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## Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

### ADVERTISING RESULTS

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 4.—Mrs. T. A. Oliver lost her wedding ring 18 years ago on a farm near Independence, Iowa, but she has it back now. A boy found the ring and advertised it in an Independence newspaper. Friends of Mrs. Oliver saw the advertisement and notified her.

### SHOW DOWN SOON

Washington, Feb. 5.—Show-down on virtually all controversial sections of North Carolina's record-setting budget are expected this week in meetings of legislative money committees. The result of the show-downs, reliable sources said, probably will determine the policy of administration supporters on such proposals as a tenth salary increment for teachers, establishment of a twelfth grade in the schools, and issuance of \$5,000,000 worth of bonds to improve primary highways.

### OHIO IS FLOODED

Cincinnati, Feb. 5.—Fears of an extensive flood eased tonight as the Ohio River leveled off after a long expanse but relief agencies faced the task of caring for an estimated 30,000 refugees in four states. The death toll stood at six. Kentucky and West Virginia faced the biggest job of rehabilitation after mountain streams covered homes in mining areas. The Ohio was falling from Pittsburgh to Wheeling and forecasters said the crest probably had been reached along Eastern Ohio and West Virginia points where the water inundated low-land homes.

### BUSINESS PICKUP

New York, Feb. 5.—Some leading executives today predicted a major improvement in business as a result of yesterday's seeming mutually amicable settlement of the six-year fight between the utilities and the national administration over the Tennessee Valley Authority. Economists, financial leaders, and big business heads for years, with greater and greater force, have argued that no substantial improvement in heavy industry in the U. S. would come unless and until the utilities resumed expansion programs which would compare with the pre-depression period.

### KILLED BY INDIAN

Lumberton, Feb. 5.—Lacy Brumles, 34-year-old state prison camp guard, was shot fatally here today and Sheriff Clyde Wade said Briccy Hammonds, 24, an Indian, was being held on a charge of first-degree murder. The sheriff quoted witnesses as saying Hammonds jerked Brumles' pistol from his belt holster while the guard was changing a tire on his automobile. Wade quoted the Indian's father, James Hammonds, as saying he twisted the smoking pistol from his son's hand. Sheriff Wade said Briccy was released from the prison camp just this morning after serving a four-month term for manufacturing liquor.

### BUSINESS GAINING

Washington, Feb. 4.—Leading industries opened the new month with a show of stamina this week. Gains in carloadings and production of steel and electric power were studied in the light of statistics for the month just ended. Normally, January business is spotty. In some divisions it usually brings declines. In others operations quicken. A survey issued today by the chamber of commerce of the United States said that on the basis of latest available figures the record was this: In January increases generally occurred in those sectors where an upturn is normal. Where decreases were expected they were in numerous instances "on a smaller scale than usual."

### LOYALISTS DEFEATED

Perpignan, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Feb. 5.—The autonomous regime of Catalonia today surrendered to Generalissimo Francisco Franco's insurgents after Premier Juan Negrin of the loyalist government fled by plane to the Madrid-Valencia zone and President Manuel Azana hurried to Paris on a mission believed to involve proposals for a truce. The Catalan regime, its morale shattered by the loss of Barcelona and the smashing drive of the insurgents to the French border, quit the war and abandoned to Franco a 1,750-square-mile pocket of Gerona province into which it had been driven.

### A. F. Gray Rites

Funeral service was held Thursday at Cranberry Baptist church for A. F. Gray, age 71, who died January 30 at the home of James Johnson in the Windy Gap community.

## Emergency Crop Loans Available To Local People

Applications Being Taken at Office of Clerk of the Superior Court

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1939 are now being received at the office of the clerk of court in Wilkesboro by J. B. Jones, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan section of the Farm Credit Administration.

The loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain credit from any other source. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1939 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock.

Farmers who can obtain the funds they need from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern are not eligible for crop and feed loans from the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration. The loans will not be made to standard rehabilitation clients whose current needs are provided for by the Farm Security Administration, formerly known as the Resettlement Administration.

As in the past, farmers who obtain emergency crop and feed loans will give as security a first lien on the crop financed, or a first lien on the livestock to be fed if the money borrowed is to be used to produce or purchase feed for livestock.

Where loans are made to tenants, the landlords, or others having an interest in the crops financed or the livestock to be fed, are required to waive their claims in favor of a lien to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of approved loans will be mailed from the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Columbia, South Carolina.

## Wilkesboro Has Debating Teams

Both Teams for Annual Triangle Debate This Year Composed of Boys

Wilkesboro high school, which has made a good record in debating over a period of several years, will have teams composed entirely of boys in the triangle debates to be held soon.

In the tryout contest in which 13 students participated, J. B. Brookshire and Baxter Davis were selected on the affirmative team while Joel Bentley and Flake Steelman were selected on the negative side of the query—"Resolved: That the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain." Justice Brewer is alternate for the affirmative and Cicely Laws for the negative.

Rev. A. L. Aycock and W. J. Bason were judges for the tryout contests, which were held on Friday morning.

Students other than those selected on the teams or as alternates taking part were Edith Roberts, Albert Dennis, Carol Linney, Elizabeth Welby, Mary C. Alexander, Margaret Miller and Margaret Hix.

## Baseball Club To Meet February 10

Plans For Team During the Next Season to Be Discussed Friday Night

A re-organization meeting of the North Wilkesboro baseball club will be held at the city hall here on Friday night, February 10, 7:30 o'clock, an announcement by C. C. Sebastian, business manager of the club, said today.

All baseball fans in the city and community are urged to be present, Mr. Sebastian said. It is understood that plans will be outlined for the operation of a semi-pro team here through the 1939 season.

The North Wilkesboro club enjoyed a good season last year, winning a majority of the games played against the best semi-pro and amateur teams in western North Carolina.

## Legion and Auxiliary Speaker At Banquet Tells About the Military History of This Section of State

Is Coming Here



Miss Barbara Barringer, talented dancer, will take part in the "Young America" show to be given at the North Wilkesboro school on February 16 under auspices of the Junior class.

## Guest Performer Coming Feb. 16th

Miss Barbara Barringer, a Talented Dance Artist, in Young America Show

Miss Barbara Barringer, attractive and talented dancer from Lenoir, will appear here as guest artist on the Norge young America show to be held at the North Wilkesboro high school on February 16th, under the sponsorship of the Junior Class.

Miss Barringer has made a number of appearances before the radio audience and is making quite a name for herself as an entertainer. She has also appeared in a number of stage performances and critics declare her dancing technique remarkable. Miss Barringer is much in demand as an entertainer before civic clubs, having recently appeared before the Woman's Club in Charlotte.

Local children who take part in the young America show will be given the same opportunities to develop and display their talents as was given Miss Barringer, who made her first stage appearance with the Young America Show. The D. and M. Electric Co., local Norge dealer, is acting as co-sponsors and assisting the Junior Class in making arrangements for the show.

## Resident Denny Community Dies

James Ray Livingston Dies Suddenly of Heart Attack Near His Denny Home

James Ray Livingston, age 31, well known sawmill worker and farmer of the Denny community, died suddenly while talking with friends near his home Sunday afternoon.

Coroner I. M. Myers, who was called to investigate the death, said that members of his family told him that Mr. Livingston started walking from his home and was complaining of a pain around his heart. He walked to a point near the home of the late Mose Triplett, where he turned around, started back and then sat down, asking some one to feel his pulse. He died within a few minutes.

He was a son of J. W. and Victoria Pennell Livingstone, of near Boomer, who survives. He also leaves his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Calloway Livingstone, four children, and the following brothers and sisters: Miss Virgie Livingstone, Mrs. Myrtle Brookshire, Miss Mattie Livingstone, Ray Livingstone, Mrs. Lizzie Walker and Albert Livingstone, all of Boomer, and Mrs. Vada Minton, of Purlear.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, two o'clock, at Little Rock Baptist church. Rev. E. V. Bumpgarner and Rev. Isaac Watts will conduct the service.

Banquet Held In Honor Post and Auxiliary Heads Since Organization

Rev. Douglas L. Rights, of Winston-Salem, president of the Wachovia Historical Society and a recognized authority on the history of northwestern North Carolina, in an address before a joint banquet of the American Legion and Auxiliary Friday night related much of the military history of this section of North Carolina from the first white settlers until the World War.

The banquet was held in honor of those who have served the Legion and Auxiliary as commanders and presidents since the post was organized in 1921.

J. W. Hall, present commander, opened the meeting and called on Past Commander Frank Johnson to present the other past commanders. Past Commanders present were J. B. McCoy, Ralph Reins, T. A. Finley, E. P. Robinson, W. C. Grier, A. G. Finley, A. F. Kilby, W. J. Bason and Jack Quinn. Other past commanders were R. E. Walters, Clinton Smoot, J. F. Jordan and W. G. Gabriel.

Speaking for Mrs. J. B. McCoy, present president of the Auxiliary, Past President Miss Toby Turner presented past presidents as follows: Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Mrs. T. A. Finley, Mrs. A. F. Kilby, Mrs. W. R. Absher, Mrs. A. J. Turner, Mrs. Clinton Smoot and Mrs. Bernice Horton were past presidents not present.

With Russel Hodges leading and Mrs. L. M. Nelson at the piano, the assembly lustily sang many songs reminiscent of the days of the late war. Commander Hill announced that the business session would be dispensed with except for the appointment of W. J. Bason to head the baseball committee for the coming year. Mr. Bason made a brief report, saying that the first year of junior baseball in Wilkes cost \$460 and the second year \$180. He said that the post now owes \$65 on this program and that a bingo party is planned to raise money to pay off the debt and to start a fund for the 1939 season. Eight teams participated in the county last year with more than 150 boys participating.

Frank Johnson introduced Rev. Mr. Rights, who is chaplain of the North Carolina department of the Legion. The speaker began his historical sketch of the early settlers by pointing out that the band of people later known as Moravians and who settled in northwestern North Carolina were persecuted and driven out of Czechoslovakia because of racial and creed disputes 500 years ago, a movement similar to the purge of Jews in Germany at the present time.

History, he said, had always linked Wilkes county with the area in and around Winston-Salem since the earliest settlers and that the two sections of the state not so far apart had many historical ties and things in common. He told of how a surveying

## Cubs to Have Demonstrations

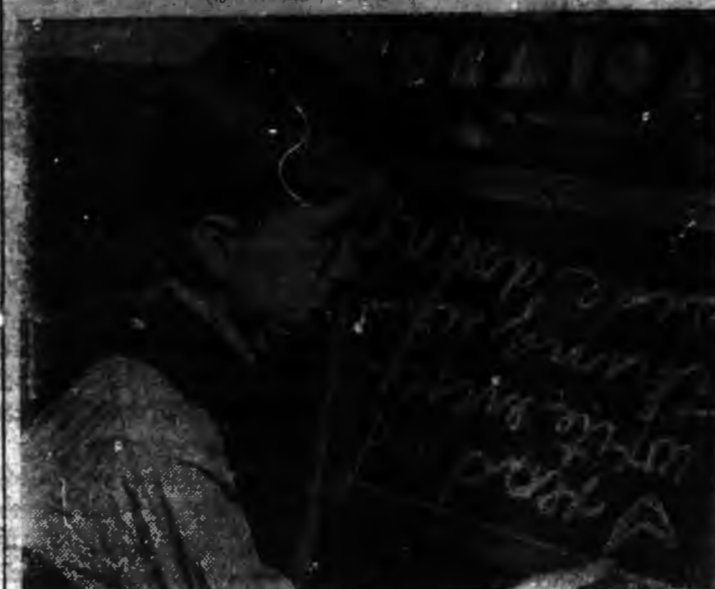
Home Clubs to Follow Up School In Home Built Kitchen Equipment

The demonstrations this month in the home demonstration club of the county will be on home-built kitchen equipment. This series of demonstrations will follow up the leaders' school in home built kitchen equipment, which was conducted last month as a part of the year's program in kitchen improvement.

In addition to the demonstration in Kitchen Equipment there will be a discussion of the family food supply, based on the forms distributed at the last meeting. This discussion will include plans for the family garden in the light of a family food budget.

The schedule of meetings is as follows: Ronda, February 7th, 2:45 p. m.; Mountain View, February 8th, 2:00 p. m.; Ferguson, February 9th, 3:00 p. m.; Patersonville, Feb. 14th, 2:00 p. m.; Moravian Falls, February 15th, 3:00 p. m.; Boomer, February 16th, 1 p. m.; Maple Springs, February 21st, 2:00 p. m.; Gilreath, February 22nd, 1:00 p. m.

## The Whole World Topsy-Turvy to Him



Frank Balck, 12, Chicago youth, sees everything upside-down. He originated his own method of writing by beginning at the bottom, in the lower right hand corner, and writing from left to right. Not only does he read and write in this manner, but objects are also visually upside-down. He is in the fifth grade, and averages 85 in his studies, which indicates that his visual deflection does not impede his educational progress.

## Pioneer Business Man Of This City Dies On Saturday

James L. Turner Is Found Dead In Bed; Funeral Held Here Today

James L. Turner, one of the pioneers in the business life of North Wilkesboro, was found dead in bed at his home Saturday morning.

Mr. Turner, who was 76 years of age, had been in ill health for several years but had not been confined to his home and on Friday his health was apparently normal at the time he retired for the night.

He was born in Forsyth county, a son of the late Captain Benjamin and Jonette Doub Turner. Before coming to North Wilkesboro he was connected with Vogler's firm in Winston-Salem. He came to North Wilkesboro in 1891 when the town was only a small village and entered into business. He founded and for several years operated the Turner-Whit Coffin company, which now operates large plants here and in Winston-Salem.

He sold his interests in that company and for many years owned and operated the Turner (Continued on page eight)

## Instructor Course First Aid Begins

Charles A. Mix Begins His Course Under Auspices of the Red Cross Tonight

A large enrollment was expected as the instructors' course in first aid got under way here tonight under direction of Charles A. Mix, life saving and first aid field representative of the American Red Cross, Isaac Duncan, first aid instructor in charge of arrangements for the course, said this afternoon.

Mr. Duncan said that industrial plants will be well represented in the course, several representatives having shown much interest in announcement of the course, which will be held in Reins-Sturdivant chapel.

## Groundhog Article Is Quickly Denied

On Monday afternoon as The Journal-Patriot forms were closed for the edition it contained an article saying that the sun had not shined during the day but shortly after that time the sun peeped through the clouds and gave weather prophets cause for another argument about groundhog predictions and plenty of cause to contradict the groundhog article in the paper.

But according to all the old timers, the groundhog weather predictions are controlled by whether or not the groundhog sees his shadow in the forenoon. Some placed the hours from 12 o'clock and some say that if the groundhog cannot see his shadow before noon that all is well and winter is over. But the sun did shine on the afternoon of groundhog day, so we could see for ourselves after the forms were closed Monday and many have told us of the fact since that time.

## North Wilkesboro P.-T. Association Has 240 Members

Large Number of School Patrons In This City Are Association Members

The North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association's membership is composed of 240 school patrons and teachers, according to a roll of the membership just released by officers of the association.

The officers of the association, which is functioning very actively again this year, are as follows: Mrs. C. C. Faw, president; Mrs. A. F. Kilby, first vice president; Miss Katherine Troutman, second vice president; Mrs. L. M. Nelson, secretary; Mrs. Edd Gardner, corresponding secretary; Mrs. F. C. Hubbard, treasurer; Mrs. T. A. Finley, historian.

The following head the various committees, which are essential to carrying out the objectives and purposes of the association: child study, Mrs. J. B. McCoy; finance, Mrs. A. H. Casey; welfare, Mrs. Walter Newton; social, Mrs. Ivey Moore; hospitality, Mrs. J. A. Rousseau; grounds, Mrs. W. E. Jones; magazine, Mrs. R. T. McNeil; legislature, Mrs. J. C. Reins; radio, Mrs. Palmer Horton; founder's day, Mrs. Eugene Olive.

The membership roll follows: Mrs. L. N. Absher, Mrs. Rachel F. Absher, Mrs. W. F. Absher, Mrs. W. R. Absher, Mr. W. R. Absher, Mrs. W. J. Allen, Mr. W. J. Allen, Mrs. J. W. Allen, Mrs. R. S. Absher, Mrs. J. W. Adams, Miss Estelle Ardrey, Mrs. A. H. Andrews, Mrs. J. N. Brewer, Mrs. Clifton Byrd, Mrs. H. F. Boulton, Mrs. Ralph Bowman, Mrs. Pearl Buccannon, Mrs. E. T. Brame, Mrs. B. J. Brame, Mrs. R. M. Brame, Mrs. Bob Brame, Mrs. Robert M. Brame, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Brooks, Mrs. T. S. Barnes, Mrs. A. B. Blankenship, Mrs. Tom Brown, Mrs. J. S. Caudill, Mrs. F. T. Cranor, Mrs. George Campbell, Mrs. Ed Caudill, Mrs. J. E. Caudill, Mrs. A. A. Cashion, Mr. A. A. Cashion, Mrs. J. V. Caudill, Mrs. D. L. Crook, Mrs. C. M. Crutchfield, Mrs. C. D. Coffey, Sr., Mrs. Carl Coffey, Mrs. Paul Cragan, Mr. Paul Cragan, Mrs. J. G. Chipman, Mrs. A. H. Casey, Mrs. R. B. Church, Mrs. A. C. (Continued on page five)

## Stockholders Of Hotel In Meeting

Indebtedness On Hotel Being Reduced Steadily; May Refinance

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Wilkesboro Hotel Company, Inc., owners of Hotel Wilkes, was held last Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the hotel. Several stockholders were present for the meeting, and a majority of the stock in the corporation was represented in person and by proxies.

On motion duly made and seconded J. R. Finley was named chairman of the meeting and E. G. Finley was appointed secretary. An interesting report was read by the treasurer, J. R. Hix, which gave a comprehensive account of the corporation's financial affairs for the past year. This report showed that while the corporation's debt is yet heavy, (largely due to the depression years of 1931-32-33.) the indebtedness is cut down each year materially and that all current obligations are being met promptly.

The matter of refinancing the entire debt of the corporation at a cheaper rate of interest was advocated by J. R. Finley, and a committee was named to contact money lenders with the hope that a re-financing plan may be worked out in the near future.

J. R. Hix, J. B. McCoy, E. G. Finley, P. W. Eschelman, and E. V. Tomlinson were re-elected directors for the ensuing year by the stockholders, and following the stockholders' meeting, the directors elected S. V. Tomlinson, president, P. W. Eschelman, vice president, F. R. Hix, treasurer, and E. G. Finley, secretary for this year. J. B. McCoy is the successful lessee of Hotel Wilkes. The hotel company is one of the few, if not the only one, in this section organized during the boom years of '28, '27, '23, '29, that has not been placed in bankruptcy or in receivership, and those who have kept the corporation's head above water are to be heartily commended by the stockholders and general public.

## Leaders' School For 4-H Clubs

Will Be Held On Wednesday Night at Courthouse in Wilkesboro

At the organization meetings of the 4-H clubs held in October, adult leaders were selected by the club members to help them with their work in their own communities. Although all of these leaders have not been visited, letters are being sent to all of those requested—inviting them to attend the school for adult 4-H club leaders to be held in the courthouse on Wednesday night, February 8, at 7:00 p. m.

Adult leaders for the boys have been visited and are urged to attend this school on Wednesday night. Miss Frances MacGregor, assistant state club leader, will be present for the purpose of talking to these leaders and explaining something of the opportunities and responsibilities of the adult leader. All of those men and women who have been visited or who have received letters in this regard are urged to be present.