

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

LOSE 3 SUBMARINES

London, Jan. 16.—The admiralty today announced the loss of three British submarines and a great part of the 107 men aboard them in "particularly hazardous service" presumed to have been undertaken in Germany's Helgoland naval and seaplane base.

RACK THIRD TERM

Columbus, O., Jan. 16.—Ohio Democrats today endorsed a third term nomination for President Roosevelt.

State Chairman Arthur L. Limbach and delegates would go to the Democratic National Convention ready to support renomination of the President or back his selection for a White House successor.

SERMON BACKFIRES

Kinston, Jan. 16.—Rev. Jack L. Rountree, clergyman who used to be a reporter on a New York daily, today admitted his most recent sermon had backfired.

GANNETT CANDIDATE

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Frank Gannett, Rochester publisher and long-time critic of President Roosevelt and the new deal, announced tonight his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination.

TERRIBLE WARFARE

Helianki, Jan. 16.—Russian warplanes again struck at Finland today as 51-degree below zero (Fahrenheit) cold brought new suffering to civilians in bomb-torn towns and the Finns reported dispersing two soviet companies in fighting near Salla.

GERMANS WARNED

Paris, Jan. 16.—The French government warned tonight in an official statement that any German attempt to invade Belgium would find 1,000,000 Belgian and Dutch troops fighting alongside the Allies to "hermetically seal" the blockade of Germany on the west.

MASONIC NOTICE

Special Communication North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 407 A. F. & A. M. Friday evening, Jan. 19th at 7:30 P. M. Work in First Degree. All members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

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Blood Stains Found On Clothing Of Andrew Gregory, Charged With Death Of Mother In Somers Section Sunday

Senator Borah Reported Dying

Senator William B. Borah, of Idaho, for many years a prominent national figure, was reported by radio late today as being in a dying condition for a cerebral hemorrhage suffered Tuesday when he slipped on a carpet and fell.

Christmas Seal Campaign Drive Nets Sum Of \$330

Mrs. McNiel, Chairman, Expresses Thanks For Co-Operation

Total receipts of the Christmas seal campaign in Wilkes county were \$330.15, Mrs. R. T. McNiel, general chairman for Wilkes, said today.

Known Facts Add Mystery To Case; Gregory's remains in Wilkes

Several known facts connected with the death of Andrew Gregory at her home in Somers township Sunday will add to the mystery of the case, Wilkes officers said today.

Her son, Andrew Gregory, who is being held in jail in connection with her death, told at the inquest Monday that he was at the barn milking when he heard her scream, ran to the house, found that her clothing was afire, saw her fall on the floor, and put out the fire with two buckets of water.

He said she did not die until 2:30 that afternoon just before he went to home of neighbor and told what had happened.

Coroner I. M. Myers said that when he examined the body about four o'clock Sunday afternoon that rigor mortis had fully set in and apparently she had been dead for several hours.

Gregory has not filled bond in the sum of \$2,000 set by the coroner's jury and remains in jail at Wilkesboro. He has made little comment concerning the death of his mother except to deny any guilt.

The coroner quoted residents of that community as saying that Gregory had a reputation of abusing his mother when drinking and that he was drunk when he went to their homes Sunday afternoon and told them that his mother had burned to death.

Company A Will Leave Sunday For Week Of Training

Will Join Two Other Companies At Salisbury For Week's Encampment

Members of Company A 105th Engineers of the North Carolina National Guard, will go to Salisbury January 21 for special training for a period of one week, it was learned today from Captain R. R. Reins, of Company A.

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Doughton Will Retire

Veteran Solon To Quit Congress At End Present Term

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The Announcement Made In Washington Tuesday, President Roosevelt

Washington, Jan. 18.—Representative Robert L. Doughton announced today he would retire from Congress at the close of his present term.

With dramatic suddenness, the chairman of the powerful ways and means committee revealed his plans to end his long and exceptionally distinguished career as representative of the ninth North Carolina district.

Visibly moved, he told a small group of friends that he wished to be relieved of his arduous duties attendant upon his important position and give some attention to his long-neglected private affairs.

A sense of profound and irremediable loss pervaded the North Carolina delegation as Doughton's decision became known.

Roosevelt Hates to Lose Him

This feeling prevailed also at the other end of Pennsylvania avenue when President Roosevelt was told of the announcement.

The President declared that he would be sorry to see Mr. Doughton carry out his decision to retire. He said that he would hate very much to lose him, and added that as member of the House, Doughton has been of great value to the nation.

Two years ago, the President wrote Doughton a letter urging him to remain in Congress and continue his service as chairman of the ways and means committee.

As chairman of the ways and means committee, Doughton has played the major role in the passage of history-making legislation. Capital Hill observers agreed today that perhaps no other member of the House has had a hand in so many vitally important acts of Congress.

His record over 30 crowded years in the House assures him of a permanent niche in the hall of congressional great.

Especially is this true of the past eight years during which he has piloted through committee and through the House such vital pieces of legislation as the social security act, the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, the passage of the national industrial recovery act, and the reciprocal trade agreement act, revenue measures, and other important acts.

Only One Bill Amended

Outstanding in Doughton's record—a tribute equaled probably by no other member of the House (Continued on page eight)

All Are Warned To List Property For 1940 Taxation

Practically All List Takers Have Completed Round In Their Townships

The tax lists for Wilkes county have practically completed their rounds. Preliminary checkups have revealed that many individuals have so far failed to list property for taxation in the various townships, C. G. Poindexter, Wilkes county accountant, said today.

Mr. Poindexter called attention to the fact that all who fail to list in the time prescribed by law are subject to substantial penalty and urged that those who have failed to list see their respective list takers at once.

MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS IN CITY

At a regular communication of North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 407, A. F. & A. M. Friday evening, January 12, officers which had been elected at a previous meeting for the ensuing year were installed. J. F. Marquette, of Statesville, assistant Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, who had been conducting a lecture course throughout the week, was in charge of the installation ceremonies.

County Note Sold For New Low Rate

One and One-Half Per Cent Is Interest Rate Of \$10,000 Note

What is believed to be a new low interest rate on Wilkes county obligations developed in the sale of a \$10,000 revenue anticipation note only a few days ago.

C. G. Poindexter, Wilkes county accountant, said today that the notes were purchased by Cabarrus National Bank at an interest rate of one and one-half per cent.

The note was issued to pay bonds falling due soon. The bonds to be retired are five and one-half per cent interest bonds.

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Fruit Growers To Meet On Saturday

Fruit growers are expecting a good meeting when the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association gathers Saturday afternoon at the apple research laboratory on highway 16 near the Wilkes-Alexander county line.

All fruit growers, regardless of whether or not they are members of the association, are invited to attend. On the program will be Dr. VanDeman, who will tell of research work; Prof. M. E. Gardner, head of the horticulture department at State College; and L. P. Watson, extension horticulturist in eastern Carolina.

The meeting will open at two o'clock.

1939 Best Year In History Of Bank North Wilkesboro

Directors and Officers Re-Elected In Meeting Held At Bank Today

"In the history of our institution the year 1939 will be recorded as having been the best during its forty-seven years service to the people of this county and surrounding community," J. R. Hix, president of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, told the stockholders in annual meeting this morning.

The meeting was well attended and harmonious throughout. Optimism relative to the bank's business during the ensuing year was freely expressed among those attending.

J. H. Johnson presided over the meeting of stockholders and called on President J. R. Hix and Cashier R. W. Gwyn for their reports, which were received with much interest.

The stockholders re-elected directors as follows: E. M. Blackburn, Ralph Duncan, E. G. Finley, W. D. Halfacre, John E. Justice, Jr., S. V. Tomlinson, J. R. Hix and R. W. Gwyn.

The directors in meeting following the stockholders' annual meeting re-elected the present officers and added two officers, W. B. Gwyn and J. G. McNellier being elected assistant cashiers. The officers re-elected were J. R. Hix, president; W. D. Halfacre, vice president; S. V. Tomlinson, vice president; R. W. Gwyn, cashier; and W. W. Starr, assistant cashier.

President Hix in his report to the stockholders cited figures showing the growth of the bank since 1933. During the six-year period deposits have increased 125.6 per cent and resources have more than doubled. He also pointed out that during 1939 deposits gained \$255,724.21 and resources increased \$230,702.76.

The last statement showed loans and discounts in the amount of \$988,320.49. "It may be inferred from the increase in this department that the bank is doing its share toward meeting the credit needs of worthy customers," Mr. Hix said.

Other parts of his report follow: "The bond investment at the close of the year was \$541,785.59. This is approximately the same amount of investment shown at the close of the previous year. Mention must be made here of the low interest rates now prevailing on bonds and similar investments suitable for a bank's portfolio. High grade bonds are today selling at rates highest in the history of our country. This condition is brought about by the unusually large amount of funds available for investing. The result of the increased demand for good bonds has lowered the yield to an almost unprofitable amount. We are fortunate in having an investment account that not only produces a profitable income but has a high marketable value.

"To the permanent surplus fund was added the amount of \$20,350.00 during the year. Our surplus is now \$95,350.00 and it is our hope that the Directors will at their first meeting for the new year increase this amount to \$100,000.00. The undivided profits account as shown on the statement is \$13,865.53. This figure is exclusive of all reserves with the exception of the declared December dividend amounting to \$2,500.00. It will be noted that our capital account was considerably strengthened. It is now \$222,169.56, represented by common stock \$50,000.00; preferred (Continued on page eight)

One-Day Poultry Short Course Soon

Wilkes Poultrymen Asked to Attend Course and Egg Show in Lenoir

On January 23, beginning at 9:00 o'clock a. m., there will be a one-day poultry short course held in Caldwell county. The place of meeting is at the Agricultural building in Lenoir. These schools are held annually by Extension poultrymen from Raleigh, and other poultry authorities.

Poultrymen from Wilkes county are invited to attend this one day school along with poultrymen from Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, Burke, Catawba, and Alexander counties. Lectures on timely poultry problems, open discussions, and demonstrations and other features which should be of special interest to all poultrymen, will make up the program. The county and home agent of Caldwell county have offered a special invitation to all Wilkes poultrymen. Another item of special interest will be the egg show. Prizes will be offered for both brown and white shelled eggs. These prizes will be donated by the business men of Lenoir. One dozen eggs constitute an entry, and all poultrymen in Wilkes county are invited to show their eggs.

The entries will be judged by extension poultrymen and winners awarded immediately following the noon hour.

N.C.S.E.S. Office Here Finds Jobs For 2,836 In 1939

Local Branch of Agency Has Good Year Finding Jobs For The Jobless

The North Wilkesboro branch of the North Carolina State Employment Service found 2,836 jobs during the year 1939, a record for the branch. Of this number 1,888 were placed in private employment and 1,880 on public works jobs.

During the month of December there were 95 private placements and 33 public. Registrations totaled 280 for the month.

The yearly figures as compared to 1938 show a drop in private placements but Mr. Gentry explained that the placements during the past year were generally considered better jobs and more nearly of the permanent type than the large number in 1938, when 3,064 were placed in private employment and 1,265 on public jobs.

Many of the 1938 private placements were on temporary agricultural jobs while in the 1939 total were many who were referred for industrial jobs and are now working.

August with 441 and September with 345 were the high months for placements during 1939. January was the lowest month in placements with only 35 jobs found for applicants in private employment.

State Highway Patrolman Gets Car Load Liquor

Sergeant Ingle Gets New Truck and 324 Gallons Moonshine Wednesday

After a thrilling chase State Highway Patrol Seargent Carlyle Ingle yesterday made one of the biggest liquor hauls in several months.

Accompanied by Homer Brookshire, Wilkes game protector, the patrolman sighted a new pickup truck on highway 115 leading toward Statesville and when the truck was finally overtaken it was found to contain 324 gallons of moonshine liquor in fruit jars.

Two occupants were in the truck. The officers immediately arrested Robert Helms, of Monroe, but his negro helper, Joseph Corton, also of Monroe, made his escape on foot. He was taken a short time later after being trailed by bloodhounds.

The truck was a 1940 model and had been driven little. It was confiscated.

Helms and the negro were placed in the Wilkes jail but Helms was released after posting bond of \$700 while the negro filled a \$300 bond.

P. C. Association Meets January 27

Indications point to a very large attendance at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Winston-Salem Production Credit Association, which will be held on January 27 at the Court House in Winston-Salem at 10:00 o'clock, according to L. E. Francis, Secretary-Treasurer of the association.

A very interesting and instructive program has been arranged for the association, Mr. Francis said, and much interest is being manifested by the members. Some new features will be introduced in the meeting this year, he said.

By special invitation of the association, a representative of the Production Credit Cooperation of Columbia will make a brief address at the conclusion of the business session.

The Winston-Salem Productive Credit Association serves Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Davidson, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties and furnishes short-term credit for general agricultural and livestock purposes to its members.

Another Baby On First Day Of Year

Mr. and Mrs. Treacy Caudill, of McGrady, announce the birth of a daughter, Margie Fern, on January 1, 1940.