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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

ONE KILLED; ONE HURT

Dunn—J. T. Stewart, Jr., two-year-old son of Mrs. Helen Jernigan Stewart, prominent Dunn woman, was burned to death and his mother was seriously injured when a hot water tank exploded at their home early Friday morning. The child died early Friday night in the Woodward Herring hospital at Wilson, where the mother is still a patient. Although burned severely, she is expected to survive.

LUMPKIN MAY RUN

Louisburg, Jan. 26.—W. L. Lumpkin, of Louisburg, who managed Dr. Ralph W. McDonald's gubernatorial campaign in 1939, said today he would decide within the next two weeks whether he would run for Congress in the fourth district. Harold D. Cooley, of Nashville, incumbent, is expected to seek re-election. Both men are Democrats. Lumpkin, a veteran legislator, said he had made surveys of Wake, Johnston, Vance, Randolph and Chatham counties, and had received many promises of support.

CAPITOL GUESSING

Washington, Jan. 26—President Roosevelt started a fresh wave of political guessing today by holding a conference with two men whom John L. Lewis denounced last fall on the grounds that they entertained "sceret plans to launch a third term boom." The two are Norman M. Littell, assistant attorney general; and Marshall E. Dimock, second assistant secretary of labor. They visited the White House in company with Oscar L. Chapman, assistant secretary of the interior. Upon emerging, they would say nothing to reporters.

CONVICTION AFFIRMED

New York, Jan. 26—The conviction of James J. Hines, a fallen Tammany district leader under four to eight-year sentence for acting as the political "front" for the Dutch Schultz policy racket, was affirmed unanimously today by the appellant division of the state Supreme court. At the same time Magistrate Hulon Capshaw, one of the jurists claimed by the prosecution to have been "filled" or improperly influenced by the old boss, was removed from the bench.

SLASH FARM RELIEF

Washington, Jan. 26.—A cut of $100,000,000 below budget estimates for agricultural relief in the 1940 year beginning July 1, next, was forecast tonight as an economy-minded house appropriations sub-committee "tore into" the pending farm supply bill determined to outdo the President in efforts to curb expenditures. Completely ignoring the protests of organized agriculture against the effecting of savings in federal revenues at the expense of the farming industries, and a demand for $607,000,000 for parity payments, the subcommittee has proceeded with a careful analysis of each appropriation item and has used the blue pencil to mark down those for which the sponsors could not provide both an economic and a political defense.

Oldest Resident Of County Passes

Mary Parks, Ex-Slave, Dies Of Cold and Exposure At Age Of 112

Funeral service was held Sunday at Poplar Springs church for Mary Parks, Wilkes county's oldest resident, an ex-slave who is reported to have reached the age of 112 before her death Friday morning.

The aged negro for many years had lived alone in the Roaring River community and she was found dead by a neighbor, Andrew Petty, colored, at her home Friday. Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the death and deemed an inquest unnecessary, said that apparently she died from old age and exposure. Her body was on the floor and there were burned matches indicating that she had tried to start a fire.

Her nearest relatives are two nieces and two nephews. Attention was first centered on her age a few years ago when she applied for old age assistance but could not furnish documentary proof that she was 65. Finally, some persons whose age was about 70 certified that Mary Parks had reached middle age when they were small children.

FORESTS

Solving problems of the 130 million acres of commercial forest land owned by farmers is claiming the utmost attention of Federal and State agencies.

Doughton Agrees To Be Candidate

Heeds Pleas Of Constituents To Stay In Office

Veteran Solon Issues Statement In Nation's Capital Saturday

Washington, Jan. 27.—Yielding to the "spontaneous mandate" of the people of his district, Representative Robert L. Doughton of the Ninth North Carolina district today announced that he will again allow his name to go before the people for renomination and re-election.

Doughton, 77-year-old chairman of the House ways and means committee, issued the following statement:

"Upon the publication of my decision to retire from Congress at the end of the present term, a stream of letters, telegrams, telephone calls, and petitions came to me from every part of our district strongly urging a reconsideration. These messages, while touching me deeply, did not sway me from the position taken in my original announcement. To them I replied that I felt my determination to be proper and fully justified and that I hoped and trusted that the people of the district would understand my situation and therefore concur in my decision.

'Thousands' of Appeals

"To my surprise and embarrassment, the appeals, instead of diminishing, have progressively increased in both force and volume until literally thousands of them have been received. This spontaneous pressure to reconsider my decision culminated yesterday in the coming to Washington of a large delegation, which I believe was truly representative of the people throughout the district. This delegation urged, in the strongest terms, that I again permit my name to go before the people for renomination and re-election. They insisted that this was not only their sentiment but was the almost universal desire of the people in the communities from which the members of the delegation came.

"The argument advanced by them and many others, to which I am unable to give a satisfactory answer, was to the effect that I should not voluntary relinquish a position of extraordinary influence which is of particular value, especially at this time, to the people of this district and of the state. It was further pointed out that I should subordinate my personal considerations in deference to the desires of those who by their continued support and loyalty have enabled me to gain the responsible position I now occupy.

"No person possessing a proper degree of gratitude and sense of duty could long withstand pressure of such cogent nature.

"Even since the delegation returned to North Carolina last night," he said "messages have been pouring in insisting that I permit the people of our district to return me to Congress.

"Bowing to the weight of these requests, which I feel have reached the proportions of a spontaneous mandate, I am reluctantly agreeing to the use of my name in the coming primary. It shall be my purpose to conduct no campaign for the nomination, either offensively or defensively, as the people of the district know my record. My duties in Washington are extremely heavy at this time and will continue to require my undivided attention until the Congress adjourns, which will doubtless be some time after the May primary. Therefore, I shall attend to them with the whole of my physical and mental ability, leaving the primary to take its course, and shall await patiently and accept the result complacently."

School Attendance Near Normal Here

Attendance in North Wilkesboro schools was 93 per cent in the high school and 85 in the elementary grades, Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, said today.

Unless conditions become more unfavorable it is expected that the city schools will continue in operation.

Is A Candidate

C. Wayland Spruill, of Bertie county, a prominent farmer and state senator for the third district, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Commissioner of Agriculture.

Holding Youth For Misrepresentation

Had Been Selling High Priced Magazines For Only One Dollar Per Year

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that his department is holding a Florida youth on a charge of obtaining funds for magazine subscriptions by misrepresentation.

According to information obtained by Chief Walker, he had been representing himself as a subscription agent for Life and other high priced magazines and was charging only one dollar per year.

He told the chief his real name was Vonagenbaugh, although Jack King and J. C. Duncan are two of his aliases. Police contacted magazine offices for which he had told customers he was working and found that he had no connection, instead, they asked that he be held.

The youth, who said his age was 22, that he was a college graduate and had worked his racket in over half the 48 states, told Chief Walker that he "sold a thousand in Georgia."

Today the young man was hailed into city court here and given 30 days on the roads.

Commenting on the case, W. P. Kelly, executive secretary of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureaus, called attention to the fact that there is a city ordinance which makes it unlawful to solicit business in the city without first obtaining a permit.

The ordinance was passed at the request of the Better Business Bureau and is for the protection of the public, Mr. Kelly said. Persons approached by solicitors should ascertain whether or not the solicitors have obtained such permit and should carefully examine any propositions offered.

Highway Forces Work Valiantly To Clear Roads

Operations Continue Incessantly In Snow To Make Travel Possible

Highway workmen of the Eighth division worked valiantly during the recent snow to make travel possible.

Persons visiting this part of the state have been liberal in their praise of highway commission employes who did such a good job of keeping the highways practically clear of snow and in passable condition.

Trucks and snow drags began Tuesday morning as soon as the snow started its blanket of white and continued until the job was completed.

They worked all day Tuesday and all that night and kept the snow dragged off the highways as it fell. When motorists got out Wednesday morning they found the snow had been cleared away and traffic on the highways continued without serious handicap.

On some of the mountain highways snow would have entirely blocked them had it not been for the vigilance of the

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Schools To Re-open Wednesday, Jan. 31

Is Candidate

Paul Grady, of Smithfield, whose announcement as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor will appear in Tuesday morning's papers.

Unless Weather Conditions Are Worse In County

Ronda and Mulberry Only Central Schools In Operation Today

Unless there is more snow or weather conditions become otherwise worse, Wilkes county schools which have been closed on account of the weather will re-open on Wednesday, January 31, C. B. Eller, Wilkes superintendent of schools, said today.

A survey of the county schools this morning revealed that Ronda school re-opened today after being closed since last Tuesday and will remain open if conditions do not become more unfavorable.

Mulberry school has not closed and will remain in operation.

Roaring River, Mountain View and Mount Pleasant schools closed on Tuesday. The other larger schools closed Friday.

No serious damage was reported to plumbing and heating plants at the schools, although one pipe was bursted at Wilkesboro school.

Schools did not close because of road conditions but on account of the extreme cold and because parents and school authorities did not want to endanger health of children by exposure necessary in going to and from school. A mild epidemic of flu and colds made it all the more important that county schools close for a few days.

Mercury Sets New Record Low Here

Sub-Zero Weather Four Consecutive Days Sets New Record For Prolonged Frigid Temperature In Wilkes

The temperature tumbled here Friday morning several degrees below zero to set what old timers claim is a new low record for Wilkes.

Thermometers at the state highway machine shop and at the North Wilkesboro water works, usually recognized as reliable, recorded eight below while many individuals reported their thermometers registering all the way from four below to 14 below.

Thermometers at the C. C. Camp near Laurel Springs on the Blue Ridge recorded 20 below Friday morning.

Amateur weather observers here frequently argued about whether the temperature was lower Friday morning than the lowest recorded in 1918.

The low temperature Friday morning was only a beginning of the most prolonged period of sub-zero temperatures ever recorded here.

On Saturday morning the mercury again sang below zero, readings of from one to eight degrees below being recorded in different sections of the county.

On Sunday the most reliable thermometers here said eight below and the frigid weather continued this morning with a four degree below reading.

Similar reports come from many North Carolina cities, Winston-Salem setting a new low Sunday morning with ten below.

The cold wave has covered the entire nation with parts of Florida having sub-freezing weather with resultant heavy damage to citrus and vegetable crops.

The only part of Wilkes to escape sub-zero temperatures was [illegible], where five degrees above was the lowest temperature recorded. With the mercury falling to four below here this morning, 21 above was as low as it reached at the home of H. H. Morehouse on the Brushies.

In the Blue Ridge sections of the county several thermometers were not constructed to record as low as it reached, being from 15 to 20 below each morning since Friday. The 20 below at the C. C. Camp at Laurel Springs was the lowest in the eastern part of the country Friday below the Mason-Dixon line. Mount Mitchell had a low of only 12 below Friday.

Local plumbers have been beseiged with numerous calls to thaw frozen water pipes and pipes have been reported as frozen in many homes where that trouble had never before been experienced.

On Friday morning practically all cars in use were troubled with frozen radiators, although they had been filled with anti-freeze materials for zero-temperature protection.

With the snow remaining on the ground so steadfastly, many motorists hastened to equip their cars with chains and several dealers sold out quickly and had to go to wholesale supply houses for more. Car anti-freeze preparations have also been much in demand.

Today the weather forecasters predicted slowly rising temperatures and cloudiness Tuesday.

Honor Students In City School

At the close of the first term on January 19 two hundred and ninety-two pupils in North Wilkesboro high school completed their examinations. Of these, 43 were placed on the scholarship honors list. Eighteen were listed for Highest Honors and 25 for Honor Rating. By grades they are distributed 11 in grade eight, 12 in grade nine, 13 in grade ten, and seven in the senior class.

Following are listed the students making highest honors and those receiving honor ratings by grades:

Highest Honors

Eighth Grade: Samuel Black, Kern Church, Clarice Snelson, Bill Halfacre.

Ninth Grade: Wade Palmer, Hill Carlton, Ward Eshelman, Carl Coffey, Margaret Rhodes, Josephine Martin.

Tenth Grade: Henry Landon, Betty Halfacre, Helen Phillips, Lucille Rhodes, Betty Rhodes.

Eleventh Grade: Cora Pruitt, Alice Wells, Dorothy Jennings.

Honor Rating

Eighth Grade: Ruth Wyatt, Peggy Nichols, Miriam Phillips, Gladys Templeton, Donald Golden, Mary Moore Hix, Henry Waugh.

Ninth Grade: Grant Stewart, Mildred Stafford, Lucille Covington, Mildred Elledge, Grace Miller, Christine Byrd.

Tenth Grade: Sherwin Turner, D. T. Bush, Edna Absher, Betty Hunter, Wanda Kerley, Pauline Bumgarner, Pearl Dancy, Katherine Finley.

Eleventh Grade: Heloise Billings, Paul Haigwood, Ray Jennings, Lorene Jones, Wayne Hall.

Five Fires Keep Local Firemen Busily Engaged

Blaze At Home Chair Company Sunday Does Considerable Damage

In the coldest weather in history of the city, North Wilkesboro's fire department successfully fought five fires during the week-end.

The most serious of the blazes from the standpoint of property damage occured about two o'clock Sunday afternoon when the department was called to the Home Chair company plant to put out a fire in a carload of excelsior stored in the upholstery division of the plant.

Firemen threw water on the conflagaration for some time but were unable to completely extinguish the blaze and then worked fast in carrying out the burning material. Damage from the blaze, of undetermined origin, was estimated at more than $1,500. The damage was mainly to materials and the plant was not badly damaged.

Sunday about noon firemen answered a call to the home of George Moore in Woodlawn, where the house had caught from a flue. The blaze was put out but some damage was done to the building.

Sunday about one o'clock the residence occupied by W. G. Gabriel and family on D street caught fire between the ceiling and firemen put out the fire by use of chemicals. Little damage was done.

On Saturday morning the A. E. Spainhour residence on Kensington one-way drive caught from a flue above the kitchen and the fire was put out with little damage.

On Saturday just before noon the fire department was called to extinguish a burning [illegible] street. The fire was put out with little trouble.

Furnace Bursts At Chuch Sunday

Wilkesboro Baptist Calls Off Service When Heating Plant Bursts

Services were called off at the Wilkesboro Baptist church Sunday because the heating plant had frozen and bursted.

A fire was placed in the furnace early Sunday morning and apparently everything was going good but when the water had completed its circuit it was found that pieces of piping were broken and all the steam blew out. No more services can be held at the church until repairs on the plant are made, church officials said today.

Local Youth Is Critically Hurt

Mack Kerley Receives Lung Puncture In Sleigh Riding Accident

Mack Kerley, 13-year-old son of Mrs. Nellie Kerley, was reported today as being in a critical condition from an injury received Friday evening while sleigh riding.

His sleigh collided with a truck on F street about five o'clock. He suffered a puncture of his right lung.

He was carried immediately to the Wilkes Hospital and his condition today was reported as slightly improved.

Alton Pardue Still Missing; F. B. I. Agents Called In To Assist On Case

No word has yet been received relative to the whereabouts of Alton Pardue, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pardue, of Roaring River, who disappeared on December 19.

Father and mother of the young man, age 26, were in this city Saturday and reported that there have been no new developments in the investigation of his disappearance. They did say, however, that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are now assisting in the investigation of the mystery.

A body found at Palm Beach, Florida, several days ago was considered a possible clue, although it has not been definitely identified. Alton's parents have sent pictures to aid in possible identification.

The body, found in a pool, was bound hand and foot and was swollen to such an extent that identification was difficult.

Mr. Pardue had been teaching at Laurel Hill near Hamlet and had been getting along excellently with his school duties. He left on December 19 with the announced intention of spending the Christmas holidays with his parents at Roaring River and has not been heard from since that date.

Local Man Wins Five Dollar Prize

William O. Johnson, of 507 C street, North Wilkesboro, submitted a cartoon heading which won over several hundred others in the Charlotte Observer's weekly title line cartoon contest. Announcement of the judges' decision was contained in the Observer Sunday. "Getting a Public Herring" was the winning title submitted by Mr. Johnson.

Two New City Buses Put Into Operation

The Wilkes Transportation company, which operates buses in the Wilkesboros and on leading highways to nearby communities, added two new modern buses Saturday.

The buses, with modern bodies constructed on Chevrolet chassis purchased through Gaddy Motor company, have every modern convenience and will add greatly to comfort of passengers.

Club Directors In Meeting Thursday

Board of directors of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club met on Thursday evening at Hotel Wilkes with W. E. Jones as host.

Committee chairmen had good reports for the meeting, setting out activities and plans for the year.

He: "I suppose you dance."
She: "Oh yes, I love to."
He: "Great. That's better'n dancing."

Local People Receive Invitation To Opening Halifax Constitutional House

Invitations have been received by some of the North Wilkesboro people to attend the opening of the constitutional house at Halifax, N. C. on February 2nd. This occasion is sponsored by the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution.

This historic shrine wherein was written the first Constitution of the state of North Carolina April 12, 1776, has been restored to it's original exterior and furnished with furniture of the colonial period.

The occasion is of special interest to many people of this county, which at that time was a part of Surry county. A member of the convention was Charles Gordon, who with his brother, George Gordon, were the first settlers here. Charles Gordon built the first frame house in this county. It was built on the hill-top where Rogan Rousseau and his mother now live. This building several years ago was moved to another location, and is in fine condition. It is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Carter. Of further interest is the fact that Charles Gordon was the great-great-great-grandfather of Rogan, Julius, Archie and J. P. Rousseau and Mrs. S. V. Tomlinson.