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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

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

SELECT YADKIN SITE

High Point, Dec. 16.—The High Point city council in special session tonight selected a site near Lewisville on the Yadkin river for its \$6,500,000 hydroelectric development, approved P. W. A. wage scale which calls for a minimum of 35 cents an hour for common labor and authorized the letting of contracts for first work on the project.

BIG TOBACCO CROP

Washington, Dec. 16.—Agricultural adjustment officials predicted today one of the largest flue-cured tobacco crops in history would be produced next year as a result of refusal of growers to approve quotas for the 1939 crop. Flue-cured growers rejected the quota program in a referendum held December 10. Although 56.9 per cent of those who voted favored the quota plan, approval of two-thirds was required before the plan could be put into effect. The vote that put the quota on the 1938 crop was 86 per cent.

COSTER SUICIDE

New York, Dec. 16.—F. Donald Coster, an incredible dual personality of evil financial genius, who wiped out his earlier identity as Convict Phillip Musica to become head of an \$37,000,000 drug firm, killed himself today at his Fairfield (Conn.) country estate. He fired a bullet into his head at the very moment a squad of federal authorities was knocking on his ornate door to re-arrest him in the investigation of a great financial scandal involving his firm—McKesson and Robbins, incorporated.

PREDICTS CONFLICT

Washington, Dec. 16.—Joseph Kennedy, United States ambassador to London, paid a flying visit here today to report to President Roosevelt that he thinks the possibility of war in Europe within a few months is very great. He brought a pessimistic view of political developments there to the White House and to state department officials whom he saw during a busy eight-hour stay here. Swift-moving developments centering around Germany were uppermost in his mind.

TO LOWER BARRIERS

Lima, Peru, Dec. 16.—The Pan-American conference tonight adopted unanimously a United States resolution for reduction of international trade barriers. Speedy formal acceptance came after the United States delegation obtained unanimous consent among the delegates of the 20 other nations represented. Another proposed declaration—for the solidarity of the Americas against any foreign war threat—appeared assured. On the solidarity measure, Secretary of State Hull, head of the Washington group, was said to be convinced that all could agree on a "dynamic draft of a declaration."

Mountain Lions Given a Banquet

Sixteen letters have been awarded members of the North Wilkesboro high school football team for outstanding performance at their various positions.

The awards were announced by Coach Bernard Lillen at a banquet given the team by a group of citizens interested in encouraging athletics in the city schools. The banquet took place on Thursday night at Hotel Wilkes.

The lettermen are: Hudson, McCoy, Pearson, Shatley, Harrison, Steelman, M. Steelman, Crook, Kiser, Martin, Craven, Johnson, Haigwood, Call, Kenerly and Campbell. Other members of the squad present at the banquet were Horton, Hunt, Day, B. McCoy, Foster, Johnson, Coffey, Clark, Clement, Caudill, Fav, Kerbaugh, W. Caudill and Estes.

Present with the football players at the banquet were Paul Cragan, school superintendent, Coach Lillen, Assistant Coach Robert Taylor, and officials who served this year at the games: H. V. Overcash, John K. Blackburn, Frank McNeill, Dwight Horton and J. D. Moore, Jr.

Speakers for the banquet were Coach Pat Shores and Assistant Coach Strasavich, of Lenoir-Rhye. Strasavich told the group that he saw North Wilkesboro's Lions play two games this year and was particularly impressed by the smart and clean play put up against stronger rivals.

Contractor Here To Begin Work On City Hall Building

Abee Asks Employment Service Office For Laborers Begin Tuesday

M. C. Abee, member of the firm of Abee-Eckerd, of Icard, arrived here today to begin construction on North Wilkesboro's city hall.

He reported at the North Carolina State Employment Service office and asked that a small number of laborers be assigned to the job Tuesday morning, when work will begin on the excavation for the building. Today workmen were clearing the lot in preparation for construction work.

Abee-Eckerd were the low bidders on the building in the sum of \$28,212 and were awarded contract by the commissioners in meeting Thursday afternoon. Jenkins Hardware company, of this city, was awarded contract for plumbing and heating, the low bid being \$2,873.77.

According to terms of the contract, the building must be completed within 150 calendar days.

The city hall will contain three floors and will be located on a portion of Eighth street fronting Main street. A portion of Eighth street at that point was condemned by act of the special session of the legislature in order that the plot might be used by the city for building purposes.

Over 60 Stills Raided In Week

Revenue Agents Take To Air To Locate Moonshine Plants In The County

A total of between 60 and 70 stills have been destroyed in Wilkes county during the past week as the result of airplane scouting trips by alcohol tax unit investigators, it was learned today from unofficial, but reliable, sources.

But while the airplane has been of much help to the officers in locating the illicit plants, it acts as a warning to the operators, who make haste in leaving the scene after a plane swoops down near the tree tops overhead. Less than a half dozen arrests have been made to date as the result of the raids, it was learned here unofficially.

Even brush arbors erected over the stills in the ravines have failed to thwart the efforts of the raiders, who chart suspicious looking places and make a note to visit them on foot at the earliest possible moment.

Prizes For Best Lighted Grounds

Under sponsorship of the Woman's club, a lighting contest will be held here this year and cash prizes of \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$2.50 will be awarded for the most effectively lighted homes and grounds during the holiday season.

The homes will be judged on Thursday evening and all who wish to enter should notify Mrs. A. H. Casey not later than Thursday noon.

New Fishing Sloop for President



Captain Bill McCoy, a Palm Beach business man, states that he has been asked to supervise the building of a \$20,000 mahogany fishing sloop to be presented to President Roosevelt by the Dominican Republic. He shows its high regard for the President. Captain McCoy has completed blueprints which have been approved by President Roosevelt, he said.

Kills Record Porker



Carl S. Baumgarner, local minister and blacksmith, probably set a new record for porkers here. The hog shown above which Mr. Baumgarner had killed last week, netted 795 pounds of pork and weighed 910 pounds before it was dressed but after it had bled. It measured more than eight feet from the tip of its nose to its hind feet hanging up as shown here. It was of Berkshire breed and was 28 months old. (Photo courtesy Winston-Salem Journal.)

Special Meeting Of Junior Order On Tuesday Night

A special meeting of the North Wilkesboro council of the junior order will be held on Tuesday night, at which time a full attendance of members is much desired.

A moving picture will be shown and there will be side degree work. Attention is also called to the fact that a Christmas offering will be taken for the children at the Lexington home. Any who are unable to attend the meeting are asked to hand donations for the children in the home to C. G. Day or C. A. Canter, secretaries of the council.

Stores Are Open Until Nine P. M. Here This Week

Attention of everybody within traveling distance of North Wilkesboro is called to the fact that stores in North Wilkesboro will remain open until nine o'clock at night all this week for the benefit and convenience of holiday shoppers.

This move on the part of the stores will enable the people to have more time in which to select merchandise during the holiday rush and will result in a great convenience for those who would not find time to shop during the regular store hours.

Poindexter Gets Accountant's Job; Settlement Made

S. M. Shumate Succeeds Clinard Jones As Keeper of County Home

SHERIFF HAS TAX BOOKS

Same Charge As Last Year Is Made On Land Sale Certificates For 1937

C. G. Poindexter, local business man who was defeated by Sheriff C. T. Doughton, Democrat, by a margin of 85 votes in the November election, has been appointed Wilkes county accountant and has assumed his duties, succeeding W. P. Kelly, Democrat, who has served in that capacity during the past two years.

The order of the board stipulated that his salary is to be \$2,400 per year but that he is to make the tax books without additional pay. Heretofore, the making of the tax books has been done by the register of deeds for \$400 yearly. Mr. Kelly's salary was \$2,400 yearly.

S. M. Shumate, well known citizen of the Hays community, was appointed keeper of the county home for the aged and infirm. He succeeds Clinard Jones, Democrat, who has been superintendent of the institution during the past two years. The salary will remain at \$1,200 yearly.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton has made settlement with the county board of commissioners for the 1937 taxes and now has the 1938 books for collection. Taxpayers are urged to pay now before penalties are added.

Sheriff Doughton charged 55 cents as costs on each land sale certificate, the same as last year. The law allows a fee of 50c.

Free Christmas School Program

In appreciation of the support given the school by patrons and friends, North Wilkesboro city schools will give a program of Christmas entertainment free to all who will attend on Tuesday night, December 20, 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium, Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, said today.

There will be no admission charge and everybody is asked to attend, Mr. Cragan said.

The program will include a pageant by the sixth grade, play and songs by the third grade, and a cantata entitled "The Music of Bethlehem," by the girls' glee club.

The program of entertainment will represent the school's Christmas gift to parents and friends of the school as a token of appreciation on the part of the faculty and student body.

Mtn. View Girls Win Cage Trophy

The Mountain View midgelet girls won first honors last week in the Mountain Park Basketball Tournament, in which the following schools from the three neighboring counties participated: Sparta, Traphill, Roaring River, Ronda, Mountain View, Elkin, Franklin, Copeland, Mountain Park, Dobson and White Plains.

In the first round Mountain View eliminated Ronda in a keenly contested game with a score of 27-28.

The semi-finals between Mountain View and Roaring River were played last Tuesday night. Roaring River lost to Mountain View with a score of 14-29.

Last Wednesday night the finals were played off between Mountain View and Franklin. The Midgelets fought a hard battle with Franklin and won with a score of 22-23, winning a seventeen-inch trophy.

Billings, guard from Mountain View received high honors as a member of the All Tournament team.

Will Sell House On Right Of Way

The city of North Wilkesboro several days ago advertised for bids on a dwelling house located on the right of way of the south entrance of highway 268 to be constructed into this city. Bids may be obtained from the office of the city clerk and quick action upon the part of prospective buyers of the house is desired. The building must be moved.

Northwestern Bank Continues Expansion

New Accountant



C. G. Poindexter, who was appointed by the county commissioners as county accountant, succeeding W. P. Kelly.

One Wounded In Fight On Sunday

Sam Segraves In Hospital With Punctured Lung; Ernest Yates Sought

Sam Segraves, young man of the Roaring River route 2 community, was seriously wounded in an altercation which occurred Sunday night near old Call post-office.

Officers searched last night and were continuing the search today.

Ernest Yates, as the man who stabbed Segraves.

Segraves is a patient at the Wilkes hospital, where examination disclosed that a knife had punctured one of his lungs. His condition is described as serious. Officers were unable to learn any details about the affair or the cause of the fight.

Glee Club Sings At Kiwanis Meet

Under direction of Miss Hazel Sherill, public school music teacher, the North Wilkesboro high school glee club delighted members of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon with a program of Christmas music.

The club rendered in an excellent way "The Music of Bethlehem" in nine numbers.

Members of the cast of the play given Friday night by Collins Festival entertainers were presented to the club.

C. H. Havelly and H. G. Roland were guests of J. U. Tait at Friday's meeting of the club.

Perhaps He Sailed Away

"How shall I account for the \$10,000 that our former cashier skipped out with?"

"Charge it to running expenses."

Taylorsville Bank Added To System Organized In 1937

Northwestern Bank Opened Branch In Taylorsville; Personnel Retained

RESOURCES INCREASED

Now Well Over \$3,500,000 Total Capital Structure Is Now \$300,000

The Northwestern Bank, with four offices here and branches in several northwestern North Carolina towns, today took over the Merchants and Farmers Bank in Taylorsville.

The purchase of the Taylorsville bank was announced today by bank officials simultaneously with the opening of the bank there as another branch of the Northwestern.

The move had already been approved by stockholders of the Northwestern Bank and the Merchants and Farmers bank had been given approval by the state commissioner of banks, bank officials said.

In the transaction the Northwestern Bank took over all assets of the Taylorsville institution and assumed all liabilities.

The deal increased the assets of the Northwestern Bank to well over three and one-half million dollars and the capital stock is \$180,000, which with surplus of \$120,000, makes a total of \$300,000.

Personnel of the merchants and farmers bank is being retained at the Northwestern branch in Taylorsville. S. E. Little is cashier and D. V. Deal is assistant cashier. It is the only bank in Alexander county.

The Northwestern bank was formed on July 1, 1937, as a consolidation of the Deposit & Savings bank here, Bank of Sparta, Watauga County Bank at Boone with branch at Blowing Rock, Merchants and Farmers Bank at Bakersville with branch at Burnsville. The bank of Ashe was taken over as a part of the consolidated bank in June, 1938.

With home offices here the Northwestern Bank now has branches at Sparta, Jefferson, Boone, Blowing Rock, Bakersville, Burnsville and Taylorsville.

The expansion to include the bank at Taylorsville is a continuation of carrying out the original purpose of the consolidation—a more complete banking service for the territory served, bank officials explained.

The transaction to take over the bank in Alexander county has been fully approved by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, of which the Northwestern Bank is a member.

Helpmate

Mr. Nutleigh—It's going to be one grand battle of wits, I tell you.

Mrs. Nutleigh—How brave of you, dear, to go unarmed.

Patrolmen Give Greeting Cards To The Motorists

1,000 Cards Urging Cooperation by Driving, Walking Safely Given Here

On highways leading into this city state highway patrolmen stopped a thousand cars Sunday. Drivers, some of them nervous because they thought the officers saw something wrong with their cars, stopped gingerly but in such a manner that they would display the smooth effectiveness of their brakes.

But they did not get a "bawling out". Instead the officers handed the driver a card, not a ticket.

The card was Christmas greetings from the state highway patrol and contained the following message:

"Your cooperation in driving and walking, safely so that you and others may have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year for 1939 is hereby requested in the interest of humanity.—Highway Safety Division, Revenue Department, Raleigh, N. C."

The motorists thus greeted elicited pleasant surprise and insisted on pausing long enough on the highway to thank the officers and express their delight over the printed message of goodwill from the highways' law enforcing body.

Corporal Carlyle Ingle, regularly stationed here, was assisted in handing out the 1,000 cards here Sunday by Patrolman W. C. Thomas, who is stationed in Ashe county. They worked intermittently at the Yadkin bridge between the Wilkesboro and on highway 421 at Reddie. River bridge west of this city.

Head Of Grange

Officers Of County Grange Elected In Meeting Held On Wednesday Night

By T. E. STORY

The Wilkes Pomona Grange held its last meeting of this calendar year in the Wilkesboro school library on Wednesday evening, December 14, with good attendance. The meeting was presided over by worthy Pomona Master T. W. Ferguson. Following the opening State Master Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, was introduced and he addressed the body on the programs of the recent state and national Grange conventions he has attended. He reviewed the program of the State Convention held at Oxford, two months ago, saying that it was the best in our Grange history. A large attendance and a fine spirit of fellowship and cooperation was shown throughout the convention. It is Mr. Caldwell's opinion that all our legislative program will be given most serious consideration at the meeting of the next General Assembly.

Mr. Caldwell's resume of his trip to and from the National Convention at Portland Oregon and of the eight days convention there was a most thrilling theme. In this convention Mr. Caldwell was the chairman of the Agricultural committee and he found himself in constant committee meeting hearing groups and individuals on proposed plans for bettering agriculture. All in all it was a great convention and he believes it will be a telling force in solving our great agricultural problem.

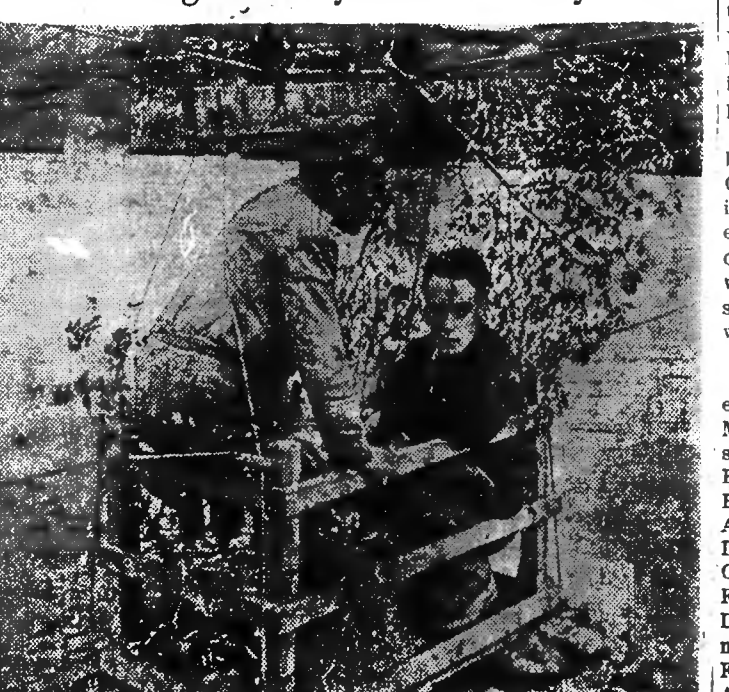
Mr. Caldwell urged the members to attend the meetings of the Grange and to keep posted on its programs legislative and otherwise. He states the next state convention will be held in Asheville, and he expects this entire section to make a good showing when the annual meeting is held.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for next year: Pomona Master, T. W. Ferguson; Overseer, Dan Holler; Secretary, T. E. Story; Lecturer, Mrs. C. F. Bretholt; Steward, Jesse Glee; Assistant Steward, Paul Vestal; Lady Assistant Steward, Rosa B. Church; Treasurer, Mrs. T. W. Ferguson; Gate Keeper, Carl Vandenman; Ceres, Mrs. J. M. German; Pomona, Lucile German; Flora, Mrs. B. S. Call; Chaperon, A. J. Foster; Executive Committee for Three Years, M. F. Barber.

The officers were installed last office by State Master Harry B. Caldwell.

Camouflaged Ferry Protects Loyalists



Two Spanish Loyalist soldiers prepare to cross the Serge river in an improvised ferry rigged up after all the bridges in the vicinity had been destroyed by the enemy. The camouflaged carrier prevents them from being detected by rebel airplanes.