Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

MEAT RATIONING

under a decree limiting adults to worth of meat weekly and childress under six years to 11 pence (18 cents) worth. The restrictions; do not apply to poultry, game, kidneys, liver, sausage or cooked meats. It also will be posatte without ration tickets, althout the portions may be smaller than heretofore. Rationing of bacon; butter and angar has been in effect since January 8.

STEAMER SCUTTLED

London.-Interception of the 5,600-ton German steamer Hannover by a British cruiser near Puerto Rico, in the strategic heart of the Pan-American neutrality sone, was announced Sunday fired and abandoned by her crew to avoid capture. The admiralty said the interception had taken place Thursday night in Mona Channel, a 75-mile strip of water separating Puerto Rico from the Dominican Republic and a vital link in United States' plans for defense of the Panama Canal.

REPORTS CONTRADICT

Berlin. — The German high command asserted Sunday that fleet had been destroyed in the war at sea. It placed Britain's loss at 32 tankers, aggregating 230,125 tons, out of a total of 46 "enemy tankers and neutral tankers" sunk on the way to Eng-list we have found that Mr. Mcland. (British in comment said Casslan, of Murphy, N. C., comes the German figures were exagger- nearer filling the fill desired by ated. An informed London source the board of commissioners as he Dr. Booker Speaks Here On claimed that 19 British and ten neutral tankers had been sunk up to have, and on this information to March 2. Total British tankers we contacted Mr. McCasslan, and in July, 1939, were given as 435 during the interview he told us in addition to which there were 63 owned by British dominions and colonies.)

HITLER'S PEP TALK

ler Sunday sounded a war cry of The others on the list are all France" had forced on the Reich. speech remarkable for its brevity, vowed determination to press on to "the most glorious victory in German's history" even at the cost of his own life if necessary. His gray military coat, barren of insignia in contrast to the glittering uniforms about him in the middle age or more. Please send Zoughaus (military museum), us a list by return mail of eligi-Hitler spoke in a philosophical ble men of that type." vein about soldierly sacrifice and with more emphasis about many's will to victory.

RIBBENTROP TALKING

Rome.-Premier Mussolini and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbeutrop of Germany conferred for an hour and a quarter Sunday Britain and France sending troops | sioners. to aid Finland in her conflict with Soviet Russia. Von Ribbentrop. who hurried here at an especial critical time in European affairs. went into conterence with It Duce at the Palazzo Venezia at 11 a. m., just one hour after his arrival from Berlin. Italians close to the Another Meeting Will Be foreign ministry said that Von Ribbentrop did most of the talking, with Premier Mussolini listening in long silences.

Two Injured In Collision Near City

Two were injured today when a truck owned by the city and of the merchants favor the early being used on a WPA project collided with a car driven by George

Parker near the prison camp. Anderson, a WPA worker, sustained a skull fracture but is expected to recover, barring complications. Parker was not seriously hurt. Both are patients at the Wilkes hospita!.

G. E. Anderson Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Sunday, 10:30, at Fishing Creek Arbor for George Everett Anderson, 58, who died Saturday morning. Surviving are his wife. Mrs. Amy Call Anderson, four chil-

dren, three brothers and four Rev. P. C. Parks conducted the funeral and members of the Junior Order held an impressive

grave service. He had been a member to the North Wilkesboro council over 30 years. Mr. Anderson for the past 30

years had been an employe at the tannery in this city.

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NORTH WILKESBORG, N. C MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1940, \$1.50 IN THE STATE \$5.00 OUT OF THE STATE

Lendon.—Meat rationing will No Solution To one shilling, 10 pence (36 cents) Controversy Over **County Agent Job**

Absher Writes Extension Service; Meanwhile Office Remains Vacant

No solution to the problem of appointment of a county agent for Wilkes county has been reached, it was learned today from reliable sources.

Meanwhile the office made vacant by the resignation of Dan Holler as county agent and the transfer of Assistant Agent Jesse Giles to Jackson county remains vacant, although the office is benight in a communique which ing kept open for transaction of said the Nazi vessel had been matters pertaining to the Triple A program under direction of Lawrence Miller, clerk and secretary to the Triple A committee.

The following letter written by M. F. Absher, chairman of the Wilkes board of commissioners. to the North Carolina Extension who lost her legs in a train acci-Service Friday explains the state of the controversy at present:

"The Farm Committee of Wilkes county met with us February 19, 1940, and we agreed to investigate the applicants for 10 per cent of Britain's tanker farm agent submitted by your of-

"We have made investigation of to us some time ago. From this is a man of the age we would like that he had been to the state ofnot accept the job for Wilkes county. This was a surprise to us. since the list was furnished by

con office which was supposed nany's memorial day, Adolf Hit. to be all eligible for appointment. "on to victory" in the conflict he young fellows and so far as we city. charged "imperialist England and could learn are good fellows but we think that it would be a good The fuehrer, in an eleven-minute thing for the farm program in know what to do. If we should consider the election of another man in place of Mr. Brumfield, which we have already appointed, he would have to be a man of

The commissioners last year ade three appointments to succeed Dan Holler as county agent. The first two, Edward Speas, of Traphill, and Howard Colvard, of Reddies River, were rejected because of lack of experience. The third appointment, L. F. Brumfield, former agent in Yadkin on what authoritative quarters county, was never rejected or acindicated was the possibility of cepted, according to the commisHeroine Weds



Jessie Simpson, beauty contest winner and photographers' model dent in 1937, has a "hair-do" for the most important event of her life—her marriage to James Steward of Hackensack, N. J. Miss Simpson is proprietor of the Hackensack beauty shop.

Health Officials most all of the list of farm a-gents which your office submitted Tells Kiwanis City Lieut. Col. Gordon Smith, of Ra-**Needs Incinerator**

Subject Of "Sanitation and Sewage Disposal"

Citing progress made in public health during the past 25 years. fice recently, and that he had Dr. W. H. Booker, of the State been advised by your office to health department, concluded an address Friday before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club with the recommendation that North Wilpoboro provide for an inversion and extension of water and sewer lines to suburban parts of the

In 25 years the typhoid death rate in the state dropped from 800 to 45 per year, he said, but the Wilkes county to have an older state is threatened with a new man. We now are at a loss to health disturbance known as "Endemic Typhus", which is caused by rat fleas. The remedy, he explained, is to get rid of rats and one of the best ways is to properly dispose of garbage.

At the meeting Friday C. F. Adamson was a guest of P. W. Eshelman, T. A. Sikes was a guest of John Sikes, Dr. W. H. Dr A J. Elier, H. B Howie and H. M. Hutchens were guests of W. K. Sturdivant, who was program chairman for the

Dr. Booker was introduced by Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer.

Use the advertising columns of this paper as your shopping guide.

Merchants Discuss Closing Saturdays At Seven P. M.; Majority Favors Plan A committee composed of W. P. Kelly, L. S. Spainhour and

Held Soon To Take Definite Action

At a meeting of the Merchants Bureau held on Thursday night at the city hall the proposal to change the Saturday night closing time from nine o'clock to seven was freely discussed and it was evident that a big majority closing hour.

The meeting was called by W. P. Kelly, executive secretary to North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureaus, and was well attended. head of the Merchants' Bureau, presided.

The early closing hour would stores, cafes and service stations. Among those who made talks at the meeting Thursday night were S. V. Tomlinson, C. C. Faw, Carl W. Steele, Mrs. Zella Culpepper, Mrs. R. J. Hinshaw, L. S. Spainbour, J. R. McCartney, T. the proper time to kill a hog. The S. Kenerly, C. G. Day, John Kermit Blackburn, Ira D. Payne, Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., A. F. Kilby, A. A. Cashion, B. F. Bentley, J.

A. Jones, John W. Hall. On motion of L. S. Spainhour it was ordered that the secretary canvass the merchants of the city and ascertain their wishes relative to earlier closing hour on Saturday evenings. After the canvass and within the next few days another meeting will be held to take definite action.

Carl W. Steele was appointed to set the date of the meeting.

Slayer Receives Term Five Years

Ralph Williams Enters Plea Of Manslaughter For The Death Dock Gaither

Ralph Williams, Wilkesboro negro charged with the killing of W. G. Gabriel, vice president and Dock Gaither, brother-in-law, was sentenced in Wilkes court Friday to five years in prison by Judge W. H. Bobbitt, who is prenot affect grocery stores, drug siding over the March term of court.

> Williams entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter, which was accepted by the state.

He is alleged to have shot Gaither after a fight developed over aftercation took place at the home of the two men near Wilkesboro in November.

John Porter and Arlee Lovette, indicted for assault, received 30day sentences suspended on payment of cost and good behavior.

For non-support of child Tom Ernest Walsh was given a six months suspended sentence on condition he pay \$50 for benefit of child within the next two month continuously.

On Friday Night

Of National Defense, Adjutant General Says

Expressing his own personal opinion, Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, of the North Carolina National Guard, told a banquet of National Guard officers, Company A and invited guests Friday night that should the Allies lose the war in Europe and Germany and Russia gain control that they would immediately establish a base in South America and this country would be forced to go to war alone.

The ball room of Hotel Wilkes was filled to capacity for the banquet and Captain Ralph R. Reins, of Company A, 105th Engineers, of this city, was toastmaster. Captain Reins asked J. Gordon

Hackett, highway commissioner, to welcome the guests and in a splendid way he cited the enviable record of Wilkes county in military history from the Revolutionary War down through the years and the World War.

Officers in command of companies of the National Guard located at Charlotte, Morganton, Lenoir, Lincolnton and Statesville were presented by Captain Reins. leigh, and Major Gill, instructor from the regular U. S. Army, spoke briefly. Colonel Hobbs, of Raleigh, commanding officers of 105th Engineers, introduced the Adjutant General.

General Hoggs praised the military record of Wilkes county and stated that Wilkes was one of, if not the first, counties in the state to organize a company of the National Guard following the World War. He said high compliment to the officers of the company and the leadership of Cap to school. tain Reins.

He said that it is essential that a company have the goodwill and backing of the business men and employers as evidenced in North Wilkesboro. He explained that the National guard is a protection unit as well as a potential fighting unit and a vital part of national defense. He said that the guard stands ready at all times to serve in protection of life and property and for service in times of disaster, floods, conflagrations, tornados, etc.

He told of how the National Guard is financed, with the federal government providing drill pay. ransportation, training expenses, equipment and supervision.

He said that although it had not been officially ordered, the guard this summer will have 27 days of field drill instead of the usual 15 days summer camp because of war and unrest in the world. He expressed a hope that the training could be arranged so that as little inconvenience as possible might result for business men and employers and urged that they cooperate as fully as possible in letting men off for raining duty.

Following his address a number of local industrial leaders spoke briefly, stating their appreciation for Company A in this community, and offering to cooperate fully. Those who spoke were Frank Johnson, superintendent of the International Shoe company plant, P. W. Eshelman, president of Wilkes Hosiery Mills; J. P.. Hix, secretary of American, Furniture company; J. R. Finley, secretary of Forest Furniture company; R. G. Finley, president of Meadows Mill Company; and Jack Quinn, of

Home Chair company. Following the banquet an offi cers' ball was held at the American Legion and Auxiliary club-

house north of the city. The complete list of officers present for the banquet and ball was as follows:

Gen. J. Van B. Metts, The Ad-

and Lts. E. P. Robinson, W. G.

Wilkeaboro.

jutant General; Col. Graham K. Clinic Held At Wilkes Hos-Hobbs, Commander 105th Engineers; Lt. Col. Gordon Smith, U cessful; Next April 11 S. P. and D. O. and Capt. Burnett, all of Raleigh; Lt. Col. J. H. Trescot, Executive Officer 105th Engineers; Major R. F. Gill, C. E. U. S. Army; Capt. Pars H. Lemmonds, Tech.; Sgts. I. E. Valentine, S. T. Shurling and Linker, all of Charlotte; Capt. H. the most successful held here in J. Hatcher and Lts. J. W. Amos and A. L. Shuping, Morganton; new cases were included among Capt. W. M. Pickens and Lt. Earl Reece, Lincolnton; Capt. Geo. April 11. Field and Lt. Benton Leinster, Statesville; Capt. R. R. Reins

Metts Speaker At Gregory Gets 15-20 Years Military Banquet For Death Of Aged Mother National Guard Vital Part G. O. P. Leaders Discuss Convention Plans Manslaughter Plea



Making big medicine for the Republican party's 1946 convention in er, entered a plea of guilty of Philadelphia are John D. M. Hamilton, center, chairman of the Republican national committee; Harold W. Mason of Vermont, left, secretary, and Henry Fletcher of Rhode Island, general counsel. The trio met is Washington, D. C., to discuss plans for the June convention.

Prosecute Six For Violation Of **Attendance Laws**

In School Or Face Charges Before Court

Charles McNeill, Wilkes county welfare superintendent who also has the duty of enforcing the school attendance laws, said today bath Rate Up that six parents have been convicted during the past few days of failure to send their children

With improved weather conditions, parents have no reasonable excuse for not keeping their children in school, Mr. McNeill said, and other prosecutions will follow immediately unless the law is complied with.

Home Coming Day Is To Be Observe:

Church On Second Sunday In April

W. J. Plint, Wilkesboro Methodist church, has announced that Home-Coming Day will be observed at the church on the second Sunday in April.

All former as well as present members of the church, and also all former pastors and presiding elders are requested to attend the home-coming.

An all-day program is being arranged, and those attending are requested to bring a basket of good things to eat with them as dinner will be spread at the church. The program will be an nounced at a later date.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the church held Tuesday night at the home of the chairman, J. L. Garwood, it was decided to make some needed repairs on the church, and J. R. Henderson was named as a committee of one to get an estimate of the cost of the proposed work which will be presented to a church conference at an early.

The board of church trustees is composed of Mr. Garwood, chairman, Charles G. Gilreath, J. R. Henderson, and Julius C. Hub-

35 Examined In **Crippled Clinic**

pital Thursday Very Suc-

Thirty-five were examined in the cripple clinic held at the Wilkes hospital Thursday, Mrs. Bertha Bell, public health nurse said today. The clinic was one of several months and a number of those examined, Mrs. Bell said. Another clinic will be held on

The clinics are sponsored by months and five dollars per Staley and E. S. Finley, North club in cooperation with the the discussed. A full attendance Wilkes county health department. of members is requested.

Cragan Injured By Baseball On Friday

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro city schools, received a fracture of his collar bone Friday afternoon while assisting the high school baseball Parents Must Keep Children squad in practice on the fairgrounds.

A ball struck Mr. Gragan di rectly on the collar bone. He was treated at the Wilkes hospital.

During February

Seventy Births; 37 Deaths In Wilkes County During Past Month

Wilkes county experienced a slightly higher death rate in proportion to the number of births during the month of February. statistics released today by the county health department show-

In February there was a total of 70 births, 66 white and four At Wilkesboro Methodist colored. There were 37 deaths, 35

white and two colored. The atio or births to deaths had been about two and one-half

A very small number of comunicable diseases were reported Pierce, Isaac Roten, J. S. Bumto the county health department during the month. There was only one case of diphther a and one of scarlet fever.

Other activities of the health department included Wasserman blood tests for 72 white and 21 colored. Syphilis treatments totaled 484, of this number 284 were to whites and 200 to colored

Placements Off During February evidence has much interest.

Employment Office Also Re- Lovette Child ports Decrease In Number Of Jobless Claims

B. G. Gentry, manager of the North Wilkesboro tranch of the state employment service, said today that his office placed 35 in private employment and seven on public works jobs during Febru-

Severe weather making outside work impractical is attributed as one of the major causes for a smaller number of placements. There was also a decrease in the number of claims filed for February as compared to the corresponding period a year ago, indicating that employment has held up well in the territory served by the office.

However, there was an increase in the number of applicants for work, there being 347 registrations during the month.

Eastern Star Meeting

the Order of the Eastern Star are asking all girls of the Wilkeswill meet Thursday evening, March 14, 7:30 o'clock, in the lodge hall. There will be election of officers for the ensuing year the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis and other important business will

Entered In Case: **Byrd Trial Begins**

Wilkesboro, the trading senter of Northwestern

North Carolina.

Death Penalty Asked Fer Ferguson Man Charged With Burchette Death

Andrew Gregory, 50-year-cld WPA worker charged with the death of his mother, Canzada Gregory, at their farm home in Somers township on January 14, was sentenced in Wilkes court today to serve 15 to 20 years in state prison.

Gregory, who never admitted being guilty but offered to shoulder all blame in connection with the death of his aged mothmanslaughter.

Reviewing the known facts in the case, officers testified that Gregory, in a drunken condition, went to home of neighbors on that afternoon and told them that his mother had burned to death. He said that he found her clothing afire that morning, that he put out the fire with a bucket of water and sat by her until she died. Later he said that he was so drunk he could not recall what happened and what he did.

A physician who examined the hody found her nose broken and a bruise on her forehead. Blood was found on Gregory's clothing and on his arms. A large splotch of blood was on bis back. Investigators from the state bureau of investigation said it was human

Neighbors said that Gregory had been abusing his mother when he was drunk and that when he was sober he treated her well. She was deaf and dumb but was an industrious and active woman despite her advanced age. She and her son operated a small farm and he worked on WPA dur-

ing winter months. This afternoon the case 5__ George Byrd, a first degree murder trial for the death of S. M. Burchette at Ferguson on November 11, was called for trial and the task of selecting jurors from a special venire of 50 summoned last week was begun.

Jurors selected before court adjourned this evening were Fred Shoemaker, T. M. Holcomb, J. J. garner, J. A. Brown, Andrew Nichols, N. O. Hendren, J. D. Jarvis and T. G. Cooper.

The special venire of 50 and the supply of regular jurors were all examined and Judge Bobbet ordered additional men summoned to appear Tuesday morning.

The state is asking the death penalty for Byrd, charging that he shot Burchette through the window of his home as he was retiring for the night. The investigation and subsequent revealing of accumulative circumstantial evidence has been a subject of

Fatally Burned

Two-Year-Old Boy Falls Into Tub Of Boiling Water; Funeral Saturday

Funeral service was held Saturday at Baptist Home church for Charlie Calvin Lovette, twoyear-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lovette. The child died Friday morning from burns received Thursday when he fell into a tub of boiling water at their home in the Fairplains community. ,

Surviving are the father and mother and three brothers.

Measure Girls For "Scarlett O'Hara"

North Wilkeshoro Woman's Clubs, sponsors of a "Gone With Wilkes chapter number 42 of The Wind' ball to be held soon, boros to go to Spainhour's Store Wednesday and Thursday, two to six p. m., to be measured in order that the "Scarlett O'Hara for the Wilkesboros" may be selected.

The ball will be held on Tuesday night, March 19.