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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

TELLS OF SPY RING

Washington, Aug. 12.—An undercover agent told the house committee on "un-American activities" today that the nazi movement in the United States aims to set up a "vast spy network" and "powerful sabotage machine" for use in case of war.

TAXES ON LIQUOR

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—Chairman Cutlar Moore of the state board of alcoholic control reported today that gross liquor sales in 27 counties having stores amounted to $7,062,497.49 during the fiscal year ending June 30. No county west of Durham has a store and 73 counties are dry. The state got $493,628.17 in taxes from liquor stores.

400 CIVILIANS KILLED

Hankow, China, Aug. 12.—One hundred Japanese war planes virtually poured bombs into Hankow and the neighboring cities of Wuchang and Hanyang today in one of the Chinese-Japanese war's most disastrous and most spectacular air raids. The bombs and the flames that spread in their wake killed or wounded 400 civilians of the tri-city area, which lies 600 miles up the Yangtze river in the heart of China.

CHEWING GUM GUAGE

New York, Aug. 12.—Doug Corrigan's "crate," which was equipped with a Boy Scout compass, a pine board seat and a baling wire latch for its door, also had a chewin-gum gas gauge. When Corrigan brought the plane down today after its first test since his ocean hop, he brushed four wads of gum from a window. "What's that?" someone asked. "Well," he said, "on that flight, whenever a tank ran dry I had to switch to another in a hurry. I had to know, too, how many tanks I had left. So every time a tank ran out, I'd stick a wad of gum there. You see, I don't have a gas gauge on this ship."

WAR PREPARATIONS

Paris, Aug. 12.—The French government, alarmed by reports of huge military movements underway in Germany, today sought information on Reichsfuehrer Hitler's intentions through French diplomatic representatives abroad. The reports: That Hitler's army had requisitioned private automobiles, trucks, furniture vans and even municipal busses in Bavaria in connection with forthcoming autumn maneuvers. That more than 1,000,000 German reservists had been called to the colors. That Germany was speeding up construction of fortifications on her French and Polish frontiers. These things led to fear that the nazis were greasing their war machine for use in case they failed to receive quick satisfaction from Czechoslovakia in the dispute over the future status of Czechoslovakia's 3,500,000 Sudeten Germans minority.

"We Won the War" Guard Men Claim

Company A Returns From Two Weeks War Maneuvers In Mississippi

Company A, 105th Engineers N. C. N. G., returned Sunday from the "front" in Mississippi after two weeks "defending the Gulf coast" and claimed a victory.

Under command of Captain R. R. Reins Company A had a big part in the war maneuvers and the 61 men in the company were put through a real test in the vicinity of Hattiesburg, Miss., against an imaginary foe attacking the coast.

Company A received its share of the work in building roads, blowing out bridges and carrying on other maneuvers calculated to bring about defeat of the "enemy." No casualties were reported among company members and sore feet was the leading complaint.

Prominent Citizen Reddies River Dies

Funeral service was held Sunday for Comie Miller, 53, prominent citizen of Reddies River who died Friday in a Charlotte hospital. Rev. J. W. Luke conducted the last rites and burial was in Miller cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Isadore Miller, five sons, one daughter, and the following brothers and sisters: A. R. Miller and Mrs. Bryant Wyatt, of Vannoy; Jesse Miller, of Kannapolis; E. N. Miller, of Kentucky; Mrs. John Medley, of Monroe.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK AT FAIR

GOVERNOR CLYDE R. HOEY

Officials of the Northwestern Fair have announced that Governor Clyde R. Hoey has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on the opening day of the fair here on September 13, at 11 a. m. Opening day will be school children's day and all school children will be admitted free.

Governor Hoey Accepts Invitation To Speak On Opening Day of Fair; School Children to Get Free Ticket

"SLIM JIM" IS ON BRIEF VACATION

The hot weather has driven "Slim Jim" to the mountains for a brief vacation. He will be back in the paper within a week or two, however, to delight the children and grown-ups, too, with his escapades with the Grassville Police Force. Watch for his return in The Journal-Patriot.

Brain Penetrated But He Still Lives

Rob Minton In Critical Condition From Injury On Saturday Night

Rob Minton, a resident of near Wilkesboro, was still living at noon today, although he remained in a critical condition from a wound alleged to have been inflicted by an axe in the hands of Gwyn Pierce Saturday night.

Minton is a patient at the hospital here. Examination showed that the axe had penetrated his skull and brain. Surgical treatment, including a delicate operation, was administered in an effort to save his life.

The fight occured about two miles west of this city on highway 421 about ten o'clock Saturday night. According to reports of the affair told to officers, Minton had been fighting with the father of Gwyn Pierce and Pierce had parted them. They began fighting again a few moments later and Pierce entered the affray with an axe. Minton is alleged to have been drinking.

Pierce was arrested and is now in Wilkes jail.

Former Wilkesboro Resident Wins In Amateur Contest

Pat Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Johnson, formerly of Wilkesboro, won first place in an Amateur Contest held recently by the Eastern Star in Statesville. He played a harmonica solo. Pat is only five years old, but playing the harmonica is an old story to him, he having learned to play when he was three years old. He will take part in the State-wide contest to be held sometime in September.

Largest Crowd In History Is Expected For Opening Of the 1938 Fair

Clyde R. Hoey, who not only bears the distinction of governor of North Carolina but is widely known as the "silver tongued orator of the South, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the opening of the Great Northwestern Fair's five day exposition here on Tuesday, September 13, W. A. McNiel, secretary and general manager of the fair, said today.

On opening day the fair will be host to school children, and free tickets will be previously distributed to the 10,000 school children in Wilkes county.

The governor's address and other features of the fair are expected to attract the largest crowd in history of the fair here on opening day, Mr. McNiel said.

A $2,000 cash premium list should attract exhibits passing all previous records in number and excellence while the entertainment program is well taken care of by a midway of West World Wonder Shows and grandstand attractions through George A. Hamid, world famous promoter. There will be an elaborate display of fireworks each of the five nights of the fair.

As extra added attractions the fair association has secured Wilson's "Hell Drivers" and on Saturday a promoter with the approval of the national auto racers association will put on automobile races. Some grandstand acts will also be furnished by the midway to supplement a varied program.

In anticipation of record crowds workmen have already been engaged in placing the buildings and grounds in condition for the exposition and will have everything in readiness for opening day.

John H. Anderson Rites Held Today

Last rites were held today at Lewis cemetery for John H. Anderson, aged and respected citizen of North Wilkesboro route 3 who died at his home Sunday.

He was 80 years of age and is survived by the following children: Arthur Anderson, of Seattle, Washington; Ed Anderson, of Montana; Mrs. T. L. Williams, of Matooka, W. Va.; Mrs. J. M. Williams, of Loyal, Ky.

Board Restrained From Certifying Deane Candidacy

W. O. Burgin Takes Eighth District Controversy To the Courts

Lexington's W. O. Burgin Friday got another chance to fight for the eighth district's Democratic congressional nomination.

Judge W. C. Harris, in Wake county superior court at Raleigh, restrained the state board of elections from certifying the election of C. B. Deane, Rockingham lawyer, who holds a 23-vote lead over Burgin on the basis of revised election returns.

Hearing August 17

Judge Harris set August 17 as the date for hearing of a mandamus action by which Burgin seeks to force the state board to certify him as the nominee on the basis of a 100-vote victory he had on first official returns from the July 2 run-off primary.

In starting his court fight Burgin took two slaps at the state board of elections:

1. He questioned its authority to revise official election returns certified by county election officials.

2. He charged the state board and its members with forcing county election officials to certify revised figures through "intimidation, coercion and demand."

Lucas Accepts Service

W. A. Lucas, state board chairman, accepted service of papers in Burgin's action and slapped right back at the Davidson county lawyer and his supporters.

"I am glad Mr. Burgin has instituted the suit," he said.

"The question of law involved is a most important one, vital to the election machinery of the state and one that should be set at rest by an adjudication by the supreme court.

"What does the law mean when it says that the state board of elections shall compel the observance of election laws?"

Answers Own Question

Answering his own question, he declared:

"The board should see to it that any official who endeavored to falsify a return to permit the commission of some other fraud should not be permitted to consummate his purpose and if such had happened, that the same official, or his successor, should be compelled to undo the wrong and that the wrong should not be permitted to endure.

"If the duty of the board is purely clerical, it should be abolished and its clerical function transferred to some other de-

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Pay Taxes Now And Save Costs

Land Will Be Sold For Taxes By Sheriff On First Monday, Sept. 5

Today appears the second advertisement of all real estate on which tax for the year 1937 has not been paid. This advertisement was placed with The Journal-Patriot last week by Sheriff C. T. Doughton in accordance with an order passed by the Board of County Commissioners and in accordance with the law governing advertising of real estate for delinquent taxes. Sale will be held on the first Monday in September—the 5th.

All persons wanting to keep their real estate from being sold on the above mentioned date, may call at the sheriff's office this week and make payment and only a small sum will be added to the amount of tax, in addition to accrued penalty.

Sheriff Doughton is anxious to make this one of the best tax collection years in the history of the county, and he is anxious that everyone who possibly can make payment before the land is sold as this will incur additional costs to every taxpayer who allows his land to be sold at auction on September 5th.

Many of the tax amounts are small and payment now will equal a saving, in many instances, of the amount of the original tax.

The very next time you are in town drop into the sheriff's office and pay your 1937 taxes and save all further costs.

Those desiring to pay their 1938 taxes may do so by calling at the office of County Accountant W. P. Kelly, and they will receive a discount of 2 per cent. This discount is in effect until September 2nd.

Schools To Open August 29

RESTRAINS DEANE NOMINATION

WILLIAM O. BURGIN

William O. Burgin, of Lexington, who has restrained the state board of elections from certifying C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, as Democratic nominee for congress in this district. Burgin, who was ahead before investigation of alleged primary fraud, is seeking by mandamus action in the courts to compel the state election board to declare him nominee.

4-HClub Rally And Picnic Will Be Held Aug. 20

Enjoyable Occasion Anticipated By Many Members Of Wilkes Clubs

First annual rally day picnic of 4-H club members in Wilkes county will be held on Saturday, August 20, probably at Kilby's Gap on highway 16, it was announced in a letter today from the county agent's office to club members throughout the county.

Members are asked to wear old clothes suitable for games and recreation, and to meet at the courthouse at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Transportation will be furnished to the picnic grounds and they will return to the courthouse at eight o'clock.

The picnic and rally is being planned by Dan Holler, county agent, Miss Harriet McGoogan, home demonstration agent, and Jesse Giles, assistant county agent.

With six individual clubs with large enrollments, Wilkes has the largest number of 4-H clubs in its history. It is expected that the picnic will be largely attended.

Baseball Club To Have Meeting

C. C. Sebastian, business manager of the North Wilkesboro baseball club, has called a meeting to be held at the city hall on Wednesday night of this week. All players and fans are asked to attend the meeting.

Dr. J. W. Morris Added to Staff of Wilkes Hospital

Member of Surgical Staff as Assistant to Dr. F. C. Hubbard

Dr. John W. Morris, a native of Winston-Salem, has been added to the surgical staff of the Wilkes hospital as assistant to Dr. F. C. Hubbard, chief of staff. Dr. Morris received his medical training at the medical school of the University of Virginia and before coming to North Wilkesboro was engaged in hospital work in Richmond, Va.

Troop 35 Returns Home From Camp

Nineteen members of Boy Scout troop 35 have returned from Camp Lasater near Winston-Salem. The Scouts were under direction of Scoutmaster Isaac Duncan and Assistant Scoutmaster Effner Eller.

They carried out a splendid program and passed 96 Scout tests while in camp. The boys enjoyed a splendid water program, and every effort was made to give the boys some real Scouting experience.

Officials are watching WPA relief rolls which they hope will be reduced by improved business conditions. Since last October, the WPA list has increased every week until early this month more than 2,850,000 persons were on its payrolls.

Darvil Pierce Sentenced to Four to 10 Years For Death Arvil Matherly

Darvil Pierce, 18-year-old resident of Lewis Fork township, was sentenced in Wilkes court this morning by Judge J. A. Rousseau to from four to ten years in the state penitentiary.

The jury last week returned a verdict of manslaughter after witnesses had said that Pierce inflicted several knife wounds on the person of Arvil Matherly in a fight which occured on April 3. Pierce had pleaded self defense, saying that Matherly was cutting him in the fight.

Defense counsel today gave notice of appeal to the supreme court and appearance bond was fixed at $2,000.

Cases in which judgment was entered during the last two days of the first week of court follow:

Millard Kelly for non-support was sentenced to six months on the roads suspended on condition that he pay $7.50 for support of child.

Former judgment of four months on the roads for David Nelson in a liquor case was stricken out and he and Lura Nelson were given six months each suspended two years.

The court directed a verdict of not guilty as to Walter Owens, charged with resisting an officer and carrying concealed weapon.

A 60-day sentence for Lee Parlier for assault with deadly weapon was suspended two years.

Divorces were granted in the following cases on grounds of two years separation: Nettie Porter versus Vernon Porter; Mae Spicer versus Hartsell Spicer; Mrs. Ruth Reep versus Roy F. Reep.

J. L. Hemphill was tried for embezzlement while serving in the capacity as executor of an estate but upon failure of the jury to agree a mistrial was entered.

All Schools On County System Open Same Day

85 Schools Hope to Operate On Uniform Schedule Throughout Term

260 TEACHERS HIRED

Books Will Be Distributed to Schools During Coming Week

Wilkes county's 85 schools, 76 white and nine colored, will open their doors for the 1938-39 term on Monday, August 29, C. B. Eller, superintendent of the county system, said today.

Recent progress on the new school building at Wilkesboro has dispelled fears that Wilkesboro schools might be delayed a week or two in opening and judging from present indications the new ten-room building as addition to the school plant will be ready for use in time to open on the 29th, Mr. Eller said, although he explained that the building will not be entirely finished by that time.

Preparations for schools opening have been going on for some time and the 260 teachers, 239 white and 21 colored, have been engaged for the term.

With schools opening on the same date it is expected that a uniform schedule will be carried out over all the county system during the term and that the schools will reach the half-way point by time for adjournment for Christmas holidays and begin the second half when schools resume work about January 1.

Contracts have been let for contract bus transportation and for fuel supplies at the various schools. Student bus drivers have been employed for the county buses and other details have been looked after, including minor repairs to buildings.

The term to begin Monday will be the second in which free textbooks will be furnished students in the elementary grades. The books will be distributed to the various schools during the coming week and will be ready for assignments to students on opening day.

Aged Father Of Twelve Stricken

Funeral service was held Sunday at Shady Grove church for J. B. Bullis, age 80, who died Saturday at Oakwoods. Rev. Lee Minton conducted the service.

Mr. Bullis was the father of 12 surviving children as follows: J. W. and J. M. Bullis, of Wilkesboro; J. S. Bullis, of Congo; Sam Bullis, of Oakwoods; Roby Bullis, of Purlear; Richard Bullis, Mrs. C. C. Church, Mrs. Floice Nichols, Mrs. John Welsh and Mrs. Clarence Welsh, of Wilkesboro; Mrs. Reuben Anderson, of Pores Knob; Mrs. Alvin Minton, of North Wilkesboro.

Cheek Clan Will Meet September 4

The reunion of the Cheek Clan will be held at the home of C. L. Cheek one mile north of Lomax, on the first Sunday in September, 1938. All relatives and friends and all who wish to attend are cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets and spend the day together. There will be speakers and some quartets from different churches to sing for us and also plenty of ice water to drink.—Reported.

To Begin Revival At Goshen Church

Rev. Isaac Watts, pastor, has announced that a revival will begin at Goshen Baptist church next Sunday night. He will be assisted in conducting the services, which will be held at 11 a. m. and eight p. m. by Rev. John Higgins. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Pie Supper At Union

Announcement has been made of a pie supper to be held at Union Methodist church near Cricket on Friday evening, August 19, beginning at 7:30. The Epworth League is sponsor of the event and proceeds will be used for the benefit of the church. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.