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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

SOUTH POLE MOVES

Washington, Feb. 14.—Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd reported from the Antarctic today that the south magnetic pole apparently has shifted its position. He said in a telegram received by the navy that observations made on February 7 had led to the belief that the pole had moved westward from at least three of the four positions reported since 1899.

ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, Feb. 14.—A section of German infantry made another stab at French lines west of the Saar river in subzero weather today but the French high command said the thrust crumpled before French counter-fire. At the same time the French announced that a German cargo boat, the name of which was not given, had been captured by French naval blockade forces and escorted to a French port.

SURRENDER URGED

Hongkong, Feb. 15.—(Thursday)—Japan's invading forces have addressed a proclamation to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek urging him to surrender because, they declared, the Japanese now have won "sufficient areas in China for establishment of the new order in east Asia." As a result of Japanese "victories" in Kwangsi province in south China during the past two weeks, "further Chinese resistance against Japan is futile," said the proclamation, issued by the Japanese south China command last night.

SHIPS, U-BOATS SUNK

London, Feb. 14.—The British admiralty tonight announced the sinking of two more German submarines, one of which was credited with sinking the 7,684-ton British freighter Sultan Star, en route to England with 6,000 tons of frozen beef from Argentina. "Since the sinking of two U-boats by one British destroyer was announced February 9, three large British merchant ships, namely the Greatfield, 10,190 tons, and the Sultan Star, 12,306 tons, and the Surtan Star, 12,306 tons, have been sunk, but two of the U-boats concerned also have been destroyed," the admiralty statement said.

MORE WAR TALKS

Istanbul, Feb. 14.—The Turkish press turned sudden attention today to the strategic position of Soviet Russia's rich Caucasian oil fields, lying along the Turkish frontier, and openly discussed the possibility of war over them "by April." One inspired newspaper, the usually well informed Son Telegraf, suggested that Great Britain, France and Turkey, with combined near eastern forces of nearly 1,000,000 men, may be considering an attack on these fields. Several newspapers featured reports that Germany was sending a large number of troops to the Caucasus to help Russia defend the oil supplies.

NAVAL EXPANSION

Washington, Feb. 14.—Congressional economy and naval expansion programs collided head-on today. The house naval committee unanimously approved a two-year \$655,000,000 fleet increase just one day after another house committee had cut \$111,699,699 from the navy's funds for the coming fiscal year. Contending that the United States must consider the possibility that "a number of potential enemies" might join forces against it in the future, the naval committee endorsed a bill to authorize construction within the next two years of 21 additional warships, 22 auxiliary vessels and about 1,000 more airplanes. The measure carried no appropriation. If it becomes law, Congress will be asked later to provide the money.

New Auto Supply Store Opening On Friday, Saturday

Located at Corner of B and Sixth Streets; Complete Line of Accessories

Motor Market, located on the corner of B and Sixth streets, has announced formal opening of their Auto Supply Store on Friday and Saturday of this week.

In announcing the opening C. D. Coffey, Jr., owner, said that the store will be under the management of Ray Shumaker, who will be ably assisted by Glenn Eller and Jess Stout, all of whom have many years experience in serving motorists in this section (Continued on page eight).

Robert H. McNeil May Be Candidate For Governorship

Wilkes Native Considering Entering As Republican Standard Bearer

Robert H. McNeil, prominent attorney and veteran Republican campaigner, in a statement made in Winston-Salem Tuesday night, said he was considering seriously the thought of becoming a candidate for the governorship in the forthcoming Republican primary.

However, he said, he will make no definite announcement on the matter until he has had an opportunity to think it over thoroughly in the light of further expressions of sentiment from Republicans throughout the state.

He is a native of Wilkes and has many friends and relatives here who are interested in his proposed candidacy.

McNeil, who attended the convention of North Carolina Young Republicans and the Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro Monday stated that "during all of Monday morning and evening I was deeply gratified to be urged to enter the Republican primary as a candidate for governor."

"My friends with whom I have rendered party service for 40 years, and many of the young men and women, including college and university groups, joining in, urging me to make the race. These men and women who so honored me literally, came from Beaufort to Marshall, and from Jefferson to the South Carolina line.

"I feel deeply sensitive of the honor these representative Republicans desire me to have and I feel it the more because our party in 1940 'is on the march,' and if we are wise in our actions, and make no mistakes in the selection of our candidates we will carry the state and thereby aid in a great national victory.

"The proffered honor involves a great responsibility, but I would gladly assume the heavy duties and responsibility if I felt assured the rank and file of the party, as well as its splendid leadership, desired me to do so. However, I want to wait a few days before making a final statement. The matter is too serious for ill-considered action."

16-Year-Old-Girl Held For Running Moonshine Still

Sallie Benton Arraigned On Warrant After Being Caught At Still

Miss Sallie Benton, age 16, a daughter of Mrs. Minnie Benton Call, of the Call community, was placed under bond this week on a charge of operating an illicit still.

The girl was alleged to have been found at a still by officers Monday and she was arrested by Deputy Marshal Walter Irwin.

She was given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner J. W. Dula in Wilkesboro and was released under bond of \$1,000 for appearance at the May term of federal court.

No other person was found at the still and she was charged with being owner and operator of the illicit outfit.

Local Boys Held For Theft Metal

Fourteen-Year-Old Boys To Be Tried Friday On Larceny Charge Here

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that two 14-year-old boys have been arrested for the theft of about \$40 worth of metal from E. V. Williams machine shop in the western part of this city.

Ralph Lyall and Buell Kilby, both of this city, have confessed the crime and will be tried Friday before C. C. Hayes, judge of the juvenile court.

The boys are alleged to have taken a considerable quantity of aluminum and brass, which they tried to dispose of at junk yards and other machine shops here.

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Finnish Women Volunteer in Country's Defense



Members of the Lotta Svard, women's auxiliary organization of Finland, are shown doing their part in repelling the Red invasion of their country. At the left a very young member of the highly trained organization prepares a ball of wool for knitting garments. Center: A cook presides over huge cauldrons in which soup is being cooked back of the front lines. Right: Potatoes must be peeled, and another woman aids her country by performing that necessary task.

McCrary Says Farmers Ask Holler Be Retained As Wilkes Farm Agent

Holler Resigns To Accept Work At State Capitol

District Agent Cites Progress In The County

Triple "A" Committee And Extension Service Conducts Referendum On Question Of County Agent Post

Dan F. Holler, Wilkes county farm agent for the past two years, today began his duties in a new position with the North Carolina Extension Service in Raleigh and the office of Wilkes county agent is vacant.

The vacancy has occurred as a result of a controversy between the Wilkes county board of commissioners and authorities of the Extension Service over appointment of a county agent.

Last year the commissioners appointed Edward M. Freas, of Traphill, to succeed Mr. Holler as county agent but the state authorities, who pointed out that the services of Mr. Holler had been most satisfactory, would not approve the change. Later the commissioners appointed Howard Colvard, of Reddies River, and he likewise was not approved. State authorities also failed to approve the appointment of L. F. Brumfield by the commissioners.

Today the office of the county agent was open for business as usual with Assistant Agent Jesse F. Giles and Miss Harriet McGoogan, home demonstration agent, remaining on duty.

Yesterday the Triple "A" committee of the county met at the courthouse and the matter of the disagreement which exists between the commissioners and authorities of the extension service was discussed at length. O. F. (Continued on page five)

Maxwell Talks At Brotherhood Meet

Commissioner Of Revenue Gives Many Interesting Facts About State

Allen J. Maxwell, state commissioner of revenue and one of the announced candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor, delivered an interesting address on Tuesday night at the regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood held at the church hut.

Forty-five were in attendance at the meeting, which was described as one of the best in many months.

Mr. Maxwell's address, devoid of any hint of politics, was filled with interesting facts about North Carolina, past and present, and an outline of some of the outstanding needs of the state, particularly improved highways. His address was received with much interest.

Many Republicans From Wilkes Hear Taft On Monday

Wilkes G.O.P. Has Large Delegation At Annual Lincoln Day Dinner

With the largest delegation ever to attend a Republican meeting in the state, Wilkes was well represented at the annual Lincoln Day dinner held in Greensboro Monday night.

ed the banquet hall and all available space nearby in the King Cotton Hotel to attend the annual rally and to hear the keynote address delivered by Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, one of the leading candidates for the presidency this year.

Several Wilkes Republicans were also among the number who attended the convention of Young Republicans held earlier in the day. Attorney Kyle Hayes was a member of the resolutions committee for the convention, along with J. M. Bale, Jr., chairman, and Carl Greene.

Resolutions prepared by the committee and adopted by the convention praised Republicans in congress for their effective opposition to the New Deal, condemned many policies of the national administration, condemned the Democratic legislature for interfering for partisan purposes with self government by Republican counties, condemned state authorities for permitting coercion of school teachers and bitterly blasted the 1939 election laws which abolished absentee voting in primaries but retained the method for general elections.

Among those from Wilkes who attended the Lincoln Day dinner were the following:

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Smithey, Mrs. W. H. Foster, H. P. Eller, H. C. Kilby, G. G. Foster, Dave Mink, Olen Watson, W. B. Somers, Fred Eller, D. W. Miller, G. H. Walker, George Miller, W. A. Payne, J. G. Billings, C. C. Cannon, Alonza Anderson, M. R. Cook, Old Wiles, J. Allie Hayes, C. O. Bumgarner, Raymond McDuffie, I. M. Eller, Mrs. Virginia Sprinkle, L. M. Bumgarner, M. M. Bumgarner, Shafter Laws, Bruce Combs, Bruce Pardue, Charlie Pardue, Ed Pardue, Arvin Pardue, Presley Myers, Lloyd Phillips, Harrison Baker, T. N. Royal, John Walsh, S. M. Shumate, H. E. Billings, C. W. Haynes, Baxter Payne, Ernest Watson, Luther Hendren, Russell Hendren, Burlie Foster, A. A. Triplett, Lilla Royal, Ruby Royal, Josephine Royal, Ed Crysel, D. R. Parker, T. R. Bryan, J. C. Grayson, Coy Segraves, R. Staley, Vonley Church, R. G. Bumgarner, F. E. McGlamery, Carl Church, Vernon Church, Clyde Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Boss Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hoots, Mr. and Mrs. Christie Alexander, C. G. Poindexter, R. D. Cooper, W. S. Fletcher, Dale Cooper, William Fletcher, Billie C. Hayes, Dema McGee, A. H. Casey, Tyre Casey, R. P. Casey, A. F. Kilby, Miss Era Templeton, R. S. Ogilvie, Mack Smithey, C. M. Elledge, (Continued on page five)

Harvey Greene Dies At Deep Gap Home

Harvey Greene, age 82, well known citizen of the Deep Gap community, died at his home Tuesday night. Funeral service will be held Friday, 11 a. m., at the family cemetery.

His children are: Porter, Mansfield and Gesty Greene, Mrs. Janie Goulds, Boyd, Judson and Manie Greene and Mrs. Pearl Hamby.

Publicity Booklet To Be Distributed Soon

Wilkes One Of 9 Bureaus Accept To Pay All Taxes Due Under Levies Final Proofs Of Attractive Book

72 Counties Owe State Almost \$700,000 On Ad Valorem Taxes For 2 Years

Wilkes county is among nine North Carolina counties, which have paid the state all funds due under the 15-cent ad valorem tax levied by the state for schools in 1931 and 1932, State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, announced recently from figures compiled for submission to the governor and council of state under a 1939 statute authorizing "settlement, adjustment, or compromise" of sums due the state.

Seventy-two counties still owe approximately \$700,000 from a total levy for the two years of nearly \$9,000,000.

Mr. Johnson has been adverse to make any recommendations although the 1939 statute contemplated a full settlement of the claims through compromise, because of "inability of some counties to pay." The reluctance to make recommendations grows out of a study of the list, which shows that some of the poorest counties in the State have paid or overpaid what was due by them while some of the wealthiest counties are still in arrears.

The following nine counties have paid precisely what was due by them: Alleghany, Ashtabula, Davidson, Guilford, Hertford, Watauga and Wilkes.

The following counties have overpaid in the amounts stated: Cabarrus, \$1,024; Columbus, \$1,478; Currituck, \$44; Durham, \$2,366; Edgecombe, \$2,467; Gates, \$160; Graham, \$227; Madison, \$123; Mitchell, \$15; Northampton, \$0.1; Transylvania, \$60; Warren, \$4,454; and Wilson, \$0.1.

The act of the General Assembly made no reference to relief of these counties, but Treasurer Johnson will recommend that refunds be made to them in full at the time of any general settlement.

The remaining 73 counties owe sums ranging from 10 cents due by Dare to \$71,086 due by Buncombe.

Episcopal Service

Service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, also Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The public is invited to attend these services.

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46.9 Miles Power Lines Approved For Construction In Wilkes County During Year; Will Serve About 300 Families

Eight New Extensions In Addition To Fifteen Miles Under Construction

The Duke Power company, which already has about 300 miles of rural lines in Wilkes county, has approved for construction during this year lines almost equaling the new construction during 1939.

Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the company, said that eight rural lines with a total mileage of 46.9 miles have already been approved for construction as compared to 48 miles actually built in 1939.

The lines approved for construction and contained in the total of 46.9 miles do not include the 15 mile-extension now under construction in the Wilbar and Reddies River communities of Union township and which will make service available to 100 families. The eight new extensions to be constructed this year will serve 300 families. The newly approved lines are as follows: Dehart community of Mulberry township, 14.2 miles to serve 90

Contains 32 Pages Devoted To Advantages Offered By This Section

A committee of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureaus met on Monday night and formally accepted final proofs of the 32-page publicity pamphlet which is to advertise the industrial advantages, scenic attractions, natural resources and other attractions which North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county have to offer prospective industrialists, tourists and home seekers.

The committee, composed of W. P. Kelly, executive secretary of the Commerce Bureaus, John R. Prevette, head of the advertising bureau, R. G. Finley, W. D. Halfacre, E. G. Finley and J. B. McCoy, formally accepted the final proof and the pamphlet will arrive from the printing house this week.

Mr. Kelly said today that the task of first distributing copies to Chambers of Commerce throughout the country may get under way the latter part of this week and that the booklets will be distributed as rapidly as practical to central distributing points in order to attain the greatest coverage possible among people who might be interested in North Wilkesboro, Wilkes county and state.

The booklet has an attractive cover printed in colors and the front has a panoramic view of the business section of North Wilkesboro with the Blue Ridge to the north and west as a background. Heavy lines show clearly the three highways leading from North Wilkesboro to the Blue Ridge Parkway, explaining why this city is called "Key to the Blue Ridge Parkway." The back cover contains two beautiful parkway scenes near North Wilkesboro.

The subject matter is well arranged and covers all phases of business, industrial, agricultural, civic, church and recreational activities.

Every subject in the booklet is illustrated by photographs of actual scenes and present to the reader a comprehensive cross section of life in North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county.

Publication of the booklet, the first advertising material put out here in many years as a cooperative endeavor, was financed by the city government, by the county and by private subscriptions among members of the Commerce Bureaus.

customers. Nine-tenths of one mile in Carlton-Hayes community in Boomer township to provide seven families with electricity.

In Beaver Creek community 2.2 miles to serve 11 families. At Elk Creek, 1.5 miles to serve five families.

In Hunting Creek community of Lovelace township, six miles will make electric service available to 35 families.

A six-mile extension in Congo community of Reddies River township to serve 40 families.

Three-tenths of one mile in Moravian Falls community to serve five families.

Eight-tenths of one mile in Boomer township to serve five families.

In several of these cases, where surveys showed that the lines might not prove profitable, the customers have worked up various schemes to make the projects feasible, Mr. Gibbs explained.

Some cut down the cost of construction by clearing the right-of-way, some by furnishing locust poles and others by making a cash contribution towards the (Continued on page eight)