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MRS. WALTON DEAD. Statesville, Feb. 22.—Mrs. W. W. Walton, 89, former president of Mitchell College, died tonight at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John A. Scott, on West Front street, following a brief illness.

TORNADO DAMAGE. Windsor, Feb. 22.—Rehabilitation went on apace today in the wake of a tornado that dipped into the little rural community of Green's Cross Roads late yesterday, killing four and wrecking damage estimated at \$50,000 to \$75,000. The twister cut a swath three miles long through the area, wrecking 21 houses and affecting 96 residents of the vicinity.

JUMPS TO DEATH. Hartford, Conn., Feb. 22.—For several minutes today, Henry M. Mueller, 37, a bank clerk, knelt on a narrow ledge near the top of the 65-foot Society for Savings Bank Building here listening to the "don't jump" pleas of a crowd. A group of onlookers screamed "call the fire department." Mueller shouted: "If you call the fire department, I'll jump." Just then he heard the approach of a hook and ladder truck. He jumped to his death, landing in a paved alleyway.

RICHMOND IS DRY. Rockingham, Feb. 22.—Complete returns from the 15 precincts of Richmond county show that the majority against ABC stores in the county-wide election held Tuesday was 1,058 in a total vote of 4,014. The vote was: Against ABC, 2,536. For ABC, 1,478. Of the 4,014 voters, 1,512 were women and 2,502 were men, or 37 per cent of the total vote was cast by the women. The rejection by Richmond county makes the fourteenth county to vote and reject the effort to have whisky legally sold therein.

MEET IN CHARLOTTE. Charlotte, Feb. 22.—The North Carolina legislature held its first meeting in the "west" today, sitting in the Mecklenburg county courthouse, then went into joint session at the city armory-auditorium to hear Governor Hoyer who said, "When this General Assembly adjourns we will have a balanced budget provided for the next biennium." It was with much fanfare and pageantry that the lawmakers came here on George Washington's birthday at the invitation of Mecklenburg's delegation and citizens in commemoration of the signing of this county's declaration of independence May 20, 1775.

ATTACKS HITLER. Washington, Feb. 22.—Rep. John A. Martin, (D) Colo., today drew cheers in the House when he attacked Adolf Hitler as a "pagan dictator" as Congress observed the 20th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Martin's attack was inspired by the rally of the German-American Bund in New York last Monday. He complained that President Roosevelt's name was booed. While alien guests praised Hitler and his totalitarian objections. Republicans stood with Democrats and applauded him noisily when he concluded, "Every man who attended that meeting and sympathized with it is a traitor to American government," Martin shouted. "He is a traitor whether he was unaturalized or born on American soil."

SHORES VULNERABLE. Washington, Feb. 22.—The southern shores of the United States are vulnerable to attack by German bombers sent through South America and fueled and serviced at South American bases, a high government official was revealed today to have told the Senate military affairs committee. The testimony was given by G. Grant Mason Jr., a member of the civil aeronautics authority, on January 30, and was made public by Chairman D. Sheppard (D), Texas. Mason said that Germany and Italy are making great strides in sales of airplanes in Latin American countries and warned that if these advances are not arrested, the United States may be shut out of this market.

Julius Martin Improving. Washington, Feb. 22.—Julius C. Martin, 78-year-old director of the war risk litigation, showed improvement today at Emergency Hospital where he was taken yesterday after being struck by a street car. Martin, former resident of Wilkes, and once a member of the North Carolina legislature, had made his home here 14 years. He suffered a wrist fracture, cuts and contusions.

Solicitor Hall Examines Court Docket of County

Hall Meets With Lawyers to Arrange Docket for Criminal Term

Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, newly elected solicitor of the 17th judicial district, spent yesterday and today in Wilkesboro studying a 200-page book entitled "Wilkes County Criminal Court Docket." Mr. Hall, who was elected in November to succeed John R. Jones, who retired after 12 years in office, spent Wednesday going over the docket and talking to officers and other witnesses who will appear for the state in many of the 200-odd cases pending. Today he met with members of the Wilkes bar association and efforts were made to arrange a calendar for the term. He said that the cases would be calendared for the first week and that the cases not reached would be set for the second week with revision of the calendar to be made on the last day of the first week of court. The term will convene on Monday, March 6, with Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, on the bench. Judge Warlick has received much commendation as a superior court judge in the several districts in which he has served and it is expected that much progress will be made on the congested docket of Wilkes court. After a preliminary examination of the docket, Solicitor Hall said that in his opinion many minor cases and some frivolous cases have found their way to the superior court docket. He said that he believed that prosecuting witnesses who institute a case without foundation should be taxed with the costs as a means of keeping frivolous cases off the docket.

Southeast Corner of Wilkes to Get Electrical Service

Duke Power Company Will Construct Five-Mile Extension in Somers

Another five-mile power line extension has been approved for construction in Wilkes, M. G. Butner, manager of the local branch of the Duke Power company, said today. The extension to existing lines will be constructed in the extreme southeastern corner of the county and will extend to a point near Sweet Home church. About 30 farm homes will be served by the extension. The line is the third major extension to be approved by the company for construction in Wilkes this year. The first was a six-mile extension through parts of Somers and New Castle township into Yadkin county and the second was an eight-mile extension from the home of Dr. W. R. Triplett 12 miles west of this city to the foot of the Blue Ridge on highway 421. A surveying party is engaged in securing right-of-way for the highway 421 extension and work has already begun on the extension in New Castle township, Mr. Butner said. The newly approved lines will boost the total mileage of rural lines in Wilkes to 255 miles.

Tax Penalty Will Go Up After First Payment of 1938 Taxes This Month Will Save Many Additional Penalty

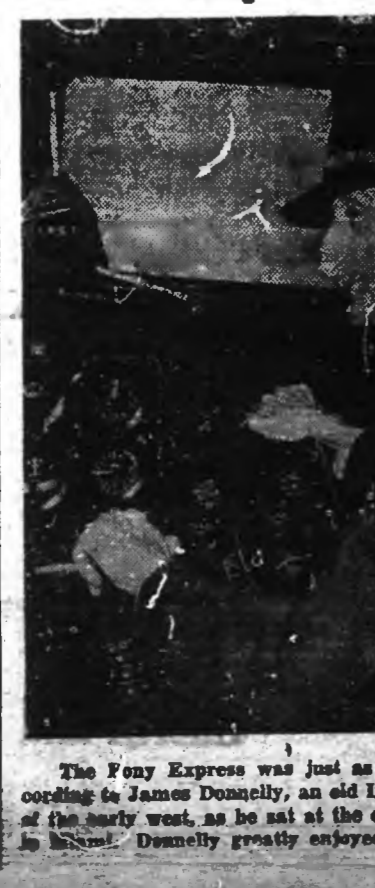
Those who have not paid their county taxes for the year 1938 will be able to avoid an additional one per cent penalty by paying on or before March 1. The law calls for the penalty of one per cent to be added to all 1938 taxes not paid on or before February 1, 1939, and an increase of one per cent each month. One per cent was added according to law after February 1 and the penalty will be doubled on all taxes not paid on or before March 1. Sheriff C. T. Doughton is tax collector for 1938 taxes. Attention is also called to the fact that additional penalty will be added to all North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro town taxes which remain unpaid March 1.

Chief Says Keep Chickens In Lot

Seasonal Complaints Heard Because Chickens Are Not Confined

As the spring season approaches and local residents turn their attention to gardening the police department is receiving the regular seasonal complaints about chickens running loose and doing damage to gardens and flower beds. Police Chief J. E. Walker remarked today. He specifically called attention to the fact that a city ordinance makes it mandatory that persons keeping chickens in the city must keep them confined. He urged that chicken raisers voluntarily respect the ordinance to prevent further trouble.

Good Old Days Were Never Like This



The Pony Express was just as thrilling, but not quite as fast, according to James Donnelly, an old Indian fighter and a scout in the days of the pony west, as he sat at the controls of a modern transport plane in Wilkes. Donnelly greatly enjoyed his first ride.

Belated Winter Hits Here Today

After three weeks of spring showers interspersed with warm sunshine, winter returned to this section today with a vengeance. Cold winds brought swirling snow Wednesday and while the snow did not fall in sufficient quantities to stick here, the Blue Ridge was quickly blanketed in white all day, Wednesday and today. The mercury tumbled Wednesday night and ten above was about the average for this morning. Near zero weather was reported in Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties.

Farmers Urged to Earn Maximum In 1939 Soil Program

Lime, Certain Seeds, Phosphate May Be Purchased With Benefits

The 1939 Agricultural Program is well under way in the County Agent's office. All of the applications filed by producers for new cotton and tobacco allotments have been submitted to the state office for approval, since the closing dates for applying for these allotments were February 15, and February 18. Not all of the producers who applied for flue cured tobacco allotments will receive one, due to the certain rules that were set up by the Administration in Washington. A complete survey of each farm in Wilkes county is being tabulated in the county agent's office, and this tabulation will show the number of units required for the maximum payment in 1939, and also the maximum number of dollars that can be received for payment on each farm. This information will be carried directly to the farmers by the community committees of the County Association. Meetings will be held during the month of March throughout the entire county. The County Agent's office is asking complete cooperation in earning the maximum units in order that Wilkes county may secure its maximum payment. It has been announced that producers who were not able to secure financial aid in order to earn units by seeding legumes that sometime about the middle of the summer a producer who would not earn a payment otherwise, will be able to go to the county agent's office and file an application for Austrian winter peas and vetch seed at the Government contract price, and this price will later be charged against the check that the producer may receive on 1939 program. Limestone will also be available. These items too will be deducted from their 1939 payment. In other words the producers will actually be getting seed and TVA phosphate in the place of a check later in the fall.

This does not mean that the farmer will pay all of his check for these commodities. He can use whatever portion of the money for seed and lime that he would earn on his farm that he wishes to and still receive cash compensation for the balance. The committee will explain these details at the personal interviews with each farmer. The payments on the program are about the same as they were last year with the exception that a practice is earned for strip-cropping with alternate close grown crops and intertilled crops, such as a strip of lespedeza and a strip of corn. Each four acres of this will count one unit. Alfalfa receives two units credit per acre, while lespedeza receives only one unit for each two acres seeded.

SPREADING

Increasing international commerce and auto and airplane travel are introducing new tree diseases which imperil American wildlands as well as the trees themselves.

Bomb Shelters Perfected for Family Use



When—and if—the next war breaks out, London residents will be prepared. A specimen steel-lined shelter, built for use as a first-aid and dressing station underground in case of an air raid, can now be bought by private individuals or communities. The bomb shelter is a part of the national defense plans.

Students Speak On Temperance

Wilkesboro School to Send Boy and Girl to the District Contest

Baxter Davis and Mary Brewer will represent Wilkesboro school in the district temperance contest to be held at Greensboro by virtue of being selected winners by the judges of a school elimination contest held on Wednesday. The contest is sponsored locally by the W. C. T. U., which awards silver medals to the Wilkesboro winners. Five boys and six girls took part in the oration contest. "The Charge to the Jury" was the subject of the winning oration by Davis. In the girls' contest Mary Brewer used "The Guilty Man" as the subject for the winning speech. Other boys taking part were Justice Brewer, J. Albert Dennis, J. B. Brookshire and Carl Dennis. Other girls were Cicely Laws, Fay Marlowe, Elizabeth Wollborn, Nina Livingstone and Mary C. Alexander. Judges for the boys were Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. Pearl Hartley and Mrs. Joyce Pearson. Judges in the girls' contest were Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant and Rev. Watt Cooper.

Car Crashes Into Residence Near Cricket But No One Is Badly Hurt

Woman With Baby Jumps to Safety When Auto Sideswipes Building

Five unannounced visitors came crashing into the home of Mrs. Wayne Huffman on highway 421 near Cricket Tuesday afternoon. The guests were in an automobile which crashed into the side of the front room of the home and made a gaping hole in the building. A car driven by Jim Foster, of Millers Creek, and a car driven by Lewis Faw were traveling toward North Wilkesboro and the cars locked up as Foster started to make a left turn and Faw was evidently trying to pass. Both cars left the road on the left side, crashed through the lawn fence and into the side of the house where Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Huffman and Jacob Shephard, eldest owner of the house, live. Foster's car, which carried five screaming passengers into the side of the building, was the one to hit the house. Faw's car swerved further to the left and barely missed the rear of the building. Mrs. Huffman and her 15-month-old baby missed serious injury or death by a fraction of a second. She was sitting by the window and was holding her baby when she saw the two autos crash through the yard fence directly toward the window by which she was sitting. She held the baby firmly and jumped to the opposite side of the room and the car tore through the building wall and sent pieces of ceiling and framing to all parts of the room. Luckily, both escaped unhurt. A stove which was near the window was catapulted across the room and fire was scattered over the floor. Mrs. Huffman quickly poured water on the burning coals. A radio which sat near the window landed safely on the bed. Foster and his five passengers who were on their way to the hoggy mills here emerged from the auto in the side of the building badly shaken but not hurt. Faw, who was alone in the other car, was not hurt. Both cars were badly damaged.

Certificates For First Aid Course

Attorney J. H. Whicker, chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross, said today that he has 31 certificates for those who passed a Red Cross first aid course recently conducted by Isaac Duncan, first aid and life saving instructor. Those who are to receive the certificates are asked to see Mr. Whicker at their earliest convenience.

Wilkes Welfare Bill Recalled; Now Before Committee

Measure Would Place Election Welfare Officer In Hands Welfare Board

A measure introduced in the lower house of representatives Monday night at Raleigh relating to the election of the welfare officer in Wilkes county and passed under suspension of the rules was recalled Tuesday by its sponsor, Representative Ira T. Johnston, of Ashe, and sent to the committee. The bill as introduced by the Ashe Representative and which passed in the house before it was recalled would have provided for the election of the welfare officer in Wilkes county by the county board of welfare instead of jointly by the board of welfare and the county board of commissioners as the law now stands for all the counties in the state. There are now three members on the board of welfare. One is appointed by the state board of welfare, one by the county board of commissioners and one by the other two members of the board. This law went into effect July 1, 1937. Prior to that time there was no county board of welfare and the welfare officer was elected by the board of commissioners and the board of education. P. J. Brame, of this city, was appointed for a one-year term by the state board and he was re-appointed for a three-year term on July 1, 1938. Dr. W. W. Miles, of Champion, is the member of the welfare board appointed by the county board of commissioners and his term will expire on July 1, 1939. Wm. A. Stroud, of Wilkesboro, is the third member appointed by the other two and his term will expire July 1, 1940. It was not learned here today whether or not any date had been set for a hearing on the bill in (Continued on page eight)

School Leaders Want Three-Point Program Enacted

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Council To Study Lawns And Flowers

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