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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

ROAD DEATHS DOWN

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The National Safety council tonight predicted traffic deaths in the United States this year would total 31,500 if the favorable trend of the first 11 months continued until January 1. That would be a reduction of 8,000 from the all-time high of 39,500 recorded in 1937.

SPEAKER RACE CLOSE

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—So close is the race for the speakership of the state house of representatives that, apparently, only three members of the 1939 general assembly are making predictions as to its outcome. Those three are the candidates themselves—D. L. (Libby) Ward, of Craven; William (Bill) Fenner, of Nash, and Victor S. Bryant, of Durham, all of whom are forecasting victory.

MAY OVERHAUL LAWS

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—A thorough overhauling of North Carolina's criminal statutes and enactment of a strict anti-lynch bill may be recommended to the legislature by the attorney general's office, it was learned today. Attorney Gen. Harry McMullan disclosed that his staff had drafted an 18-point program for legislative consideration. The program has been mailed to all of the state's solicitors for additional recommendations and possible revisions.

DEANE TAKES JOB

Washington, Dec. 28.—C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, the loser in a hotly contested North Carolina Democratic congressional

One Killed And One Injured In Accident Monday

Miss Marie Pearson Dies When Car Plunges Into Stream; Davis Hurt

Miss Marie Pearson, member of a prominent Wilkes family, met instant death Monday evening when her car left the road and crashed into South River near Statesville on highway 115.

The accident, which occurred about dark, was witnessed by two people who were walking along the highway. Mr. Davis was removed from the flooded stream first and was in an unconscious condition. The dead body of Miss Pearson was taken from the stream several yards below the bridge.

Mr. Davis, an employe of Horton's Drug Store here, was taken to a hospital in Statesville, where it was reported that he was critically injured but may recover.

At the time the accident occurred they were on the way to Statesville, where Miss Pearson was going to see her sister-in-law, who was a patient in a hospital there.

She was the only daughter of the late Hamp Pearson, and Mrs. Mary Jane Pearson, who survives. The remaining members of the family are four brothers: Tal J. Pearson, of this city; Claude Pearson, of Purlear; George and Frank Pearson, of Boone.

Miss Pearson formerly made her home at Boomer but for some time had been engaged in the beauty shoppe business, being owner of shoppes in Danville and Martinsville, Va. She was well and favorably known and news of her tragic death was an occasion of sadness to many relatives.

Funeral service was conducted Wednesday afternoon, two o'clock, at Boomer Baptist church. Rev. A. E. Watts was in charge of the service and burial was in the church cemetery.

New Plates Must Be Used Sunday

Expected That Several Hundred Thousand Will Be Purchased In 2 Days

State officials in a statement from Raleigh Wednesday warned that 1939 automobile tags must be on vehicles operated on and after Sunday, January 1.

Although sale of plates has been more brisk than last year to date, several hundred thousand yet remained to be purchased throughout the state when the Raleigh report was made yesterday. A record number of 592,000 pairs were sold during 1938.

The Carolina Motor club branch office is located in this city at Western Auto Associate store in Hotel Wilkes building. Every motorist who applies for license is asked to carry along the application card which was mailed from Raleigh. A license can be issued immediately on the application card but if it must be issued from the title much time is necessarily consumed.

Attention is also called to the fact that the office sells North Wilkesboro city tags, which must be displayed on and after January 1 on all cars owned by residents of this city.

Claim Title As Champion Hog Killers For Year

Melvin Bumgarner, Granville Woods and D. R. Arthur Haley, of Cricket, lay claim to the title of "champion hog killers" in Wilkes.

From November 15 to December 24 they had killed, dressed and delivered 263 hogs. They rendered a complete service, going after the hogs, dressing them and returning the meat already cut and ready for the pot or the curing box. For the butchering of 263 hogs they were paid a total of \$293.00.

Banks To Be Closed On Monday, Jan. 2nd

Both banks here will observe New Year's holiday on Monday, January 2. Those who have business to attend to with the banks on that date should make advance arrangements in order that no inconvenience may result.

Season's Greetings

FIRMLY RESOLVED TO RENDER A BETTER SERVICE, THE PUBLISHERS AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE JOURNAL-PATRIOT SINCERELY EXTEND GREETINGS OF THE SEASON AND WISH FOR EVERY READER, PATRON AND FRIEND...



Power Line In Eastern Wilkes Will Be Built

Five-Mile Extension In New Castle and Somers Townships Approved

A five-mile extension of existing power lines in eastern Wilkes has been approved and will be constructed soon, it was learned today from M. G. Butner, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company.

The new line will be south of highway 421, a branch off the existing line which leaves 421 at Mathis store. The extension will go through the southern edge of New Castle township and parts of Somers township to Yadkin county and will extend about a half mile into that county, serving a total of about 85 farm homes and places of business.

During the past year the rural expansion work was necessarily curtailed in order to allow time for rebuilding many of the existing lines to carry heavier loads and thus render a more complete power service to rural areas. Several crews of workmen were kept at work throughout 1938 in rebuilding the lines, which are now capable of carrying the desired voltage.

During the year, however, many surveys were made, including estimates of cost and anticipated revenue on many line extensions in every part of the county. These surveys are being given careful consideration and it is hoped that many proposed lines will be approved and constructed during the coming year.

Officials of the power company said that the people of the county have shown willingness to cooperate and have aided materially in the preliminary surveys, showing that they want the advantages of electricity in their homes and on their farms.

Still Cut But Owners Get Stuff

Pipes, Valves, Etc., Disappear When Deputy Returns After His Car

Charlie Faw, deputy sheriff who lives near Millers Creek, destroyed a large, 250-gallon still Monday morning one mile from his home on fishdam creek but that while he returned after some tools to destroy the outfit the owners had returned and carried it away.

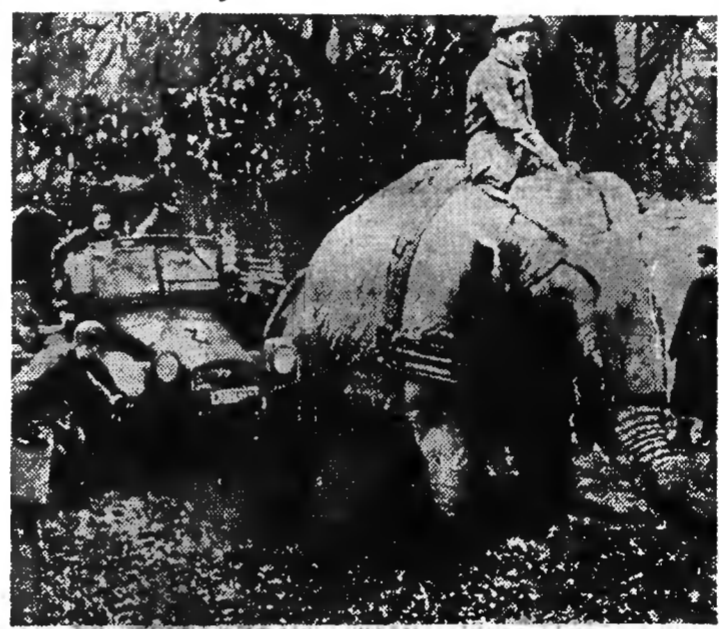
He located the illicit outfit while the snow was falling and poured out 250 gallons of hot beer from the still. Not having the necessary tools with which to make the outfit of no longer use to the owners he returned to his home to get car and tools but when he returned he found that pipes, valves and certain other pieces of equipment had been removed.

He followed tracks from the still site to within 50 yards of a house in that vicinity but the name of the occupant of the house was not revealed.

Plan Dance Friday Night In Wilkesboro

The Junior Woman's club of Wilkesboro is sponsoring a dance to be held on Friday night, eight o'clock, at the Wilkesboro Community House. Admission will be 25 cents and all are invited. The proceeds will be used in civic work.

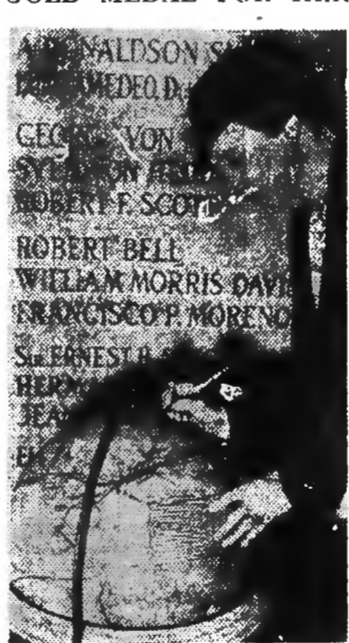
German Army Recruits Circus Elephant



It is not so dining elephant "Roma" of the Hagenbeck circus of Hamburg helps an armored car across a stream during a crucial moment in the German army maneuvers near Mellingburger, Silesia, Germany, recently.

Judges Have Difficulty Deciding On Winners In Lighting Contest In City

GOLD MEDAL FOR HER



Miss Louise A. Boyd, explorer and geographer, who recently returned from her sixth expedition to the Arctic, received the American Geographical society's Cullum gold medal for 1938. She is the second woman to be so honored.

Local Residents Will Attend Game In The Rose Bowl

Four North Wilkesboro people will be among the throng in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, California, Monday when Duke University and Southern California football teams play.

Carlisle Ingle and W. A. McNeill left early this week and are making the trip by automobile. Miss Beatrice Pearson joined a party of friends in Greensboro and boarded the special train there. Joe Brame has also gone to attend the game and is traveling by train.

Duncan's Store Here Is Entered

One or more persons of unknown identity forced entrance into Ralph Duncan's electrical store on Ninth street Monday night. A hole was bored into the back door large enough for a person to reach through and turn the lock. So far as could be ascertained, nothing was taken from the store. No clues have been found which promise to lead to the identity of the guilty party.

MILK RACKETEER



Almost as contented as a cat in a creamery, this kitten has learned to meet the London milkman at the garden gate in this amusing fashion and get a lift back to its home.

Kelly Voucher Is Signed But Board Cancels Payment

Commissioners Order That W. P. Kelly Not Be Paid Sum of \$966.66

Wilkes county board of commissioners in recess session passed a resolution and order directing the Bank of North Wilkesboro not to pay a voucher in the sum of \$966.66, which was authorized by the board of commissioners whose term of office expired on December 5, and made payable to W. P. Kelly, Wilkes county accountant, tax supervisor and purchasing agent for the past two years.

The voucher was authorized by the old board in a resolution which said in effect that Mr. Kelly took the job with an understanding that he was to receive \$250 per month—\$200 as accountant, and \$25 each as purchasing agent and tax supervisor. The resolution set up that he had been paid only \$200 per month except for one month.

On the grounds that the board had never set the pay for Mr. Kelly as tax supervisor and purchasing agent, Old Wiles, registrar of deeds, refused to sign the voucher as clerk to the board and in a mandamus action brought by Mr. Kelly before Judge J. A. Rousseau he was ordered to sign it but notice of appeal was given to the supreme court.

However, the case will not be taken up to the high court because Mr. Wiles signed the voucher and the new board of commissioners, all Republicans, passed an order revoking the order of the old board passed on November 22 and ordering that the voucher not be paid.

In the resolution and order, introduced by C. C. Sliden and seconded by M. F. Absher, the new board set out that the order employing Mr. Kelly had not set any price for his services as tax supervisor and purchasing agent but had stated that the price for his services as tax supervisor would be set at the completion of his duties.

The resolution said further that up to November 22 Mr. Kelly and those working under him had received a total of \$6,583.85 for work which "he contracted to do and for which the commissioners contracted to pay the sum of \$2400 per year." The order said the board was acting to "protect funds of the county paid by the taxpayers." Old Wiles, clerk to the board of commissioners, was directed to notify the bank of the cancellation of the voucher.

Three Porkers Net 1,843 Pounds Meat

A. R. Miller, prominent citizen of the Vannoy community and champion pork producer, recently butchered three big type O. I. C.'s which netted a total of \$1,843 pounds of pork. The largest tipped the scales at 608 and the others at 615 and 608. They looked a few days being one year of age, Mr. Miller said.

Holiday Season Quietly Observed In This Vicinity

Police Department, Sheriff's Office Have Only Normal Duties

Less disorder this year than at any Christmas time we have ever known, was the consensus of opinion as expressed by law enforcement officers in Wilkes during the past week.

The police department here reported only a slight increase in the number of drunks and there were no fights or general disorder on the streets. "Everybody seemed to enjoy Christmas and most everybody behaved themselves," one officer said.

Sheriff Doughton reported that his office had experienced about the usual amount of work and that the number of calls was not excessive for a week-end.

Notwithstanding the heavy traffic, possibly the heaviest holiday traffic in the history of North Wilkesboro and vicinity, there were no disastrous accidents within the county during the holiday season.

There were several minor wrecks and many bumped fenders resulted from driving on the snow Monday but as far as could be learned today no one was seriously injured in the county.

However, there was one highway tragedy in which local people were involved. Miss Marie Pearson was instantly killed and Gene Davis was badly injured when Miss Pearson's car plunged into a stream near Statesville on highway 115 Monday evening.

Right To Employ Being Disputed

One Case Worker "Employed" But Not at Work; 2 "Discharged" Working

The Wilkes county welfare office today continued to have one case worker which had been employed but not at work and two others who have been notified that their services are no longer needed but who are still working.

The situation arose over differences of opinion as to who has the right to select or employ the case workers—the board of commissioners or the superintendent of welfare.

The new board of commissioners, composed of three Republicans, employed Mrs. Ruby Pendley, of this city, as case worker and notified Miss Mary McNeal and Mrs. Inez Bowles, who were employed by the old board composed of two Democrats and one Republican, that their services were no longer needed.

That was ten days ago and Mrs. Pendley has been reporting daily at the welfare office for work. Meanwhile Miss Mary McNeal and Mrs. Bowles have continued working.

Charles McNeill, county welfare officer, contends that he has the right to select case workers and the commissioners have been acting of the belief that they have that right, since the county pays almost two-thirds of the administrative expense of the welfare department.

Mr. McNeill contends that the law vested supervisory powers in the state board of allotments and appeals, which in turn has delegated certain responsibilities to county welfare officers, among them being the selection of case workers.

Yuletide Week-End Fatalities Mount To More Than 400

The nation paid with more than 400 lives for its holiday week-end.

A prevailing "green" Christmas, with its attendant restriction of icy roads and snow, was credited with a smaller death count than last Christmas, when more than 500 persons lost their lives.

Metropolitan New York and other cities enjoyed almost springlike weather. Fire claimed 17 lives this year, gunshot wounds 12, automobile train accidents 10, drowning 4, and miscellaneous causes 10.