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TAX COLLECTIONS UP
Greensboro.—Reports for February show that internal revenue collections in the district of North Carolina are steadily increasing, the first eight months of the federal fiscal year showing \$210,119,098, which is \$8,114,863 over returns from the first eight months of the previous fiscal year.

FAIL TO CONVENE
Baton Rouge, La.—Rubber stamp Louisiana legislatures that bowed to every whim of the political dynasty established by the late Huey P. Long ended Friday night when state senators and representatives failed to answer Governor Earl K. Long's summons to convene for the second lame duck special session.

CLEANED OUT PLACE
Chicago.—A young man walked into a dry cleaning establishment Friday and asked of Miss Helen Newman, the clerk: "Do you clean things here?" "Yes, we do," she replied. "Well, sister," he said, taking a pistol from his overcoat pocket. "Then clean out the cash drawer." She handed him \$5.

PRITCHARD IN RACE
Asheville.—George M. Pritchard, Asheville attorney, announced Friday that he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the governorship of North Carolina. He issued this statement: "I will be a candidate for the nomination in the state-wide primary in May as the Republican candidate for governor."

ORGANIZE WORKERS
Washington.—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor left Friday night for Atlanta, Ga., to open an organizing drive for 500,000 new members in the South's textile, maritime, lumber, retail trade and other industries. He said the campaign will extend into 10 states—Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky—and will be formally inaugurated at Atlanta tomorrow night with a conference attended by 3,000 representatives of A. F. of L. unions in the South.

FRENCH RATIONED
Paris.—French civilians, taking stock of the government's new belt-tightening program. Friday night found themselves facing sharp restrictions on what they may eat and drink six days out of every seven. The restrictions, announced in 17 decrees, will affect the Frenchman's diet every day in the week except Sunday—and even then there are limits on the amount of certain foods which may be consumed.

Students Here Planning Debate
The members of the North Wilkesboro High School Debaters club are hard at work in preparation for the triangular debates to be held on March 29th. The debates this year are to be with teams from the high schools at Boone and Lenoir.

The debating club is under the direction of Jack Massey, of the local school faculty. The six members who comprise the team are Betty Rhodes, Alice Wells, Wayne Caudill, Billy Wade Estes, Paul Halgwood and Bob McCoy.

Veteran members are Betty Rhodes, Wayne Caudill, and Billy Wade Estes. They engaged in the contest last year, debating against teams from Winston-Salem and Dobson. Two speakers will be chosen for affirmative team and two for the negative, with one alternate on each team.

Deadline On Tax Returns Is Near
J. R. Rousseau, deputy collector of revenue for the state in Wilkes, called attention today to the fact that all state income and intangible tax returns must be in by March 15 in order to avoid penalty.

Single persons with an income of \$1,000 or more must make a tax return to both state and federal governments and the minimum income for married persons to report is \$2,000 to the state and \$2,500 federal.

He also called attention to the fact that state employees must file federal returns and federal employees must file state returns under the new laws.

Executive Girl Scouting Spends Two Days In City

Miss Helen Oppenlander Assists In Promoting Girl Scout Movement Here

Miss Helen Oppenlander, of New York City, Girl Scout executive and director of Girl Scouting in the region composed of the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, spent Thursday and Friday in this city promoting the Girl Scout movement.

On Thursday afternoon she met with mothers of Girl Scouts and with committee members at the Presbyterian Scout hut.

On Friday morning at 9:30 and afternoon at 3:30 she conducted a course for troop leaders and committee members at the home of Mrs. Robert S. Gibbs.

At noon she addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club and at 1:30 talked to girls of Scout age at the North Wilkesboro school.

On Thursday night a dinner in honor of Miss Oppenlander was given at the home of Mrs. W. E. Jones with about 35 in attendance.

Local Girl Scout leaders expressed much satisfaction over the visit of Miss Oppenlander and feel that her conferences have been very beneficial to the Girl Scout movement here.

Master Of State Grange Is Speaker At Kiwanis Meet

Caldwell Says Lack Of Economic Freedom Endangers Fundamentals

Speaking on the subject, "The Challenge of Democracy," Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, master of the North Carolina State Grange, delivered an inspiring address Friday noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

Using as a text a quotation from Second John, "Look to yourselves that you lose not the things you have wrought," he said "We won our political and religious freedom from England but our liberty today is in danger because we do not have economic liberty. . . . Ten millions are unemployed, forty-nine per cent of our farmers are tenants and the future doesn't look any brighter."

He listed three periods in American development: "Our ancestors came here and settled in towns and villages, tilling the soil around them; they left the town for the wide open spaces, became farmers and developed rural life; later centralization and consolidation have brought us economic problems so far unsolved."

The problems, he said, were caused by poor farming policies, bad tax system, bad legislation and a lack of spirit of brotherhood. Improvement can be made by: understanding problems, adjusting legislation, making new markets, and developing spirit of brotherhood, he declared.

George Kennedy was in charge of the program and T. E. Story, club secretary and former master of the Wilkes Pomona Grange, introduced Mr. Caldwell.

Also on the program was a talk by Miss Helen Oppenlander, of New York City, Girl Scout executive, who told of how the Girl Scout organization furnishes opportunity for building of citizenship. The club was urged to support Girl Scouting in this community.

At the meeting W. J. Bason was a guest of J. B. Carter, J. M. German with W. H. McElwee, T. W. Ferguson with J. R. Hix, Lawrence Miller with George Kennedy, Mrs. Robert Gibbs with Mr. Gibbs, Mrs. T. A. Finley and Miss Helen Appenlander with W. D. Halfacre.

Dokies Club Will Meet On Thursday

North Wilkesboro Dokies club will meet on Thursday night, seven o'clock, at the Wilkesboro community house.

Attention is called to the change in meeting date from Friday to Thursday, which was made in order that members might attend a ceremonial Friday night in Winston-Salem.

Off to Bomb the Reich—With Leaflets



British royal air force members load a giant bombing plane with propaganda leaflets before the start of a flight over Germany. On this occasion the bombers went as far as Vienna and Prague, broadcasting the leaflets over these capitals of formerly independent nations. All planes returned safely, according to the ministry of information.

Grange Seeks Solution Commodities Problem

Wilkes county Pomona Grange in meeting Friday night heard an address by State Master Harry B. Caldwell, elected officers for the year and appointed a committee to seek improvements in production, storing and marketing of commodities in Wilkes.

In his address Mr. Caldwell cited benefits of the Grange in the state, which he said is accomplishing good results even with a limited membership. A larger and stronger membership, he pointed out, would enable the organization to accomplish more in the way of needed legislation. He suggested the appointment of a commodities committee to study the needs of the county and thus through better understanding to accomplish results.

Following up this suggestion, Master T. W. Ferguson named Lawrence Miller and T. E. Story as a committee to meet with the civic clubs and ask that each name a committee of three to work with a committee from the Grange and by their combined ef-

forts secure some needed improvements in production, storing and marketing of commodities. The master, lecturer, secretary, executive committee and masters of subordinate granges were appointed as the standing committee for the Grange on the proposed project.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: T. W. Ferguson, master; Paul J. Vestal, overseer; Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, lecturer; Charlie German, steward; C. F. Bretholl, assistant steward; Mrs. J. M. German, chaplain; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, treasurer; T. E. Story, secretary; Carl E. Vandeman, gate keeper; Miss Harriet McGoogan, clerk; Mrs. Lucille German, pomona; Mrs. Rosa Church, flora; Mrs. Lawrence Miller, lady assistant steward. On the executive committee are J. M. German, M. F. Barker and J. M. Blevins.

Miss Harriet McGoogan, home demonstration agent, served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Merchants Take Steps To Remedy The Peddling Nuisance In This City

HEARS OF BROTHER AND SISTER AFTER 26 YEARS SEPARATION

Jack Anderson, of Wilkesboro, was one of three orphans of one family who were reared in a children's home at Greensboro.

Until a few days ago when he heard their names mentioned over radio he had not known the whereabouts of his sister, Mamie Anderson, and brother, Jim Anderson, for 26 years. They are living in Lesley, S. C., according to the announcer's statement over radio.

Baptist Pastors To Meet Thursday

Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet Thursday, March 7, 10:00 a. m., at the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel in North Wilkesboro. Program—Morning: Devotional led by C. L. Johnson; Bible Study led by E. V. Bumgarner; sermon by Finley C. Watts. Afternoon: Devotional led by J. M. Wright; discussion on "Sheep of Many Shades, and How to be a Good Shepherd," led by Eugene Olive; discussion on "What a Church Member Should Be," led by W. C. Laney. All are invited to take part in the discussions.

Dorothy Summers Injured When Struck By Automobile Here

Dorothy Summers, 13 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Summers, was badly injured when struck by a car on "E" Street in front of J. R. Finley's home, Saturday morning about 10 a. m.

Dorothy in company with a girl friend, were skating when she was hit. She was rushed to the Wilkes Hospital where X-ray pictures disclosed a broken left leg between the ankle and knee. She is also suffering with painful cuts and bruises about the face, body both hands and her right leg.

Will Ask Commissioners For Restrictive Ordinance For The City

At a meeting of the Merchants Bureaus held on Friday morning the organization began action designed to rid the public of much of the nuisance of solicitors and peddlers in North Wilkesboro.

W. G. Gabriel, president of the Bureau, presided over the meeting. It was pointed out in the discussions that peddlers and persons soliciting orders have in many instances become a veritable nuisance to the public and that steps should be taken to remedy the situation.

A committee composed of L. S. Spainhour, J. B. Williams and Ira D. Payne was named to go before the city commissioners in their March meeting and ask that an ordinance be passed making it a misdemeanor for any peddler or solicitor to enter a home unless invited. It is expected that other measures may be provided to restrict and regulate activity on the part of persons peddling or soliciting orders for any type merchandise.

It was announced that the Merchants' Bureau will have another meeting on Thursday, March 7, 7:30 p. m., at the city hall for the purpose of taking action on a proposal to close stores on Saturday nights at 7:30 p. m. instead of nine as at present. All merchants, regardless of whether or not they are members of the bureau, are urged to attend the meeting.

Roxie Billings Rites On Saturday

Miss Roxie Billings, 77, resident of Walnut Grove township, died Thursday evening at her home and funeral service was held Saturday at the residence. Burial was in the family cemetery. She leaves one brother, James Billings, and one sister, Miss Ellen Billings.

Applications For Farm Payment Must Be Signed

No Payment Will Be Made Unless Applications Are Signed Thru Month

All applications for payment for compliance with the soil program in 1939 must be signed and forwarded to the Raleigh office this month, Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Wilkes County Agricultural Conservation association, warned today.

Unless the applications are signed and in the Raleigh office by March 30 no payment will be received, he said.

The importance of the matter is more clearly shown by the fact that 1,500 applications for payment were today unsigned in spite of the notices which have been sent out asking that farmers call and sign immediately.

Mr. Miller also explained that if there is any farmer who has not been notified to call at the Triple A office and sign and who feels that he should receive a payment, he is also asked to call at the office, in which event an investigation will be made to ascertain whether or not a payment is due.

City Playground Subject Will Be Before Board

Persons Interested Asked To Be Present At Meeting Of City Fathers

Persons interested in a playground for the children of North Wilkesboro are asked to meet with the city board of commissioners on Tuesday night, 7:15, at the city hall.

Announcement that citizens of the city would appear before the commissioners on Tuesday night was made today by a member of the Parent-Teacher association who said the P.-T. A., along with other civic organizations of the city, is sponsoring the movement for a municipal playground.

In the February meeting of the city commissioners a number of people appeared and asked that the playground be made into a playground and the matter was deferred until the March meeting of the board.

Phillips Residence Near City Burns On Saturday Morning

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. Prevette Phillips near Cricket about two miles west of this city Saturday morning.

Mr. Phillips had left home to work in this city shortly before seven o'clock and Mrs. Phillips had gone to the home of her son nearby when a passing motorist saw the home ablaze but the fire had gained so much headway that it was impossible to remove furnishings from the building.

The building, a brick veneer structure, was one of the best homes in the community and was well furnished. The loss, estimated at between \$6,000 and \$7,000, was only partially covered by insurance.

Mrs. Susan Brooks Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Susan Brooks, a member of a well known Wilkes family and one of the county's oldest residents, died Friday morning, 4:30, at the home of a son, Wiley Brooks, prominent local business man.

Mrs. Brooks, who had remained in good health for several years prior to her death despite old age, was 91 years, nine months and 27 days of age.

There are four surviving children: Wiley Brooks, of this city; Mrs. John Warren, of North Wilkesboro route 1; M. F. Brooks, of Craws, Va.; Eugene Brooks, of Tarboro. Funeral service was held Sunday, 11 o'clock, at Fair Plains Baptist church and burial was in Baptist Home cemetery. Rev. S. L. Blevins and Rev. A. B. Hayes conducted the last rites.

Saposs Testifies



Admitting one-time membership in the Socialist party, David J. Saposs, chief economist for the National Labor Relations board, testifies in Washington, D. C., before the house committee investigating the labor relations board.

March Session Superior Court Now Under Way

Many Cases Before Court; Byrd Case May Be Called On Monday, March 11

Wilkes superior court convened today and began work on a docket of about 150 criminal cases.

Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, is presiding over the term, which is for trial of criminal cases, and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall is prosecutor.

Following drawing of the grand jury, J. C. Miller was named foreman and Judge Bobbitt delivered a most instructive charge.

Practically all minor cases were calendared for this week with the homicide cases slated for trial during the second week.

Solicitor Hall said this morning that the case of George Byrd, charged with the murder of S. M. Burchette at Ferguson November 11, may begin on Monday, March 11. The state will ask the death penalty for the fatal shooting of Burchette.

Few Contributions For Finnish Help

Wilkes People Asked To Contribute Funds As Early As Possible

Wilkes county chairmen for the two funds to aid Finland both today asked those who will contribute as early as possible in order that Finland and Finnish people may receive immediate aid.

A. S. Cassel, Wilkes chairman for Finnish Relief, Inc., collecting contributions to aid war sufferers and civilians, reported a total of seven dollars had been contributed. The contributors to date have been M. J. Beardslee, W. E. Parsons, C. W. Hendren, Noah Michael and "A Friend."

Mr. Cassel said that he will name a chairman for each township later this week. Funds may be sent to him or the local newspapers, he said.

J. B. Williams, county chairman for "Fighting Funds of Finland," reported contributions to date totaling twelve dollars from Pat Williams, Walter Reavis and M. J. Beardslee.

Contributions to this fund, which is being used to buy war materials for Finland, may be sent to Mr. Williams, deposited in either local bank or through the newspapers.

P.-T. A. Sponsoring Showing Of Picture

The North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association is sponsoring the picture "Seventeen" which is being shown at the Liberty Theatre, Tuesday, March 5, for one day only. It is hoped that a large number will attend the showing of this picture, and thereby help the P.-T. A.

Robert H. McNeill Is A Candidate For The Governorship

Wilkes Native Announces As G. O. P. Candidate For Governor

Robert Hayes McNeill of Statesville, with law offices in Washington, has announced his candidacy for Governor on the Republican ticket, subject to the party's first primary for this office.

Mr. McNeill has been active in Republican politics in North Carolina for around 40 years, but this is the second time he has sought elective office, having once sought election to the state Supreme Court.

He served as secretary to United States Senator J. C. Pritchard and as secretary to the United States committee on patents. He was secretary of the North Carolina Republican state executive committee two years. He has frequently addressed state conventions and other gatherings, and has a large political following in the state. He is a native of Wilkes county, where his family has been prominent for generations.

In his announcement he declared that if he is nominated "the candidate of the Democratic party will be answered on every stump."

Part of his announcement follows:

"I, hereby, announce my decision to become a candidate for the nomination of Governor in the approaching Republican primary election. I am today sending the required fee for entering the primary to Raleigh.

"So many earnest and spontaneous endorsements of my nomination and pledges of support in the primary have come to me, from every section of the state, that I enter the primary with full confidence of success.

"I do not enter this contest lightly or thoughtlessly. I am sure that my closest friends and Republicans generally realize how seriously I have deliberated before declaring my candidacy. I have delayed my announcement chiefly for two reasons:

"First, I wanted to be sure (as I now am) that there existed a real demand from Republicans, with whom I have worked so long in party affairs, that I seek the nomination and that they would vigorously support me and see that I was successful in the Primary.

"Second, I wanted to so adjust my personal affairs that, if nominated, I could throw my utmost mental and physical strength into making a campaign of which the party would be proud and by reason of which I might render a distinct public service to my beloved native state.

"I have thought especially of the decision I have now reached since February 12th (Lincoln's birthday) when I was privileged to address 500 party leaders in Greensboro, after which I was urged to stand for the gubernatorial nomination, not only by party friends of 10, 20, 30, or even 40 years standing from every section of the state, but as well by groups of college and university students, who were preparing to cast their first votes. These earnest requests from so many thoughtful leaders of the party did much to persuade me to the task and privilege of entering the primary. It would seem that entering the primary has not only become a question of duty to my party but also to my state.

"If nominated in the primary, I promise the Republicans of the state,—and I mean from all sections of the state,—that I will defend the sacred and historic principles of our party, and that the candidate of the Democratic party will be answered on every stump.

Entire Parkway May Open Soon

West Jefferson.—Plans are now being made to open the 14-mile stretch of the Blue Ridge Parkway, from Roanoke to Deep Gap, according to information received here from parkway officials.

Several sections of this link were open last summer, but officials are now planning to complete all unfinished sections early this spring and have the entire route open to traffic by June 1.