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Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

NEW TOWNSEND BILL

Washington, Feb. 2.—A new Townsend bill, providing for payments not to exceed \$500 monthly to all persons over 60 and for a two per cent gross income tax on all incomes of more than \$350 a month to meet the cost, was introduced today by Senator Downey (D), Calif.

RAILROAD BOMBED

Shanghai, Feb. 2.—Japanese bombing planes, renewing raids which have since 1937, shot down a train, killed or wounded 100 persons as they blasted a northbound passenger train 50 miles inside Chinese territory. Ten of those killed or hurt in the raid, which wrecked a bridge, destroyed the train, and disrupted traffic on the line, were reported to be occidentals. Many Frenchmen are employed on the railway.

TELEPHONE ROBBERY

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 2.—Robbers used telephones instead of guns in Springfield's slickest bank raid and walked away with \$4,000 before Union National bank employee even became suspicious. Teller Arthur Sanders was at lunch. Six telephone calls with fake messages took tellers away from adjoining cages. Suspicious of a clerk who saw two strangers loiter near Sanders' cage, then stroll away, led to discovery that \$4,000 was missing. Officials deduced that the loiterers had used a stick to drag currency within reach.

SAYS U. S. MUST HELP

New York, Feb. 2.—Former President Herbert Hoover declared tonight that if the war were long drawn-out the United States would "need to meet the question of famine and pestilence over the whole of Europe." He said that but for American food and American relief in 1918 "famine, pestilence, and communism would have engulfed Europe." In a speech prepared for the Overseas Press Club of America, Mr. Hoover urged that this country remain at peace because "the chance for civilization in Europe to come back again may depend upon America."

FARM FUNDS SLASHED

Washington, Feb. 2.—The House tonight passed and sent to the Senate the \$722,001,084 farm-appropriation bill, slashed \$6,928,434 below "bed-rock" budget estimates despite warnings from President Roosevelt and other administration leaders that the cuts threaten to impair agricultural economy. Leaders held members in overtime session to dispose of the bill so that a week-end adjournment can be taken. They had given up hope privately of restoring any of the major cuts made by the appropriations committee.

GARNER IN PRIMARY

Washington, Feb. 2.—Vice President John N. Garner tonight announced his willingness to enter his name in a Georgia Democratic presidential preference primary, if one is held, in what was interpreted as a bid for southern conservative support as well as a maneuver to force the holding of a primary. The 71-year-old Texan who announced he would seek the Democratic presidential nomination regardless whether President Roosevelt runs for a third term, made known his intention in an exchange of letters with conservative Senator Walter F. George (D), Ga., whom Mr. Roosevelt sought to displace in his 1938 political purge.

Another Clinic For Crippled 8th

Will Be Conducted At The Wilkes Hospital; Aided Attendance Crippled

Another clinic for free examination of crippled children will be held at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday, February 8, Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes county health officer, said today.

The clinic, which is sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club as a part of its work for underprivileged children, will be conducted by Dr. O. L. Miller, an orthopedic surgeon from Charlotte.

The health department is seeking that all crippled and deformed children, be present for the clinic and asks the citizenship of the county to cooperate by aiding such cases to be present for free examination.

First Farm Checks For 1939 Payments Given To Farmers

Only A Small Number Of Checks To Be Received Have Arrived To Date

The first group of checks for Wilkes farmers as payment for compliance with the soil program during 1939 have arrived and have been distributed to the farmers, Dan Höller, Wilkes county agent, said today.

He explained, however, that only 96 checks have arrived, representing the first applications for payment sent in some time ago, and that others will be arriving at different intervals. He said it would be unnecessary for any farmer to call for a check until he has been notified that it has arrived at the office.

The 96 checks which have arrived totaled \$1,296.50, averaging only \$13.50 each. The low average is explained by the fact that deductions were made for the payment of lime and phosphate purchased at government price and used in compliance with the program. Had the value of lime and phosphate purchased been added, the average payment would have represented a great sum.

To Begin Work On Community House

Materials Being Placed On Grounds For Erection Of Moravian Falls Building

People of the Moravian Falls community, whose NYA project failed to gain approval because of technicalities, are going ahead with plans for erection of their building.

Today workmen were engaged in hauling stone for construction of the foundation and chimney for the structure, which will be 24 by 40 feet in size. Some of the lumber has already been placed on the lot, which was donated by R. Don Laws, a prominent citizen of the community. The stone for the foundation and chimney is coming from the old Moravian Falls mill site and was donated by Duke Power company.

The project will be a cooperative affair with the people of the community participating and many have already subscribed substantial gifts in materials and cash. Those who have not paid their cash subscriptions are asked by the building committee to pay them as early as possible to Mrs. W. C. Hendren or Mrs. Cecil Howell.

Actual construction of the building will get under way as soon as weather conditions permit.

Sixteen Football Boys Get Letters

Presentation Here Friday; Squad Will Lose Nine Through Graduation

Coach Jack Massey presented letters Friday to sixteen members of the Mountain Lions football squad for the past season.

The presentations were made by Mr. Massey, who served his first year as coach and enjoyed a reasonably successful season, at the school chapel assembly period.

Those receiving letters were George Robinett, Ward Kenerly, Bucky Faw, Bob Johnson, Royal Johnson, Don Craven, Paul Haigwood, Zane Foster, Raymond Minton, Walter Call, John I. Myers, Houston Steelman, Bob McCoy, Lomax Crook, Charles Shatley and George Campbell.

Graduation this year will take a toll of nine letter men. Those to be lost to the squad by graduation will be Bob and Royal Johnson, Don Craven, Paul Haigwood, Raymond Minton, Walter Call, Houston Steelman, Charles Shatley and George Campbell.

ABSOLUTELY

A teacher was giving his class a lecture on charity.

"Willie," he said, "if I saw a boy beating a donkey, and I stopped him from doing so, what virtue should I be showing?"

"Brotherly Love," Willie retorted promptly.

Action Skyward



Anti-aircraft gunners aboard a Swedish man of war in the Gulf of Bohemia practice with their weapons — one of the most deadly guns made to counteract the warplane threat. Although Sweden remains neutral, she continues to intensify defense measures.

Each Farmer Must Outline Plan Of Year's Activities

All To Be Interviewed Relative To Plans As They Receive 1939 Payments

As each Wilkes farmer on the soil program calls at the office of the county agent to receive his check in payment for compliance with the government's farm program in 1939, he is interviewed by Lawrence Miller, chief clerk of the Triple A in Wilkes, and he outlines plans for his farm for 1940, Dan Höller, county agent, said today.

In a letter being sent out to each farmer notified to call for his check Mr. Höller said: "Unless you make this farm plan you will not be on the program and cannot receive any of its benefits. This was what was known as the 'old sign up' and everyone who participates in the 1940 program must make out one of these plans."

Further discussing the program and urging farmers to participate, the county agent said: "To take advantage of this offer will mean that you should make every effort to improve your farm with this federal aid. To reject the program you will sit idly by and let your farm continue to waste away and become less productive.

"With wars in progress throughout the world, America may be called upon to produce to the fullest extent within the next few years. In case such a demand should be made the best defense we could have would be a productive soil and a well managed agriculture. I am calling on you, as a farmer and as a citizen of this state and nation, to do your part in carrying out the purposes of this program."

List Of Eligibles For Wilkesboro Postoffice Position Is Released

Ward Not To Enter Gubernatorial Race

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—D. L. Ward, of New Bern, speaker of the 1939 house of representatives and frequently mentioned as a possible candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, removed himself from consideration tonight.

Ward said: "I am not a candidate this time."

Local Firm Gets Big Tax Refund

The North Carolina Auction company, a North Wilkesboro business firm, was among the list released by the treasury department at Washington, D. C., Friday as receiving substantial tax refunds.

The amount of the refund for the local company was given as \$2,624 and was listed among those receiving refunds for payments of the invalidated processing tax.

'Save The Babies' Is Earnest Plea Of The Health Officer

Dr. Eller Says Immunization and Blood Test Laws Must Be Enforced

"Save the Babies," was the plea of Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes county health officer, today as he discussed two North Carolina laws and warned that people should obey them.

He pointed out that there have been several cases of diphtheria in Wilkes county and some deaths from the disease, despite the fact that a law making it mandatory for parents to have babies six months of age and older immunized went into effect several months ago. If the law had been observed, Dr. Eller said, much suffering and even death could have been prevented.

The other law which he discussed was the statute which makes it compulsory for every expectant mother to have a blood test made in the early stages of pregnancy. The main purpose of this law, Dr. Eller said, is to save babies from being born dead, deformed or diseased because of syphilis. By way of explanation he pointed out that in case an expectant mother has syphilis, the baby can be saved from death, deformities or other disastrous results by treating the mother early. Expectant mothers treated over a sufficient time before childbirth may give birth to a healthy child even if the mother has the disease, he said.

He warned that the law must be enforced in order to "save the babies."

Wilkes Schools Re-Opened Today

All Schools Except Traphill In Operation; Water Shortage There

All Wilkes county schools with the exception of Traphill were in operation today, C. B. Eller, county schools superintendent, said this afternoon.

Traphill school remains closed for a few days on account of water shortage.

Six of the larger schools were closed all last week on account of weather conditions but re-opened today in much milder weather than prevailed a week ago when for the fourth consecutive day the mercury sank below zero.

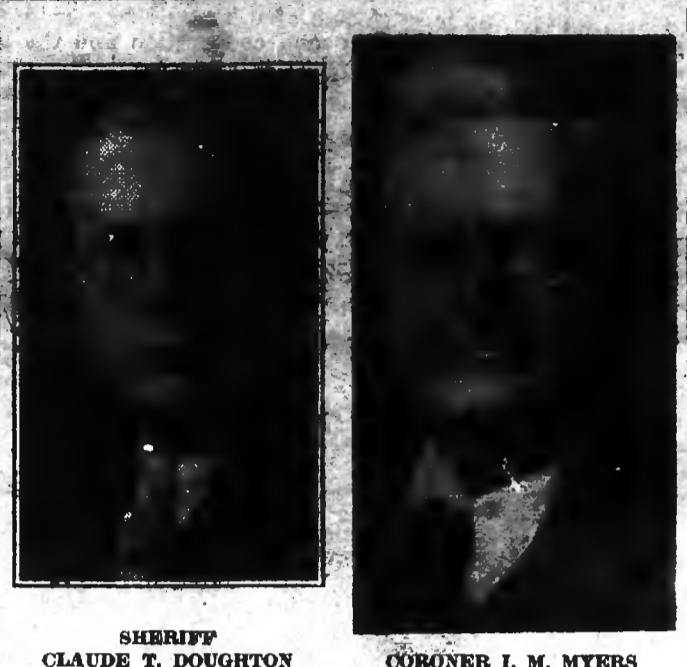
The schools which re-opened today after being closed last week included Wilkesboro, Millers Creek, Mount Pleasant, Ferguson, Moravian Falls, Cricket and other smaller schools with interlocking transportation facilities.

Mountain View, Ronda and Roaring River re-opened last week and Mulberry school has operated without intermission.

Alaskan Roses Bloom

Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 1.—Roses are in bloom as the warmest January in weather bureau records draws to a close. Yesterday's 61 degrees was a record for the date. Coldest this month was 29.

SERVING FOUR-YEAR TERMS



SHERIFF CLAUDE T. DOUGHTON CORONER I. M. MYERS

Along with other sheriffs and coroners in North Carolina's 100 counties, Wilkes Sheriff Claude T. Doughton and Coroner I. M. Myers are serving four-year terms and there will be no election for sheriff or coroner until 1942. The decision on two or four-year terms for sheriffs and coroners because of a constitutional amendment voted in 1938 was handed down Friday by the North Carolina supreme court.

LONG TERMS FOR SHERIFFS AND CORONERS IS UPHELD

Churches Of City To Observe World Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be observed at the Presbyterian church Friday, February 9. On this day the doors of the church will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. Anyone desiring to have a part in the observance of this day is cordially invited to come to the church for prayer and meditation at anytime during these hours. The Woman's Auxiliaries of the churches will put on a special program at 2:00 p. m. The Young Adults of the church will follow with a short program at five-thirty.

Warning Against Transfer Tobacco Allotments Made

Allotments Good Only For Farms For Which They Were Signed

According to the set up of the 1940 AAA program it will be necessary for the tobacco that is allotted for a certain farm to be grown on that particular farm. In other words in case a farmer owns two farms and has a tobacco allotment on one, but does not have one on the other he cannot grow tobacco on the one that does not have the allotment unless these two farms are combined together as one farm.

All changes including combinations of farms must be approved by the time that the farmer "signs up" on the 1940 program, and all farmers who receive payment through the AAA must sign for 1940 in order to receive payment. In the majority of cases this sign up will occur at the time the check is delivered to the farmer for practices earned on the 1939 program.

The above information was given out by Lawrence Miller, chief of the Wilkes County Agricultural Conservation association.

Employment Office Here Ranked 11th In Placements For Six-Months Period

Exceeded Only By Offices In Ten Of State's Largest Cities, Report Shows

Only ten branches of the North Carolina State Employment Service exceeded the North Wilkesboro office in job placements during the six-month period ending December 31, a report here today showed.

North Wilkesboro office ranked 11th in the state with a total of 1,696.

Raleigh led all other offices with 4,463 and other offices in the first ten were Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Greenville, Kingston, Rocky Mount and Wilson. In January this year the North Wilkesboro office placed only 54

May 16 Date Set For Democratic State Convention

State Democratic Executive Committee In Meeting At Raleigh Friday

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—The North Carolina Democratic convention will be held in Raleigh, May 16, the state Democratic executive committee decided in a 12-minute meeting here tonight.

District conventions will convene here immediately before the state convention. County conventions will be held at the various county seats May 11 and precinct meetings will be held May 4.

Members of the executive committee, many of whom had traveled several hundred miles to attend the session, voted on only two motions. The first was that the formality of reading the minutes of the last meeting be postponed indefinitely. The second was a resolution, introduced by Walter D. Siler, of Pittsboro, fixing the dates for the conventions.

There was no discussion on either motion. All but half a minute of the meeting was utilized to call the roll. Ninety-two members were present either in person or by proxy.

Governor Absent

Governor Hoey, who is recuperating at the executive mansion from an operation for hernia, was not present at the session, but the committee followed a suggestion by him that the 1940 convention be held earlier than usual.

The Governor, in a press conference Monday, said he believed the convention should meet before May 25—the date of the state's first primary election.

In the past, the state session usually has been held in June, after the first primary and only a few days before the national convention. An earlier state convention, the governor said, would keep national issues from becoming confused with state issues, and would give North Carolina delegates to the national convention an opportunity to attend national caucuses.

Bid For Influence

By attending these caucuses, Hoey added, Tar Heel delegates would have an "influential say" in choosing the Democratic presidential nominee and in drafting national policies.

Delegates named at many previous North Carolina conventions, held almost on the eve of national sessions, have had no opportunity to caucus, and frequently have merely "rubber-stamped" national policies and candidates, he asserted.

Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell and J. M. Broughton, both gubernatorial candidates of Raleigh, attended the meeting. D. L. Ward, of New Bern, W. E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, and Willis Smith, of Raleigh, who have said they may run for the post, also were on hand.

R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia party chairman, presided. Ward, the secretary, called the roll.

Astronomy Talk At Kiwanis Meet

Dr. Henry Lewis Smith Delivers Interesting Address On "Starry Heavens"

Dr. Henry Lewis Smith, of Greensboro, delivered an interesting address Friday noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club on the subject of "The Starry Heavens."

Dr. Smith, who was presented by Rev. Watt M. Cooper, discussed his subject under the following heads: sun, planets, moon, radiation, telescope, light year, solar family, milky way universe, and outer universe.

He showed plenty of knowledge of his subject and told many facts in a most interesting manner.

The secretary read a communication from the Raleigh Club stating that International President Bennett O. Knudson would be the guest of that club on Saturday night, February 17, and that members of this club are invited to be present for the occasion. Attention was also called to the meeting in High Point, Friday, February 16, when President Knudson would be the guest of that Club.