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Late News of State-Nation Told Briefly

GIRL FATALLY HURT
Winston-Salem, Feb. 7.—Betty Lou Lawrence, 13, died in a hospital here today of injuries suffered Saturday night when struck by an automobile. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Thomas Lawrence, of Winston-Salem. The little girl and several playmates were crossing the street when the accident occurred. Claire Martin, 14, who also was hit by the car, is expected to recover, hospital attendants said.

BIG CIGARETTE TAX
Washington, Feb. 7.—Federal tax receipts on cigarettes increased nearly \$4,000,000 in 1938, to total \$491,301,164. The 1937 receipts were \$487,903,701. Federal revenue from chewing and smoking tobacco and snuff was \$61,789,570 last year, compared with \$60,816,330 in 1937. Tax income from cigars declined, the treasury said. The 1938 total was \$12,689,834, and in 1937 it was \$13,328,025.

KING, QUEEN COMING
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 7.—(Canadian Press)—Prime Minister William L. Mackenzie King declared formally today that the Canadian government "does not believe that conditions in Europe or elsewhere are likely to interfere" with the visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth next spring. The prime minister issued a statement in comment on a report that if the European situation became grave the British government would advise the king and queen against visiting Canada. Their itinerary also calls for a visit to the United States.

DROPS TAX PLAN
Raleigh, Feb. 7.—Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott disclosed today that he had abandoned his proposal to increase the state tax on fertilizer to finance a marketing program. Scott told the state board of agriculture that "in view of organizations" it appeared inadvisable to advocate further an increase in the tax. "I am reversing my position taken recently in advocating a 10-cent per ton increase in the fertilizer tax, which would furnish sufficient revenue to give farmers an adequate marketing program with immediate benefits far in excess of the proposed increase in tax, but I still believe such a marketing program is the paramount need of agriculture today," Scott said.

WANTS MORE FUNDS
Washington, Feb. 7.—President Roosevelt flung the relief issue back in the face of Congress today with an assertion that unless more money is appropriated for WPA, millions now dependent upon federal assistance may "be stranded" by early summer. Specifically, he asked for the \$150,000,000 which Congress, in an economy effort, lopped from his estimates of relief needs for the present fiscal year. He urged "immediate consideration" of his request, but the two key men in the situation in the house—Chairman Taylor, Democrat, Colorado, of the appropriations committee, and Chairman Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, of the subcommittee in charge, made it plain that no action would be taken for several weeks.

SQUABBLE OVER DEBT
Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretary Morgenthau told a congressional committee, it was learned today that the national debt would reach \$50,000,000,000 and could do so without danger to the country's financial structure. Such a total would be \$5,000,000,000 in excess of the current limitation on the public debt and informed house members said that would necessitate raising the limit. Morgenthau's statement, made to a house appropriations sub-committee considering the treasury postoffice supply bill, provoked considerable discussion. Members said the secretary's statement that the huge debt should be assumed without danger was challenged immediately in the committee.

Good Program For Kiwanis Meeting
Two interesting features are planned for the Kiwanis program Friday noon. J. B. McCoy will be in charge and will present T. E. Pickard, executive secretary of Governor Clyde R. Hoey. He will discuss the spending of \$250,000 to advertise North Carolina. J. E. Campen, resident engineer of the survey party for a proposed flood control dam on the Yadkin near Wilkesboro, will be present as a guest of A. A. Cashion and will also address the club.

County Bills Must Be Approved By Purchasing Agent

No Claim Will Be Paid Unless First Approved, Say County Commissioners

The Wilkes county board of commissioners in February session this week passed an order that no claims will be paid unless first approved by the purchasing agent for the county. Old Wilkes, register of deeds and clerk to the board, is county purchasing agent. The board appointed Pete Darcy constable of Union township. His bond was filed and approved and he took the oath of office. Seven temporary aid claims of two dollars each per month were added. All members of the board, composed of M. F. Absher, chairman, Dr. W. R. Triplett and C. C. Sidden, were present for the board's meeting, which continued through Tuesday. Jurors for the March term of court will be drawn at a recess meeting later this month.

Explanation On Taxes Due State

Exemptions No Excuse For Not Making Income Tax Return to State

J. R. Rousseau, deputy collector of revenue for the state in Wilkes, today called attention to the fact that some persons who are due to file state income tax returns fail to do so because they do not understand the law. He said specifically that every single person who earned as much as \$1,000 during 1938 and every married person who earned as much as \$2,000 must file a return, regardless of whether or not they have dependents for which exemptions in tax payments are made. Mr. Rousseau explained that under the federal tax law joint income tax returns are made by man and wife but under the state law both must file returns if they have separate incomes and if the wife had an income of as much as \$1,000 during 1938. He also called attention to the intangibles tax due the state, saying that the intangible tax returns must be filed by March 15 in order to avoid penalty. All money on hands, money in deposit in banks outside of North Carolina, accounts receivable, notes, bonds, mortgages, stocks, beneficial interests in trusts, must be listed as of December 31, 1938. However, the state rate is small on intangibles, which are not listed for taxation by counties and towns.

4-H Club Leader Hunting Season to School Conducted

Seven Clubs Represented on Wednesday Night; Miss MacGregor Speaks

Miss Frances MacGregor, assistant state 4-H club leader, conducted a school for adult 4-H club leaders held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Wednesday night. The meeting was well attended, there being 20 present and representing seven of the eight clubs in the county. Adult leaders were selected recently for each club to assist the young people in carrying out their various projects in the communities where the clubs have been organized. Miss MacGregor told much of the duties and responsibilities of 4-H club leaders and gave many suggestions about how they may lend their efforts toward more effective 4-H club work in their communities.

W. M. Holbrook Rites Wednesday

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Knob church for W. M. Holbrook, 61-year-old resident of the Traphill community who died Monday night. Rev. L. E. Sparks conducted the last rites. He is survived by his wife, and one son, O. C. Holbrook, of Traphill. **Slanderism personified**—a man with an "olive branch" in one hand and a gun in the other.

Recorder's Court For Wilkes Again Proposed

Bar Association Names Committee to Study Proposal

Proponents Would Work Out Plan Agreeable to Majority of People

DOCKETS CONGESTED 200 Cases Will Be On Criminal Docket When the March Court Begins

The proposal to establish a recorder's court for Wilkes county is again being seriously considered and a bill to establish a court for the county will probably be introduced in the present session of the legislature, it was learned here today from reliable sources. Several years ago a bill was introduced to establish a recorder's court in Wilkes and after it was passed in the house was killed in the senate. Since that time the subject has been revived at practically every session of the legislature but no action has been taken. Yesterday the Wilkes county bar association held a special meeting at the courthouse in Wilkesboro and the proposal to establish a county court was discussed. No definite action was taken except the voting down of a motion that the bar association go on record as being opposed to the establishment of the court. After the motion was beaten a committee composed of Eugene Trivette, J. Allie Hayes and F. J. McDuffie was appointed to study the proposal for a court and have a report ready at another meeting on Monday, February 13, at which time the board of commissioners will also be in meeting and will study the proposal. Such questions as cost of the court, probable revenue from fines and forfeitures, jurisdiction, and effect on the docket of the superior court are expected to be discussed in the committee's report. Senator C. H. Cowles, of Wilkesboro, who introduced the recorder's court bill several years ago when he was a member of the lower house, is reported to be in favor of a bill at this time and would probably introduce such a measure provided the people of the county wanted it, was the consensus of opinion as expressed here today by interested parties. Those who favor a recorder's court contend that it could be set up in such a manner as to gain the approval of the people of the county and that it would result in disposal of many minor cases which at present congest the docket of the superior court, which now has over 175 cases and may pass 200 before the March term.

Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, who will preside over the March term of Wilkes court beginning March 6.

Judge Warlick to Preside at March Session of Court

Number of Cases Docketed Passes 175; May Pass 200 By March 6

More than 175 cases have already been docketed for the March term of Wilkes court and there is every indication that the total number of cases may exceed 200 before the term convenes on Monday, March 6, it was learned today from the office of C. C. Hayes, Wilkes county clerk of court. The March term will be for trial of criminal cases. Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, will preside. While the number of cases pending is large, it is pointed out that only minor offenses are charged in a majority of the actions pending. Drunkenness, disorderly conduct, simple assault and petty larceny constitute a large percentage of the crimes charged in the various bills, while appeals from magistrates' courts are numerous on the docket. Jurors will be drawn by the county board of commissioners in a recess meeting to be held soon.

Hunting Season to Close Wednesday

Will Be Unlawful to Shoot Quail After February 15; Many License Sold

The quail season which will close on Wednesday, February 15, has been perhaps the most successful season in recent years, according to information gained from sportsmen who frequent the fields in search of quail. Sale of hunting license in Wilkes county this year set a new record, Homer Brookshire, county game protector, said and hunters have found the supply of quail to be about normal. If weather conditions are not unfavorable it is expected that many hunters will take to the fields during the few remaining days of the open season in an effort to bag a few more quail. Mr. Brookshire has warned all hunters that it will be unlawful to hunt quail after February 15.

"Kitchen Party" At Moravian Falls

A "Kitchen Party," which should result in an enjoyable occasion for all present, will be held at Moravian Falls school building on Friday night, February 10, seven o'clock. Various games, including bingo, Chinese checkers and others, will be played and refreshments will be served at small cost. The price of admission will be five cents each.

Chicago Paralyzed When Storm Strikes



Thousands of Chicago motorists found their cars buried deep in banks of snow recently when one of the worst storms in the city's history crippled all surface traffic. Approximately 15 inches of snow, whipped by high winds, marooned workers in residential areas. The blinding blizzard resulted in three train wrecks within the city.

C. C. Hayes Kills Rabid Dog After Exciting Chase

C. C. Hayes, Wilkes county clerk of court, was in the midst of plenty of excitement during his successful efforts to kill a mad dog at his home near Purlear Friday evening. The dog was small and with white long hair, a member of one of the breeds of small pet animals. It was first discovered near Mr. Hayes' dogs and was showing all familiar signs of hydrophobia. He lost no time in getting his shotgun from the house and took two shots at the dog running across the field but failed to stop it. Fearing that the dog would escape and probably do damage elsewhere, Mr. Hayes and his son, Billie, got out the car and went along the road in an effort to overtake the dog. He got out of the car to shoot the dog but as he and Billie got out of the car the dog jumped in. Within a few minutes they succeeded in getting the dangerous animal from the car and ended its mad life with a well directed load of shot. The dog's head was forwarded to the state laboratory at Raleigh where suspicions that it had rabies were confirmed. Mr. Hayes has had his dogs vaccinated and is taking every precaution to prevent them from taking the disease and causing further damage.

Will Make Sales Tax a Permanent Part Revenue Bill

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—The General Assembly's joint finance committee gave its official approval today to the policy of continuing North Carolina's three per cent retail sales tax on a permanent basis. The tax was enacted as an emergency measure in 1933. By an overwhelming oral vote, the committee adopted the greater portion of the sales tax article in the 1939 revenue bill, which is expected to become North Carolina's permanent tax law. Only a scattering of "No" votes was heard. Left open for further study was a section of the article allowing exemptions and providing for the diversion, if needed, from the highway to the general fund of an amount equal to the application of the sales tax on gasoline. At present, certain basic foods are exempt from the sales tax, and the pending revenue bill also would exempt ice and medicines. Considerable pressure has been brought to exempt, also, all food for home consumption, horses and mules, farm implements costing less than \$25, fishing twine, and certain basic building materials. Slot Machine Tax Boost Adopted The committee also approved an amendment to increase license taxes paid by operators of "amusement" and "vending" slot machines. Representative Uzzell, of Rowan, member of a subgroup which drafted the proposal, said it would produce between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually. Also adopted were gift, use, and general administrative articles of the revenue bill. Articles taxing beverages and intangible property were left open. The committee acted after Senator Taylor of Anson, co-chairman of the group, declared that he was "reliably informed that cuts being made by the appropriations committee, in the final analysis, will not amount to a great deal." Taylor said that expected increases in appropriations to the University of North Carolina probably would consume all but about \$18,000 of \$500,000 in cuts effected by an economy bloc.

Plan School For Domestic Workers

Woman's Clubs Have Plans Under Way for Course For Servants

The need for a school for domestic servants here has been apparent for the past several years and such a school will be held if plans under consideration by the Junior and Senior Woman's clubs of North Wilkesboro are carried out, it was learned here today unofficially. Several authorities on various phases of cooking and house-keeping would appear before the training school, it is understood, and it is expected that such courses would prove to be of much value to all concerned.

Demonstrations In Pruning February 14

H. R. Niswonger, horticulturist of State College and the extension service, will hold two pruning demonstrations in Wilkes county on February 14. County Agent Dan Heller said today. The first demonstration will be held at the orchard of N. C. Craven at nine a. m. and the afternoon meeting will be at W. H. Waugh's orchard beyond Gilreath postoffice. All persons interested in fruit growing are invited to both demonstrations, Mr. Heller said. There's no use to pine over milk that's split or water that's gone over the wheel—see what's left. The way to tell the difference between an ear and a nightgale is by the noise they make.

Job Placements Show Gain Over Period In 1938

Employment Office Finds Openings For a Larger Number Job Seekers

While placements were not as plentiful as during late summer and fall months, the job finding record of the North Wilkesboro branch office of the North Carolina State Employment Service for the month of January showed a substantial increase in placements over January, 1938, a report released today by B. G. Gentry, manager, showed today. During the month of January this year the service found jobs for 35 with private employers and corporations and a total of 76 were placed on public works projects. This compares favorably with January, 1938, when there were 29 private placements and only 28 on public works jobs. There were 291 registrations during the month of January this year. Mr. Gentry explained that employment has been on a decidedly upward trend during the past several months, the rise dating back to the spring of 1938.

City Fathers In Regular Meeting

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners met in regular February meeting with Mayor R. T. McNeil Tuesday night. Routine matters were transacted, there being no business of public interest before the board. The board is composed of S. V. Tomlinson, Ralph Duncan, Hoy M. Hutchens, Dr. R. P. Casey and T. S. Kenerly.

WILKES COUNTY GIRL CONFESSES ARSON CHARGE

Morganton, Feb. 8.—Police Officer J. P. Stilwell of Valdese said that Lorene Curtis, 17-year-old Wilkes county girl, admitted today that she set fire to the home of Everett Berry near Valdese, where she was employed as a cook, after stealing clothes belonging to Mrs. Berry. The girl pleaded guilty to larceny and the fire charge before Magistrate T. Earle Franklin this afternoon and was ordered held under \$3,000 bond for the February term of Burke superior court. Stilwell said that the defendant, who was arrested in a Hickory hotel Tuesday night with two suitcases and a box filled with clothes which police said Mrs. Berry identified as hers, admitted that she intended to burn the house. Mr. and Mrs. Berry were at their work Tuesday morning in a hosiery mill when their home was damaged by flames. The girl, who had been employed as cook and housekeeper for several weeks, had taken two of the Berry children to a neighbor's home, and brought an infant child out with her after the fire had been seen. Firemen extinguished the blaze before serious damage was done to the building.

Wilkes 4-H Club Group on Radio

Will Discuss "Home Beautification With Native Shrubs" Saturday

A radio program in the form of an interview between County Agent Dan Holler and Cicely and Bob Laws, of Moravian Falls, members of the Wilkesboro 4-H club, will be broadcast over station WAIR in Winston-Salem on Saturday, February 11, 12:45 p. m., it was announced today. The topic to be discussed in the interview will be "Home Beautification at Minimum Cost With Native Shrubs." The program will be one of a series put on by eight counties in northwestern North Carolina with a program by 4-H club members of each county on the air every two months. The highest and the lowest places in the United States are both in North Carolina, and only eight miles apart, Mt. White-top is 14,625 feet above sea level; Deep Valley is 276 feet below sea level.