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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

WANT PENSION FUND
Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Retirement pensions for all state employes were urged today in a report to Governor Hoey and the general assembly by a legislative commission studying the feasibility of teachers' pensions.

BUSINESS TO IMPROVE
Washington, Dec. 21.—Daniel C. Roper, holding his final press conference as secretary of commerce today, predicted that business would continue to improve through 1939. The white-haired, 71-year-old secretary said, "there are several elements of strength in the outlook for 1939 that create a much more hopeful frame of mind than existed at this time last year."

HOLD COUNTERFEITERS
Henderson, Dec. 21.—Three men giving their names as C. W. Taylor, 30, of Goldsboro; F. S. Mansour, 39, and David Hale, both of New Bern, were arrested here this afternoon by police and are in jail, charged with possession of counterfeit money. Chief of Police J. H. Langston said \$1,170 in \$10 bills, all counterfeit, was recovered from an automobile the men were traveling in.

W.P.A. FUNDS LOW NOW
Washington, Dec. 21.—Congressional leaders put an emergency relief appropriation at the top of the list of prospective legislation today after Aubrey Williams, deputy WPA administrator announced that the WPA would be out of funds February 7. Williams told a delegation of relief workers from Pennsylvania that unless Congress appropriates more money, the WPA must begin trimming its rolls January 26 and shut down completely 12 days later.

CONFERENCE SNAG
Lima, Peru, Dec. 21.—Argentina threw the Pan-American conference into an uproar tonight by rejecting a completed draft of a declaration on continental solidarity and toning it down to the point of leaving it. Eudoro Ruiz Moreno, Argentine delegation head, on the basis of instructions received from President Roberto Argentinia, said the rejected draft constituted a military alliance and was therefore unacceptable to Argentina.

CHILD CREMATED
Jarvisburg, Dec. 21.—Elizabeth Sears, six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sears, was burned to death today when fire razed her grandmother's home near this Albemarle Sound town. The infant's charred body was found in a twisted steel bed which was dragged from the home with a long hook. Two other children, Lois Sears, aged two, and Ralph, aged three, were thought to have perished with their sister but later were found huddled behind the burning house. All the adults of the house, including the grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Jones, were either at work or Christmas shopping.

3 CHILDREN PERISH
Mt. Airy, Dec. 21.—Three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Foy H. Midkiff, who reside two and one-half miles east of Mt. Airy in the Oak Grove community, near Bonnettown, met a horrible death about 10:30 o'clock this morning when a fire of unknown origin destroyed the Midkiff home and burned the children beyond recognition. The three small children, all under six years of age, were Ronald Kent Midkiff, 5, 1-2; Bonnie Faye Midkiff, three, and Donald Foy Midkiff, two years of age. They were alone in the home at the time of the fire, their mother having gone hurriedly to the home of her mother, Mrs. Seymour Coe, about 200 yards away, to borrow a kettle.

H. M. Woodie Is Claimed By Death
H. M. Woodie, age 46, well known citizen who operated a store at the Jumping Off place on new highway 16 near the Wilkes-Ashe line, died today at the Wilkes hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Woodie, and five children: Odell, Marie, Elsie, Eddie and Virgie Woodie. Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters: P. M. Woodie; Mrs. Alexander Shepherd, of Davy; Columbus Woodie, of Millers Creek, Va.; Mrs. Neal Marsh, of Obids; Jacob Woodie and Mrs. Will Asby, of Wilbar; Mrs. Ellis Bare, of Obids. Funeral arrangements had not been completed today.

Wilkes Schools Now At Half-Term Mark

Business Houses Will Be Closed Monday, Dec. 26

Attention is called to the fact that banks, stores and other business offices in North Wilkesboro will be closed all day Monday, December 26, which is being observed throughout the nation as a national holiday for Christmas, which this year will be on Sunday, December 25.

Local Residents Are Neglecting To Secure Tags

Last Day Rush Predicted If Many Do Not Buy Their License Plates Soon

With only seven selling days before cars must display the 1939 state license tags, thousands of plates must be sold here before January 1. J. C. McDiarmid, manager of the license bureau of the Carolina Motor club branch office located at the Western Auto Associate store in Hotel Wilkes building, said today.

He pointed out that approximately 1,900 sets of plates have been sold here to date, but explained that the heavy early sales were mainly to people of the rural sections of Wilkes and from adjoining counties and that at least 400 automobile owners in this city have yet to buy their new tags.

"So it would appear that those buying within a few minutes drive up a great part of those who will be in the last day rush and have to stand in line for long waits to buy their tags."

The bureau also sells North Wilkesboro city tags, which for 1938 numbered more than 600. City tags sold to date barely exceed the 200 mark. Mr. McDiarmid said.

He urged that motorists purchase tags during the remainder of this week and the first part of next week in order to lessen the last days' rush.

The office will be closed on Monday, December 26.

Projects Are Filed For School Gyms

Mount Pleasant and Lincoln Heights Seek Physical Education Buildings

Community financed projects which will provide gymnasiums at Mount Pleasant high school, and also at Lincoln Heights, colored school, have been filed with the Works Progress administration office here and forwarded to the state office for approval. It was learned from area WPA officials today.

While the projects are filed in the name of Wilkes county, the schools and communities will put up the sponsors' share of the cost.

Identical projects calling for construction of frame structures 50 by 80 feet were filed for both Mount Pleasant and Lincoln Heights. The total cost of each project is estimated at \$11,075.35, of which \$7,421.85 would be federal funds and \$3,653.50 the sponsor's contribution.

Meanwhile Wilkesboro school is laying plans for a gymnasium and if the three under consideration are constructed there will be seven high school gymnasiums in Wilkes. North Wilkesboro school has one, new ones were built at Millers Creek and Mountain View during the past year, and Ronda has a physical education building.

Five Voted For Burley Control

A grand total of five votes were cast in the burley tobacco control election held in Wilkes Saturday.

Although the quotas were defeated throughout the burley belt in the referendum, the five who voted in Wilkes were unanimous in favor of control. One voted at the voting place in Wilkesboro and four voted at Springfield.

Enrollment For Year Now 10,000

Practically All Schools Will Begin Fifth Month Of Term on January 2

All of the units of the Wilkes county school system have completed four of the eight months of the school term and have adjourned for the holiday season. It was learned today from the office of C. B. Eller, county superintendent.

Practically all of the schools will begin the second half of the term on the same date, January 2, and will also have uniform closings at commencement time in April.

This year the enrollment in the county system has reached a new high of about 10,000 and the school system has functioned smoothly during the first half of the term.

Continuing progress in providing school facilities, the Wilkesboro school is occupying an addition to the school plant for the first time. The same is true of Roemer elementary school and a new building is under construction for Clingman elementary school and may be ready for use before the end of the term.

The school transportation system has worked well this year. There have been no accidents and buses have been able to travel on all the lines on schedule and without serious road handicaps, a situation vastly improved from two years ago when practically all the transportation system was tied up because of roads—or the lack of roads.

Many of the secondary roads in the county have received a surface of crushed stone during the past two years. The work is done mainly by WPA employes in cooperation with state highway forces and with state highway machinery.

Chapman Not to Audit Accounts

Local Government Commission Fails to Approve His Appointment

Frank Chapman, of Charlotte, appointed by the Wilkes county board of commissioners several days ago to audit accounts of W. P. Kelly, county accountant, has not completed the task because the Local Government Commission at Raleigh failed to approve the contract for the job and ordered that county voucher paying him for the work not be honored.

As low bidder he was given the contract to audit the accounts of the county accountant and to check the tax settlements of the sheriff with the board. The audit became necessary because of the change in county accountants, C. G. Poindexter having succeeded Mr. Kelly a few days ago.

Making Drive On Bad Auto Lights

Patrol Warns That Motorists With Bad Lights May Be Arrested

Checking lights, a duty that has been somewhat neglected in the rush of other official matters, is now in full swing in this section, Carlyle Ingle, highway patrol corporal stationed here, said today.

He warned all motorists to have the proper lights on their vehicles and have them in good working order at all times. Tickets will be issued to motorists who drive with deficient or otherwise improper lights.

The officer stated that many people interested in public safety have called attention of the patrol to the number of vehicles being operated with improper lights, especially autos with only one headlight or without tail light.

He said that it is not the desire of the patrol to cause trouble for motorists but that in the interest of safety on the highways it is imperative that the law relative to lights on motor vehicles be enforced.

Jewish Children Await Adoption by British Families



Two hundred German-Jewish refugee children are as happy as they can be under the present circumstances. Pictured at the Dovercourt bay holiday camp, Harwich, England, shortly after their recent arrival from Germany, they await adoption by British families. They range in age from 12 to 17 years.

Ask People To Help Milk Fund

Lions Club Milk Fund Drive Will Close on December 31; Appeal Is Made

Having taken the responsibility of providing funds for the purchase of milk for underprivileged children in the nutrition classes in North Wilkesboro city schools, the Lions club has made considerable headway on the project and to date has collected many donations.

In connection with the holiday season L. L. Carpenter, president of the club, today made the following announcement concerning the milk fund:

"We hope that during the holiday buying rush that you will think to put nickels, dimes, quarters or dollars in the jars placed in the business houses of North Wilkesboro for your convenience. Ten more days and your opportunity to give to this fund will close for this year. The Lions club deeply appreciates your cooperation in this work and wishes for everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Watch next week's paper for total given to date."

Dr. W. A. Trivette Is Fatally Stricken

Widely Known Physician Is Dead Following Illness; Funeral Today

Harmony, Dec. 20.—Dr. W. A. Trivette, 50, one of Western North Carolina's best known physicians, died this afternoon at 5:40 o'clock at a Statesville hospital. He had been ill of pneumonia for the past two weeks.

Dr. Trivette served in France with the medical corps during the World War. He had operated the Trivette Clinic at his home seven miles north of here near Union Grove for a number of years.

Surviving are the widow, who was Miss Gwendolyn Hartley of Salisbury prior to marriage; four brothers, Eugene Trivette, of North Wilkesboro; Dr. Parks Trivette, of Mooresville; D. A. Trivette, of Greensboro; and Sylvanus Trivette, of Winston-Salem; and four sisters, Mrs. Emma Sale, of Union Grove; Mrs. John Johnson and Mrs. J. N. Binkley, of Union Grove; and Mrs. Donald Moorefield, of Harmony.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, 11 o'clock, at Union Grove church.

Service Christmas Day At St. Paul's

A Candle Light Service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Wilkesboro, on Christmas Day at five o'clock p. m. This service is growing more popular throughout the church, symbolizing as it does, Christ, the light of the world. Christmas carols will be sung by vested choir and congregation. There will be prayers and a short talk by the rector. A violin and flute duet, "O Holy Night" by Adam, will be played as an offertory by Bill Moore and Boston Lackey, of Lenoir. A cordial welcome is extended all.

The modern way to have a child to do a thing is to tell him not to do it.

To Play At Rose Bowl



Eric (The Red) Tipton, celebrated backfield star and member of Duke University's Blue Devils who will play Southern California in the Rose Bowl game January 2. The Duke team is now en route to California from Durham, N. C.

Fire Department Answers 2 Calls

Truck Afire Monday Night; Leaves On Vacant Lot On Fire Wednesday

The fire department here answered two unique calls this week. Wednesday afternoon the truck responded to a call to the corner of Sixth and F street. Accumulated leaves near the street were burning rapidly but the fire was quickly extinguished and there was no damage.

On Monday night a call to Tenth street was answered, where firemen found a parked truck in flames. The truck, which apparently belonged to a construction company, had started through the city when the driver discovered the fire, pulled into the curb and gave the alarm. The flames were put out and there was little damage to the truck.

John B. Fraley, 39, Dies In Statesville

Prominent Merchant Was Former Resident of Wilkesboro; Had Many Friends Here

Statesville, Dec. 21.—John B. Fraley, 39, outstanding local business man, died today at a local hospital following a few days illness with a stomach ailment. Funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence on East Broad street and burial will follow in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Fraley, a son of the late James B. Fraley, was born in north Iredell. In early boyhood his parents moved to Moravian Falls and later to Wilkesboro where they lived for several years before coming to Statesville 23 years ago. In 1937 Mr. Fraley and his brother, Eugene, bought the interests of the family in the mercantile business established by their father and since that time the two brothers had been the sole owners and operators.

In 1923, Mr. Fraley married Miss Margaret McAuley, of Huntersville. She died in 1936, leaving a son, James Fraley. Mr. Fraley leaves his mother, Mrs. J. B. Fraley, of Statesville, a brother, and five sisters.

Dokies Christmas Cheer Project Is Near Completion

Full Truck Load of Toys Is Ready For Distribution to Underprivileged

LOCAL LADIES HELP Junior Woman's Club Takes Task of Distribution to the Needy

A full truck load of toys, more than 500 in number, have been collected in a Christmas cheer project conducted by the North Wilkesboro Dokies club and will add holiday cheer in homes of underprivileged in the Wilkesboro this Christmas season.

The project has been broad in scope and is reaching a successful climax. Lawrence Miller, chairman of the Christmas cheer committee for the club, said today.

Canvass of the homes in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro was made by the Boy Scouts, collecting toys from homes where the children had tired of their use or had been discarded because of need of repair.

The toys thus collected consisted of coaster wagons, tricycles, scooters, toy guns, mechanical trains, big and little dolls, various small mechanical toys and many articles associated with Yuletide among the children.

Youths employed by the National Youth administration at their workshop in Wilkesboro set to work on making over the toys to look and perform like new and they really have accomplished a masterful job which afforded them some valuable training. Every toy collected was given a thorough examination and if it did not work the boys took it apart to find the reason why. Each article was refinished and painted and will sparkle with Christmas colors on Christmas trees or in bulging stockings at the mantle on Sunday morning.

The task of making up the list of underprivileged families to be visited was divided among the police department, the welfare department and the Junior Woman's club. The Junior Woman's club members have graciously consented to deliver the toys to the designated homes.

Full House For School Program

Large Audience Delighted With Performance Given By Students In City

A crowd which filled the school auditorium gathered Tuesday night to hear a Christmas program given by students of the elementary grades and the high school glee club. The program, which was very well rendered, consisted of short performances by elementary grades and Christmas music by the glee club under direction of Miss Hazel Sherill.

No admission was charged and the program represented the Christmas gift of the school to the patrons in appreciation for their cooperation and goodwill this year.

Grayson Has Job With Accountant

J. C. Grayson, who for the past several years has held a position as bookkeeper for Forester's N-Way Service, has accepted a position in the office of C. G. Poindexter, Wilkes county accountant. The appointment of Mr. Poindexter as county accountant stipulated that he was to receive \$2,400 per year as salary but that he was to make the tax books, for which \$400 has been paid annually, without extra pay. The sum allowed for clerical assistance is \$1,000 per year.

The commissioners in their meeting last week appointed Dave Mink, P. V. Turner and L. A. Harris as a committee to make an inventory of county home property.

A. L. Prevette was appointed constable of Wilkesboro township.

Familiar Touch

Outside the storm raged, the thunder rolled and the lightning flashed almost continuously. Presently, a bolt struck Mr. Jones and knocked him out of bed. He was roused, rubbed his eyes and mumbled, "All right, dear, get up."