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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

MASS AIR ATTACKS

Reinaki, Jan. 23.—The Russian army, stalled in a flanking offensive against the Mannerheim line that cost several thousand dead and wounded, today unleashed its worst air attack since the early days of the invasion with many women and children killed. It was officially announced. Striking at small mid-Finland towns, Russian planes bombed hospitals and air-raid shelters and then swept down and "strafed" fleeing civilians with machine gun fire.

AGAINST REYNOLDS BILL

Washington, Jan. 23.—The Senate Immigration committee has jockeyed Senator Robert R. Reynolds into having to oppose a bill bearing his own name. The North Carolina senator has several bills pending before the committee dealing with immigration. The committee has combined a number of these into one bill and including other provisions to which Reynolds is opposed. "I appreciate the committee placing my name on the bill but there some provisions in it which make it more harmful than good, the North Carolina senator said. He will deliver a speech in the Senate this week in opposition to the Reynolds bill."

McNUTT SPEAKS

Washington, Jan. 23.—Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator, declared tonight he had "no apology to offer" for his labor record as governor of Indiana after John L. Lewis had assailed him as a "political adventurer." Lewis, addressing the golden jubilee convention of the United Mine Workers Union in Columbus, Ohio, referred to McNutt's use of state troops during a labor dispute at Terre Haute, Ind., in 1935. The mine workers chief, who also heads the C. I. O., described McNutt as a "political adventurer" and said he was accompanied by "a motley crew of 2 per cent bagmen which he hoped would be able to buy enough votes to make him president of the United States."

DEWEY SPEAKS

Boston, Jan. 23.—Thomas E. Dewey, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, charged the new deal tonight with "maladministration," with "unbridled and spendthrift" spending, and with "fostering a defeatist attitude on the whole subject of our economic future." In his first invasion of New England, the New York district attorney concentrated virtually all of his third major campaign address on an attack upon the administration's fiscal policies. Standing before a mass meeting sponsored by three state-wide Republican organizations, he said over a National radio hook-up: "Seven years of maladministration in Washington have temporarily held back the growth of our country. But I deny that the American people are finished. America is at the morning of its destiny."

NO TRADE TREATY

Washington, Jan. 23.—The United States today informed Japan that after Friday night when the 1911 treaty of commerce expires, trade between the two nations will be conducted on a day-to-day basis, without any temporary agreement of *modus vivendi*. This was interpreted as a tacit warning that future commercial relations will depend upon the extent to which Japan ceases interference with the rights of American business interests and nationals in China. The information was conveyed to Kenuke Shinouchi, Japanese ambassador, by State Department officials who assured him, however, that pending further developments there would be no serious dislocation of U. S. Japanese trade in the no-treaty interval.

Blazes Damage Homes In City

Two homes were badly damaged in this city this week by fire. About 11 o'clock today fire was discovered in the home of Robert Parker on C street and was making rapid headway when the alarm was turned in. The blaze apparently caught in a down-stairs room from the fire and burned upward rapidly. Extensive damage was done by the fire and water necessary to put it out. Fire caught on the top floor of M. D. Ward's home Sunday and did considerable damage, although firemen were able to extinguish it with the use of chemicals.

Six High Schools In Wilkes County Close Few Days

Heavy Snowfall and Low Temperature Cuts School Attendance Down

Winter continued to hold Wilkes in its grip this week by sending the biggest snow in years, meanwhile the temperature stayed at a low level. Snow began falling Tuesday morning shortly after eight o'clock and continued until late Tuesday night. The depth here was about six inches and reports from various parts of Wilkes ranged from six to eight inches. Frigid weather began last Friday and since that time the temperature has scarcely been as high as the freezing point. The lowest temperature reports were for Saturday morning when the mercury sank as low as two above in some places and since that time has dropped as low as five to fifteen above.

The snowfall was so heavy Tuesday that on Wednesday a number of schools in the county closed for the remainder of this week. School officials explained that there had been much sickness and that parents did not want their children exposed to more severe winter weather at present.

The larger schools closing for the remainder of the week were Mount Pleasant, Mountain View, Roaring River, Ronda, Wilkesboro, Moravian Falls and Ferguson.

Central and high schools remaining open were Millers Creek, Traphill and Mulberry.

Practically all the smaller units, except those with transportation interlocking with the larger schools which closed, are remaining open.

In the schools which are continuing to operate attendance yesterday was reported much below normal.

However, school buses were able to operate on all routes and in a majority of cases made their routes at or near scheduled time. North Wilkesboro city schools are continuing in operation with fair attendance.

Democrats Will Meet February 2

Convention Dates To Be Set By State Executive Committee At Raleigh

Henderson, Jan. 22.—A meeting of the state Democratic executive committee has been called by State Chairman R. G. Cherry, of Gastonia, to be held in the hall of the house of representatives at Raleigh the evening of Friday, February 2, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of fixing the precinct, county and state convention dates.

Henry A. Dennis is member of the committee for Vance county, and was notified in a letter from Chairman Cherry today of the coming meeting.

The state chairman sets forth the purpose of the meeting as follows:

"The time and place of holding the state convention shall be determined and duly published.

"A common day shall be fixed on which all precinct meetings shall be held for election of delegates to the county conventions.

"A common day shall be fixed for the holding of a county convention in each county in the state for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention.

"Transacting such other business as may properly come before the committee for consideration at said time."

Mr. Floyd C. Forester, of this city, is a member of the state executive committee from Wilkes county and he stated today that he expected to attend the state-wide committee meeting in Raleigh.

Harmonizers On 2 Radio Stations

The Southern Harmonizers, widely known group of singers composed of four men from the Rock Creek community, may now be heard each Saturday over two radio stations. They broadcast over WAIR, Winston-Salem, each Saturday morning at 8:45 and WBIG, Greensboro, at 12:30 Saturday afternoons.

BUILDING AND LOAN OFFICERS



J. C. REINS



J. B. WILLIAMS



S. V. TOMLINSON



A. H. CASEY

Here are the officers of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association who were re-elected in the annual meeting Monday night. On the top row left to right are J. C. Reins, president, and J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer. Below are S. V. Tomlinson, vice-president, and A. H. Casey, attorney.

Officers And Directors Of Building & Loan Re-elected

The year 1939 was one of the most successful in the history of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association, was the consensus of opinion as expressed in the annual meeting of stockholders held at the city hall here Monday night.

During the year the association experienced substantial growth with an increase of \$61,126.42 in resources, making the total at the end of the year \$817,563.89.

The meeting Monday night was attended by 30 stockholders, person and a total of 110 were either represented in person or by proxy, representing nearly one half of the stock in the association.

J. C. Reins, president, called D. J. Carter to the chair as temporary chairman and J. B. Williams as secretary. The temporary organization was made permanent for the meeting.

The report of J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer, covered the year's business in a comprehensive manner, setting out in detail the condition and progress of the association. The stockholders approved action of the directors in setting over from the earnings the sum of \$5,500 into the contingency reserve fund.

Several stockholders, representing a number of professions and walks of life, made short talks, highly complimenting the officers and directors for their diligence during the year.

On motion of Jack Pardue, seconded by Julius C. Hubbard, the board of directors were re-elected as follows: C. P. Walter, R. G. Finley, H. M. Hutchens, D. J. Carter, J. H. Rector, W. H. H. Waugh, C. E. Jenkins, J. B. Snyder, J. C. Reins, S. V. Tomlinson, J. B. Williams and A. H. Casey.

Following the stockholders' meeting the directors re-elected J. C. Reins, president; S. V. Tomlinson, vice president; J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer; and A. H. Casey, attorney.

Four Year Scholarship In University To Be Awarded By American Legion

Announcement has been made of a nation wide Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the American Legion and with a Grand Prize of a full four year scholarship, with all expenses, to any university chosen by the winner. Other prizes and medals to winners in preliminary contests. The first prize scholarship is made possible through a fund established by Legionnaire Eddie Cantor of radio and movie fame.

The Wilkes County Post of the American Legion is making it possible for the boys and girls of this county to try for these fine prizes and are arranging for contests to be held in the various high schools and a county wide contest.

The subject to be used will be "How the U. S. Constitution Benefits America and its Citizens" and the contest will be open to any boy or girl enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grades of any accredited high school. Judging will be based on (1) Poise and Personality, (2) Accuracy and Effectiveness and (3) Power to thrill, quicken and com-

Wife Dramatizes Suicide To Scare Husband; Plan Was Huge Success

Skilled Workers Are In Demand At Many Places

Employment Office Lists Calls For People In Several Lines Work

Announcement has been made that the following openings are listed through the North Wilkesboro office of the North Carolina State Employment Service: Mechanical Engineer, Hotel Cook, Barber, Archaeologist, Interior Decorators, Mechanical Draftsmen, Social Workers, Pastry Cook, Detailer (Wood Mill), Designer and Stylist, Shop Foreman, Watch Repairer, Aircraft and Engine Service Mechanics, Society Editor (Newspaper), Hostelry Loopers, Cost Accountants, Librarian, Designers (Engineering Layout Men).

These openings are in various sections of the United States. However, anyone interested in applying may secure detailed information concerning these positions by contacting the local office which is located on the second floor of the Bank of North Wilkesboro Building.

The local office states that experienced cooks with health certificates are in great demand.

Pioneer Business Leader Succumbs

L. A. Jarvis, Prominent Business Man Here 35 Years Ago, Dies In Shelby

L. A. Jarvis, a native of Wilkes county and for many years a prominent business man here during the early history of North Wilkesboro, died Friday in Shelby.

Mr. Jarvis was born in the Hunting Creek community. In early life he went to Taylorsville and from there came to North Wilkesboro in the early years of the town. He erected the first brick building in the business district, the building now occupied by Brame Drug company, where he operated the largest wholesale and retail mercantile business here at that time. His residence was on the corner of D and Ninth streets. He went to Shelby about 30 years ago and for several years was in business there.

Surviving are three children: Mrs. Isabel Sanberg, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. John F. Williams, of Charlotte, and Chester Jarvis, of Gastonia. He also has many relatives in Wilkes county. Funeral and burial services were held Saturday in Shelby.

Persons Injured In Auto Accident Today Improving

Those injured in an auto accident Sunday night seven miles east of this city on highway 268 were reported today at the Wilkes hospital as improving.

Charles Day, Jr., who suffered a kidney injury and a broken leg, was most severely hurt but has shown considerable improvement. Condition of the others injured, including Trent Parks, Miss Mary Scarborough, and W. S. Loudermilk, was also reported as better.

Mrs. Jannie Wood Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Jannie Bell Wood, age 69, died last night in Wilkesboro. Funeral service will be held Friday, 11 o'clock, at Walnut Grove church with Rev. D. O. Clary in charge.

She leaves the following children: J. C. Bell, of North Fork, W. Va.; W. P. Bell, of Thurmond; H. S. Bell, of Traphill; Mrs. Nannie Tedder, of Wilkesboro; also one brother and one sister, D. S. Bell, of Speedway, W. Va., and one sister, Miss A. Mella Bell, of Springfield.

You can't tell. Maybe a fish goes home and lies about the size of the bats he stole. A patrol wagon isn't much of a car, but it'll do in a pinch.

M. E. Institute Here Postponed

Dr. J. S. Hiatt, superintendent of the Ekin district of the Methodist conference, has announced that a Woman's Missionary Institute scheduled to be held at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church on Friday has been postponed because of severe weather and condition of the roads.

Lerner To Speak To Legionnaires

Local Merchant To Tell Of Poland And Conditions In Europe

Leon Lerner, local merchant who came to America from Poland in November, 1938, will be the feature speaker for the next meeting of Wilkes post number 125 of the American Legion to be held on Friday, February 2, L. M. Nelson, post commander, said here today.

Mr. Nelson said that other interesting features are planned for the meeting and assured that all who attend will enjoy the proceedings. Sanka coffee and doughnuts will be served as refreshments.

7 Camps Woodmen To Gather Feb. 2

State Manager To Address Gathering To Be Held In Statesville

Local Woodmen announced today that a meeting of seven camps of Woodmen of the World will be held at the Legion hut in Statesville on February 13, 7:30 p. m.

The camps to attend will be Statesville, North Wilkesboro, Bradford Cross Roads, Mooresville, Harmony, Taylorsville and Cyle.

Dinner will be served and the program will include an address by T. E. Newton, of Kinston, state manager. The Lincolnton degree team will be present.

S. E. Matthews' Rites Tuesday

Former Principal Mt. Pleasant School Died Suddenly Sunday

Funeral service was held Tuesday at Prospect Church at East Bend for S. E. Matthews, member of a prominent Yadkin county family and for 12 years principal of Mount Pleasant school in Wilkes.

He died of a paralytic stroke which he suffered Sunday afternoon while visiting in the home of Dr. W. W. Miles at Champion.

Mr. Matthews was a former student of the University of North Carolina and graduated from Elon College with the class of 1927. He taught in the schools of Yadkin and Wilkes for 20 years. He established the high school at Mount Pleasant and was its principal for 12 years, retiring from that position last year.

In May, 1922, he was married to Miss Mary Pardue, of Roaring River, who preceded him in death four years. Surviving is one daughter, Ruth, a student at Greensboro College, two brothers, Wallace and F. P. Matthews, of East Bend, and a host of relatives and friends.

Mr. Matthews was a loyal and faithful member of the Prospect Methodist church, and was active in all civic organizations and activities of his home community and the communities in which he worked.

Rev. John Greene conducted the funeral service Tuesday, assisted by Rev. Ellis Norman and Rev. A. E. Watts. Pall bearers were Paul Vestal, H. C. Landreth, C. B. Eller, Avery Church, Dr. W. W. Miles, Parks Hampton and Herman Matthews.

"Sammy," asked the teacher, "how many make a million?" "Not many," answered Sammy quickly.

Officers Met At Door By "Victim" On Tuesday Night

Five Officers Make 21-Mile Trip In Snow But Find No Corpse

Five officers, including two members of the state department of investigation, two deputies sheriff and the coroner, went 21 miles through the snow Tuesday night to investigate a reported suicide and when they arrived at the mountain cabin where the suicide was supposed to have occurred they were met at the door by the supposed victim—alive and well.

James Church, 51-year-old resident of the Blue Ridge country three miles north of the Maple Springs community on what is known as "Punkin Run creek," came to town Tuesday night very much disturbed because his wife had "killed herself."

He told officers at the Wilkes jail that he went out of his house about 5:30 p. m. to get a bucket of water from the spring, that he heard a shotgun fired at the house, that he ran back to see what had happened. In his own words this is what he saw:

"I looked in at the door and there lay the body of my wife with the shotgun lying on the floor beside her. It looked like blood had run out of her chest on the floor.

"It scared the fool out of me. I thought sure she had shot her own heart out. I run to L. G. Crane's house where our 12-year-old boy had gone after milk. I told the folks there what I thought had happened and Mr. Crane told me the thing to do was to go to town and have an inquest held. I wanted him to go back to the house with me but he said it was not the thing to do.

"So his boy and another neighbor brought me to town. I didn't know anything else to do."

Officers at the jail said that Church had been drinking. He admitted taking a couple of drinks but said he was not drunk. The officers at the jail notified Coroner I. M. Myers and the investigating party was made up of Guy Scott and Jennings Powell, of the state bureau of investigation, who were in Wilkes investigating the Gregory death, volunteered to go along, not knowing what might be found. Powell remarked that he had been connected with several investigations in the division of identification but that he had never visited the scene of a violent death before the corpse was moved or anything disturbed. He said he would like to go along. The deputies were Oscar Felts and R. L. Spencer.

The snow was about six inches deep and still falling in snow-storm proportions. The officers were planning the investigation and inquest and even carried their plans so far as to say they would wrap the body in a sheet and carry it out on poles over the mile of mountain country where a car could not be taken.

But when the officers arrived in the community they found many people had heard of the suicide and were on hand to meet and assist the officers, although they had not gone about the house.

The officers advanced on the house calmly and in a mood fit— (Continued on page eight)

56th Series B & L. Here Is Now Oper

Offers Good Opportunity For People Of Wilkes To Practice Thrift

The 56th series of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association is now open.

The series offers another opportunity for people of North Wilkesboro and vicinity to save systematically and profitably.

Any person interested is asked to call at the office of the secretary, J. B. Williams, which is located on Ninth street in the Bank of North Wilkesboro building.