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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

ASHE MAN SUICIDE

West Jefferson, Feb. 1.—Solomon Pennington, 43-year-old World War veteran, ended his life this morning by firing a .16-guage shotgun into his heart. He was visiting at his father's home in the Bristol community near Jefferson at the time. Officers were told Pennington was sitting in a room with his stepmother when without any remark he walked to a corner, picked up the gun and shot himself. He died almost instantly.

FAVORS PROFITS

Washington, Feb. 1—Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins, who has been meeting with the nation's leading industrialists, pledged himself today to do everything in his power to achieve an increase in the national income and assure business a fair and reasonable profit. "I am fully aware that one of the important elements in achieving a rising national income is, amongst other things, a fair and reasonable profit to business," Hopkins said at a press conference.

PERMANENT PWA?

Washington, Feb. 1.—The administration will soon ask Congress for legislation to make the public works administration a permanent, $1,000,000,000-a-year agency to combat unemployment and to centralize federal relief projects, it was disclosed tonight. A bill for the proposal has been drafted, without the direct sanction of PWA Administrator Harold L. Ickes, and it will be submitted to the House and Senate within two weeks.

DOUGHTON OFFERS BILL

Washington, Feb. 1.—Three highly explosive issues—government reorganization, reciprocal taxation of state and federal salaries, and renewed life for the Dies un-American affairs committee—began grinding their way through Congress today, each laden with potential trouble for the administration. President Roosevelt's fight for power to reorganize and consolidate top-heavy federal agencies, a battle in which he was soundly jolted last session, was renewed with signal success when Representative John Cochran (D). Mo., won House approval of his resolution reconstituting the reorganizaton committee. The vote was 153 to 102.

$84,430 LOPPED OFF

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—The appropriations committee slowed down today in its tentative consideration of expenditures for the next two years, as supporters of budget recommendations waged a more vigorous fight to prevent sharp cuts to the 1935-37 level. The economy bloc, led by Representative Pickens of Guilford, was still able to force through new slashes totaling $84,430. This time, it was the state advertising fund, the department of conservation and development, and the industrial commission which felt the pressure of the money-saving movement. Even Pickens, however, admitted that the economy drive had lost some momentum. He predicted that the committee instead of lopping $50,000 from the $250,000 state advertising fund for the next two years as it did today might have eliminated the item altogether on Tuesday.

DIVERSIONISTS WIN

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Governor Hoey's supporters in the General Assembly won a smashing victory today when the senate finance committee voted overwhelmingly against a proposal to pledge the legislature against the so-called diversion of highway funds. On an oral vote, the result of which appeared to be 17 to 2, the committee gave an unfavorable report to the senate "good roads" bill, which is diametrically opposed to recommendations expressed by Governor Hoey in a fighting address to a joint legislative session last night. Negative votes were cast by Senators Hatcher of Burke, Umstead of Orange, who indicated they might carry the diversion battle back to the floor of the senate. But the committee report had the effect of pigeon-holeing the measure, which cannot now reach a test in the upper house unless two-thirds of the senators vote to take it from the unfavorable calendar.

Flock Laying At Rate 70 Per Cent

Ed Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, of North Wilkesboro route 2, reports that his flock of 150 layers produced 263 dozen eggs during the 30-day period from January 1 to January 31, an average of 70 per cent production.

Many Examined In Crippled Clinic In North Wilkesboro

Need For Clinic Is Great, Health Officer Says! 65 Examined

"We hope to have orthopedic clinics in Wilkes at regular intervals," Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer, said today in discussing the second clinic held at the Wilkes hospital here Saturday.

Dr. Eller said that the clinic was highly successful and that 65 cases were examined by Dr. O. L. Miller, of Charlotte, orthopedic surgeon who came here to make the examinations.

He added that the large number attending was evidence of the need of a clinic here, saying that there is doubtless many cripples and deformed people within the county who have never been examined to ascertain whether or not their physical handicaps could be corrected.

Another clinic will be held in March, he said. The clinic is being sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in cooperation with the county health department.

Among the 65 who were examined in the clinic there was an unusually large number of new cases, persons who had not been examined or who had not received treatment in an orthopedic hospital. In addition to the new cases there were several who have been treated and who attended for the purpose of a re-check examination.

Dr. Eller deplored the fact that many parents do not show proper interest relative to crippled and deformed children and neglect to take advantage of opportunities provided for correction of physical handicaps.

Oakwoods Road To Be Built Soon

Work Expected to Start At Once On New WPA Road Project

District Highway Commissioner J. G. Hackett said today that work is expected to start within the next few days on the road leading from the Wilkesboros to Oakwoods, the project to be under the supervision of the WPA.

During the past few days citizens residing along the Oakwoods road have been active in obtaining signatures for the road's improvement and working out right-of-way in several places where the location of the highway is to be slightly changed.

Commissioner Hackett stated today that a check-up of the Oakwoods road revealed the fact that it is traveled approximately twice as much as any other secondary road in the county, and this fact accounts for the early construction of the road to the point of intersection with the Moravian Falls road.

Lions Are To Hear Rev. Eugene Olive

Regular meeting of the North Wilkesboro Lions club will be held at Hotel Wilkes on Friday evening, 6:30 o'clock, with C. E. Jenkins, Jr., in charge of the program.

Mr. Jenkins said that a feature of the program will be an address by Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro.

Dr. Leiby Helps In Wilkes Clinic

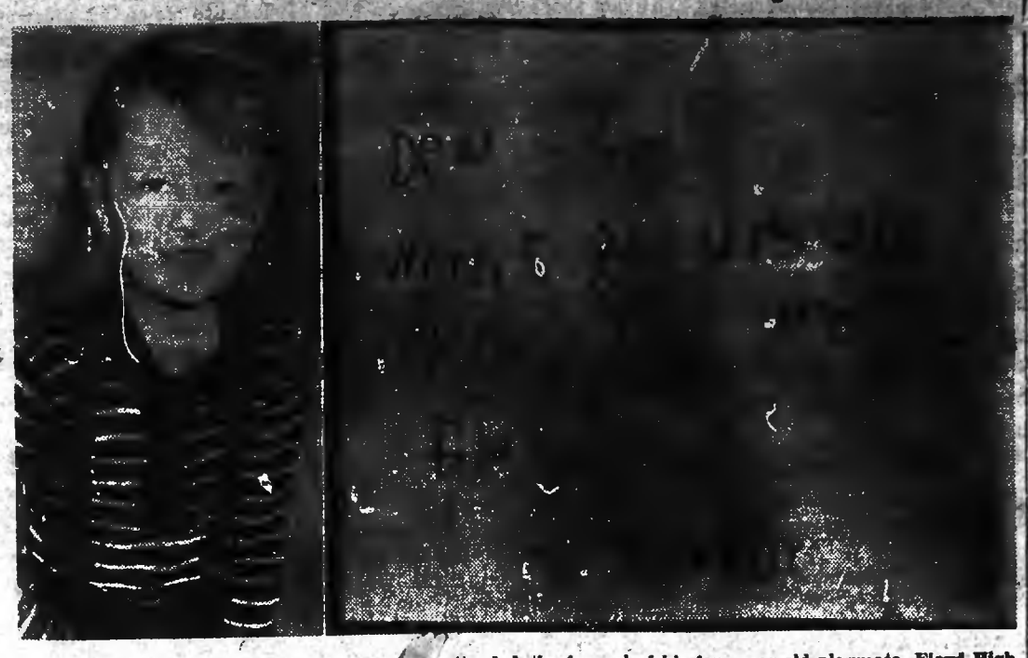
Head of Venereal Control Division Health Service to Be In Wilkes

Dr. Leiby, head of the venereal disease control division of the state health department, will again be in Wilkes on Saturday, February 4, to assist Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, in conducting a clinic, Dr. Eller said today.

Dr. Leiby will have with him all equipment and supplies necessary for diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases.

Messrs. A. T. Whittington and R. C. Goodman, of the Markdown Furniture company, attended the furniture exposition in High Point Wednesday.

Playmate Gone, Six-Year-Old Writes to God



Bobby Lewis of Minneapolis, six years old, attended the funeral of his four-year-old playmate, Floyd Highstrom, and talked with Reverend Emil Heuhardt, who told him that Floydie had gone on a long trip to see God. Returning home, Bobbie addressed a letter "To God. In Heaven, Up in the Sky," asking that he be allowed to see Floydie when he went "upstairs."

Applications For 2 Gyms Approved

WPA Approves Projects at Mt. Pleasant and Lincoln Heights Buildings

The Works Progress administration has approved applications for construction of physical education buildings at Mount Pleasant high school and at Lincoln Heights colored school in Wilkesboro, C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said today.

Plans for the buildings, which are to be of almost identical construction, were revised in order to reduce the cost and the sponsor's share of each building will be around $2,000.

Wilkes county board of education is listed as sponsor of the projects, but the communities will raise the money without cost to the county.

Millers Creek, Ronda, and Mountain View have gymnasiums and Wilkesboro is working on plans for one at the present time. It is understood that Roaring River and Traphill, the other two high schools in the county system are interested in proposals to erect gymnasiums with the aid of WPA funds.

Legion Banquet On Friday Night

Many Expected to Hear Historical Address By Rev. Douglas Rights

The annual "Commanders and Presidents" night of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the clubhouse on Friday night, February 3rd.

The festivities begin at 6:45 in the evening when a chicken dinner will be served to the Legion the Auxiliary and guests.

Following the dinner, Rev. Douglas Rights, of Winston-Salem, will deliver an address on Revolutionary and pre-Revolutionary history of northwestern North Carolina. Rev. Mr. Rights is president of the Wachovia Historical Society and is well versed on this subject. He is no stranger to Wilkes county, having given a lecture before the Parent-Teacher association some time ago on a boat trip he took down the Yadkin River to Georgetown, S. C. He is also a student of Indian life and some time ago excavated an Indian Mound in Wilkes county. His many friends here are looking forward to his address on the early history of this section of the state with much interest. Due to the fact that this subject is of unusual interest to many people of the Wilkesboros and Wilkes county, the committee on arrangements have made provision for the entertainment of invited guests and friends who are interested in the history of Wilkes and adjoining counties.

The cost of the supper will be 50c each. Tickets are on sale at the office of the Yadkin Valley Motor company and at the desk of Hotel Wilkes. The purchase of a ticket guarantees a reservation for the entire program.

The festivities will be closed with an old fashioned square dance.

Indianapolis is the largest city in the world not located on navigable water.

$35,000 In Taxes Paid In January

Sheriff Doughton Says Collections Good Before the Penalty Is Added

More than $35,000 in Wilkes county taxes were paid during the month of January, C. T. Doughton, sheriff and tax collector, said today.

January was a busy month in tax payments because it was the last month when taxes could be paid without penalty as prescribed by law.

Sheriff Doughton called attention to the fact that the penalty during this month is only one per cent but that additional penalty will be added to all taxes not paid on or before the first day of March.

Officers Helping To Locate Couple

Police here today sought information relative to the whereabouts of George L. Holbrook, who is alleged to have left his home four miles west of this city Tuesday with Mrs. Claude Bledsoe, next door neighbor.

At the request of the woman's husband police resorted to radio broadcasts Wednesday in an effort to locate the couple. Bledsoe said that his five-year-old child deserted by its mother is very ill.

Holbrook, according to information given the police, had sold his home, bought a new car and left for unannounced points with his neighbor's wife.

Art Exhibit Next Week Announced

150 Colored Reproductions of Masterpieces Will Be Shown In This City

Reproductions of works of Artists of many generations will be on display at the North Wilkesboro school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, February 9, 10 and 11.

This collection consists of 150 Masterpieces representing the French, Italian, Flemish, English, Dutch, Spanish, German and American Schools of Art. Most of these are the Masterpieces studied by the schools. Famous portraits, landscapes, marines, and pastoral scenes in the colors of the original canvases are on display.

There will be 150 large colored reproductions of the Old and Modern Masters. Among the most famous artists represented are: Gainsborough, Titian Da Vinci, Terborch, Murillo, Van Dyck, Raphael, and many others of the Old Masters, while among the more modern are representative subjects from the brush of Ben Foster, George De Forest Brush, George Innes, Ernest Albert, Frank Duvaneck, Gardner Symons, Bruce Crane, William Wyant, Harry Vincent, Robert Wesley Amick, and Gustave Wiegand.

The exhibit will be open to the public and a small admission charge will be made, proceeds to be used in purchasing pictures for the school. All are united to see the exhibit.

Hundreds of Applications For Soil Payments Being Forwarded Daily

Applications for payment to farmers under the 1938 soil conservation program are being forwarded to Washington rapidly and it is expected that checks to Wilkes farmers will arrive during the month of March, it was learned today from Lawrence Miller, chief clerk of the Wilkes county agricultural conservation association.

Hundreds of applications are being signed and forwarded each day. This work represents the last transaction in the 1938 program until the farmers themselves sign receipts for payment after the checks arrive.

Meanwhile, meetings are being held in central communities throughout the county and farmers are being told how to earn the maximum payment for their respective farms during the coming year.

The interest being shown by the farmers in learning how to earn government payments and at the same time improve and conserve their soil is evidenced by the fact that the meetings are unusually well attended. Attendance has passed the 150 mark at some of the meetings, Mr. Miller said.

More than 5,000 work sheets were filled out for the 1938 program, representing practically every farm in the county. Compliance workers have estimated that at least two-thirds of this number have qualified for payment but the average amount will be small, due to the fact that there are many small farms and because many farmers did not earn the maximum amount.

However, they are intensely interested in carrying out more soil conserving practices for which payment will be made this year and it is expected that a great majority of the farmers will earn the maximum payment under the 1939 program.

Total payments to Wilkes farmers under the 1938 program may reach $90,000, Mr. Miller said.

Wilkes Marriages

License to wed were issued during the past 15 days in Wilkes county by Register of Deeds Old Wiles to eight couples as follows: Joseph C. Miller, North Wilkesboro, and Janie Watts, Boomer; Harold Matherson and Janie Owens, both of Taylorsville; Challie Nichols, Purlear, and Pearlie Mae Duncan, Wilkesboro route 1; Fennie Anthony and Mozell Byrd, both of Roaring River; John Beckerdite, Winston-Salem, and Mildred Pegram, North Wilkesboro; Elzie Woods and Angie Church, both of Wilkesboro route 1; Roscoe Combs, North Wilkesboro route 3, and Leona Sparks, Dockery; Charles A. Parsons and Pearl E. Summerlin, both of Walsh.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brinegar, of Wilkesboro, are expecting to bring their little son, Frank, home from Davis Hospital tomorrow. He has been critically ill with pneumonia.

Mr. A. R. Gray, Sr., has returned home after spending several weeks in Richmond, Va., with relatives.

Groundhog Says Winter Is Gone

Today, the second day of February but better known as "Groundhog's Day," will put the acid test to the superstition that if the groundhog does not see his shadow on February 2 that winter is over.

Today the weather was cloudy all day and the sun did not even shine once in this section, eliminating all possibility that the "infallible" weather prophet could have seen his shadow from dawn until late evening.

But even those who swear by the groundhog's predictions would not advise us to throw away our overcoats, raincoats, overshoes or neglect to order coal just because the groundhog says winter is over.

Stockholders Of Loan Association To Meet Feb. 25

Representative of Land Bank and County Agent to Address Gathering

The annual meeting of members of the Moravian National Farm Loan association will be held at North Wilkesboro on February 25, at 10 o'clock in the city hall, according to an announcement by P. E. Dancy, president.

An interesting program is being arranged for the meeting this year, Mr. Dancy said, and a very large attendance is expected. As usual, complete and detailed reports will be made on the operations of the association and the members will be made acquainted with all of its affairs. In addition, there will be a discussion of the association's part in the agricultural development of the section it serves.

A representative of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia will attend the meeting and Dan F. Holler, county agent of Wilkes county, has been invited to speak.

Directors of the association, which serves Wilkes county, are P. E. Dancy, B. C. Price, J. R. Eller, J. F. Pearson, and U. G. Foster, who served up until the time of his death, January 3rd. O. H. Bracey is secretary-treasurer, with headquarters in the Bank of North Wilkesboro building in North Wilkesboro.

Club Is Told Of Band's Progress

Motion Pictures Are Another Feature of Program By Cragan On Friday

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, was in charge of the program at the Kiwanis club meeting Friday and presented Bill Greer, member of the school faculty, who told about progress of band work, which has been instituted in North Wilkesboro schools. He also presented a trumpet solo.

Mr. Cragan then presented two motion pictures entitled "Alaska" and "Life History of the Frog," both of which were enjoyed by the club.

John Prevette was inducted into membership in the club and Rev. Eugene Olive presented to him the Kiwanian button, reviewing briefly certain ideals of Kiwanis.

Secretary T. E. Story read three reports which were submitted by committee chairmen to the directors meeting held Thursday evening at Hotel Wilkes. One was a report by Rev. Watt M. Cooper, chairman of the Boys and Girls committee, in which he suggested that a "Mother-Daughter" banquet be sponsored this year. The club voted to appropriate $25 for the Boy Scout court of honor to be used in buying merit badges.

The other committee reports read were one by S. V. Tomlinson, chairman of the public affairs committee, suggesting that the club work toward securing a new industry for the city, and a comprehensive report of work among underprivileged children, by J. B. Williams, chairman of that committee.

Mr. H. H. Beshears, well known citizen of the Walsh community, was a visitor in this city today.

Mr. F. L. Parks, well known resident of Roaring River, was among those here today looking after business matters.

Electric Lines To Be Extended West On Highway 421

Line From Dr. Triplett's to Foot of Mountain Gets Final Approval

Local branch of the Duke Power company today received the go-ahead signal for construction of another major extension of rural power lines.

M. G. Butner, local manager, said that the company had approved a proposal to extend the line from the home of Dr. W. R. Triplett 12 miles west of this city to the foot of the Blue Ridge on highway 421 toward Boone, a total distance from this city of more than 20 miles.

The eight-mile extension will serve several small communities along the highway and will add about 40 customers to the branch of the company here, Mr. Butner said.

Meanwhile, work has begun on surveys and securing the right of way for a six-mile extension in Somers and New Castle townships in eastern Wilkes, a line application which was approved several weeks ago. About 35 farm homes and places of business will be served by the extension, which will extend into the western edge of Yadkin county.

Proposals for several other line extensions in Wilkes, which has well over 230 miles of rural lines and ranks high in the state in rural electrification and rural homes electrified, are being studied by officials of the Duke Power company, which owns and operates all the lines, and it is expected that several communities will have the advantages of electricity for the first time this year.

Anderson Organist At a Large Church

Local Youth Becomes Organist at Anderson, S. C. First Baptist Church

J. Jay Anderson, of North Wilkesboro, has recently become organist of the First Baptist church of Anderson, S. C. This church, with Dr. Marshall L. Mott as pastor, is the second largest church in South Carolina, having a membership of 2,400 members.

Young Anderson, a son of Mrs. Annie Anderson, of North Wilkesboro, has for the past twenty months been connected with the Hammond organ company as demonstrating organist and organ teacher. In this capacity Mr. Anderson has presented organ recitals in most of the cities and towns in Piedmont and Western South Carolina, and he will continue his work as teacher for the company.

During his school days at Wake Forest College, Mr. Anderson was assistant to Dr. Hubert McNeill Poteat, was college organist and had charge of all religious music on the campus, being director of a student choir of 20 voices which he organized. Since his graduation, he was for a time choir director at a church in Winston-Salem.

At the presentation of the "Messiah" by the Shandon choral club and the South Carolina orchestra in Columbia under the direction of Hans Swiegert just before Christmas, Mr. Anderson was asked to take charge of the Hammond used with the orchestra and chorus. Mr. Swiegert is the past conductor of the Berlin opera and the Tokyo Imperial opera.

On January 25th, an organ recital was presented to the people of Anderson by the organist of the First Baptist, and Mr. Anderson has recently given a recital at the Catholic church in Anderson and will next week present an organ recital at the Cayce Baptist church in Columbia.

Special Meeting Worker's Council Friday Evening

There will be a special meeting of the Worker's Council of the North Wilkesboro Methodist Sunday school at the church hut Friday evening, February third. Supper will be served at seven o'clock after which Carl King, of Salisbury, will speak. Mr. King will have a real message for the group and every officer and teacher in the Sunday school is asked to be present.