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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

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G.O.P. MEET APRIL 17
Charlotte, Feb. 20.—The state Republican convention will be held here April 17. The call for the convention was issued Monday. Representative Dewey Short, Republican, Missouri, will be the keynote speaker. Newell announced a Republican committee of seven or eight Republican congressmen would be here March 1-2 to study southern farm problems.

NEW SECRET PLANE
San Diego, Calif., Feb. 20.—A secretly developed "flying motorcycle" plane which can take off in a cramped space with lightning speed and then hover almost motionless in the air was tested today for the United States army. Robert Kerlinger, Ayan test pilot, took the company's YO-51 on a runway, gunned the 420-horsepower engine and the craft left the field like a frightened chicken. It charged almost straight up in the air and, at a respectable height, hovered virtually motionless.

TOO GOOD TO LIVE
Montebello, Calif., Feb. 20.—Five-year-old Geraldine Hardaker was too good to live," her mother was quoted by Police Chief Harry Blapham, of Palm Springs, today after the woman's arrest climaxed a search spurred by reports the child's death may have been a "human sacrifice." Mrs. Betty Hardaker, 26, was being returned for further questioning in the slaying of her daughter, found yesterday in a city park rest room. The child's head was crushed and her body scratched and bleeding. Mrs. Ella Karnes had told police her daughter, Mrs. Hardaker, was a member of a religious cult which "believes in human sacrifice."

TURKEY TALKS WAR
Ankara, Feb. 20.—In the midst of new military preparations by the government, the Turkish press declared flatly tonight that any attack against the Balkans would bring Turkey into the European war. "Turkey will enter the war the day a foreign power marches to the Balkans," the newspaper in Sabah of Istanbul warned. The supreme war council opened a week's emergency session to study plans for co-ordinating Turkey's armed forces with the huge reservoir of manpower being assembled in the near east by her French and British allies.

LOCKED FROM HOME
Somerset, Pa., Feb. 20.—A 22-year-old, 75-pound crippled girl, whose ears, feet and right hand were frozen, was found locked out of her home in the nearby Hamlet of Queec-ek, Probation Officer A. D. Shaffer reported today. The officer, called by a neighbor, said the black-haired, dark-eyed girl, Ada Paugh, was barefoot and wore only a "limsy black dress—still wet from being washed—at the time he and a constable reached the home of her cousin with whom she lived. He reported the girl, whose left hand has been paralyzed and useless since childhood, told him she had soiled the dress while she was ill and had been sent to an outbuilding to wash it. Locked out, she stood in the foot-deep snow or crouched in the outbuilding until the officers came. She displayed black and blue bruises on her back and claimed she had been beaten. District Attorney A. M. Matthews said aggravated assault and battery charges would be placed against the cousin or his wife, or both, as soon as an investigation was completed.

Allotments Have Not Yet Arrived

New Tobacco Allotments For Wilkes Farmers Expected To Arrive Soon
No new tobacco grower allotments have been released in Wilkes county so far. Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Wilkes County Agricultural Conservation association, said today. He said he was giving out the information in answer to many inquiries made at the office. The county agent relative to new grower allotments and explained that the new allotments are expected soon. He said, however, that at least 50 acres have been asked by new growers but there is little possibility that new growers of the county will receive more than a small part of the acreage requested.

Gordon Hill Is Scene Bad Fire On Wednesday

Three Six-Room Houses Destroyed In Early Morning Fire Near City

An early morning fire yesterday completely destroyed two residences and practically demolished a third on Gordon Hill one half mile west of this city on highway 421. The buildings, each containing six rooms and all owned by A. R. Miller, of Vannoy, were occupied by Robert Cardwell, Mrs. Frankie Osborne and Otis Brewer. The fire, of undetermined origin, was first discovered in the lower part of the house occupied by Mr. Cardwell and family. Flames spread quickly to the house occupied by Mrs. Osborne and later to the one occupied by Mr. Brewer close by.

The North Wilkesboro fire department went out to combat the flames and after it was discovered that an old water tank nearby contained water the fire was fought very effectively in the third house. A great part of the furnishings of all three homes were saved. Some insurance was carried on the buildings. The fire was first discovered about 5:30 a. m.

Baptist Pastors' 'School' Is Held

Baptist pastors living within or serving churches in Wilkes county spent about five hours a day attending a school of their own making last week. General Missionary J. C. Pipes of Asheville, representing the Baptist State Convention, was on the program for an hour each day. Other "faculty" members included various pastors in the county.

Sessions continued from Monday morning through Friday afternoon. Including eight or nine visitors from other counties, the average daily attendance was seventeen out of a total enrollment of twenty-six. Both local and visiting pastors expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with the school. They look forward to holding a similar one some time within the not distant future. Monthly meetings of the Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference are planned for Thursday after each first Sunday. March 7 is the date fixed for the next one, and the place will be the Reins-Sturdivant chapel in North Wilkesboro. A program committee has been named to plan for a session of about four hours. The organization welcomes not only all the pastors to its meetings, but is glad always to have church officers and other laymen to visit with the ministers.

District Meet Of Democrats On February 27

Carthage, Feb. 21.—Final plans and arrangements have been completed for a meeting of the Young Democratic Clubs of the Eighth District to be held Tuesday night, February 27th, at the Junes Club, situated mid-way between Pinehurst and Southern Pines. It was announced today by I. N. Clegg, Jr., of Carthage, who is chairman of the social committee in charge of arrangements for the conclave. Mr. Clegg was made chairman of the Social Committee by James Amburn, County Auditor of Yadkin county, who is the Chairman of the Young Democratic Clubs of the shoestring district.

All Young Democrats from each of the twelve counties of the district have been invited to attend. This is the initial quarterly meeting of the Young Democratic clubs of the district and it promises to be a most successful event in every way. The meeting will open Tuesday night at 8 o'clock with a banquet at which a general discussion of the political affairs of the day will take place. Among the notables invited are Forrest Polard, prominent young Durham attorney, President of the Young (Continued on page eight)

Dutch Soldiers Test Value of 'Blitzkrieg' Barrier



Because of the prolonged cold spell in The Netherlands, it was feared that the great area which was flooded as an obstacle to possible invasion, was sufficiently frozen to permit passage of mechanized units. Pictured here are the results of a test made by the Dutch army. The amphibian tank, attempting to negotiate a crossing over the flooded area, crashed through the ice and was forced to "swim" for safety.

Public Assistance Funds \$7,199 For Month In Wilkes

144 Needy Aged Remain On Waiting List and Receive No Grants

Public assistance funds paid out to needy aged, dependent children and blind in Wilkes county this month totaled \$7,199.50, figures released from the office of Charles McNeill, Wilkes welfare agent, today showed. Of this amount 561 aged persons received \$4,931.50, while \$1,746 went to 144 families with 338 dependent children. Thirty-seven blind persons received aid in the amount of \$472. While the number receiving the aid granted by county, state and national governments is larger in Wilkes than a few months ago, there are yet many who have been certified as eligible but who are not receiving aid because of lack of funds. The number of aged people who have been approved by the welfare board to receive aid but remain on the waiting lists was 144 today.

Finals Tonight In Cage Tourney

Millers Creek and Mount Pleasant Boys; Mountain View and Ronda Girls

Millers Creek and Mount Pleasant boys emerged from the second round of the Goodwill basketball tournament here last night with flying colors and are ready for the championship battle tonight on the school gymnasium court. Ronda girls likewise came through a victorious over Traphill 27 to nine and earned the opportunity to play Mountain View for the county trophy tonight. Mountain View had previously won in the first round by beating Mount Pleasant girls.

R. Tharpe, one of the five Tharpes to see action on the Ronda girls team, was the sensation of Wednesday night's play, scoring 21 points. Mount Pleasant exhibited a well rounded attack and amazing defensive play in completely outclassing Traphill last night 60 to ten.

Millers Creek had little trouble in eliminating Ronda boys 31 to 13, keeping the situation well in hand throughout play. As an extra attraction Otis Vannoy, of Ronda, excelled in a foul shooting contest by hitting the basket 18 out of 25 tries. His nearest rivals were Junior Livingston, of Millers Creek, and Dwight Blackburn, of Traphill, with 14 each. Ernest Waish, of Mount Pleasant, shot ten. Lineups and individual scores of Wednesday night games follow: Millers Creek 31 18 Ronda 13 B. Parsons 8 4 Byrd Faw 7 4 Key Livingston 1 4 Vannoy R. Parsons 10 4 Gilley McGlamery 1 Walls (Continued on page 4)

Active At Age 88



L. R. Miller, of the Edgewood community celebrated his 88th birthday on last Friday, February 16th. He is shown here with his great-granddaughter, Faith Raymona Miller, of Charlotte, N. C. He is still active and alert as most people at the age of seventy-five and is in excellent health. Little Faith Raymona is seemingly waving her hands and saying: "Many Happy Returns, Grand-daddy Miller!"

Red Cross Ladies Aiding Refugees In War Countries

Large Number Of Garments and Surgical Supplies Have Been Shipped

Local Red Cross leaders announced today that Mrs. J. B. McCoy, production chairman for the Wilkes chapter, is ready to begin production of garments for refugees in war torn countries. The statement relative to the work is issued today was as follows: "You good people of Wilkes county will be glad to know that many garments made by Red Cross chapters are now actually in use by refugees and war sufferers abroad. "The National Red Cross has shipped from New York 92,333 sweaters, dresses, mufflers, socks and other garments. Of these 40,000 have gone to Finland and 15,000 more will be shipped in a few days. Surgical dressings totaling 253,123 have also been shipped. Woolen and other heavy weight materials are so scarce abroad that war refugees couldn't buy the clothes if they had the money. Chapters are urged to send finished garments. "Mrs. J. B. McCoy, production chairman for the Wilkes chapter, is ready to start work at once and many ladies are anxious to do their small part for Poland and Finland by knitting and sewing. Bullets of stone were in use in 1514. Iron ones were used in 1550.

Murder Cases On Court Calendar For Second Week

Set For Monday, March 11; Complete Calendar Will Be Made Out Soon

Murder cases on the docket for trial during the March term of Wilkes court will be called during the second week beginning March 11, according to the tentative calendar of cases made up recently by Solicitor Avalon H. Hhh. Of outstanding interest among the cases will be the first degree murder charge against George Byrd, Ferguson man charged with the fatal shooting of S. M. Burchette in that village on the night of November 11, 1939. The state will ask the death penalty for Byrd, who is alleged to have gone to Burchette's home after dark and fired a shotgun load of iron slugs in Burchette's body as he was retiring for the night. Other homicide cases are pending, including a charge against Andrew Gregory for the mysterious death of his aged mother in Somers township a few weeks ago. Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, will preside over the two-weeks term.

Farm Fencing Is Very Important

The old adage that "a farmer does not own his farm until it is fenced" has merit in a soil conservation program, according to Assistant County Agent Jessie Giles and P. W. Edwards, Work Unit Technician, of the Soil Conservation Service in the Wilkes Work Unit of the Tri-Creek District, Wilkesboro, N. C. Without sufficient fencing, it is pointed out, annual and perennial vegetation for erosion control cannot be protected properly. This is the time of year that fencing and some of the necessary jobs on the farm can be taken care of without interfering with crop planting. Trees and kudu can be planted now and it will soon be time for preparing and seeding pastures. Adequate fencing of these plantings will prevent stock from damaging them. If at all possible, fences should be located across the slope, since this will facilitate development of erosion-control practices. This will make it possible to build a better and more complete system of terraces, will permit more field crops to be cultivated in rows around the hill, and will enable field roads to follow the fence line where grades will not be so steep and where the road will not wash so badly. Many farmers desire to use electric fences, because they are not much trouble to build and can be moved easily. Uprights for such fencing can be mounted on steady bases now, it is pointed out, and insulators put on so that these will be ready when the fence is needed.

Mohandas K. Gandhi, famed Hindu nationalist, was married when he was 13.

Master Of State Grange To Visit County On Friday

Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, Master of the State Grange, will deliver an address before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club Friday, March 1, and at 3 o'clock p. m. on the same day will hold a Grange Workers' conference at the courthouse. Friday evening at 7:30, he will meet with the Wilkes-Pomona Grange, where he will also deliver an address. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Juniors To Name Children's Home Trustee Feb. 27th

Local Council Asks Election Of C. B. Eller In Meeting To Be Held Here

A special meeting of the Fourth district of Jr., O. U. A. M. has been called to be held here, officers of the North Wilkesboro council said today. The meeting, for the purpose of electing a trustee of the Lexington children's home recently taken over by the state council, will be held in the lodge hall on February 27, 7:30 p. m. Countess in the fourth district are Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry and Yadkin. N. Sankey Gaither, of Harmony, state councillor, will be present at the meeting. The North Wilkesboro council, it is understood, is backing C. B. Eller, of this city, for the position and is asking support for him from the other councils in the district. All Juniors are invited and all members of the North Wilkesboro council are especially urged to attend the announcement.

Rank Of Page Is Conferred On Four Pythians Monday

North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias lodge number 67 conferred the rank of Page on four candidates on Monday, February 19. They were Kyle Hayes, Paul Cragan, W. J. Caroon and John Sikes. It was decided that for the next meeting the rank of Page will be conferred on candidates who were unable to be present Monday. These will make a large class to be initiated into the various ranks and all members are urged to attend the next meeting, which will be highly entertaining as well as worthwhile.

Three Recommended For Election Board

N. B. Smithey, chairman of the Wilkes county Republican executive committee, has made recommendations to the state election board relative to the appointment of a Republican member of the Wilkes county board of elections. The Republicans recommended were J. C. Grayson, Max Foster and E. R. Eller. One will be appointed from the three. Mr. Grayson is the present Republican member. The Democratic chairman, J. R. Rousseau, has recommended E. P. Inscore and C. C. Staley as the two Democratic members of the board of three. His recommendation was endorsed by the Democratic executive committee.

C. W. Hendren Gives For Finland Relief

The most recent contribution to the Finnish Relief Fund came to The Journal-Patriot today from C. W. Hendren, of Wilkesboro route two, who contributed two dollars. In making the contribution he expressed deep sympathy for Finland and said he hoped that many other Wilkes people would give something to aid the people of the country being invaded by Russian armies. The Journal-Patriot is glad to acknowledge any local contributions for Finnish Relief and to forward all contributions to national headquarters of Finnish Relief, Inc., New York City, a humanitarian organization headed by Ex-president Herbert Hoover. Mr. A. J. Billings, of Moxley, is spending this week in this city with his daughters, Mrs. A. M. Church and Mrs. J. I. Myers.

Girl Scout Council Is To Be Formed In This City Soon

Miss Helen Appenlander To Be In The City On February 29th

Miss Helen Appenlander, of New York City, member of the Girl Scout staff, will be in North Wilkesboro on February 29, according to an announcement made yesterday by Mrs. Thomas A. Finley, who is chairman of the Girl Scout council. While she is here Miss Appenlander, who is executive director of Girl Scouting in the Juliette Low Region comprising North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, will organize a local Scout Council. Miss Appenlander will speak at 3:30 on February 29th, at the Presbyterian Hut to parents of Girl Scouts. Sponsors will be glad to have parents of girls of girl scout age who would like to know more about Scouting activities. On February 29th, at 7:30, all troop leaders and troop committee members will have dinner with Miss Appenlander at the home of Mrs. W. E. Jones. On Friday Miss Appenlander will talk about Scouting to the Kiwanians. At 9 a. m. and at 3:30 p. m. she will have a study class with leaders of troops and troop committee members at the home of Mrs. Robert S. Gibbs. Miss Appenlander has served as a community organizer for the Girl Scout National organization in many parts of the country. A graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, she also holds an M. A. from Columbia University. Prior to her association with the Girl Scouts, Miss Appenlander spent several years as a teacher in the field of Social Science during which she was employed in New York.

Population Of County Increases

66 Births and 25 Deaths During Month; Few Cases Of Diseases

Births outnumbered deaths almost three to one in Wilkes county last month, according to vital statistics figures released by the Wilkes county health office today. There were 66 births, 64 white and two colored, while there were only 25 deaths, 23 white and two colored. The monthly report of the health department also disclosed that there were five new cases of scarlet fever, three of diphtheria and one of tuberculosis reported during January. Activities of the health department, including the venereal disease clinic, continued at a normal rate during the month.

Farmers Notified As Checks Arrive

No Need To Ask For Farm Benefit Checks Until Card Is Received

Farmers are notified by mail as their checks for compliance with the 1939 soil program are received and it is merely a waste of time to call for the checks at the office of the county farm agent until they have received notice that their checks have arrived. Jesse Giles, assistant in charge of the county agent's office for Wilkes, said today. He said that 547 checks totaling \$7,012.56 have arrived to date and that each farmer whose check has arrived has been notified. Other checks are expected at frequent intervals. He also called attention to the fact that as each farmer receives a check he is asked to fill out a farm plan form for this year. Unless such blank is executed a farmer cannot receive a government payment this year. Dr. Hiatt To Hold Conferences Sunday Dr. J. S. Hiatt will preach and conduct the quarterly conference at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church Sunday, 11 a. m. He will also preach and hold quarterly conferences for the Wilkesboro charge Sunday afternoon, 2:30, at Union church.