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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

POE NOT IN RACE

Raleigh, Jan. 3.—Dr. Clarence Poe, widely-known agricultural editor, removed himself from North Carolina's 1940 gubernatorial race today. Doctor Poe said he was dedicating himself to the South-wide ten-year program for "balanced prosperity in the South 1940-1950" as evolved by the Southern Governors Conference instead of seeking the Democratic nomination.

5,536 LOSE LICENSE

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—Driving licenses of 5,536 persons were revoked in 1939, bringing to 25,593 the total taken since November 1, 1935, when the licensing program began. Ronald Hootuit, director of the highway safety division, said 90 per cent of the revocations were for drunken driving.

SHIP COMES HOME

Bergen, Norway, Jan. 2.—The United States freighter City of Flint, central figure in a drama of the sea last fall, is expected to resume her adventures tonight or tomorrow, when she leaves the Norwegian port of Narvik for the United States. The same American crew which was aboard during her wanderings in northern waters in October will be in charge when she leaves for home. The Flint left in Norway a cargo of apples originally intended for England and is loaded with iron ore for the return trip.

BIG AIR BATTLE

London, Jan. 2.—Outnumbered four-to-one, British airmen in three bombers fought a furious battle with a swarm of 12 speedy German planes over Heligoland. The second encounter of the war between the big bombers and the Nazi's vaunted warcraft. When the fight was over, the British air ministry said, one bomber was down, another was missing and the third was safe. Of the dozen German planes, the air ministry said one was "shot down in flames" and two others were "likely to have been lost."

LABOR BOARD UPHELD

Washington, Jan. 2.—The Supreme Court today in effect told critics of the national labor relations board that Congress has vested unusually broad discretionary powers in the board and that any restrictions on these powers must come from Congress, not the court. In three decisions, the court unanimously upheld the board's claim to discretion to make its own rulings in questions affecting elections among employees and designation of exclusive bargaining agencies, and held that federal courts have no authority to interfere in representative elections.

Legion Launching Big Safety Drive

Veterans To Join In Concerted Effort To Lower Traffic Toll

Members of the Wilkes County Post Number 125 of the American Legion will launch a drive against motor accidents.

Safety literature—and publicity will be distributed, and all veterans will join in the concerted effort to halt traffic fatalities which took 35,000 lives last year. They are urged to action by the auto accident toll which continues at an alarming rate.

No Square Dance On Friday Night

On account of severe weather conditions and sickness, the square dance announced for Friday night of this week at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse has been postponed until a later date, was announced today.

Use the advertising columns of paper as your shopping guide.

Soil Payments To Be Made In 1940 For Home Garden

Each Vegetable Garden Meeting Specifications To Count As Unit

That units will be allowed for vegetable gardens should be good news for Wilkes farmers, Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Wilkes County Agricultural Conservation Association, said today.

Mr. Miller explained that every farm owner and tenant will be allowed a unit each for a garden if the garden meets certain specifications as to furnishing home food supply.

Under the 1940 soil program each unit will represent a payment of \$1.50 from the government and the fact that units will be allowed for gardens should be an incentive for farmers to produce their own food supply as nearly as possible.

Mr. Miller said that exact specifications for the gardens on which units will be allowed have not been received in his office but that it is expected that practically all farmers will be able to plant and cultivate home gardens which will meet requirements.

Stockholders Of The Northwestern Bank To Meet 9th

Directors For The Coming Year Will Be Elected—Has Successful Year

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Northwestern Bank will be held in the bank's offices in the city on Tuesday, January 9th at eleven o'clock a. m. Directors for the coming year will be elected, and other business matters will be transacted by the stockholders.

The Northwestern Bank has enjoyed a most successful year. A stock dividend of 14 per cent and a cash dividend of 8 per cent were declared during the year 1939. The bank's resources have increased considerably. The statement as of October 2, 1939, showed the bank's resources \$3,982,079.92, while the statement as of December 30, 1939, shows the resources of the bank to be \$4,361,820.32.

Wooten Rites Held Wednesday

Prominent Citizen Hendrix Community Died Monday Afternoon

Funeral service was held at Mt. Zion church Wednesday afternoon for Richard L. Wooten, widely prominent citizen of the Hendrix community who died suddenly at his home Monday afternoon.

Mr. Wooten had been sawing some wood near his home when apparently he was stricken with a heart attack. A neighbor passing by saw him lying on the ground and carried him into the house, where he died in a few minutes.

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News of his sudden death was received with sadness by many friends throughout northwestern North Carolina, where he had held a number of positions of public trust. At the time of his death he was senior interviewer at the Lenoir branch of the state employment service. Formerly he was connected with the employment service here and was its first manager.

The funeral service was largely attended and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. C. Hodges, assisted by Rev. R. L. Isbell and Rev. W. F. Preslar, of Lenoir. Nephews were pall bearers and beautiful floral tributes were carried by nieces.

He was 43 years of age, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Triplett Wooten, and five children: Ralph, Leslie, James, Marie and Joan Wooten. There is one brother, Dave Wooten, and five sisters, Mrs. Lunda Hartley, Mrs. Nellie Green, Mrs. Nan Combs, Mrs. Dora Walsh and Miss Mattie Wooten.

Miss Irene Parsons has returned to W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, after spending the holidays with her father, Mr. E. T. Parsons.

Finnish Air Raid 'Bars' Warn Gunners



Advance indication of raiding Russian airplanes is given by these sound detectors in the Kovaneemi section of Finland. The "ears" tell the anti-aircraft gunners that planes are approaching before they come into sight.

Review Of 1939's News In Wilkes

(Editor's Note: This is the second installment in a series of three reviewing the highlights of news happenings in Wilkes in 1939 as gleaned from files of The Journal-Patriot for the year. The concluding installment, covering September, October, November and December will appear in Monday's issue.)

May 1—Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., made manager North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company, succeeding M. G. Butner who was killed in an automobile accident.

May 1—Odell Whittington, J. and Charlotte Huffman, 4-H club and queen of health in Wilkes, make good record in district test, Whittington winning.

May 1—Organization Commerce Bureaus proposed in meeting of local business men.

May 5—W. V. Caudill robbed of \$65 by masked bandit at his home in Mulberry community.

May 15—W. E. Smithey appointed member Wilkes welfare board.

May 18—City has three-day trade event.

May 16—Grady Prevette, age 10, killed by "unloaded gun" at home of father, C. G. Prevette, in Somers township.

May 19—North Wilkesboro band makes first public appearance before Lions Club, its sponsor.

May 19—Conspiracy cases involving 70 Wilkes men set for trial in federal court.

May 18—Library membership urged to attend to the matter on the dates posted by the list takers for their respective townships, C. G. Poindexter, Wilkes county accountant, said today.

He again called attention to the fact that because of a change in the tax listing laws of the state, property this year is being listed as of January 1 instead of April 1 as in former years.

Substantial penalties are provided by law for those failing to list property for taxes, Mr. Poindexter said.

May 24—Duke Power company announces reduction in rates. (Continued on page eight)

Brushy Mountain Citizen Meets Violent Death Monday Afternoon

Edgar V. Hendren Killed When Bolt In Mill Catches Clothing

Funeral service for Edgar V. Hendren, well known citizen of Brushy Mountain township who met violent death at his mill Monday afternoon, was held at Bethany church Wednesday, 10:30 a. m.

Hendren was killed while working with the machinery of his corn mill and no one was present at the time, although there was ample evidence to indicate what had happened.

Apparently he was oiling a line shaft in the basement of the mill, which is run by an overshot water wheel, when a set screw in the shaft caught his clothing. His wife heard his screams but before he could be reached and the machinery stopped he had been pounded to death against the ground and a pillar of the building.

His clothes were pulled from his body and there were indications that the revolutions of the shaft had thrown him with considerable force against the ground and parts of the building. He died within a few minutes after his wife reached him.

Neighbors freely described Mr. Hendren as one of the best men in their community. He was 51 years of age and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gracie Williams Hendren, and three children: Mrs. Hugh Reavis, Wilkesboro; E. V. Hendren, Jr., and Hilda Hendren, of Pores Knob route 1.

Whiskered Wizards To Play Here Friday Night



Here are pictured, left to right, Bob Hale, Bob Lofland and Bob Rich, three of the famous Whiskered Wizards basketball team, which comes here Friday night from Lubbock, Texas, to engage the North Wilkesboro Lions team in an engagement at the high school gymnasium, eight o'clock. The Home of David team is one of the best in the nation and should attract a capacity crowd.

Sale Of License Plates In Excess Of Sales In 1939

650 Increase In Sale Of 1940 Tags Over Corresponding Date In 1939

Sale of automobile and truck license plates for 1940 here are far ahead of the number of 1939 tags sold up to the corresponding date in 1939, J. C. McDiarmid, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Carolina Motor Club and in charge of tag sales here, said today.

Through today the number of plates sold in excess of last year's figures passed the 650 mark.

There was a big rush of late tag shoppers on December 29 and 30, which carried over to some extent through January. Failure of many motorists to have their cards and the necessity of making out temporary cards resulted in a great handicap in accommodating tag purchasers, Mr. McDiarmid said.

He also reported a substantial increase in the number of North Wilkesboro city tags sold over the number for the corresponding date a year ago.

Tax Listing Task Begun Tuesday In Wilkes County

All Asked To List For Taxation On Dates Set By List Takers

Tax listers in all the townships began their tasks Tuesday and all persons required by law to list property or poll for taxation are urged to attend to the matter on the dates posted by the list takers for their respective townships, C. G. Poindexter, Wilkes county accountant, said today.

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Furniture Makers Will Attend Show

Representatives of four furniture manufacturers in North Wilkesboro will attend the furniture exposition in Chicago next week.

The companies and their representatives at the exposition will be as follows: Forest Furniture company, N. O. Smoak; Home Chair company, Jack Quinn, Henry and Ivey Moore; American Furniture company, J. R. Hix and A. B. Johnston; Oak Furniture company, John E. Justice.

The furniture industry is looking forward to another good year and a successful market is anticipated.

Sky Beauty



Mena Friedlander, beautiful 25-year-old London girl, was selected among the eight British women pilots who will ferry new army planes from factories to airdromes.

Postal Receipts At North Wilkesboro Sets A High Mark

Substantial Increase During 1939; Postal Business Growing

Receipts at the North Wilkesboro postoffice set a new high record for a year, Postmaster J. C. Reins said today.

Postal receipts for the year ending December 31 totaled \$826.22 over receipts of 1938. The 1939 total was \$34,286.17.

The increase was nearly as great as that during 1938 despite the fact that some parcel post business usually handled by the postoffice was lost to express companies during the year.

Business at the North Wilkesboro postoffice has shown a substantial increase each quarter for the past several years, Mr. Reins said.

Campaign Fund Quota Raised

Wilkes Democrats Easily Raise Campaign Fund Quota For County

J. R. Rousseau, Jackson Day chairman for Wilkes county, said today that the county's quota of the Democratic campaign fund has been raised without any difficulty. The quota set for the Democratic party in Wilkes to be raised prior to the Jackson Day dinner in Raleigh January 8 was \$175.

Mr. Rousseau, who is also chairman of the Democratic executive committee in Wilkes, said that several Wilkes Democrats are planning to attend the Jackson Day Dinner, at which Paul V. McNutt, a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for president, will be the feature speaker.

Power Will Be Off Three Times Sunday

Workmen at the sub-station of the Duke Power company here said today that the power will be cut off three times Sunday, January 7.

However, the interruptions will be short, not more than 15 minutes each time, and will all occur between nine and 10:30 a. m.

The power will be cut off for the purpose of installing large transformers and company officials said that the improvements will insure less interruptions in the future.

Robin Hood Joins Northwestern Bank

Mr. Robin Hood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, of Raleigh, has accepted a position with The Northwestern Bank, having entered upon his duties at the local branch January 1st. Mr. Hood will remain here for several weeks in training prior to going to Taylorsville where he will be cashier of the Taylorsville branch. Mr. D. V. Deal, the present cashier of the Taylorsville bank, will come to North Wilkesboro as assistant cashier to take the place made vacant when Charles W. Deal went to the new Valdese branch bank as cashier.

Huffman, Cassel Enumerators For Business Census

Began Gathering Confidential Information On January Second

S. E. Raper, district supervisor, the Wadesboro Bureau of Census Office, has announced the appointment of Robert L. Huffman, Jr., and A. S. Cassel as enumerators, for Wilkes county in the 1940 decennial census of business and manufacturing.

They have begun gathering the statistics from this section on wholesale and retail trade, service establishments, amusements, and manufacturing enterprises.

This is the first time for many years that all of the censuses—business, manufacturing, population, agriculture, housing, mines and quarries and drainage and irrigation—will be taken in a single year. They will not all be taken at the same time. The census of Business, Manufacturing, Mines and Quarries, and Drainage and Irrigation began on January 2nd some three months ahead of the counts of population, agriculture, and housing, which will begin on April 1st according to law.

Mr. Raper, in announcing the appointment of the enumerators, said, "Our first job is to make certain that every business man understand that this community's hopes for new industries, investments, payrolls and residents—in fact, all its plans—are tied up directly with getting full census reports from every business firm." He also added, "We don't want a better record than we get by reporting truthfully, but we want everything to which we are entitled so that we will have proper ranking when compared with other similar cities and areas."

Southside Singing In Splendid Meet

The Southside Singing Association convened at the Methodist church in Wilkesboro Sunday, December 31, at 1:30 o'clock with the president, F. J. McDuffie, presiding. He opened the devotional by reading the First Psalm. Leader Alphonsus Miller offered a prayer.

It was learned by the officials that many singers and others interested in the association were ill with flu and a large gathering was not expected. However, there was a splendid attendance, including singers from other associations. Each individual or group presented itself with honor to an appreciative audience, enrolling as follows: The Eveready Quartet, composed of leader T. A. Eller, Hobert Reeves, Balmer Hayes and Rex West; The Oak Grove Quartet presenting Mrs. Anna Lee Howard and Misses Ruby Nicks, Mattie Cheek and Ola Pennix, also of Cytelle, Yadkin county; the Welcome Home quartet, including Sherman Shumate, Mrs. Shumate, W. W. Vannoy, H. R. Kendall, with Wadie Be-shears assuming Mrs. Shumate's position in the last round; a duet composed of Zeb Dickson and Roby Church; and a children's quartet from Welcome Home, Zeb Dickson and Rex West also rendered solos. Occasional congregational singing gave everyone present a part on the program.

'Red' Kenerly Moves His Radio Service

"Red" (A. G.) Kenerly, one of the most experienced radio repairmen in this section of North Carolina, has moved his radio repair shop from the Western Auto Associate Store to his former location in the Call Hotel Building on Ninth Street.

Mr. Kenerly has been working with radios for the past eighteen to twenty years, and he is the oldest radio repairman in the city. No matter what make of radio you may own, Mr. Kenerly repairing, "Red" will give you a guaranteed job.

Mr. Kenerly will appreciate the patronage of his friends and especially asks the note of his relocation on Ninth Street.