

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.

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.

General arrangements had not been completed today.

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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.

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.

Five Voted For Burley Control

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Controversy Over Case Worker Jobs

Right to Employ Is Disputed Between Commissioners and Welfare Officer

The right to employ case workers for the Wilkes county welfare department has become a disputed question between the board of county commissioners and the county superintendent of public welfare.

The board of commissioners which took office on December 5, composed of three Republicans, a few days ago employed Mrs. Ruby Pendley, resident of this city who has been engaged in recreation supervision work for the city of High Point during the past two years. It was understood that she was to replace Miss Mary McNeal, who came here from South Carolina to accept the case worker's job under the former board of commissioners, composed of two Democrats and one Republican.

Mrs. Pendley reported for work Monday and the controversy developed, it being contended that Charles McNeill, welfare officer, had the right to employ case workers.

On Thursday of last week the board of commissioners passed an order to the effect that services of Miss Mary McNeal and Mrs. Inez Absher Bowles as case workers was no longer needed and they were notified of the order Saturday.

However, on the strength of the contention that the welfare officer has the right to employ the case workers, Miss McNeal and Mrs. Bowles are continuing in the employment as case workers, it was learned today from the welfare office.

Pleads For Sane Behavior In City

Police Chief Again Warns Against Firecracker Use; Some Confiscated

Knowing that excitement of holiday celebration sometimes reaches a high pitch where reason is momentarily tossed to the winds by irresponsible parties, Police Chief J. E. Walker today in an interview with a representative of The Journal-Patriot pleaded for a safe and sane holiday observance.

He also added a second warning about firecrackers. He said that despite the fact that the people had been informed through the press and by other means that firing of firecrackers within the city limits is a violation of the law, that some early celebrators have been firing the dangerous noise makers and on one occasion an exploded firecracker set fire to grass in a cemetery here. Some firecrackers have been taken away from children, he said.

With traffic expected to be heaviest in the history of North Wilkesboro here during the latter part of this week, Chief Walker is asking that every person practice safety and do all in their power to avoid accidents, which at best are not appropriate holiday gifts. The police force, he said, will strive to prevent traffic congestion and to prevent accidents.

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 Wilkesboros 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 Sherrill.

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.

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."