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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.

ASK 2c SALES TAX

New Bern, Jan. 17.—Recommendation that the general assembly reduce the state sales tax to 2 per cent has been made to the legislative committee of the North Carolina Merchants association by W. F. Dwyer, president. Such a reduction has been approved by the organization's directors.

BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE

Lenoir, Jan. 17.—Two hundred cases of tax-paid liquor, valued at \$3,000, were seized here this morning by state highway patrolmen who arrested J. F. Moore, of Charlotte, on charges of violation of the prohibition laws and violation of the motor vehicle laws. Bond of \$3,000 was filed by Moore. The shipment was billed from Middleboro, Ky., to J. J. Allison, of Concord.

NO PROCESSING TAX

Washington, Jan. 17.—President Roosevelt made it plain today that he was against reviving processing taxes to finance farm benefits and asked again for taxation of all public salaries and public securities. The President told reporters at his press conference that processing levies on consumers' taxes and unduly would be depressing.

LIFE SENTENCE

Milwaukee, Jan. 17.—Ernest John Mahr, 24, was sentenced to life imprisonment today, 36 hours after he entered the home of 16-year-old Ruth Scott and beat her to death with a hatchet. Mahr pleaded guilty to first-degree murder. Asked by Municipal Judge Max W. Nohl if he had anything to say, the prisoner hung his head and answered, "Nothing, except that I'm sorry." Previously, he had confessed the crime and expressed a desire to let legal formalities "cover with as soon as possible."

CONFIRM APPOINTEES

Washington, Jan. 17.—The senate today confirmed promptly and without a dissenting vote the nomination of Felix Frankfurter for justice of the United States Supreme court, and later, after considerable debate, confirmed the nomination of former Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan, for attorney general. In the latter case seven Republican members cast dissenting votes. Senator Vandenberg taking the view that his state had already spoken when it defeated Murphy for re-election.

TEACH FLYING

St. Louis, Jan. 17.—Between 17,000,000 and 20,000,000 American school children will be taught the theory of mechanical flight each year under a system roughly similar to those in vogue in Europe, aviation leaders decided in convention here today. The scheme for making the country's youth conscious of what Maj. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, chief of the general headquarters air force, called the new role of air power in international affairs, will be dovetailed with the government's program for teaching thousands of college students to fly.

WANTS MORE MONEY

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, today asked the joint appropriations committee to increase his funds \$236,000 to provide for expanded marketing and live stock disease control programs, and a closer check on weights and measures. By raising the tax on fertilizer and feed from 20 to 30 cents a ton, the assembly could enable his department to help farmers market crops at better prices, to make improvements at test farms and to fight the spread of hog cholera, said Commissioner Scott. The increased levy he estimated would yield an additional \$115,000 to the agricultural fund.

PREDICTS WPA LAYOFF

Washington, Jan. 17.—President Roosevelt said today that WPA would have to lay off a million or more relief workers by June if a proposed cut in appropriations is carried through, but his estimates were disputed immediately in influential congressional quarters. Chairman Adams, Democrat, Colorado, of the senate subcommittee in charge of the relief appropriation told reporters that the chief executive's figures "conveyed an inaccurate impression." As a matter of "simple mathematics," he said no more than 600,000 need be dropped from the work relief rolls.

NEEDED MONEY

Cotton growers of Franklin county have received about \$700,000 in cotton adjustment payments to date and this is only 85 per cent of payments due the producers.

Stockholders Of Bank of North Wilkesboro Meet

1938 Was Good Year For Bank; Resources, Deposits, Surplus Increase

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

W. D. Halfacre Added To Board Of Directors; Growth Is Cited

Despite a slight business recession at the beginning of the year, the year 1938 must be classed as a good year for the bank. J. R. Hix, president, told the stockholders of the Bank of North Wilkesboro in annual meeting this morning.

The Bank of North Wilkesboro, largest unit bank in this immediate section of the state, has grown remarkably during the past five years. On December 30, 1933, the bank resources totaled \$953,648.18 as compared to \$1,737,526.69 on December 31, 1938, an increase of about \$783,878.51. Despite the recession in the latter part of 1937 and the early part of 1938, the resources and deposits of the bank for the past year showed an increase.

In five years the bank's surplus has increased from \$12,000 to \$75,000, the sum of \$25,000 being added during the past year. The total of undivided profits and surplus is now \$97,874.71 as compared to \$19,580.63 five years ago.

Dividends at the rate of five per cent semi-annually were paid during 1938.

President Hix concluded his report to the stockholders with the following statement: "We have begun the new year in fine spirits. It is our opinion that a feeling of optimism prevails. The future for our manufacturing plants is a decided improvement over the outlook at the beginning of the past year."

The stockholders added W. D. Halfacre to the board of directors and re-elected all directors as follows: E. M. Blackburn, Ralph Duncan, R. G. Finley, J. R. Hix, R. W. Gwyn, John E. Justice, Jr., and S. V. Tomlinson.

Directors in meeting following the stockholders meeting re-elected J. R. Hix president for the 17th consecutive year. W. D. Halfacre, former superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools who joined the bank during the past year and S. V. Tomlinson were re-elected vice presidents. R. W. Gwyn, long associated with the bank as cashier, was re-elected to that position and W. W. Starr was re-elected assistant cashier.

The report of the bank's president to the stockholders contained a beautiful and deserving tribute to A. A. Finley, who was vice president, director and chairman of the executive and examining committee of the bank for several years until his death on March 16, 1938. He mentioned the fact that Mr. Finley gave of his time and services to the bank for a period of 45 years and paid high tribute to the sterling qualities of character so much in evidence over a long period of time.

Johnson Named On Legion Board

Local Man Vice Chairman Of Committee For N. C. Department Legion

The Americanism activities of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion will be coordinated under an Americanism Commission.

Acting under authority granted by the Department Executive Committee at the installation ceremony in Asheville last October, Commander Burgh Pennell has named Dave Hall of Belmont as chairman of the Americanism Commission. Henry LeRoy of Elizabeth City, Robert E. Stevens of Goldsboro and Frank Johnson of North Wilkesboro are the vice chairmen.

Under this commission will be coordinated all the Americanism activities of the North Carolina Department including junior baseball, Boys State, Sons of the American Legion, ROTC, disaster relief, marksmanship, safety, Boy Scouts, community service and school awards.

One thing the shepherd should heed—that when the lost sheep is brought in it should not contaminate the ninety-and-nine that failed to stray from the fold.

Bank President



J. R. Hix, banker and manufacturer, who was elected president of the Bank of North Wilkesboro for the 17th year by the stockholders in meeting today.

Surplus Products Help Many During Month December

Report of State Authorities Show That 2,807 In Wilkes Were Helped

There were 532 cases representing 2,807 persons certified by Wilkes county welfare authorities as eligible to receive surplus commodity products during December, 1938, Arthur E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, announced this week.

A state-wide total of 133,067 persons representing 39,893 cases were certified during the month, Langston said. Following is the number of persons certified in adjoining counties and served together with Wilkes county from the distribution storeroom located in North Wilkesboro:

Alexander, 2,153; Alleghany, 736; Ashe, 1,036; Burke, 513; Caldwell, 1,908; Watauga, 1,285; Wilkes, 2,807. Total 10,438.

Boy Scout Court Of Honor Meets

Many Applications For Advancement and Merit Badges Passed

Regular meeting of the North Wilkesboro Boy Scout court of honor was held Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian Scout Hut, at which time many applications for advancement and merit badges were approved and eleven Scouts received merit badges and awarded formerly passed.

Members of the court present for the meeting were: T. E. Story, chairman, J. B. McCoy, E. G. Finley, Frank Johnson and Cyrus McNeill. The court announced that a public program for presentation of Eagle Scout badges may be held on February 12.

Scoutmasters present were Gordon Finley, Isaac Duncan and Paul Osborne. Twenty-five Scouts were in attendance.

The following applications for merit badges and advancement were approved by the court:

Troop 32—C. L. Kennedy, Jr., second class; Joseph Linney, first class; O. K. Whittington, Jr., first class.

Troop 35—Daniel Hill Carlton, Jr., handicraft, architecture, book binding and star rank; B. J. Robinson, second class; Robert Dennis, first class; Thomas H. Gilreath, handicraft; Lomax Kilby, woodworking; Oren Hudson, cooking and camping; Wayne Caudill, cooking; Effner Eller, cooking camping and eagle rank.

Troop 36—Ward Eshelman, Jr., first class; Henry Landon, III, scholarship and eagle rank.

NCSSES And UCC Offices Are To Be Closed 21st, 28th

Branch offices of the North Carolina State Employment Service and the Unemployment Compensation commission here will be closed on Saturday, January 21, and Saturday, January 28, officials said today.

The offices will be closed on the two above mentioned dates in order to allow employes an opportunity to take the merit examinations, officials said.

Mack Moore, Farm Logical Location For Yadkin Dam

Army Engineers Complete Flood Control Survey of The Yadkin Valley

Army engineers engaged in a preliminary study of the advisability of constructing a flood control dam on the Yadkin near here have completed their work and recommended that the most feasible and practical location for a dam of that type is at the farm of Mack Moore one mile west of Wilkesboro, it was learned here today from unofficial sources.

The survey of the Yadkin valley for the purpose of determining the possibility of a dam for flood control was authorized in the general flood control act passed by congress several years ago. In the fall of 1937 the Yadkin reached flood stage and caused much damage to crops along the valley, adding impetus to the movement to make the survey.

In commenting on the location for the proposed dam the chief engineer was quoted as saying that the Moore farm is the most practical location, the "dam being already half built" because of the land formation colloquially known as a "hog's back" extending from the hills to a point near the river.

The survey also included a preliminary appraisal of the lands above the site and on tributaries of the Yadkin which would be inundated in case a dam were constructed, including some of the most productive farms in Wilkes county.

The engineers were engaged in the survey for about six weeks. The chief engineer said his report would be sent to the regional offices in Richmond, Va., and national offices in Washington.

Negro's Head Is Badly Hurt Again

Millard Kelly Almost Killed While Digging Grave for One Who Was Killed

A serious injury to Millard Kelly, colored resident of near Wilkesboro, is surrounded by interesting coincidences.

While digging a grave for a negro who was killed, Kelly was almost killed and the near fatal blow on his head was within one inch of the spot where he received a severe concussion of the brain in a car wreck several years ago, which necessitated removal of a piece of his skull in an operation at the Wilkes hospital here. A piece of skull about the size of a silver dollar is missing from his cranium.

Kelly was engaged in helping dig a grave for Harvey Harue, who died from a bullet wound received in a still raid in eastern Wilkes Thursday. According to the meagre reports of the affair given to officers, Kelly and Wade Hampton, another negro, got into an argument which quickly developed into something more serious. Hampton is alleged to have brought his spade down with considerable force on Kelly's head.

Kelly was carried back to the hospital where his head was once opened and examination revealed a slight fracture just above the spot where the skull section was taken out several years ago.

He has improved rapidly and will be able to return to his home soon, it was learned today at the hospital.

Meanwhile, officers have lodged the Hampton negro in the county jail, charged with assault with deadly weapon.

Demonstrations in Control Of Borers

Will Be Held at Home of H. G. Duncan and Mrs. J. B. Hall Friday

Demonstrations in peach borer control will be held at two places in Wilkes county on Friday, January 20, County Agent Dan F. Holler said today.

J. O. Rowell, extension entomologist, will conduct the demonstrations, which will be held at the home of Dr. H. G. Duncan near Wilkesboro on the Moravian Falls highway at ten o'clock and at the home of Mrs. J. B. Hall at Gilreath at two o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. All peach growers are invited to attend one or both of the demonstrations.

Scientist Explains Functions of Brain



The size of this brain is not supposed to indicate how some people feel the morning after. It's merely an oversized brain model being explained to two Boy Scouts by Joseph Bracco of the New York Museum of Scientific Industry.

Commanders And Presidents Night Will Be Observed

By Wilkes Post of Legion And Auxiliary on Friday, February 3rd

The Wilkes County Post No. 125 and its Auxiliary of the American Legion, will observe "Commanders and Presidents Night" at the Legion Hut, on Friday, February 3, with a banquet, program and dance.

The program committee has secured, as the speaker for this occasion, Rev. Douglas L. Rights, of Winston-Salem, who is the chaplain of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. Rev. Mr. Rights' subject will be "Early History of North Carolina." As president of the Washovia Historical Society and one who has made the history of this section his hobby, he is well qualified to speak on this subject. In his research, he has found records of the early history of the Wilkes Militia of Revolutionary days and other interesting data. This should prove one of the most interesting programs that the Legion has ever presented.

Other announcements for "Commanders and Presidents Night" will be made at a later date.

School Building Asked At Cricket

Petition Commissioners For Building To Replace Frame Structure

Patrons of Union school at Cricket, one of the largest elementary schools in the county, are petitioning the county commissioners to erect a school building to replace the present frame structure.

In the petition signed by a big majority of the patrons of the school, it is set out that the present building is inadequate to house the children and that relief from the situation is sorely needed.

A report on the progress of circulating the petition and the interest shown was given in the January meeting of the Parent-Teacher association held at the school on Tuesday night.

R. G. Call, president, presided and a number of matters of interest to the school were taken up. A committee was named to contact highway forces and ask that the driveway from the highway to the school building be gravel surfaced. Plans were also made for a "book week" to obtain books for the school library.

It was decided in the meeting that patrons of the school would appear before the board of county commissioners in January session and tell of the needs of a school building.

Few Have Failed To Buy City Tags

Police Chief J. E. Walker today called attention to the fact that several North Wilkesboro residents have failed to purchase city license plates for cars and trucks for the new year.

The law requires that each motor vehicle owned by a North Wilkesboro resident must display the city tag and those who have failed to abide by the law will be cited to court unless they act immediately, Mr. Walker said.

Officers Capture Big Cargo Liquor Here on Tuesday

Phillip Yates and Branson Benton Held For Transporting Liquor

Perhaps the largest liquor haul in the history of North Wilkesboro was made Tuesday night when Patrolman Carlyle Ingle, accompanied by Police Chief J. E. Walker, captured a truck loaded with about \$2,000 worth of tax-paid liquor.

They arrested the driver, Phillip Yates, and Branson Benton, who was accompanying him. Both are residents of the Purlear community. They were placed under bond.

The truck was filled to capacity with cases of the liquor, which the officers did not at the time take time to count. The truck and its cargo were stored here to await disposition by the courts.

The seizure was made as the truck entered this city from the north over highway 15. The cargo is said to have come from Kentucky, although the officers were not shown consignment bills.

Anniversary Of Kiwanis Friday

All Members of Local Club Asked to Be Present At Meeting Friday

"The 24th anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International will be celebrated by over 101,000 Kiwanians throughout the United States and Canada this week," said D. J. Carter, president of the local club today.

"In North Wilkesboro all our members are planning to join in this international observance.

"The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit in 1915 and held its first meeting on January 21 of that year. Today in the United States and Canada there are 1,992 clubs," said Mr. Carter.

In the North Wilkesboro club the Committee on Kiwanis Education will be in charge of the program. Members of this committee are: A. H. Casey, sponsor, Genio Cardwell, chairman, and Rev. Watt M. Cooper.

Plan Active 1939 Year

The Kiwanis club has a special message from H. G. Hatfield, of Oklahoma City, Okla., President of Kiwanis International. This greeting will be read to the local group Friday noon.

"During 1939 we can increase the influence of Kiwanis through increasing our membership," said Mr. Hatfield. "Many communities where Kiwanis clubs have never been organized should have clubs. Kiwanis influence is of inestimable value," he said.

Tom Pruitt, of Hickory, former district governor of Kiwanis, will be the feature speaker at the meeting Friday noon. Genio Cardwell, chairman of the Kiwanis Education committee, announced today.

Lions Will Meet Friday Evening

An interesting program has been arranged for the North Wilkesboro Lions club meeting to be held at Hotel Wilkes on Friday evening, 6:30 o'clock. The last meeting was well attended and club leaders urge a full attendance at the meeting Friday.

Crippled Clinic Date Is Set For January 28th

Dr. Miller Will Examine Cripples Without Charge At Hospital Here

IS SECOND CLINIC

First Sponsored by Kiwanis Club Held Here Recently Well Attended

The second orthopedic clinic in North Wilkesboro will be held at the Wilkes hospital on Saturday, January 28, ten a. m. to 12. Dr. O. L. Miller, of Charlotte, will again conduct the clinic, which is sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club through the Wilkes county health department.

Health officials explained in making the announcement that there is no charge for the examination and adults as well as children are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to find out what may be done to correct physical defects and deformities.

Every cripple in the county is asked to be present. Whether or not the clinic is continued here with other appointments will depend upon the attendance and the apparent need for such services.

The first clinic was held several weeks ago and many persons took advantage of the opportunity for free examination and advice.

Giles Is Selecting '39 Judging Team

Assistant County Agent To Carry Four Boys to Seed Judging Contest

Jesse Giles, assistant county agent for Wilkes county who coached the seed judging team which won first place in the state last year, has nine 4-H club boys at Traphill working earnestly for places on the team to take part in the state contest to be held in Rocky Mount on January 25.

On Friday afternoon of this week Mr. Giles will select a team of three and one alternate from the group of nine and will accompany them to the contest to compete with about 100 seed judging teams from all parts of the state.

The boys working for places on the teams are John Joiner, Claude Billings, Glenn Hutchison, John Alexander, Grady Holbrook, Lloyd Holbrook, Billy Casstevens, Dwight Blackburn and Junior Brewer.

Last year's championship team was picked from the "Mountains View club and was composed of John Robert Church, Paul Ed Church and Charlie Wiles, with Claude Billings as alternate.

Mr. Giles said that to succeed in the contest that a boy must know 80 varieties, by both plants and seeds and must be able to judge four pans of seed accurately in one, two, three and four order.

Plan Awards For Good Bus Drivers

Drivers With Best Record Will Be Rewarded At End of School Term

School bus drivers in Wilkes county who complete the year without accident and who cooperate with all phases of the school program will be awarded medals at the end of the present term, C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, informed the principals in January meeting.

He urged that bus drivers be encouraged to operate buses efficiently and economically and to take good care of the vehicles. A good driver, he said, will hold operating costs down to a minimum.

So far this year there have been no serious accidents in the school transportation system, which covers practically every section of the county.

Rev. T. C. Jordan Dies

Rev. T. C. Jordan, a former pastor of the Wilkesboro Methodist church, died yesterday in Hendersonville. He had been in ill health for several years.