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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

AGENT HANGS SELF

Stateville, Feb. 28.—Dallas H. Pitts, 68, district manager of the Mutual Life Insurance company, hanged himself today in the garage of his residence at Harmony, Coroner N. D. Tomlin reported. His health was given as the reason for the act. An inquest was not considered necessary. Mr. Pitts was a native of Cabarrus county, coming to Stateville about 20 years ago. Since that time he was engaged in the insurance business. His wife is a member of the Harmony school faculty.

MONTHS' TAX UP

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—The February tax report, made public today by the state department of revenue, disclosed that for the first time this fiscal year collections were substantially above those of the corresponding month in the previous fiscal year. Total collections during February were \$5,141,847.27, compared with \$4,841,228.20 in February, 1938. General fund receipts were \$2,939,325.34, an increase of \$193,689.79, and highway fund receipts were \$2,202,522.93, an increase of \$106,329.28.

SWAP HUSBANDS

Reno, Nev., Feb. 28.—Two Rochester, N. Y., women who shared an apartment in Reno for six weeks, then obtained divorces, were en route home by train today—planning to complete an exchange of husbands. It was learned from a reliable source that Mrs. Jane Snow Mitchell, who divorced Dr. Howard Douglas Mitchell of Rochester here yesterday, is planning to be married to Horace S. Thomas, an official of the Eastman Kodak company. Mrs. Marion J. Thomas, who divorced the latter, is to become the wife of Dr. Mitchell.

WILL ELECT POPE

Vatican City, Feb. 28.—The solemn conclave of 62 cardinals by whom a new pope will be chosen opens tomorrow. Vatican officials generally predicted the conclave would be short because the election of a successor to Pope Pius XI, who died in 1938, in which to consider their choice. The possibility was mentioned that the vacant chair of St. Peter might be filled before Sunday. Fifty-five of the princes of the church inspected the improvised cells where they will live apart from the outside world during the election. Four already in Rome did not join in the inspection.

DIE IN CRASH

Boston, Feb. 28.—Six persons, including four girls and a boy of school age, died today when a street car hurtled from its rails because, the operator said, "the brakes didn't hold" at a curve, on a sharp downgrade near Franklin Park zoo. Approximately 40 injured persons were treated at city hospitals and first aid quarters set up in apartment house vestibules near the accident scene. The crowded car left its rails, lurched across a wide street intersection and came to a stop, leaning at a 45-degree angle against two trees.

HEAVY SNOWSTORMS

One of the heaviest snowstorms of the winter roared over upper Michigan (Tuesday) after leaving a dozen states in the western half of the nation drift-bound. Heavy rains continued, meantime, from the Mississippi river eastward through the Ohio and Tennessee valleys, along the north Atlantic coast and in the southeastern states. The snowstorm slid off the Rocky mountains Sunday and hit the Texas panhandle Monday. It swept over the dust bowl area, depositing six to 17 inches in eastern Colorado, northeastern New Mexico, northwestern Oklahoma and western Kansas.

Two Are Hurt In Affray On Monday

Cloma Davis and Howard Davis Hurt In Fight On Monday In Wilkesboro

Cloma Davis and Howard Davis received painful injuries in what was described as a drunken fight at the home of Margaret Foster in Wilkesboro Monday night. Margaret Foster is said to have admitted to officers that she struck Cloma Davis, inflicting lacerations and bruises. Officers are holding a bloody stick of stove wood as material evidence. Deputies were called to the scene to stop the fight and they arrested the two who were injured and Margaret Foster and Cloma Davis. Howard Davis received only minor wounds in the fracas, officers said.

Employment Is Continuing On Upward Trend

State Employment Service Office Has Good Record For Month February

The employment situation here continues on the upward trend and placements for February showed a marked increase over February a year ago. B. G. Gentry, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the State Employment Service, said today. In February this year the local office found jobs in industry and with private employers for 51 people as compared to only 32 for February, 1938. Public placements also were more plentiful, there being 124 in February, 1939, an increase of 80 over the figures for the same month last year.

New registrations for February totaled 258 and the month ended with an active file of 1,542 applicants.

Mr. Gentry called attention to the fact that the files of applicants are revised each month and that names of all who have not renewed their registrations are taken from the active and placed in the inactive file. This means, he said, that when there is a call for labor that the active files are examined and the order for workmen is filled from the active files if possible. If the order cannot be filled from the active files the inactive lists are then examined.

Registrations may be renewed by personal call at the office or by mail.

Servants' School To Begin Monday

All Colored Domestic Workers Are Asked to Attend the Short Course

A short course for domestic servants will be held at Lincoln Heights school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, on March 6, 7 and 8, and the first three nights of the week beginning March 13.

The school is being sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Woman's club, and the club is asking that every colored domestic worker and all other colored people interested in domestic work attend. It is also asked that employers of domestic workers in the Wilkesboro assist by having their servants attend.

Several topics will be taught in the course, including a lecture on electrical appliances by a representative of Duke Power company; cooking, by the home economics teacher in Lincoln Heights school; systematic house cleaning, by Miss Rhodes; Table setting and setting, by Miss Evelyn Sharpe, vocational home economics teacher in North Wilkesboro schools; personal cleanliness and care of children, by Miss Eloise Bennet, public health nurse.

Court Will Open Monday Morning

Criminal Cases to Be Tried During the Two-Weeks' Term; Warlick Judge

March term of Wilkes court for trial of criminal cases will convene in Wilkesboro Monday morning, ten o'clock, with Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, presiding.

A calendar composed of more than 200 cases has been made out for the term by the solicitor and the bar association.

Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, is the newly elected solicitor of the 17th judicial district and will be prosecuting the docket for his first time in Wilkes.

The court calendar was published in The Journal-Patriot earlier this week.

Lions Will Meet On Friday Night; Good Program

North Wilkesboro Lions club will be treated to a good program in the meeting to be held Friday evening, 6:30, at Hotel Wilkes. Lawrence Miller and Otis Keeling will have charge of the program, which will consist mainly of novelty dance numbers and a motion picture.

Anti-Nazi Demonstrators Quelled by N. Y. Police



Thousands of anti-Nazi demonstrators gathered outside Madison Square Garden in New York recently when the German-American bund held an "Americanization" rally inside the building. Mounted police and hundreds of patrolmen were necessary to quell riots. Storm troopers protected members of the bund by patrolling the aisles during the meeting. Pictured here is a photographer busy snapping pictures of a small riot in which 269 took part.

R.F.D. Exam At Reddies River

Examination Will Be Held Here to Fill Vacancy; Brief Time Is Left

An announcement has been released stating that a civil service examination will be held here soon to fill a vacancy caused by the retirement of the rural mail carrier at Reddies River postoffice. Odell Whittington is now acting carrier.

Other information relative to the examination and job is contained in the following statement: The date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the close of receipt of applications, and will be about 15 days after that date. The salary of a rural carrier on a standard route of 30 miles served daily except Sunday is \$1,800 per annum, with an additional \$20 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 30 miles. Certain allowances are also made for the maintenance of equipment. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of the post office where the vacancy exists, who have been actually domiciled there for six months next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications, and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form 1977. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles. Form 1977 and application blanks can be obtained from the vacancy office mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications must be on file with the Commission at Washington, D. C., prior to the close of business on the date specified above. At the examination.

Ashe County Farmer Is Killed By Auto

West Jefferson, Feb. 25.—Reeves Perry, 76, Ashe county farmer of the Horse Creek section, died tonight in Wilkes hospital of injuries he suffered this afternoon at about 1 o'clock when he was struck by an automobile reportedly driven by Roscoe Eldred, of the same community.

Mr. Perry was standing on the side of the road near his home, talking with his son and two neighbors, when the automobile swerved from the highway and struck him. It was reported.

Patrolman W. C. Thomas, who investigated the accident, reported the death and also charged him with driving while intoxicated.

Community House At Moravian Falls

People of Community Will Meet at School Friday Night For Discussion

Citizens of Moravian Falls, a progressive rural community four miles south of Wilkesboro, will meet at the schoolhouse on Friday night, 7:30 o'clock, to discuss plans for a project calling for erection of a community house.

J. M. Smith, area supervisor for the National Youth administration, and W. R. Craft, county NYA supervisor, will be present to explain what help the NYA could be to the people in carrying out a community house project.

In discussing the matter today, Mr. Smith called attention to the fact that the NYA is in position to furnish labor for the project should the community furnish the necessary materials. In addition to the labor the NYA would furnish tools and supervision, Mr. Smith said.

In the meeting Friday night methods of providing the necessary materials and actual plans for the structure will be taken up. All people of the community have an invitation to attend the meeting.

Fire Discovered In Tip-Top Shop

Keen Sense of Smell Leads to Discovery of Fire Before Damage Is Done

Jimmie Piperis' keen sense of smell led to the discovery of a fire in the basement under the Tip-Top Soda shop about midnight Tuesday night.

While serving a customer in his cafe next door to the soda shop, Jimmie remarked that there was a peculiar smell in the air and succeeded in investigating. He could find no fire which accounted for the scent of smoke and widened his investigation. He discovered that the soda shop building was full of smoke.

He called firemen and the fire, which was smoldering in rubbish in the basement, was put out with chemicals and little damage was done.

In discussing the discovery of the fire Jimmie recalled that he had been quite handy in discovering fires in the past. Once when he was riding along highway 421 west of this city he saw flames in Harmony Baptist church, located several hundred feet from the highway. He gave the alarm and several gathered at the church and removed a burning organ, which had caught fire from an oil lamp and was burning rapidly.

Postpone Legion's Bingo Party Here

Announcement was made today that the American Legion's Bingo party scheduled to begin on Friday night has been postponed to a later date. The party will be held later in order to raise funds to finance junior baseball.

Millers Creek All Stars Enter Y. M. C. A. Tournament

Millers Creek all-star basketball team has entered the Winston-Salem Y. M. C. A. Tournament and will play their first game Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.

ANNUAL GOODWILL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IS IN PROGRESS AT SCHOOL GYMNASIUM HERE

Annual Goodwill Basketball tournament held here by the North Wilkesboro high school for the purpose of promoting goodwill and sportsmanship among the high schools of Wilkes county got under way Wednesday afternoon and night with four good games of the cage sport.

In Wednesday afternoon games Wilkesboro girls fought hard to overcome Mount Pleasant 13 to 11 in a game featured by defensive work of both quintets.

In the other afternoon game Mount Pleasant boys displayed remarkable power to overcome Wilkesboro 36 to 12.

At seven o'clock Roaring River girls put on the scoring pressure to take a one-sided contest over Traphill 47 to 19.

At eight o'clock Roaring River boys had little trouble in defeating Traphill 38 to 14.

The final game last night was between Mountain View and Ronda boys with Mountain View taking a 39 to 23 decision.

Games start tonight at 7:30 with Mountain View and Ronda girls furnishing the first contest. Following this game, which should be close, Mountain View and Millers Creek boys, two of the strongest teams in the tournament, will play.

Friday night game will be Wilkesboro versus Roaring River girls; Mount Pleasant and Roaring River boys. Games begin at 7:30.

The finals will be played on Monday night between winners of tonight's and Friday night's games.

Silver trophies will be awarded the winning teams and in addition bronze basketballs will be presented six girls and five boys at the close of the tournament. The individual players for the awards will be selected by a vote of coaches and officials with playing ability, teamwork and good sportsmanship the determining factors.

Admission to games is 10 and 25 cents and all who enjoy basketball are invited to attend.

The purpose of the tournament is best expressed in the following excerpt of an announcement of the tourney by Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools:

"We are interested, not so much in the financial side of the tournament nor so much in the winning of trophies, as we are in the building of healthy bodies, active minds, and friendly spirit of wholesome competition and sportsmanship. Let us all as coaches and officials of the tournament bear this in mind and proceed to set an example before the young people in our charge that will be wise for them to follow."

Weather Furnishes Big Surprise Here

March came in Wednesday like a lamb and regardless of whether or not it goes out like a lion, it got a good start in that direction this morning. Wednesday was a mild day with increasing cloudiness in the afternoon but no one suspected that snow would be about two inches deep this morning. A depth of three inches was reported on the mountains.

Ashe Sheriff Is Holding Man For Shooting Church

Suspect With Wounds On Face Is Wade Blackburn, a Former Wilkes Man

West Jefferson, March 1.—As officers delved further into the ambush-shooting of 59-year-old Enoch Church, a possible break came in the case tonight when Wade Blackburn, 27, confessed his identity and told Sheriff Edd Miller he is an escaped convict.

Blackburn, a Wilkes county man, was arrested four days ago in a Bluefield, W. Va., hospital, suffering from gunshot wounds in the face. He told officers then that his name was Herbert Lawson and that he had been shot near Hillsville, Va., Thursday night.

Blackburn however, refused to give details of the shooting. He denied knowledge of the ambush-shooting of Church, who was sitting in his home when he was fired upon. Church returned the gunfire.

Blood on a fence rail set officers to checking all hospitals in the belief that Church had severely wounded the man who shot him.

Blackburn said Sheriff Miller he escaped from the state prison camp at Raleigh last July 15. He said he was convicted in Catawba superior court on a charge of kidnaping an officer in Welch, W. Va., and sentenced to serve 25 to 30 years. This was in 1935.

Since he escaped last summer, Blackburn said he had rambled through several states in a car he stole in Hickory.

He told the sheriff he got into another mix-up with an officer in West Virginia and a state patrolman shot him in the left lung. He (Continued on page eight)

Benefit Party On Monday, March 6

North Wilkesboro senior Woman's club will sponsor a benefit party to be held in the Pointexter building next door to Rexall store on Monday afternoon and night, 3:30 and 7:30.

Bridge, rook, setback, Chinese and old-fashioned checkers will be played. Funds derived by the admission charge of 25 cents will go to the clubhouse fund and all are invited to attend and have with them cards, checker boards, etc. Prizes will be awarded and light refreshments will be served. Those desiring reservations are asked to call Mrs. I. E. Pearson, Mrs. C. G. Roundexter Mrs. Johnson J. Hayes or Mrs. Edd Gardner.

Bare's Fair Store At Boone Damaged

Fire did much damage to Bare's Fair store and other business firms in the building at Boone Monday.

The store, which is the property of G. T. Bare, of this city, was badly damaged and much of the large stock of merchandise was destroyed.

Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

The regular monthly meeting of the Wilkes County Post of the American Legion will be held on Friday night, March 3, 7:30, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

Play Is Postponed To Tuesday Night

"Here Comes The Prince," comedy in three acts, will be presented by the Beta club at Wilkesboro high school on Tuesday night, 7:45. The play was originally scheduled for Friday night of this week but was postponed because of the illness of a member of the cast.

NYA Labor Now Available For A Number Projects

Suggested That Courthouse Heating Plant May Be Installed as Project

SEVERAL CARRIED OUT

The Only Cost to Sponsor Is Furnishing of Materials NYA Pays Remainder

The National Youth administration is in position to furnish labor, tools and supervision on county, municipal and community projects, J. M. Smith, area supervisor for a district composed of five counties, said today.

He pointed out that the cost of a project to the sponsor is the materials.

In this connection he said that it would be possible for an NYA project to be made up calling for installation of a heating system in the Wilkes county courthouse if the commissioners desire to take that step.

Installation of a heating system for the courthouse has been under advisement for several years and last year the commissioners made application for a Public Works project calling for installation of a heating system.

The project was not acted upon in time to reach the PWA deadline and its fate probably will rest with the matter of further appropriations for PWA.

Mr. Smith said that in case the PWA project could not be carried out that the NYA is in position to carry out the project, in which case the cost to the county would be only the necessary materials.

The NYA during the past few years has been carrying out a number of projects which have been beneficial to the county. Some of the latest activities have included erection of a home economics cottage at Ronda, construction of school desks, office desks and auditorium benches for schools, making garments for underprivileged children, and many other projects.

Teachers' Meet On March 10th

All Teachers of County Are Asked to Attend Meeting in Wilkesboro

Wilkes county teachers will gather in Wilkesboro on Saturday, March 11, to attend one of the few county-wide teachers' meetings of the year.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools who made announcement of the meeting, said that several matters of importance to teachers will be taken up at the meeting and attendance of every teacher is asked.

The meeting will be held in the Wilkesboro school auditorium and will begin at 10:30 a. m.

Changes Made In State U. C. C. Act

Base Period for Unemployment Benefits Now Calendar Year of 1937

B. G. Gentry, manager of the North Wilkesboro office of the state employment service, with which the Unemployment Compensation office for this territory is affiliated, today called attention to changes made by the present legislature in the UCC act.

The base period at the present time, on which benefits for unemployed are computed, is the calendar year 1937.

Another change made is that weekly benefits will be paid according to the nearest half-dollar instead of in exact computation which run into odd cents. The least weekly benefit which will be paid will be \$1.50 under the revised statutes.

Changes were also made to place employers on a merit basis according to the amount of unemployment.

Wilkes Marriages

Only two license to wed were issued in Wilkes county during the past week. They were to Bill Trillett and Frances Walker, both of Lomas, and Quinton Nichols and Ola McGlamery, both of Patton.