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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

REFERENDUM BEATEN

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—An unfavorable report by the house finance committee today virtually killed the Withrow bill to provide a state-wide referendum on prohibition May 6. The measure would have specified that if voters expressed favor for prohibition, the sale of beer, wine and liquor would be prohibited after July 1. If prohibition was opposed, the present county store system would have remained unchanged.

PLEA FOR TOLERANCE

Lexington, Feb. 24.—A plea for tolerance between the farmer, capital and labor was made by Former Congressman J. Walter Lambeth, of Thomasville, at the banquet of the Davidson County Pomona Grange held tonight at the Methodist Hut. Lambeth said people of the United States should be more tolerant with European nations. He pointed out that those nations were not protected by two oceans as is the United States.

HITS AT ALIENS

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Burgin Pennell, of Asheville, commander of the state department of the American Legion, declared here tonight that "one of the greatest enemies of democracy in America today is the radical who hides behind the rights of free speech in order to promote subversive doctrines." Speaking at a meeting of the ninth district of the state department, Pennell called for "adequate legislation" to "punish or deport those within our borders who seek to destroy our form of government."

WILL AID RECOVERY

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 24.—The new deal has shifted its emphasis from reform to recovery, Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins said tonight in his first address since he became a cabinet officer. "This administration now is determined to promote that recovery with all the vigor at its command," he said. Hopkins told the Des Moines Economic Club, a nonpartisan group of business and professional men, that there should be no general rise in federal taxes this year and that any federal taxes which tend to freeze the flow of capital should be amended.

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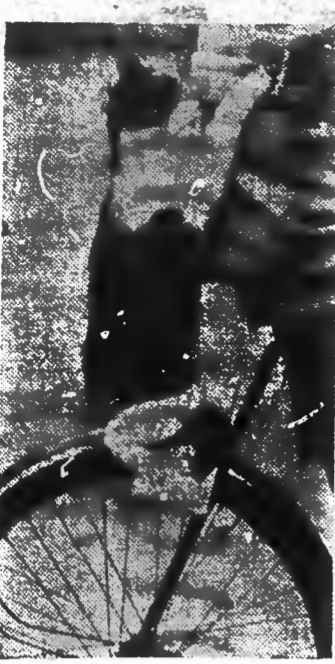
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CONTENTED CAT



Disdaining usual methods of transportation, this three-year-old cat often accompanies its master for short rides through London streets perched on the back of a bicycle.

Unknown Person Shoots Ashe Man In Abdomen, Leg

Enoch Church Fires at Fleeing Figure After He Is Hit Twice by Bullets

Enoch Church, citizen of the Fleetwood community in Ashe county, at the hospital here Friday related an account of how he was shot twice and critically wounded by an unknown assassin at his home Thursday night. He was sitting by the fire, Mr. Church said, when some man whom he did not see well enough to recognize his features came to a window, crashed out the glass and started shooting into the room with a 32-calibre pistol. One bullet hit Church in the back and went through his abdomen, puncturing his intestines at five places, physicians at the Wilkes hospital said. Another bullet struck him in the leg. Notwithstanding his serious wounds Church reached for his shotgun and took a shot at the figure as it disappeared into the forest nearby. The shots evidently found their mark because officers investigating the affair Friday found blood stains and a short trail of blood at the point toward which Church fired. By these clues they hope to unravel the mystery and make an arrest. Church said that he did not know of any enemy who would desire to kill him and was somewhat at a loss to understand the attempt on his life. Church has been resting well since he received surgical attention at the Wilkes hospital.

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Clerk Of Court Releases Docket For March Term

Solicitor and Bar Association Arranges Calendar For Criminal Court TO BEGIN MARCH 6

More Than 200 Cases Calendered for Two-Weeks' Court; Warlick Judge

C. C. Hayes, clerk of superior court, has released for publication the calendar of the March term of Wilkes court, which contains more than 200 criminal cases.

The term will begin on Monday, March 6, and continue for two weeks.

The calendar as made out by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall and the Wilkes bar association follows:

- Monday, March 6th
- H. C. Holland, abandonment.
- Horace Hayes, assault.
- Oscar Owens, for judgment.
- Jim Williams, assault.
- Gordon Benton, C. C. W.
- Gordon Benton, O. C. I.
- Gordon Benton, C. C. W.
- Gordon Benton, A. W. D. W.
- Gordon Benton and Marcus Henderson, V. P. L.
- Buster Staley, murder.
- Ray Nicholson, V. T. O.
- T. H. Williams, V. T. O.
- H. P. Eller and Everette Cleary, V. T. O.
- A. F. Phillips, V. T. O.
- H. P. Eller and Everette Cleary, (Continued on page five)

Baptist Pastors Conference 2nd

Pastors of Wilkes and Adjoining Counties to Meet At Gordon Church

Baptist pastors of Wilkes and several adjoining counties will hold an important conference March 2, beginning at 10:00 a. m., at the Gordon Baptist church. This is the time the recently formed Wilkes county conference was to hold its first monthly meeting, but the program committee learned that General Secretary, M. A. Huggins, was holding several conferences throughout the State and could be here on this date, so voted unanimously to make this a conference for all Baptist pastors in this section of the state.

Mr. Huggins announces that important matters to be considered are the Ministers' Retirement Plan, the State-Wide Revival, the Biblical Recorder, and the Hundred Thousand Club. These and other matters of vital interest to the pastors and the churches will be discussed informally.

Gordon church is located across Reddies River from North Wilkesboro, a short distance to the right from the Boone highway. A sign giving direction may be seen from the highway.

Columbia Students Do Their Fishin' in Class



It won't be necessary for students to cut classes to go fishing if the new course instituted by Columbia university's Teachers college proves popular. Angling in all its phases, from baits, lures and plugs to cooking and mounting, will be surveyed in a series of lectures by Dr. Francois D'Eliscu. The New York school includes it as part of its camp leadership course. At the left Dr. D'Eliscu prepares some of his specimens for mounting. The instructor also shows students how to prepare a fishing net from an old tennis or badminton racket. Resourcefulness is the keynote of his lectures.

Wilkes Debt Is 9.16 Per Cent Total Valuation

County, Municipal Debts Make Wilkes Rank 41st in Debt, Value Ratio

Wilkes county ranks 41st in ratio of total debt, county and municipal, to the assessed valuation, according to a tabulation contained in the current issue of the University of North Carolina News Letter.

The total debt of Wilkes county as of 1937, the date of all the figures in the tabulation, was \$1,406,139, and the debt of municipalities and all subdivisions of the county, including North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro, boosted the public debt total to \$1,780,139.

This public debt of the county and sub-divisions represents 13.33 per cent of the total assessed valuation for that year, which was \$15,352,522. The ratio would perhaps be slightly greater now due to the fact that the valuation last year was reduced by not listing intangible property for county taxation and because title to some lands in Wilkes has gone over to the federal government and is no longer taxable.

Thus it is seen that Wilkes is above the middle in ratio of debt and valuation, there being 40 counties with a higher ratio and 69 with a smaller ratio.

Buncombe is the only county in the state that has a public debt greater than one-half the assessed valuation. The total public debt of Buncombe and sub-divisions is \$47,000,000 as compared (Continued on page five)

Lions Club Signs Are Placed On Highways

The local Lions club has had attractive welcome signs erected on four of the highways leading into the city. These were placed last week under the direction of L. L. Carpenter, president of the club. A zone meeting for District 31-N will be held tomorrow at Shelby. Mr. Carpenter will attend and take part in the program which has been planned for the occasion.

Claude Pearson's Store Destroyed

Large Business Establishment Ten Miles West of City Burned Sunday

Fire of undetermined origin completely wiped out the large country store owned and operated by Claude Pearson ten miles west of this city on highway 421 near Purlear Sunday morning.

The fire was discovered about seven o'clock and had gained such headway that it was impossible to check the flames or save any of the large stock of merchandise and store fixtures.

Carrying many lines of merchandise in several departments, the store was one of the largest in rural areas in this part of the state and the loss is estimated at several thousand dollars. It was reported that some insurance was carried on the property but that the loss is only partially covered.

Both buildings which housed the various departments of the business establishment, and all their contents, were completely wiped out.

Kiwanis Favors Fund to Advertise County of Wilkes

Measure For Legislature to Legalize Joint Fund By City and County

ASKS STATION CHANGE

Ask More Suitable Place for Bus Station; Pat Ormsby Is Club Speaker

The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club has approved a bill to be introduced into the legislature which would empower the Wilkes county commissioners and the city of North Wilkesboro to take \$500 each from the general fund to be used to advertise Wilkes county.

The \$1,000 thus provided would be used by the county unit of the Governor's Hospitality Committee to advertise the county in conjunction with the advertising program carried on by the state.

The bill was submitted to the directors in meeting Thursday evening, at which time it was approved and the membership of the club gave its approval in the meeting held Friday noon.

Other business discussed in the club meeting included the matter of asking that the bus station in this city be changed to a more suitable location. The secretary was authorized to write the proper authorities and ask that the station be changed to a more suitable place in the city.

Dr. A. C. Chamberlain was in charge of the program Friday and introduced Pat Ormsby, of the Winston-Salem Kiwanis club. "Safety" was the subject of his address. Many humorous stories illustrated the points brought out in his address and it proved to be very interesting. Other club guests were John C. Calhoun, H. F. Bobbs and Paul Bohannon, of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Chamberlain was a guest of Dr. Chamberlain. Robert Morehouse was a guest of Carl VanDeman and Paul Osborne was a guest of S. B. Richardson.

Report of the Public Affairs and Attendance committees as submitted to the directors were read before the club.

A telegram of good wishes was sent by the club to S. V. Tomlinson, who has been spending a few weeks in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the interest of his health.

Badly Hurt When Motorcycle Hits Truck Near City

Henry Wellborn Suffers Broken Leg and Possible Internal Injuries

Henry Wellborn, local barber, was critically injured Sunday evening when his motorcycle crashed into the rear of a truck near his home three miles west of this city on highway 421.

At the Wilkes hospital today attaches said that he had suffered a broken leg, many painful cuts and bruises and possible internal injuries. According to reports of the accident, Wellborn was traveling toward this city and was behind a truck operated by George McGlamery when McGlamery slowed up and turned off the highway into the driveway of his home. Wellborn, evidently not noticing that the truck was slowing up and turning off the highway, crashed into the rear of the truck.

Bowman Working For Appropriation

Ralph Bowman, son of Mrs. Ralph Bowman, Sr., and the late Mr. Bowman, of this city, has been appointed on a special group of university students to contact members of the legislature and urge that the appropriation for the University not be cut this year.

The young student, who is in his freshman year, has already written to C. H. Cowles, senator for the 24th district, and D. C. Sebastian, Wilkes county's representative in the general assembly.

Liquor Car Taken After Fast Chase

Elkin Man Arrested After Car Wreck East of Wilkesboro Friday Night

After a two-mile chase during which the pursued man said he made 100 miles per hour and more, State Highway Patrolman arrested Alec Crouse Hudspeth, of Elkin, Friday night about ten miles east of Wilkesboro on highway 421. It all started when the officer noticed that the car, a brand new 1939 model, did not have any license plate on the rear. The new car failed to stop and increased in speed so rapidly when the officer approached that the officer decided there must have been a more serious infraction of the law than failure to display a tax on the rear. The chase ended when the new car ahead approached a curve which was too much for it to negotiate at extra high speed and it landed off the road. One man jumped and ran but the officer arrested Hudspeth. There were several cases of tax-paid liquor in the wrecked car, the officer said, but a great part of it was broken when the wreck occurred. Hudspeth told the officer that he had just purchased the car from a Sparta dealer. He was charged with failure to register car, failure to display rear license, reckless driving, transporting and possession of liquor and speeding. The car had a dealer tag on the front, the officer said, and was equipped with a supercharger, a device which enables a car to be driven at unusually high speed, twin carburetors, stabilizer and other devices for quick getaway and high speeds. A very difficult condition is known to be—for one to have an "inferiority" complex and not know enough to know it.

MITCHELL COLLEGE CHOIR TO RENDER PROGRAM HERE ON SUNDAY EVENING



A Capella choir from Mitchell college, Statesville, will render a program on Sunday night, March 5, 8 o'clock, at the First Baptist church in this city. The choir is composed of about sixty members of the music department of the college under the direction of E. B. Stimpson. This talented group of singers has appeared in this city in the past, and have always been warmly received. Their music is excellent and will be appreciated by all lovers of music. The congregations of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches will be united for this Sunday night music service. A silver offering will be taken, which will go to defray the transportation expenses of the members of the choir. An arrangement for the program and all handling of details will be taken care of by committees appointed from the High School music organizations. The program is sponsored by the musical organizations of the North Wilkesboro schools. These consist of both Junior and Senior boys and girls Glee Clubs, under the direction of Miss Wood Sherrell, band directed by W. P. Grier, Jr., piano and voice pupils of Miss Ellen Robinson.