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Man Killed When Auto Starts And Runs Over His Body Tuesday Night

Russel Bengé Is Victim Accident; Funeral Friday

Edgewood Citizen Dies On Wednesday From Injury Received On Tuesday

Russel Bengé, 34-year-old citizen of the Bengé community, was fatally injured Tuesday night when his car started and ran over him.

According to information gained from relatives, the accident occurred at Bengé's home about six o'clock.

Apparently, the car was in gear and headed down an incline. Bengé's efforts to start the motor by the crank were successful and the car lurched forward, knocking Bengé down.

Two wheels passed over his abdomen.

An ambulance was called and he was rushed to the hospital here, when an emergency operation was performed Tuesday night.

Internal injuries were found to be so bad that little hope was ever held for his recovery and he died Wednesday, 4:30 p. m.

He was a son of Andrew Bengé, who was killed by his son-in-law a few months ago, and Mrs. Lura Bengé, who survives.

He also leaves his wife, Mrs. Maggie Johnson Bengé, four children, and the following brothers and sisters: Robert Bengé, Castwood, Va.; Mack Bengé, Freeman, W. Va.; John Bengé, Kansas.

Funeral service will be held Friday at Edgewood Baptist church.

Leg Is Broken By A Cow Today

Bobbie Foster, 14-year-old son of Boyden Foster, of Wilkesboro route 2, sustained a broken leg today when he was thrown to the ground by a cow.

He was leading the cow when it bolted and the chain caught him by the leg. He is a patient at the Wilkes hospital.

Gravely Speaker For Kiwanis Meet

It was announced today that Senator Lee Gravely, of Rocky Mount, one of the "unannounced" candidates for governor, will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon. A large attendance of members is expected.

Employment Office Re-Opens Wednesday

B. G. Gentry, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the North Carolina Employment Service, with which the Unemployment Compensation office is affiliated, said today that the office will be closed Saturday, Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holidays and will re-open Wednesday, at which time claimants regularly reporting on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday are asked to report.

2 Men Are Arrested In Patrolman's Death

Charlotte, Dec. 18.—Police Chief E. J. Nolan announced today two men had been arrested in connection with the hit-run killing of Patrolman John Nichols by an automobile on a downtown street three years ago.

Nolan said the men were booked as O. L. Stewart, a salesman, of Rock Hill, S. C., and Kirby Howell, traffic manager in Philadelphia of a motor truck line. Stewart waived preliminary hearing in city court today. His bond was \$3,500.

Hummell, Nolan said, was detained in Philadelphia and his bond was set at the same figure.

Mr. Frank Allen, of the New Opera Theatre, was a business visitor to Charlotte Monday.

4-H Corn Prince



"Good seed, careful tillage and good fertilizer"—that's Raymond Kreg's recipe for championship corn. Kreg, 17-year-old Oakley, Ill., 4-H club worker, won the Corn Prince title in Chicago's nationwide contest. He produced 75 bushels of championship open pollinated yellow corn per acre on his profitable six-acre plot.

Applications For Lime, Phosphate May Be Made Now

Arrangements Made For Delivery Of Lime To Any Point In County

Farmers should take advantage of the present lull in operations to make application for lime.

Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Wilkes AAA office, said today.

He said that a contract price of \$2.20 per ton had been obtained for lime delivered in North Wilkesboro and that farmers do not have to advance the money because the payment will be deducted from soil program earnings next year.

Mr. Miller also explained that by private contract delivery system had been arranged whereby lime may be delivered from North Wilkesboro and Ronda to farmers anywhere in the county. Within eight miles the delivery charge will be 50 cents per ton, ten miles 60 cents and 75 cents to any point in the county over ten miles. This delivery charge, however, must be paid on delivery.

Farmers may haul their own lime from North Wilkesboro or Ronda if they desire, he said.

By using the lime farmers may earn \$2.00 per ton in soil payments, making the actual cost only 20 cents per ton, when the payment earned is considered.

He also discussed the use of phosphate, saying that 47 per cent phosphate may be obtained for 1940. The contract price is \$36 and no freight charge is made this year, Mr. Miller said.

Lightning Sets Two Forest Fires

December Storm Causes Blazes In Bluff Part Area; No Damage Is Done

It is not unusual for lightning to play havoc during the summer months but when it sets out forest fires in December that's news.

B. T. Campbell, park service ranger on the parkway, reported not one such fire, but two, both occurring on Sunday night, December 10.

Lightning struck a rail fence near the Parkway in Bluff Park and set it afire but the flames were put out before much damage was done. A dead chestnut in the south side of the park area was set in the same manner but the fire was put out before it spread in the forest.

But while the storm was the origin of two fires, rain accompanying the lightning proved valuable in putting out a fire which was raging on Tompkin's Knob on the Parkway about 15 miles from the scene of the two lightning fires, Mr. Campbell said.

\$6,532.50 Is Paid To Wilkes Needy During December

476 Aged, 304 Children and 36 Blind Get Public Assistance Funds

Public assistance funds paid out to Wilkes needy this month totaled \$6,532.50, figures released by the Wilkes county welfare department today showed.

Of this amount \$4,620.50 was paid to 476 old age people certified as being in need.

A total of 116 families with 394 dependent children received \$1,450 for the month.

Payments to 36 blind totaled \$462.

While the department has been able to care for practically all families eligible for aid to dependent children, there is a long waiting list of needy aged who have been certified and approved but are not receiving payment due to insufficient funds, Charles McNeil, welfare officer, said today.

Decorations Will Be Judged Friday Night By Group

Competition Keen In Christmas Lighting Contest; Many Entries

A committee of the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club will judge the Christmas decorations contest in this city on Friday night, December 22, it was learned today from Mrs. F. C. Forester, president.

With about a score of entries, the contest this year has eclipsed any previous efforts as many homes have been aglow with beautiful holiday lights and decorations on the lawns and porches.

The Journal-Patriot will give a total of \$20 in cash prizes for the most artistically lighted home exteriors and grounds. The first prize will be ten dollars, second \$5, third 3, and fourth \$2. The Woman's Club is co-sponsor.

A preliminary tour which included only a part of the homes entered, in the Wilkesboro and on the highways last night indicated that the judging committee will have a difficult but none the less enjoyable task picking the winners from so many beautifully lighted scenes.

Candle Light Service Monday At St. Paul's

A candle light service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Wilkesboro, on Christmas Day at five o'clock p. m. This service is growing more popular throughout the church, symbolizing as it does, Christ, the light of the world. Christmas carols will be sung by vested choir and congregation. There will be prayers and a short talk by the rector. A cordial welcome is extended all.

Woman's Club Is Planning A Party

The North Wilkesboro Senior Woman's club is planning a benefit card party to be held at the clubhouse Monday evening, January 1st, at 8 o'clock. Bridge and rump will be played and anyone wishing to make reservations please call Mrs. Ivey Moore. Price per player will be twenty-five cents. Attractive prizes will be given in both games, and during the evening light refreshments will be served.

Big Rush Ahead For Tag Buyers

According to present indications there is going to be a big rush for 1940 automobile license plates during the last few days of the year.

J. C. McDermid, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Carolina Motor Club in charge of sale of automobile and truck license plates, said today that although sales have jumped up during the past few days, they are behind last year's figures.

This means that there are going to be thousands crying to buy tags next week and in order that all might obtain their tags those who can are asked to buy their license plates during the first few days of the week.

Merry Christmas!

Are old but ever new are the words which most adequately express our good will toward all as we approach the joyful holiday season.

It is indeed fitting that we near the anniversary of the coming of Him, the greatest gift to the world, that we join who heartedly in wishing for one and all happiness to the fullest possible extent this Christmas season.

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Journal-Patriot To Miss Issue On Monday, Dec. 25

In order to give the personnel a brief respite from their labors, The Journal-Patriot will not be issued on Monday, December 25.

In the Thursday, December 28 issue, The Journal-Patriot will strive to give the news of the week fully, and in the meantime we wish for one and all a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Hosiery Workers Given Insurance

740 Employees Will Get Valuable Christmas Gift

When the Wilkes Hosiery Mills closed this afternoon for the holidays the employees received a Christmas gift in the form of hospital insurance for one year in the Hospital Savings Association of Chapel Hill.

The insurance paid for one year by the company was presented to you before the end of the year and was a complete surprise to the 740 recipients. To each employee was a letter from P. W. Eshelman, the company's president, announcing the gift and stating appreciation for "the loyalty and service of the employees."

Text of Mr. Eshelman's letter to all employees follows:

"I announce with a great deal of pleasure that beginning January 1, 1940, every employee of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills Company will be enrolled for one year in the Hospital Savings Association of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. This membership is given to you without cost, having been paid for by the company, and is solely for your benefit.

"The certificate covering this new insurance will be delivered to you before the end of the year and I urge that each of you read the certificate carefully so that you will be familiar with the benefits. If any further information is desired please feel free to talk to the first aid attendants.

"As the year comes to a close I wish each and everyone of our employees a very happy Christmas. May all of you have your full share of prosperity and health during the coming year. Your loyalty and cooperation during the past years has always given me the greatest pleasure and I sincerely hope that many more are to follow."

The insurance given the employees represents an expenditure of thousands of dollars on the part of the company.

Isaac Eller Is Accidentally Shot

Injuries to Isaac M. Eller, prominent local business man who was accidentally shot while handling a .22-calibre rifle in his home yesterday afternoon, are not serious, physicians at the Wilkes hospital said this afternoon.

Mr. Eller was alone in his home at the time the gun discharged, the bullet inflicting a flesh wound in his right shoulder. His condition is not described as critical.

Lester Anderson Dies In Affray

Man Admits Blow Which Was Fatal In Affray Today

Ed Johnson Says He Struck Anderson and Claims Defense Of Own Life

Lester Anderson, middle aged citizen of near Wilkesboro, was killed this afternoon when hit in the face by Ed Johnson, a citizen of the Brushy Mountain community, Coroner I. M. Myers said tonight after an investigation of the death.

The coroner was called about 2:30 to investigate the death, which occurred about two miles east of Wilkesboro near Dewey Redmon's garage on highway 421.

He was told by eye witnesses that Johnson struck Anderson in the face and that he fell to the ground dead. A jury was empaneled and witnesses were heard.

Coroner Myers said that Johnson admitted striking the blow which knocked Anderson down and presumably caused his death. The coroner quoted Johnson as saying: "Anderson pinched my nose. I told him to get away from me, that I did not play with anyone I did not know. He grabbed me around the neck with one arm and had a knife in his other hand. Tal Barnett and James Moss, who were with us, pulled Anderson off. I stepped back about three steps and Anderson advanced on me with a knife. I struck him on the jaw with my fist and he fell."

Dewey Redmon, colored, said he was nearby and saw the affray. Coroner Myers said his report corroborated that of Johnson. Barnett, Moss and William Anderson were the other members of the party and were released after the hearing but Johnson was ordered held.

The coroner's jury will meet again tomorrow at ten o'clock to hear a report of X-rays made by physicians late today. It was learned tonight that the X-rays revealed no injury and that his neck was not broken. The only injuries found on Anderson's body was a bruise and an inside cut on his left jaw and a small cut on his right thumb, apparently made by some sharp instrument. The jury empaneled by Coroner Myers was composed of A. S. Cassel, C. G. Glass, W. A. Bumgarner, Robert Mathis, Noah Harris and John Alexander. No verdict was rendered as to the cause of Anderson's death pending completion of the hearing tomorrow.

Anderson is a member of a widely known Wilkes family, a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Anderson, of near Wilkesboro. He is survived by his wife, several children, his parents and a number of brothers and sisters.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed tonight.

Aged Woman Is Found Dead With Arm In Fireplace

Mrs. A. G. Whittington Was Found Dead In Home Today; Arm Burned

Mrs. Catherine Snyder Whittington, 77-year-old resident of the Reddies River community, was found dead shortly before noon today in her home and one arm was lying in the fire in the fireplace and was badly burned.

Presumably she suffered a stroke and fell dead before the fire. She was found dead by her son, Willie Whittington. She had not been alone except for a few minutes, according to information received here tonight. Her son, who was outside of the house, was attracted inside because of the volume of smoke going out of the chimney.

She was a member of a well known family and is survived by her husband, A. G. Whittington, of Reddies River, and the following children: S. E. Whittington, Hebron, Md.; R. L. Whittington, Laurel Springs; Willie Whittington, Reddies River; Mrs. A. M. Whittington, Reddies River; Mrs. Beattie Crysel, Wilkesboro; Mrs. R. S. Whittington, Millers Creek; and Mrs. Wiley Foster.

She was a sister of N. G. Snyder, of near Millers Creek, and an aunt of J. B. Snyder, of this city.

Funeral service will be held some time Saturday at Reddies River church with Rev. Shade Caudill in charge, assisted by Rev. Walter Whittington.

New Growers Must File Application For Quota By 15th

January 15 will be the last date for new tobacco growers to file application for allotment for 1940, Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Triple A organization in Wilkes, said today.

He also stated that tobacco growers may not expect to receive their allotments earlier than January 15 because they must be approved by Agricultural offices in Washington.

To Read Dickens' Carol On Sunday

At the request of a number of people, Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church here, will read Dickens' Christmas Carol in a special Christmas service to be held at the church Sunday evening, seven o'clock.

The reading will be interspersed with singing of Christmas carols by the church choir.

Mr. Olive's subject for the Sunday morning service will be "Let the Babe Grow Up."

Tubercular Seal Drive Successful

Returns On Seals Mailed Out Urged In Order That Report May Be Made

The tubercular Christmas seal sale drive is progressing splendidly but many seals sent out have not yet been accounted for, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, general chairman of the drive in Wilkes, said today.

Mrs. McNeil urged that all persons to whom seals have been mailed remit payment or return the seals as early as possible in order that a final report of the drive may be made.

Seventy-five per cent of the total amount raised in the drive will be retained to finance tuberculosis prevention measures in the county, Mrs. McNeil said.

"Has your husband any hobbies?" asked the neighbor who was calling.

"No," said Mrs. Newritch, "he has rheumatism a good deal, the liver now and then, but he ain't never had no hobbies."

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