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FIGHTS TRADE PACTS Washington, Jan. 7.—The American Federation of Labor today threw its powerful influence against extension of the administration's reciprocal trade agreements program in its present form, and demanded also that all existing agreements be repudiated.

QUAKE TOLL 30,000 Istanbul, Jan. 7.—The death toll from earthquakes over large areas in Turkey during the past 11 days was officially announced today as 30,000, although private sources put the figure near 50,000. Floods which followed the quakes were estimated to have taken 1,500 lives. Low-lying regions in the vicinity of Brusa and Smyrna still are inundated and many villages remain isolated. Tumblers have been felt daily since the first severe quake December 27 but are decreasing in intensity.

CRASH HURTS FATAL Martinsville, Va., Jan. 7.—Raymond Reid, 20, of Axton, died this afternoon in Shackelford's Hospital of injuries suffered early last night when a sedan owned by Mrs. W. J. Holland, and driven by her son, Irvin D. Holland, of Axton, ran into a parked car belonging to Roy Richardson, of this city, on West Church street. Reid suffered a punctured lung and other internal hurts as a result of the impact, the Holland car being badly damaged. Jack Austin, Campbell Hankins and Russell Hankins, other occupants of the Holland car, escaped with minor hurts.

BUDGET REBELLION Washington, Jan. 7.—The first open threat on Capitol Hill of a rebellion against the appropriation cuts proposed in President Roosevelt's budget came today from Senate supporters of farm benefit payments. With the Senate scheduled to act tomorrow on a proposal to create a special Senate-House committee to make a broad study of the fiscal situation, Senator Russell (D), Ga., served notice that, whether or not Congress wrote its own budget, a determined fight would be made to continue agricultural appropriations near the level of \$1,300,000,000 approved for this fiscal year.

EXPLOSION FATAL Reidsville, Jan. 7.—Miss Mary Johnston, about 30, graduate nurse and member of a prominent Creswell county family, died this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at a Richmond, Va., hospital of injuries received in the explosion and fire which damaged the Brandon apartments there yesterday. Miss Johnston, one of three persons injured in the blast, was found unconscious behind an easy chair in her third-story apartment. She was thought to have not suffered serious injuries, but her condition became worse today. She suffered burns and smoke poisoning.

ONE DEAD; ONE HELD Greensboro, Jan. 7.—Charlie Samuel Hilliard, 23, Greensboro professional boxer, is dead and Carl Wilson, 23, another boxer, is being held without bond in Guilford county jail as result of a fatal stabbing at a roadhouse four miles north of here, about 1 o'clock this morning, according to Deputy Sheriff Otis Apple, who is in charge of the investigation. Also being held as a material witness, the deputy said, is Charles Bobbitt, of Greensboro. Deputy Apple said Hilliard was fatally stabbed during the fight and quoted Wilson as admitting having cut his adversary but denied knowing he had seriously injured him.

WAR BOGS DOWN Helsinki, Jan. 7.—The bitterest January weather in years, with temperatures ranging from 15 to 40 degrees below zero, stalled Russian offensives on all fronts today as the Finnish high command announced that a Soviet ski detachment had been routed at Salla and more than 300 of the invaders killed. Military experts believed that the severe cold, coupled with Finland's dogged resistance, had compelled the Russian commanders to re-vamp their entire plan for the winter campaign. On the Karelian Isthmus, where the Red Army has repeatedly failed to break through the Mannerheim Line, the Russians were reported to be digging in and stringing barbed wire in front of their positions.

Pat Conakey, young heavyweight prospect, stands six feet one inch, and weighs 205 pounds. He is 19 and is still growing.

George Byrd Held Until March Court

Ferguson Man Charged With Murder S. M. Burchette Waives Hearing And to Face Trial At March Term Court

George Byrd, Ferguson resident charged with the murder of his neighbor, S. M. Burchette, on November 11, waived preliminary hearing before Coroner I. M. Myers Friday afternoon and was committed to jail without privilege of bond to await trial in the March term of Wilkes county. Byrd, who sat calmly in the courtroom during the brief proceedings, was represented by Attorney Eugene Trivette and Kyle Hayes, through whom he waived hearing until the March term of court. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall said Friday afternoon that the state will ask for conviction of first degree murder and that there is accumulative circumstantial evidence, although there were no eye witnesses to the meeting. Byrd was arrested on Sunday following the shooting about eight o'clock Saturday night. Burchette was instantly killed about eight o'clock as he was undressing to retire for the night. Four iron slugs were taken from his chest. The slugs had been fired by a shotgun through the window a few feet away. In Byrd's home Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies found a shotgun with marks on the inside of the barrel. The marks, they said, indicated that slugs had been fired through the barrel. Also in the home were a piece of iron rod matching the slugs in size, a hacksaw, two files, a steel chisel and other instruments which they said may have been used in making the shotgun load. The material evidence was carried by Sheriff Doughton to Washington for investigation in the FBI laboratories but the findings have not been disclosed. Byrd has made little comment since he was placed in jail, except he has denied having any part in the crime.

Hawaii's Official Greeter at Work



A royal Hawaiian welcome is given Jack Dempsey by Duke P. Kahanamoku, famous swimmer and official greeter, and a bevy of Island belles as the former heavyweight champion disembarks at Honolulu. The beverage, incidentally, is pineapple juice.

Orphans' Home May Be Closed

The Junior Order Institution Faces Such Fate Unless Council Takes Over

Lexington, Jan. 5.—The Junior Order Orphans Home will close January 31 unless the state council of the order votes at a special meeting January 18 to take over operation of the plant. Superintendent W. M. Shuford said today he had instructions to close the unit and send to Tiffin, Ohio, such children who have not been returned to their homes or placed elsewhere. This action, he said, was taken by the national council under a retrenchment program made necessary by a loss of members. As an alternative, the state council will vote on assuming ownership, control and operation of the plant, valued at \$750,000 and considered one of the most modern in the nation. The property would be deeded to the state organization debt free, provided all children in the state entitled to orphanage care by the order were placed here. Shuford said he would recommend to the state organization that, if it took over the unit, the individual need of the child be the prime motive in making selections for admission. Local committees are being organized to save the home. The citizens of Lexington have donated around \$40,000 to the site and building. The orphanage has been in operation here for 12 years. North Wilkesboro council will meet on January 16 to discuss the Orphans Home subject and every member is urged to attend. There will be no meeting tomorrow night. On Friday night, January 12, a called district meeting will be held at Elkin and all Juniors in the district are asked to attend.

Charlotte Man Is Caught With 100 Partridges

Iran Kee Held For Wilkes Superior Court For Violation Game Laws

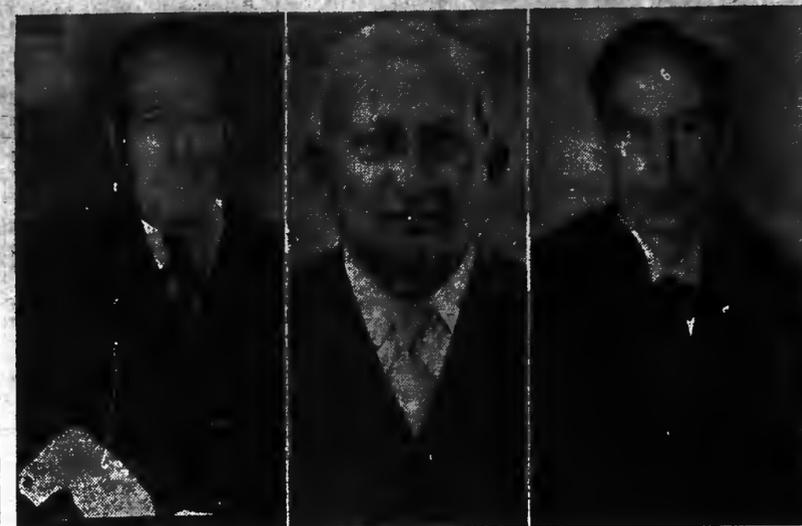
Winston-Salem, Jan. 6.—Guy C. Wallace, superintendent of the Roaring Gap fish hatchery, said here tonight that Iran Kee of Charlotte had been arrested on a charge of violating the State game laws. Wallace said George Royal of Roaring Gap, special game warden, and Harvey Goodman, Ashe county game warden, arrested Kee after an automobile chase in Wilkes county. Wallace said Kee was caught with 100 quail and four grouse. Kee, Wallace said, was given a hearing before a magistrate and placed under bond for his appearance in Superior court at Wilkesboro.

Annual Report Of Clerk Is Published

Amounts Due Various Parties Shown In Report Elsewhere In Paper

Today The Journal-Patriot is publishing the annual report of Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes. The report, which appears on pages three and six of this newspaper, gives the amounts on hand in the office of the clerk as of January 1 for various parties in many court actions. Persons calling for any of the amounts as listed in the report are especially urged to make note of the docket and case number, which will greatly facilitate the work of finding the proper records as recorded in the office and will prevent delay in receiving payment.

To Assist President in World Peace Problems



Hopes for world peace on the part of President Roosevelt have resulted in two recent far-reaching moves. First was the President's appointment of Myron C. Taylor, left, former head of United States Steel, as this country's representative to the Vatican to work with Pope Pius for peace. Second was his invitation to religious leaders to confer with him. Invitations went to Rabbi Cyrus Adler, center, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and to Dr. George A. Buttrick, right, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Archbishop Spellman of New York City was expected to be named as representative of Catholics in the peace conference.

Mrs. Williams Funeral Tuesday

Well Known Resident Of This City Died Early Sunday Morning

Mrs. W. V. Williams, one of North Wilkesboro's best and most widely known residents, died Sunday morning, 2:30 o'clock, at her home. She had been ill for the past three weeks and critically ill for a few days prior to her death. For many years Mrs. Williams had operated a boarding house in this city and her place was perhaps better known than any other in North Carolina, as she had the reputation of setting the finest table that could be found anywhere. All who stopped at her boarding house helped to spread favorable comment throughout the state and into several other states. Mrs. Williams was possessed of a genial personality, which, with her Christian character, won for her many friends among acquaintances who became more numerous every day. Her death was truly an occasion of sadness to a host of friends. She was the mother of J. Bid Williams, prominent Building and Loan and Insurance executive here, and seven other children as follows: Mrs. Steele Horton, of Flint, Mich.; Mrs. J. Wright Powell, of Elkin; Miss Jetta Williams and Mrs. Paul Withers, of Gastonia; Mrs. J. E. Hulise, of Durham; Crystal and Miss Malvina Williams, of North Wilkesboro. Also surviving are several brothers. The funeral service will be held at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, two o'clock, with Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor of the deceased, in charge. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery in this city. The body will lie in state at the home preceding the funeral service and those wishing to view the body may do so there. The casket will not be opened at the church.

Oil Land Judge



The problem of legal compensation to United States and other foreign oil companies for lands seized by the Mexican government now rests with Judge Ponciano Hernandez, who will appoint an appraiser to evaluate oil properties.

Bank Resources Over Doubled In Six-Year Period

Resources Bank Of North Wilkesboro Now Over Two Millions

The Bank of North Wilkesboro, largest unit bank in this section of North Carolina, has shown remarkable growth during the past six years, according to a statement of resources as of December 31. In fact, resources have more than doubled in the six year period. In 1933 resources totaled only \$993,648.18 while on December 31, 1939 the two million mark had been passed and the total was \$2,028,252.04. The growth during that time was steady and continued, indicating sound business policies and excellent administration of the bank's affairs. Increase in the bank's business year by year since 1933 is shown in a statement by the bank elsewhere in this newspaper.

Duke Power Meeting Held In Charlotte

Mr. Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the local branch of the Duke Power Company, and Messrs. H. V. Overcash, Gordon Forester, and Frank Roe, who are connected with the company here, attended a meeting of branch managers and salesmen of the company in Charlotte Friday. Much optimism prevailed among the power people at the beginning of the new year, and prospects are bright for another good year for the company which serves large sections of North and South Carolina.

King Winter Is Continuing With Icy Precipitation

Weather Tough But Travel and Communication Not Badly Hindered

King Winter continued its icy grip on Wilkes today but everything was moving along about as usual. Intermittent snowfall all day yesterday, mixed with a large amount of sleet into the night, covered everything with an icy white blanket but not to such an extent that communication and travel was greatly affected. Schools operated throughout the county today as usual and buses experienced little difficulty getting through the snow and ice. Lincoln Heights colored high school near Wilkesboro closed today for a few days on account of the severe weather and considerable sickness among the students. Highway workers early today cleared the snow and ice from the highways as much as possible and no major accidents within the county were reported, although garage men had a busy day with bent fenders from cars slipping into each other on icy pavements. The icy precipitation during the past two days has been accompanied by a continuation of low temperatures which have figured in the weather since before Christmas. The mercury remained below the freezing point all day Sunday but did not drop unusually low during the night.

Bearded Wizards Beat Lions Team

Famous Whiskered Quint Is Too Much For Valiant Local Players

The Whiskered Wizards, a rough and ready basketball team from Lubbock, Texas, lived up to advance notices here on Friday night, put on a basketball show second to none, and defeated a scrapping Lions Club team 44 to 33. The collection of towering humanity, which looked more like a House of David baseball team than anything else, had complete command of the situation and played basketball like it had never been played before on a North Wilkesboro court. Weather conditions kept the attendance down but the loyal fans who were on hand got more than their money's worth of basketball thrills. Stunt plays by the whiskered trick artists kept the spectators wondering what would happen next. Other good contests are scheduled for the Lions team and all basketball fans are urged to attend the games. Some of the best teams obtainable will visit this city for games. Profits from admission charges will be used by the Lions Club in conducting various activities for the benefit of underprivileged people in this vicinity.

Kiwanis Club In Meeting Friday Installs Officers

W. E. Jones New President; Committees Named For Year Ahead

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club began the new year Friday noon by installation of officers. D. J. Carter, president during the past year, opened the meeting and following the business session he called on Attorney A. H. Casey, Past Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis, to install the officers as follows: W. E. Jones, president; E. G. Finley, vice president; T. E. Story, secretary-treasurer; D. J. Carter, past president; W. J. Caroon, A. F. Kilby, Henry Landon, W. H. McElwee and Wm. A. Stroud, directors. Mr. Casey in an impressive manner cited to them the objectives of Kiwanis and emphasized the importance of each doing his particular part in the organization. Mr. Carter presented the president's button to W. E. Jones and the past president's button was presented to Mr. Carter by Mr. Casey. President Jones made a challenging talk, calling upon the membership for cooperative effort during the year. During the business session of the meeting Rev. Eugene Olive, program chairman, read program assignments for the year. Thirty-two members volunteered to furnish expenses for trips to carry crippled children to the state orthopedic hospital in Gastonia. The following committee appointments were announced for the year: Agriculture — E. G. Finley, sponsor; S. V. Tomlinson, chairman, H. H. Morehouse, C. B. Eller, Dan Hollar, Carl VanDeeman. Attendance — E. G. Finley, sponsor; W. K. Sturdivant, chairman, George Kennedy, S. B. Richardson. Achievement — W. E. Jones, sponsor; T. E. Story, chairman. Boys and Girls Work, Vocational Guidance — W. H. McElwee, sponsor; Watt Cooper, chairman, Paul Cragan, Gordon Finley, Robert Gibbs, Jr. Business Standards and Publicity — D. J. Carter, sponsor; F. W. Eshelman, chairman; J. E. Finley, J. R. Hix, L. M. Nelson. Classification and Membership — W. E. Jones, sponsor; J. E. Carter, chairman; Ed F. Gardner, E. N. Phillips. Finance — W. J. Caroon, sponsor; R. G. Finley, chairman; W. D. Halfacre, C. G. Day, John Pevette. Inter Club and Goodwill — Henry Landon, sponsor; Joe B. McCoy, chairman; E. E. Eller, W. F. Gaddy. Kiwanis Education — T. E. Story, sponsor; Genie Cardwell, chairman; Fred C. Hubbard, C. O. McNeil. Program — A. F. Kilby, sponsor; Eugene Olive, chairman; J. M. Ketchie, T. B. Finley, Lots Scroggs. Reception, and House — W. J. Caroon, sponsor; A. C. Chamberlain, chairman; Pat M. Williams, Leo Lerner, Paul Osborne. Public Affairs — A. F. Kilby, sponsor; J. C. Reins, chairman; A. H. Casey. Support of Churches — W. A. Stroud, sponsor; A. A. Cashion, chairman; R. W. Gwyn, A. L. Aycock. Underprivileged Child — D. J. Carter, sponsor; J. B. Williams, chairman; E. N. Phillips, J. D. Moore. Board of Directors — W. E. Jones, president; D. J. Carter, past president; E. G. Finley, vice president; T. E. Story, secretary-treasurer; W. J. Caroon, A. F. Kilby, Henry Landon, W. H. McElwee, Wm. A. Stroud, directors. District Officers — Charles Armstrong, governor; Richard Thompson, past governor; Herbert Manning, secretary. International Officers — Bennet O. Knudson, president, Albert Lea, Minn.; H. G. Hatfield, past president, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Chas. S. Donely, vice president U. S., Pittsburg, Pa.; Robert J. Friles, vice president, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Fred C. W. Parker, secretary, Chicago, Ill.; W. E. Wolcott, treasurer, Des Moines, Iowa. Poorest spot in the agricultural picture at the present time is the low price of hogs, brought about by a production of almost record proportions in 1939.