hackett Says Project Is Approved by Commission; Bars Truck Traffic

Highway number 315, now being constructed from the Wilkes-iredell line to highway 421 two miles east of Wilkesboro, will be extended across highway 421 and will enter North Wilkesboro by the lower Yaddick bridge, it was learned today from J. Gordon Hackett, eighth division highway commissioner.

This extension will shorten the distance into North Wilkesboro by about one mile. At present traffic toward North Wilkesboro over 421 and 315 from the south and east comes through Wilkesboro.

However, truck traffic will be barred from the lower bridge road, Mr. Hackett said, because the lower bridge has a load limit which would make it unsafe for heavy trucks.

The highway extension will pass in front of the highway division shop near the lower bridge and near the proposed location for a prison camp. The proposed route from highway 421 to the lower bridge is about one mile long.

Meanwhile work of grading 315 through the Hunting Creek community is near completion and crushed stone will be applied as rapidly as weather conditions permit.

Judge Pless At Kiwanis Friday

Delivers Interesting Address On Value of Law and Government

Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, who is presiding over Wilkes superior court, told the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday about the cost of crime and the value of law and government.

Judge Pless cited some figures to show the high cost of crime and he declared that the everyday citizen must be aroused to this tremendous cost if he is to appreciate what law and order means.

The program was in charge of J. R. Hix.

Secretary T. E. Story, who earlier in the meeting was presented with a beautiful birthday cake with what he said was "not enough candles," read a letter from R. R. McLaughlin, director of the motor vehicle bureau of the department of revenue. Mr. McLaughlin informed the club that the state has a contract with the Carolina Motor club to sell license plates and that the whole matter of the removal of the license bureau from North Wilkesboro rests with that organization.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton was a guest of W. H. McElwee and Thomas Finley was a guest of Judge T. B. Finley.

Episcopal Lenten Service

Evening prayer and sermon at St. Paul's Episcopal church Thursday evening, March 17th, at half past seven o'clock. Rev. B. M. Lankey, Rector, in charge. Visitors and friends are cordially invited to attend this service.

"Better Homes In America" Effort Is To Be Sponsored In Wilkes County

Campaign Is To End With "Better Homes Week" April 24th to 30th

HOME AGENT IS LEADER

Well Balanced Demonstrations to Feature Campaign in County

Miss Harriett McGoogan, home demonstration agent, has been appointed county chairman of Better Homes in America for 1938. This movement is backed by a national, non-profit organization devoted to the better appreciation of home and family. The purposes behind this movement are:

1. Provide our citizens with information on the best standards of home building, home furnishings and equipment.
 2. Encourage families to study their housing needs and to plan, build, and furnish their homes in accordance to these needs.
 3. Disseminate information on home ownership, saving for home ownership, methods of financing, and to acquaint families with the benefits to be derived from owning homes of their own.
 4. Promote and encourage the building of single-family houses.
 5. Acquaint families with the best methods of reconditioning old houses and the improvements of home grounds.
 6. Make communities housing conscious in order that all substandard housing eventually may be eradicated.
 7. Supply knowledge on more convenient methods of housekeeping, the elimination of drudgery and waste in household operation, and the fundamentals of household management.
 8. Encourage music, reading and recreation in the home; the building of character and better family relationships.
 9. To develop an appreciation of all arts for the real pleasure to be found in them.
- Annual Better Homes Campaigns are organized as means of co-ordinating the activities of various educational, social, civic, governmental, and religious organizations (Continued on page eight)

Many Are Tried In March Court

Large Number Cases Disposed of During First Week of Term

With Judge J. Will Pless presiding the March term of Wilkes superior court entered the second week today.

Scores of cases were removed from the docket last week as the business of the court moved along rapidly.

Cases tried during the first week included the following in which sentences were meted out:

Marshal Dry, colored, received an active sentence of two to five years and a suspended sentence for larceny.

Koonce Prevette, who shot his father in the leg following a row about liquor, was given eight months in jail or on the roads.

John C. Cline, reckless driving, two months sentence suspended on payment of \$35 fine and cost, not to drive car for two months.

Bill Irvin, for affray \$25 and cost, for drunkenness \$10 and cost.

The grand jury returned a true bill charging Clyde Holleman with the death of Sam Jolly on February 6.

A true bill was returned charging A. P. Huffman, of Lenoir, with the death of Otis Yates in an automobile accident three miles west of this city on June 13, 1937.

James Dancy, slander, three months sentence suspended on payment of \$25 fine and cost.

Don Osborne, bastardy, not guilty.

Everett Warren and Thorne Lenderman, assault with intent to kill and with deadly weapon, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost and condition that they are of good behavior.

Cleve Marley, trespass, fine of \$10 and cost.

The grand jury returned a true bill charging Gwyn McNeill with the death of James Faw.

Press Adams, 30 days for failure to pay cost and 60 days on another charge.