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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

HITLER SAYS NO PEACE

Berlin, Nov. 14.—Adolf Hitler today let the world know he considers the possibility of peace nonexistent at present since Britain and France failed to accept the November 7 mediation offer from the sovereigns of Belgium and the Netherlands. Hitler's views were made known through his foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, who told the envoys of the two rulers that the reply would be a polite "no."

OFF FOR ANTARCTIC

Boston, Nov. 14.—Polar pioneers, who may become Uncle Sam's first Antarctic colonists, bunked aboard a modern Mayflower tonight, ready to sail at dawn for the Little America that Admiral Byrd believes might provide a base for a new and "safer" air trail between the United States and Australia. The sailing of the North Star, lead-off ship in the government's first Antarctic venture in 100 years, was delayed today by the necessity of lashing a 27-ton snow cruiser on the vessel's fore deck.

EARTHQUAKE IS FELT

Philadelphia, Nov. 14.—An earthquake of moderate intensity shook the Philadelphia area at 9:54 p. m. tonight, causing severe tremors for several seconds, but no damage was reported. The tremors were felt throughout eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. The earthquake was registered on seismographs at the Franklin Institute, but officials were not immediately prepared to say how widespread were its effects. Institute officials placed the center of the disturbance "30 to 40 miles from Philadelphia, probably to the north."

SOVIET PLANE DOWN

Helsinki, Finland, Nov. 14.—Finnish officials tonight reported a series of land and air incidents along the Russian frontier and it was reported without confirmation that a Soviet warplane had been shot down in the developing "war of nerves" between the two countries. The incidents were reported only 24 hours after a breakdown in the month-old Moscow negotiations on Russia's military and territorial demands against Finland and the abrupt departure of the Finnish negotiators for Helsinki. The Russian plane was shot down by the Finns, according to the unverified reports, in the no-man's-land between the Russian and Finnish defense lines along the eastern border.

Committees For Sale Christmas Seals Announced

Annual Drive To Start On Thanksgiving Headed By Mrs. R. T. McNiel

Appointment of members of the local tuberculosis Christmas Seal committee for 1939 was announced today by Mrs. R. T. McNiel, general chairman.

They include: Mrs. Edd Gardner, Mrs. J. U. Tait, and Mrs. Zollie Eller for North Wilkesboro. Mrs. J. W. White and Mrs. J. B. Henderson for Wilkesboro.

"From the beginning of the organized educational drive against tuberculosis, volunteer service has been an outstanding factor in its success," said Mrs. McNiel. "Volunteer service of generous and sympathetic men and women has been of tremendous value in reducing the death rate from the White Plague from 201 out of each 100,000 persons in 1904 to 49 out of each 100,000 in 1938."

The Christmas Seal sale, sponsored by the Women's Clubs of the Wilkesboro, will open on Thanksgiving Day and continue through Christmas.

Fields of 250 to 400 bushels to the acre are being reported by many sweet potato growers of Martin county, as harvesting operations are started on this year's crop.

November 28 Date Of Holiday Opening

Merchants In Meeting Wednesday Make Plans For Decoration of Streets; Big Volume Holiday Trade Expected

Merchants' Bureau of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureau in an enthusiastic and well attended meeting at the city hall Wednesday set Tuesday, November 28, as the date for the city-wide Christmas holiday trade opening and laid plans for attractively decorating the streets of the business section for the holiday season.

W. G. Gabriel, head of the bureau, presided, and much interest was shown by the merchants in the matters discussed. All present expressed themselves as being favorable to the proposal to place holiday decorations on the streets and Chairman Gabriel appointed a committee composed of W. K.

Sturdivant, C. G. Day and L. S. Spainhour to work with W. P. Kelly, executive secretary of the Commerce Bureau, and R. S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company, to arrange for the decorations.

Because Thanksgiving falls nearer Christmas this year the merchants decided on Tuesday before Thanksgiving, November 28, as the date for the city wide Christmas holiday trade opening.

With industrial payrolls at a high peak and since farmers have enjoyed a relatively good year, it is expected that holiday trade may reach a greater volume than at any time during the past ten years.

Canvas "Bundle Day" Will Begin Sunday 1 O'clock

All Urged To Give Discarded Clothing and Other Articles For Needy

Civic sponsors were putting the final touches today to arrangements for the first "Bundle Day" event ever put on here, to be Sunday, November 19, and urged cooperation and liberal response from the homes of North Wilkesboro and adjacent communities.

The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis, Lions and Dokes clubs are jointly sponsoring the event for the benefit of the needy and underprivileged homes of Wilkes county.

It is asked that the people cooperate by saving and tying into a bundle any discarded clothing, household articles, toys, furniture, bed linen, blankets and any and all articles which may be used in the home. They are asked to have the bundles on their front porches at one o'clock Sunday afternoon when the truck which will collect the bundles will start its rounds.

In addition to the streets of North Wilkesboro, the truck will canvass Wilkesboro and homes along highway 18 southward to Moravian Falls, north to Mulberry school and west along highway 421 to Millers Creek.

The materials collected will be taken to a warehouse, repaired and put into the best possible condition for further usefulness. Sponsors urge that no person hesitate to give any article because of its condition or state of repair.

It is pointed out that the materials thus collected will be used for needy people in all parts of the county and will not be confined to any particular area. Distribution will be the responsibility of the chief of police here, police chief in Wilkesboro and the county welfare department.

It is particularly urged that toys be included in the bundles because "Bundle Day" will take the place of Christmas Cheer canvasses formerly carried out for collection of discarded toys.

Demonstrations In Control Of Mice In Orchards Nov. 17

Mr. Spencer, from the U. S. Department of Interior, will be in the county on Friday, November 17th, to conduct two demonstrations on the control of mice in orchards.

The first demonstration will be held at 9:00 a. m. at the orchard of Mr. G. D. Kilgore, 4 miles west of North Wilkesboro, 1-2 mile off highway 421.

The second demonstration will be held at 11:00 a. m. at the orchard of Mr. C. F. Bretholl, 2 miles east of Moravian Falls on Moravian-Gilreath road.

Mr. Spencer has a new method for the control of mice in orchards. Many will be interested in talking with him and to learn his new method.

All are invited to attend one or both of these demonstrations.

Battlefront Headgear Stresses Safety



With camouflaging weeds fastened on their steel helmets to fool enemy airmen, three Tommyes of the East Surrey British regiment pause to light their cigarettes. Natural and artificial camouflages have been developed to a high degree by both sides of the present conflict.

Flames Damage Horton Building Here Wednesday

Right-Way Shoe Shop Badly Damaged In Fire Here Yesterday Morning

Fire of undetermined origin did extensive damage to the Horton building (formerly occupied by the postoffice on Main street) and the Right-Way Shoe Shop early Wednesday morning.

C. G. Plexico, proprietor of the shoe shop, was awakened by the fire as he was sleeping in an upstairs room about 5:30 a. m. Thinking that the fire was in his room, he started down the stairs but met a mass of smoke and flames when he opened the door.

He escaped without his clothes through a window and on to a fire escape which he had constructed on the rear of the building but was able to retrieve part of his clothing by reaching in through a window into his room.

The fire department was called but the flames had gained considerable headway and it was necessary to use a large amount of water to get the fire under control.

Apparently the fire started in the basement, where extensive damage was done, and Mr. Plexico's stock room, containing a large amount of materials for his shop, was badly burned. Included in the stock was about \$1,000 worth of leather which he had purchased before a recent price rise.

Smoke did some damage to upstairs rooms and adjoining places, including that part of the building occupied by the Little Grill, a cafe.

Some insurance was carried on the property.

Conferences For Wilkes Churches Sunday, Nov. 19

Dr. J. S. Hiatt, superintendent of the Elkton district of the Methodist church, will conduct quarterly conferences in North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and Moravian Falls on Sunday, November 19.

The first quarterly conference will be held at the North Wilkesboro church at 11 a. m., Moravian Falls at 2:30 and Wilkesboro at 7:30 p. m.

Red Cross Appeal Getting Results In The Roll Call

Workers Report Sympathetic Attitude and Good Response To Annual Drive

The Red Cross roll call in Wilkes has been accorded splendid response by those contacted so far, it was learned today from roll call officials and canvassers. Workers have reported a very sympathetic attitude on the part of the public to the appeal for funds to carry on the work of the "World's Greatest Mother" in times of disaster.

L. L. Carpenter, in charge of the canvass of the business district of the city, has achieved splendid results in calling on the business firms and their employees. Similarly good reports have been received from other workers and it is expected that when the main part of the drive is completed by Saturday of this week that Wilkes will have already enrolled more members than the total for the roll call last year.

Red Cross appeals were made to school principals this week who are to carry the roll call drive into rural communities. Chapter officials earnestly urge a more widespread appeal and response among all the people of the county, especially in view of the increased needs for relief due to the European war.

It has been pointed out that the organization has never failed to render aid speedily and efficiently in times of disaster at any place and that only by good response during the roll call can the chapter continue the humanitarian work on such a large scale.

Vocational Guidance Conference At North Wilkesboro School Wednesday Described As Very Successful Event

Students Of County High Schools Hear Seventeen Vocations Discussed

Vocation Guidance Conference was held this afternoon at North Wilkesboro high school with the student body and about 200 visiting students from the other high schools in Wilkes attending.

The conference was sponsored by the Student Council, of which Walter Call is president, and the Boys and Girls Work committee of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club headed by Rev. W. M. Cooper as chairman.

Ferguson Man Charged With Killing Burchette

First Firm Here Was Founded 50 Years Ago—1889

Wilkesboro Manufacturing Co. Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary

The Wilkesboro Manufacturing company was founded in the year 1889 and has reached its fiftieth anniversary, which is also the anniversary of industry in North Wilkesboro. The company was organized one year before North Wilkesboro obtained a town charter. The second section of this newspaper is devoted to the company's message on its anniversary, interesting articles about its history, pictures and congratulations from many of the city's business firms.

Officers Uncover Number Of Clues About Shooting

George Byrd Charged With Murder; Much Evidence Has Been Collected

OBJECTS ARE FOUND

Officers Think Fatal Slugs Were Manufactured In Byrd's Home

Wilkes Sheriff C. T. Doughton left for Washington, D. C., Tuesday night with a collection of articles to be examined by bureau of investigation experts in connection with the investigation of the apparently deliberate murder of S. M. Burchette at his home at Ferguson 15 miles west of here Saturday night.

Sheriff Doughton also disclosed that George Byrd, farmer who lived within a half mile of Burchette's home, had been formally charged with the murder following a conference between the sheriff and Solicitor Avalon H. Hall.

Beginning shortly after the killing occurred, the officers have collected much circumstantial evidence which they believe points definitely to Byrd as the man who shot Burchette through a window as he was getting ready to retire.

Byrd was taken into custody Sunday on suspicion but officers declined to reveal his identity until he was formally charged with the crime and a warrant charging murder had been issued.

Because the nature of the evidence, which had been piling up since Sunday morning, is such that a minute article or detail may be the deciding factor, the sheriff decided to carry all articles collected to G-men headquarters for examination by experts.

Officers disclosed that there had been some trouble between Byrd and Burchette but not of sufficient magnitude to unsupportedly assume that Byrd committed the crime.

After searching and trawling with bloodhounds over the hills near Ferguson all night Saturday night, Sheriff Doughton and deputies R. C. Jennings, Homer Brookshire, E. M. Eller, Bret Cothren, Sam Jones, Oscar Felts and J. M. Beshears began sleuthing in the community Sunday.

Two Forest Fires In Wilkes County

100 Acres Of Good Timber Land Burned Over Near Ferguson This Week

Two forest fires in Wilkes county have been extinguished, A. A. Triplett, county forest warden, said last night.

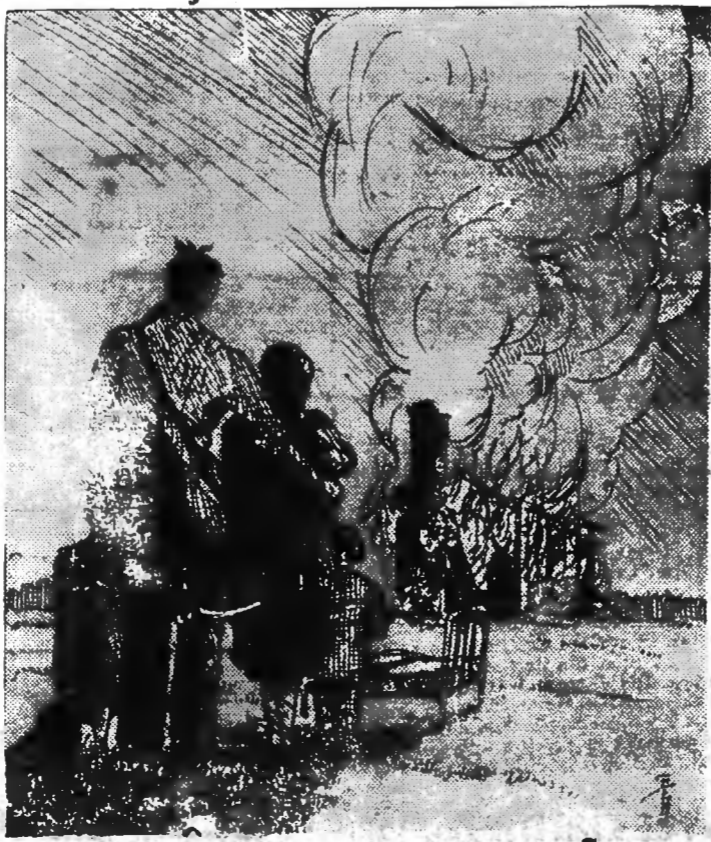
A fire which burned over about 100 acres of good timberland near Ferguson was placed under control Tuesday and extinguished Wednesday, he said. Some of the timberlands belonged to T. W. Ferguson, well known farmer of that community. A crew of 25 C. C. Camp members aided men of the community in fighting the flames.

A small fire occurred on the Brushies but was put out by people of the community before many acres burned.

Triplett said that according to his information, both fires had been started by hunters. The severe drought during the past few weeks has greatly increased danger of forest fires, he said.

Reports from other sections of western North Carolina indicate that the forest fire situation has become acute and forest fires could be seen during the past few days in practically every direction from the vantage points on the summit of high peaks. Bad fires were reported in Ashe, Avery and McDowell counties and in the Mount Mitchell section. A majority of the fires were started by hunters, according to reports.

Bundle Day Gifts To Aid Destitute



Welfare and social agencies will have something to help unfortunate people like those shown here if there is sufficient response to "Bundle Day" on Sunday, November 19.

Your Bundle Sunday May Send Christmas Cheer Into Poor Home