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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

RUSSIANS RETREAT

Helsinki, Jan. 21.—The Finnish army announced today the repulse of soviet Russian attacks on the Karelian Isthmus with "heavy casualties" suffered by the invaders. It also reported the capture of "a few enemy strong points" in the lower part of the eastern front while private advices from above the Arctic circle said the Russian forces which had been retreating after cutting nearly halfway across Finland had braced 50 miles from the border against the pursuing Finns.

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NINE SHIPS SUNK

London, Jan. 21.—Britain's 21st acknowledged fleet loss of the war with Germany was disclosed today with an admiralty announcement that the destroyer Grenville had been sunk in the North sea by a mine or torpedo with the probable loss of 81 lives. Elsewhere, ten merchant vessels were reported sunk or damaged by mines, explosions, collision and fire in one of the worst Sunday's for shipping in weeks. Eight of the crew of the 1,485-ton destroyer were known to have been killed, 73 were given up for dead, and 118 were saved.

MANY DIE IN SHIP

Genoa, Italy.—Officials reported today 107 persons, including 43 passengers, were missing from the burning Italian liner Orazio. Italian seaplanes searched in a storm for the missing, many in life boats which left the 11,669-ton motorship yesterday before Italian, French and American ships reached the Orazio in answer to her S O S. Authorities said some possibly had been saved by ships which had not yet reported picking up survivors. Several Italian diplomats were among the passengers. It had not been determined this morning how many were among the missing.

GIRL KILLS FATHER

Wilmington, Jan. 21.—William H. Morrison, 64, member of a prominent Toronto, Ont., family, was shot to death at the home of his wife here early today. Sheriff C. David Jones quoted Morrison's 13-year-old daughter, Zaida Dolores, as saying she shot her father with a .22 caliber rifle because he had attacked her mother. Jones quoted the girl as telling this story: "Father had been drinking. Mother was sitting in the dining room and father called to mother to come into the room where he was and they started arguing about some government affairs. Mother said she was going to tell that father was in this country without a passport, and they began fighting. I grabbed my rifle and shot him."

SUICIDE VICTIM

Kansas City, Jan. 21.—Brunette Mary McElroy killed herself today after seven tragic years of brooding over what she termed the unjust punishment of the man who kidnaped her in 1933. Police said she had taken her own life. They found a note penned in ink in the handwriting of the slender 32-year-old daughter of the late H. F. McElroy, stormy Pelegrast political machine leader, who was ousted as city manager last spring. The note said: "My four kidnapers are probably the only people on earth who don't consider me an utter fool. You have your death penalty now—so—please—give them a chance." It was signed "Mary McElroy." While no official comment was forthcoming, the note was interpreted in some quarters as referring to her known attitude of sympathy toward the fate of the four men who abducted her.

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According to information obtained here today, Mr. Parks' car was being driven at the time of the accident by Miss Mary Scarborough. After leaving the highway surface it plunged to the bottom of the fill and struck a large tree. Help did not arrive to call an ambulance for some time after the accident.

The car was practically demolished.

Charlotte Man Is Caught With 40 Gallons Friday

M. E. Brookshire Being Held In Wilkes Jail On Three Charges

M. E. Brookshire, Charlotte citizen, is being held in Wilkes jail on charge of transporting 40 gallons of liquor and on two other charges, Wilkes officers said today.

Brookshire was caught Friday by Highway Patrolmen Carlyle Ingle and Carlyle Jordan on highway 115. The officers recognized Brookshire as the man wanted for a motor vehicle law violation and stopped him on the highway. Examination of his car revealed a cargo of eight five-gallon cans of illicit whiskey. It developed later that Brookshire was also wanted by Wilkes officers on a capias for a charge in superior court.

Bond was set at \$300 in each case and he had not posted bond today.

Auto Accidents Feature In News

Virginia Man Gets Tongue Cut In Collision Near City Saturday Night

A series of auto accidents occurred in Wilkes during the weekend, officers said today.

Highway Patrolman Carlyle Jordan investigated an accident at Fairplains near this city Sunday night and arrested Hillary Patterson, Hays resident, on a charge of driving while drunk.

Patterson's car is alleged to have sideswiped a car driven by Charles Stone. Stone's car left the road and overturned but no one was badly hurt.

W. H. Logan, of Quantico, Va., was painfully hurt in a collision near this city on Gordon Hill Saturday night when his car wrecked with a car belonging to Bee Sebastian, of near this city. Officers said they had not learned who was driving Sebastian's car. Logan, who suffered a painful cut on his tongue, and other minor injuries was cited to appear for a hearing.

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Admits Possibility He Killed Mother

Andrew Gregory Says He Will Take Blame For Death

Asks Solicitor Not To Prosecute Anyone Else But Denies Crime

SAYS HE WAS DRUNK

Cannot Recall Exactly What Happened On Day His Mother Burned

Avalon E. Hall, solicitor of the 17th district, said last night that Andrew Gregory, Wilkes man being held for the death of his mother Sunday, January 14, had asked him not to prosecute anyone else in connection with his mother's death but has not made a direct confession of the crime.

Gregory's mother, Canzada Gregory, was either burned to death or killed in her humble home in Somers township and he was ordered held by a coroner's jury.

He went to the home of neighbors on Sunday afternoon and told that his mother's clothing had caught fire and she had burned to death. But he told them that she burned on Sunday morning about nine o'clock and did not die until that afternoon and that he remained with her without notifying anyone of what had happened until she died.

At the inquest conducted by Coroner I. M. Myers a physician found that the woman's nose had been broken and that there was a bruise on her head. Blood was found on her son's clothing and on the floor of the room where her charred body lay.

Because of the mystery elements in the case Solicitor Hall directed that an autopsy be performed and the body was taken from the grave and again examined by a physician yesterday. Solicitor Hall said that the purpose of the autopsy was to definitely establish cause of death and to ascertain whether the woman died of burns or had been killed and then burned. A definite report on the autopsy will not be available until after laboratory tests have been completed, Coroner Myers said.

A representative of the state bureau of investigation has been assisting Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies in further investigation of the case during the past few days.

Solicitor Hall said that Gregory sent for him Saturday night and wanted to talk to him. He told the solicitor that he did not want anyone else to get in trouble over his mother's death, that if any crime was committed that he did it, although he said that he was drunk on the day of his mother's death and could not remember anything that happened. Neighbors testified that Gregory was drunk when he went to their homes and told of her death.

Coroner Myers said that Gregory objected to an autopsy over his mother's body and said that he would take all the blame for anything that had been done, although he yet denied that he killed his mother.

Suspicion centered on her son because of the reputation he had in the neighborhood of abusing his mother when he was drunk, the coroner said.

His mother was over 70 years of age and was both deaf and mute. Gregory, about 40, had been working on WPA projects and helping his mother on their small farm.

Deane Announces As Candidate For Congress In 8th

Again Candidate For Seat Won By W. O. Burgin In 1938 Election

C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, one of the principals in the memorable fight for the Democratic nomination for congress in the Eighth district in 1938, has announced his candidacy for the nomination in the primary next year.

He is the third candidate to get in the race. W. O. Burgin, of Lexington, the incumbent, announced several weeks ago that he would be a candidate for reelection and Giles Y. Newton, of Gibson, who was also in the 1938 race, is again a candidate.

The announcement issued by Mr. Deane follows: "I respectfully announce to the voters of Wilkes county my candidacy for the Democratic party's nomination to represent the people of the 8th North Carolina Congressional District in the United States Congress. My personal contact with the people of the district in all walks of life has been such that I know and fully appreciate their problems, and my sole desire is to be of service to them.

"First I want to express my deep appreciation again for the loyalty of my friends during my campaign two years ago and to acknowledge with gratitude numerous assurances of their continuing support. To those who could not join with us I hold nothing but the kindest feelings and trust that as the campaign progresses and as we become better acquainted they too will join my nomination.

"The voters of the District, I feel, know my position on public matters. I have the confidence that they appreciate the fight made by my friends and myself two years ago resulting in election reforms which now assures to every Democrat that he has an equal chance to appeal for and obtain the votes of his fellow Democrats. During the campaign I will more fully state my position on all the issues in which the people of our District are vitally concerned.

"I shall conduct my campaign in the Primary, as before, in a truly democratic spirit and I earnestly solicit the support of my fellow Democrats throughout the District."

Attend Regional Baptist Meeting

Four from Wilkes attended the western North Carolina regional Baptist conference held in Winston-Salem Friday. They were Rev. Eugene Olive, T. E. Story, Jeff McNeill and Millard Caudill.

Much attention was devoted to the Biblical Recorder, Baptist publication with a circulation now of 13,300. Each Baptist church in the state is asked to take 80 per cent of its membership as a basis on which to work and get six per cent of that number as subscribers.

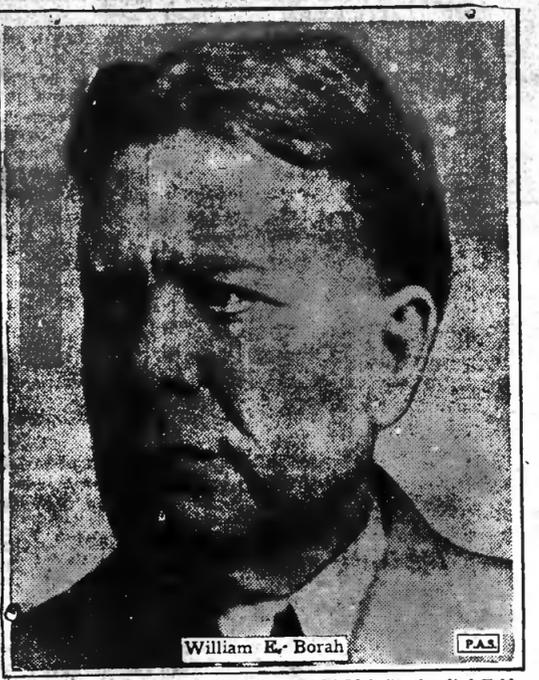
Court Calendar Being Made Up

Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes is working on the calendar for the March term of Wilkes superior court.

Indications point to a docket of about 150 cases by the time all magistrate reports are received and docketed, Mr. Hayes said.

Eastern Star Meeting Regular meeting of chapter number 42 of the Eastern Star will be held on Thursday night, 7:30, at the lodge hall. All members are urged to be present.

FAMOUS STATESMAN DEAD



Senator William E. Borah, "The Lion Of Idaho", who died Friday night in Washington, D. C., from a cerebral hemorrhage caused by a fall on the floor of his apartment.

S. E. Matthews Fatally Stricken At Miles' Home

Former Mt. Pleasant Principal Suffers Stroke On Sunday Afternoon

S. E. Matthews, for 12 years principal of Mount Pleasant high school 15 miles west of this city, died Sunday night, nine o'clock, at the home of Dr. W. W. Miles near Champion, where he was visiting.

Mr. Matthews went to the Champion community Saturday night to visit friends and on Sunday afternoon suffered a stroke of apoplexy while at Dr. Miles' home. He never rallied from the stroke.

For the first year in many years Mr. Matthews was not engaged in school work and had retired to his farm near East Bend in Yadkin county.

He had many friends in Mount Pleasant and other communities in Wilkes to whom news of his sudden death is an occasion of sorrow.

He is survived by one daughter, Miss Ruth Matthews, of East Bend.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, 11 a. m., at Prospect church in Yadkin county.

Girl Scouts Put On Lions Program

Group Entertains Civic Club With Stunts And Songs At Regular Meeting

The North Wilkesboro Lions Club held a good meeting Friday evening and was entertained by a program put on by the Girl Scouts.

A group of girls in a most interesting way performed a number of skits and delighted the club with songs.

C. A. Walker, of Winston-Salem, a member of the Lions International board of directors, was present and brought greetings from the international organization and from his home club.

The meeting was featured by good attendance and much interest in work of the club.

W. M. R. Church Is Claimed By Death

Prominent Citizen Of Adley Community Passes Friday Funeral Sunday

Rev. W. M. R. Church, one of Wilkes county's oldest and best known citizens, died Friday afternoon, 4:15 at his home in the Adley community. He had been critically ill for a few days.

Rev. Mr. Church was 85 years of age but notwithstanding his advanced age he remained active in community and church activities.

County Council Of Home Clubs Plans Work For Year

First Meeting Held Saturday Afternoon In Office Of Home Agent

Wilkes county council of home demonstration clubs met in the first meeting of the new year Saturday afternoon. Mrs. F. T. Moore, of Ronda, new president, presided and Mrs. W. H. Tevepaugh, of Gilreath, was acting secretary.

The principal business centered around discussion of plans for activities of clubs during the year. It was decided that a program of improvement for the home agent's office be begun in February and it was also voted that the yearbook for the county be made up by the home agent's office instead of using one from the state office.

The council voted that all clubs during the year conduct picture study at their meetings. Plans for the district federation meeting in May were also discussed. The council approved a plan for serving simple refreshments at each quarterly meeting, the cost at each meeting to be paid by three clubs in the county.

Group chairmen were named as follows: group 1—Mrs. Maude Dobbins, of Ronda; group 2—Mrs. W. H. Tevepaugh, of Gilreath; group 3—Mrs. Nora Eller, of Purlear.

City School Has Good Half Year

Attendance For First Half Of Term At High Percentage Mark In City

City schools here have completed a most successful half year. The end of the first half of the term was on Friday afternoon upon completion of midterm examinations.

School enrollment for the first half totaled 975 with 667 in the elementary division and 308 in the high school. Average daily membership was 621 elementary and 299 high school students.

The attendance percentage was at a high record mark with elementary at 94 and high school at 96. This high attendance prevailed in spite of severe winter weather and much sickness during the past month.

Furniture Makers Attending Shows

Representatives of local furniture manufacturing industries are showing their wares this week at furniture exhibitions in New York City and High Point.

At New York are J. D. Moore and Jack Quinn for Home Chair company; John E. Justice, Jr., from Oak Furniture company; J. R. Finley for Forest Furniture company, and a representative from American Furniture company.

In High Point are Henry and Ivey Moore for Home Chair company; N. O. Smoak for Forest Furniture company; R. W. Gwyn, Jr., for American Furniture company; J. E. and Bryce Caudill for Key City Furniture company.

Good business is forecast for the furniture industry at exhibitions this year.

Mrs. Laura Hester Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Laura Greer Hester, daughter of the late William Hester, and widow of the late W. J. Hester, died Friday night at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Octa Greer, at Moravian Falls. She was 86 years of age.

In early life she joined Zion Hill Baptist church and lived an exemplary Christian life. Her husband died several years ago and she leaves three step-children, two nieces and nine nephews.

Funeral service was held Sunday at Moravian Falls Baptist church and burial was in the Baptist cemetery at Boomer.

Calvin Brooks Dead

Calvin Brooks, 79-year-old resident of the Call community, died Friday morning following an illness of pneumonia. Funeral service was held at Pleasant Hill church.