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## The New Of Education Told Briefly

**WILL ENTER PRIMARY**  
Baltimore, Feb. 7.—John R. Hoffack, Baltimore attorney, today announced that he will enter the May primary for the Republican nomination for governor of North Carolina, and in the same time set forth his conception of some of the duties of state and federal governments.

**GYMNASIUM BURNED**  
Walnut Cove, Feb. 7.—Fire believed to have sprung from a defective stove completely destroyed the gymnasium of the Walnut Cove school last night. Stoves were used to heat the building. Basketball games scheduled to be played in the gymnasium this week will be staged on another court. Damage schedule has not been completed.

**KILLED IN ACCIDENT**  
Brevard, Feb. 7.—Richard H. Pearson, 25, of Cedar Mountain, was killed this morning in a logging accident in the Asgard section of upper Transylvania county. Working with two companions sawing heavy timbers on the edge of a small creek, Pearson was pinned beneath a heavy log that forced him into the creek and rolled on him, striking his head and body.

**RUSSIANS BOMB PRISONS**  
Helsinki, Feb. 7.—Soviet Russia's air fleet, in a four-hour raid aimed at cracking Finnish morale, today bombed a prison full of Russian prisoners of war while her armies of the isthmus pounded again at the Mannerheim line, reckless of losses which Finnish military observers placed at 20,000 dead and wounded in the past week.

**COULDN'T FIND GOD**  
Murphy, Feb. 7.—An official search of Cherokee county for God resulted in the sheriff attending he could not be found. An eccentric woman's will left part of her estate to God. In an endeavor to settle the estate, a suit was filed in court and God was named a party. On the summons the sheriff made the response: "After due and diligent search, God cannot be found in Cherokee county."

**BIG YEAR FOR G. M.**  
New York, Feb. 7.—Big General Motors corporation today reported indicated not profits of \$73,631,000 for the final three months of 1939, equal after preferred dividends to \$1.66 a common share and the largest earnings for any December quarter in history. With the exception of the June quarter three years earlier, they were the biggest for any three months period since the June quarter of 1929.

**HOUSE FILING FEE \$6**  
Raleigh, Feb. 7.—The attorney general's office ruled today that each candidate for the legislature should pay a \$6 filing fee—1 per cent of the salary for a session of the general assembly. U. S. Page, 1939 representative from Bladen county, requested the ruling. The office also held that each candidate for a position paid by fees should pay a minimum \$5 filing fee, unless the incumbent received more than \$500 in the preceding year. In that case, the fee would be 1 per cent of that amount.

**HUGE TAX LIENS FILED**  
New York, Feb. 7.—The government today filed income tax liens totaling \$2,664,954 against Howard C. Hopson, the spectacular entrepreneur who helped create the sprawling, billion-dollar Associated Gas and Electric system, and four of his relatives and five corporations he personally controlled. The lien against Hopson himself—a mountainous figure of a man who once straggled and told a senate investigating committee "you have me on the hip"—was for \$284,997 representing taxes for 1934 and 1935.

**BRITISH SUPPORT FINNS**  
London, Feb. 7.—Britain unreservedly her support for Finland against Russia today with an official statement indicating that she is extending virtually every aid short of active military intervention. Assurance that Finland's appeals for help were being answered substantially were given in the house of commons as Britain's own war was felt in a gathering untouched maritime. The 4,365-ton Irish mail steamer Minister sank between Liverpool and Ireland after an explosion apparently caused by a mine. The 208 passengers and crew were saved.

## Town Board In Regular Session

### Large Delegation Appears Before Board Requesting A Playground

The regular meeting of the city board of commissioners, composed of Mayor R. T. McNeil, H. M. Stachens, W. K. Sturdivant, J. B. Carter and Gordon Finley, all being present, with Mayor R. T. McNeil presiding, was featured by the appearance of a delegation of local citizens which requested the city property known as the "old grounds" for an all-year-round playground.

The delegation which appeared before the board represented practically every civic organization in the city, and after hearing a number of the citizens on the subject, the board took the matter under consideration and will meet again next week at the call of Mayor McNeil to try to work out a proposition that will be satisfactory to the advocates of the playground and fair officials who have the property leased for two more years for two weeks in September.

The board also took under advisement the matter of making improvements to the city's sewerage system and this subject will also claim the attention of the board at the meeting next week.

The board employed Attorney Harold Burke to represent the city in the litigation brought by Henry T. Blair against the city and state for alleged damages caused by the construction of the new road to Elkin. Mr. Blair's property is located in the northern part of the city.

The board also passed a resolution for the Greyhound lines which is petitioning for a franchise to operate buses over the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Before adjournment, the board transacted the usual routine business.

## Pythian-Dokies To Hold Ladies' Night

Ladies' Night will be observed by the local orders of Knights of Pythians and D. O. K. K. at Hotel Wilkes tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting program has been planned for the occasion.

The various committees in charge of the Ladies' Night event are actively engaged in making final plans for one of the most enjoyable events of the season.

## Myers To Vacate McCoy Property

Mrs. I. M. Myers, who has been operating a rooming house in the J. B. McCoy property on B street, will vacate the property the first of the month, it was learned here today. Mrs. Myers, however, will continue to operate her rooming and boarding house next door to the E. L. Hart residence.

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Mrs. Myers is giving up her rooming house which is owned by J. B. McCoy so that the house may be torn down and the lot graded for a new service station, it is stated.

## Local Library To Be Closed Friday

Miss Hazel Horton, librarian, announces that the local library will be closed tomorrow afternoon from 12 to 2 o'clock on account of library study courses.

## Finnish Soldiers Examine Captured Soviet Guns



Finnish soldiers examine field pieces and other spoils of war captured from the Russians in forces fighting near the Karvian peninsula front. A recent Soviet dispatch solemnly announced that Russia would declare war on Finland unless that country returned all munitions material which she had captured. The Finns are reported to have taken great stock of ammunition and other war stores from the Red troops.

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Those in charge of making arrangements for attendance at the Lincoln Day Dinner which will be held in Greensboro Monday night, February 12th, reported today that a large number of Republicans from Wilkes county will be present for the party's confab. Those not having means of transportation are requested to meet at the courthouse by twelve o'clock noon on Monday and a way will be provided.

If any Republican in the county desires any further information he is requested to get in touch with the committee composed of Paul Osborne, S. R. Laws, Claude Kennedy, J. H. Somers, and Max Foster.

## Commissioners In Session Monday

### Routine Business Matters Are Transacted; Several Allowed Help

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## VanDeman Reports Much Progress In Experimental Work In This Section

### Interesting Report Presented At Annual Meeting Of Fruit Growers

Much progress has been made in experimental work in apple orchards in Wilkes and adjoining counties, according to the report read at the annual meeting of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers by Carl E. VanDeman, who is in charge of the apple research laboratory located near the Wilkes-Alexander county line. Mr. VanDeman's report, in full, is as follows:

## State Republicans Making Plans For Lincoln Day Feed

### Henderson Is Chosen Toastmaster; Record Through Is To Gather

Greensboro, Feb. 6.—Worth D. Henderson, Greensboro attorney and chairman of Guilford county Republican executive committee, has been named toastmaster for the 11th annual Lincoln day dinner which is to be held here Monday night, February 12, at King Cotton hotel, with Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, as principal speaker.

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## County Democratic Executive Committee To Meet On Feb. 17

### 26 Youths Receive Jobs Thru N. Y. A.

A recent survey of local NYA activities for the past five months revealed a total of twenty-six boys and girls receiving private employment, Mrs. Maude Miller, County Supervisor, said today. Approximately two thirds of this number would never have been able to obtain the necessary experience had not the National Youth Administration provided the opportunity.

There are five local work projects in operation in Wilkes county at the present time giving employment to one-hundred, seventy-five youths. Clerical, construction, wood-working shop, lunch-rooms and home making projects offer work experience and training.

The NYA deserves the sympathy and support of all people who desire to make the on-coming generation worthy and intelligent citizens of a great democracy—so that we may have in deed and truth, "America, the Beautiful."

## Moravian National Farm Loan Asso. To Meet Feb. 24th

Members of the Moravian National Farm Loan Association will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, February 24th, at the new Town Hall in North Wilkesboro, it is announced by Mr. P. E. Dancy, President.

At this meeting complete and detailed reports of the association's operations for the past year will be made by the secretary-treasurer, Mr. O. H. Bracey, and the other officers.

The meeting will also provide the members with an opportunity to elect two directors for the ensuing year.

Presiding at the meeting will be Mr. P. E. Dancy, president, who is also a member of the board of directors. Other members of the board are B. L. Johnson, Roaring River; B. C. Price, Pores Knob; J. N. Gentry, Doughton; and J. R. Eller, Puryear.

The Moravian National Farm Loan Association is a cooperative organization through which farmers obtain long-term farm loans from the Federal Land Bank of Columbia.

Mr. Dancy said that it was hoped that every member of the association would be present at the annual meeting.

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## Lenten Services At Episcopal Church

Services will be held every Friday evening during Lent at St. Paul's Episcopal church at 7:30 p. m. beginning with Friday of this week.

## Party Leaders Will Gather In City Hall; Hour Set For 2 P. M.

J. R. Rousseau, chairman, and C. O. McNeil, secretary, have issued a call for a meeting of the county Democratic Executive Committee to meet on Saturday, February 17th, at 2 p. m. in the city hall in North Wilkesboro.

Following is a list of executive committees for the various precincts of the county:

- Antioch: T. M. Inscore, chairman; Mrs. Pearl Mathis, vice chairman; Chester Mathis, secretary; R. G. Mathis, J. S. Fardus.
- Beaver Creek: G. C. Hayes, chairman; Mrs. S. J. Wales, vice chairman; T. W. Ferguson, secretary; R. C. Walsh, W. C. Minton.
- Boomer: S. T. Walsh, chairman; Virginia Lee Craft, vice chairman and secretary; Tom Greer, Don Russel, and W. R. Craft.
- Brushy Mountain: M. V. Robinson, chairman; Mrs. Christie Tedder, vice chairman; C. J. Henderson, secretary; Bill Tevepaugh, and H. R. Queen.
- Edwards No. 1: C. A. Burchett, chairman; Mrs. Marvin Walls, vice chairman; Ralph Martin, secretary; Hobson Blackburn and J. A. Poplin.
- Edwards No. 2: W. W. Harrie, chairman; Mrs. W. E. Parks, vice chairman; E. J. Durham, secretary; R. V. Garris and Will Jolly.
- Edwards No. 3: J. C. Newman, chairman; Mrs. A. T. Gentry, vice chairman; J. J. Myers, secretary; Milt Windsor and P. L. Boyd.
- Elk No. 1: Mrs. Desale Burchette, vice chairman; Dallas Triplett, secretary; W. O. Barnett and Green Shell.
- Elk No. 2: W. E. Horton, chairman; Mrs. W. A. Proffitt, vice chairman; B. F. Walsh, secretary; Philo Triplett and F. W. McNeil.
- Job's Cabin No. 1: Mrs. Eugenia Beshears, vice chairman; J. W. Church, secretary; D. P. Beshears and H. L. Beshears.
- Job's Cabin No. 2: Hill Hamby, chairman; Mrs. Judd Proffitt, vice chairman; Sam Triplett, secretary; Mose Thompson and Doughton Foster.
- Lewis Fork: Bob Walsh, chairman; Mrs. T. O. Minton, vice chairman; Conrad Jones, secretary; D. F. Shepherd and T. C. Walsh.
- Lovelace: E. P. Inscore, chairman; Miss Pansy Johnson, vice chairman; G. H. Hayes, secretary; Smith Johnson and Leonard Souther.
- Moravian Falls: Joe Pearson, chairman; Mrs. L. B. Walsh, vice chairman; Cecil Howell, secretary; Sam Greer, Sam Penzel, and Clarence Gilreath.
- Mulberry No. 1: Mrs. Grem Owens, vice chairman; N. C. Vanmoy, F. P. Taylor, and Ira Shumate.
- Mulberry No. 2: Mrs. Glenn Dancy, vice chairman; W. A. Brower, E. M. Hutchinson, and Thurman Adams.
- New Castle: Mrs. James Pardue, vice chairman; M. L. Gray. (Continued on Page 8)

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