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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

SMITH IS CANDIDATE

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney, said today he definitely intended to enter the North Carolina gubernatorial race, and would make a formal announcement "near the end of the week."

Smith's entry would swell the number of Democratic candidates to five, the largest in the state's history. The announced candidates are J. M. Broughton, Raleigh lawyer; Lieut. Gov. W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro; former State Senator Lee Gravelly, of Rock Mount, and Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh.

76 BODIES FOUND

Bartley, W. Va., Jan. 14.—Rescue workers today reached the explosion center of the Bartley No. 1 mine of the Pond Creek Pocahtontas Coal company, where 92 men died in the nation's worst mine disaster in more than a decade.

After four days and nights of back-breaking toil, the fatigued rescue crews at last dug into the "main six" heading, one of the many work sections branching off from the main tunnel, 600 feet underground.

Twenty-one bodies were recovered immediately, bringing to 76 the number located.

ATTACK EXPECTED

London, Jan. 14.—The British war office tonight announced that all leaves for the British expeditionary force in France were temporarily suspended.

There was no immediate explanation of the action.

Observers noted, however, that the step was taken simultaneously with similar action by the Netherlands in cancelling leaves to all armed forces, and almost complete mobilization by Belgium.

The two low countries appeared to be alarmed by reports of a concentration of German attack units near their frontiers and Nazi aviation activity.

SUEDE ISLE BOMBED

Stockholm, Jan. 14.—Eight Russian planes bombed the Swedish island of Kallaks, on the western side of the Bay of Bothnia, near Lulea, it was reported to the capital tonight.

Lulea is a port near Swedish ore mines in northern Sweden.

Eight Russian planes were said to have dropped bombs at noon. Prince Gustaf Adolf, son of Sweden's crown prince, investigated and shown bomb fragments on which there were Russian letters.

Residents said one bomb struck on land and eight on ice near the shore.

The islet is about 100 kilometers (about 60 miles) from the nearest Finnish territory, causing investigators to wonder whether the bombing could have been a mistake.

Special Meeting Juniors Tuesday

Council To Discuss Matters Pertains To Operation Children's Home

All members of the North Wilkesboro council number 51 of Jr. O. U. A. M., are being urged to attend a meeting to be held on Tuesday night, January 16, 7:30 o'clock, for a discussion of plans relating to operation of the children's home at Lexington.

Officials of the council said they are eager to have all members present in order to ascertain the wishes of the council on the subject of the state taking over the children's home and maintaining the institution. The institution will be closed unless the Juniors of the state take it over, this situation being due to a retrenchment plan put into effect by the national organization.

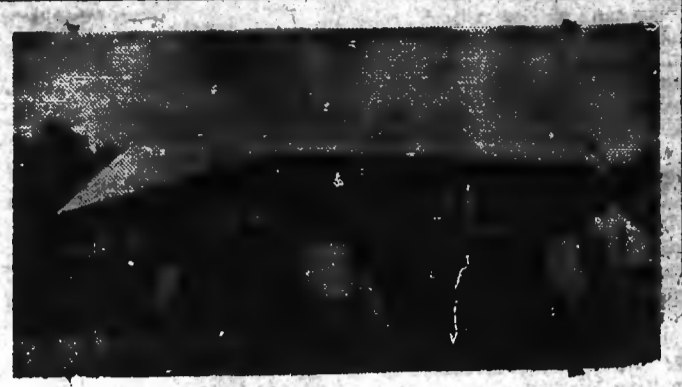
Announcement of the meeting said that the state councillor, N. Sankey Gaither, of Harmony, is expected to be present to explain the plan of organization of the children's home to the Juniors.

Mrs Martha Wellborn Rites Are Held Friday

Funeral services were held Friday at Temple Hill church for Mrs. Martha M. Wellborn, wife of Tommie Wellborn, well-known citizen of the Cyclo community. She died Wednesday.

Surviving are her husband, Tommie Wellborn, and the following children: Preston Wellborn, Mrs. Lina Harris and Mrs. Minnie Pinnix, of Cyclo; and Harvey Wellborn, of Greensboro.

Physical Education Building



Here is shown the Wilhelmina Triplett Gymnasium at Millers Creek school, one of the several physical education buildings erected during the past two years at Wilkes schools as WPA projects with communities raising the sponsors' contributions. The gymnasiums afford the schools opportunity to have physical education classes as well as places for athletic engagements.

Work Progressing On Water Works Wilkesboro Town

WPA Workmen Dig Ditch: Materials Arrive For The Storage Tank

Work is progressing steadily on construction of water works for the Town of Wilkesboro, it was learned today from Mayor J. F. Jordan.

The project is being carried out by the WPA with the town as the sponsor.

Much of the task of digging a ditch line for the six-inch main from the springs on the Brushy Mountains to the town has been completed and materials have arrived for the construction of a storage tank at a high point of elevation within the town.

Cost of the project, estimated at about \$60,000 is being shared about equally between the town and the federal government.

The WPA is using as many laborers as necessary in order to complete the project as early as practical.

BEST

Soil conservationists, after repeated tests, are continuing to find that plain, old-fashioned grass sod is one of the best anti-erosion measures.

Son Held For Mysterious Death Of Mother

Contributions To Finns Relief May Be Sent in Here

Journal-Patriot Will Forward Any Contributions Of Wilkes Citizens

According to a plan used throughout the country, The Journal-Patriot will act as a medium for this locality in forwarding any contributions Wilkes people may wish to make to the Finnish Relief Funds being raised all over America.

Newspapers throughout the country are acting as an agent for those wishing to make Finnish Relief contributions and all contributions will be forwarded promptly to headquarters of the fund.

The first contribution to the fund and forwarded to the Journal-Patriot to be sent in to headquarters comes from M. J. Beardlee, of this city, accompanied by the following letter to The Journal-Patriot.

"Herewith my contribution to 'The Finnish Relief Fund.' I am glad you will assume the responsibility of offering to the community the opportunity of helping in this cause. I feel sure that many will feel as I do that this is our affair and will be glad to help.

"As you probably know, The Charlotte Observer started its list yesterday. What goes from this section had best go through one channel and I know of no better than the Journal-Patriot."

Mr. Beardlee's check was for two dollars and being the first sent in here will naturally head the list.

St. Paul Church Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal church will be held at the Wilkes Hotel on Tuesday evening, January 16th, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

County Roads Much Improved



It was only a few years ago that Wilkes schools were forced to close because of bad road conditions. Despite the severe weather of the past few weeks, school buses are operating on schedule throughout the county, a fact which can be attributed to improvement of over 300 miles of county roads in Wilkes by surfacing them with crushed stone. The above scene shows a car on a section of county road which had just been surfaced as a part of the county-wide WPA project sponsored by the state highway commission.

Veteran Train Engineer Talks To Kiwanis Club

Swift Hooper Relates Interesting Experiences In History Of City

Swift Hooper, veteran engineer on the North Wilkesboro branch of the Southern for the past 49 years, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club Friday and held the interest of every person present by relating interesting incidents which he has witnessed during almost half a century in this city.

W. E. Jones, newly installed president of the club, presided at the meeting and E. G. Finley was in charge of the program.

Mr. Hooper told of how he began on the Southern system fifty years ago last Christmas day and that he had served on the line to this city all the time since then except for seven years on the main line.

He recalled distinctly the date of August 9, 1890, when he brought the first train to North Wilkesboro and remembered seeing J. R. Finley and some other members of the Finley family on that date. He related many experiences, some humorous and others serious.

Speaking of engineering, he said that he had been in a number of minor accidents but no bad ones, and recalled that he was the engineer on number 97 but was not on duty the day of the wreck which has been made famous in song.

Mr. Hooper said that he would be delighted to drive the train to North Wilkesboro from Winston-Salem to bring guests for this city's fiftieth anniversary celebration this summer.

1939 Was Home Building Year In This Section

Building and Loan Secretary Says Building Trend Will Continue In 1940

1939 has been a home building year, according to J. B. Williams, secretary of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association. "The upward trend of building here is going to continue through 1940," he added, "because of the shortage of homes in this city despite the large building program which was carried on in 1939."

Many prospective builders realize that material prices are not likely to go any lower. In fact, there is a strong possibility that they will increase because of war conditions, taxes, etc.

A vast amount of information is now available for those interested in home building through the newspapers and their local building and loan associations. This has resulted in making the average citizen more home conscious than ever before. A great many are saving in the building and loan associations for a down payment toward their contemplated home, while others are looking forward to a debt-free home through systematic payments to the building and loan.

The local building and loan association is in a position to finance any demands which may be made for home construction in this city and expect to use the surplus funds which they have on hand for financing the many new homes which will be bought or constructed during 1940.

Aged Resident Of Somers Township Burned To Death

Canada Gregory Is Victim; Andrew Gregory Held For Court

A coroner's jury today ordered Andrew Gregory, 50-year-old WPA worker, held for the mysterious death of his mother, Mrs. Canada Gregory, about 75, at her home in Somers township Sunday.

At the inquest conducted this morning by Coroner I. M. Myers neighbors told that Andrew went to their home Sunday about 2:50 o'clock and related that his mother was burned and was dead. They said that he was in a drunken condition.

Those who went to this home said they found the aged woman lying on the floor badly burned and dead. Her clothing was all burned off. About four feet from where her body was lying near the hearth was a splash of blood on the floor and one person told that Andrew Gregory was seen wiping blood from his arm with a handkerchief.

Gregory related to the coroner that he was milking the cow about nine o'clock Sunday morning when he heard his mother scream. He said he ran into the house, saw her clothing afire and saw her fall to the floor. He said he dashed two or more buckets of water on her body to put out the fire. Then he said he sat by her until she died after two o'clock in the afternoon before notifying any of the neighbors, although some lived within calling distance.

Witnesses said that the general report throughout the community was that Gregory abused his mother when he was drinking.

A physician here made an examination of the body of Mrs. Gregory and found that her nose was broken and that there was a bruise on the side of her head. It was decided, however, that neither injury was sufficient within itself to cause death and burns were attributed as the cause.

Coroner Myers said that he was notified of the death Sunday afternoon and reached the Gregory home about four o'clock. He said that condition of the body indicated that she had been dead for some time.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies helped in carrying out the investigation and securing witnesses for the hearing.

Bond for Gregory was set at \$2,000 and he was committed to jail in default of bond.

The woman was in a good state of health for her age but had been deaf and dumb since birth, neighbors said at the hearing today. Andrew was her only son.

Surviving brothers and sisters are: Frank Gregory, Jonesville; Pink Gregory, West Virginia; Mel Gregory, Cooleemee; Wiley Gregory and Mrs. Sarah Harris, Greensboro. Miss Maude Gregory, Cyclo.

Funeral will be held Thursday at 11 a. m. at Union church.

In The WEEK'S NEWS

AIRPORT CHARGES VISITORS—A fee of ten cents a person is charged at the observation deck of La Guardia Field, the new New York City airport at North Beach. Authorities also inaugurated a 25-cent charge for parking.

STREET SCENE—A delivery truck covered by falling building blocks during the recent Russian air raids on Helsinki. This photo shows clearly why citizens run to air raid shelters when the warning sounds.

SAVED FROM SCUTTLED SHIP—Some of the 577 sailors from the scuttled German liner "Columbus" enjoy a government meal at Ellis Island. The rescued sailors expressed amazement at the "wonderful coffee and butter" Americans enjoy.

IMPORTANCE OF ENDURING PARTY on the nation's farms was emphasized by F. E. Wormser, white lead paint expert, in address before American Society of Agricultural Engineers in Chicago.

FOUR-HORNED NAVAJO SHEEP—"Contacos," a four-horned Navajo sheep was born recently on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona. The sheep is owned by Loria Bell, an Arizona trader.

THE GINZA, Broadway of Tokyo, which is now being readied to play its part in the 1890 celebration of the 2600th anniversary of Japan. Preparations are especially designed to entertain American tourists.

Business Census Well Under Way

Enumerators Report Good Cooperation From Businesses Firms

The business census in North Wilkesboro and vicinity is progressing splendidly, it was learned today from A. S. Cassel, one of the two enumerators for Wilkes county. Robert L. Huffman, son-in-law of J. T. Prevette, is the other enumerator.

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Dr. Bundy Opens Office In City

Physician Establishes Office At 220 Tenth Street; Begins Practice

Dr. Wm. L. Bundy has opened an office in this city for the general practice of medicine.

Dr. Bundy is a son of Rev. J. D. Bundy, of Fayetteville. He studied at the University of North Carolina, Duke University and is a graduate of the Vanderbilt school of medicine. He served as an interne in Emergency hospital in Washington, D. C., and in a Chicago hospital.

His office suite is located at 220 Tenth street on the street floor two doors from Red Cross Pharmacy. The quarters have been attractively renovated and his office is well equipped.

He and Mrs. Bundy will make their home in this city.

Calls Attention To Town Taxes, Tags For Ensuing Year

J. R. Henderson, clerk and tax collector for the Town of Wilkesboro, today called attention to the fact that many have not paid their 1939 taxes due to town of Wilkesboro and urged early payment before penalties are added according to law.

Federal Tax Men Come Next Month

In a letter to The Journal-Patriot, C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue, stated that a representative of his office will be at Hotel Wilkes in this city on February 19 and 20 for the purpose of assisting taxpayers to file income tax returns.

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