

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

MEAT RATIONING London.—Meat rationing will become effective in Britain today...

STEAMER SCUTTLLED London.—Interception of the 5,600-ton German steamer Hannover by a British cruiser near Puerto Rico...

REPORTS CONTRADICT Berlin.—The German high command asserted Sunday that 10 per cent of Britain's tanker fleet had been destroyed in the war at sea...

HITLER'S PEP TALK Berlin.—Breaking with the traditional ways of celebrating Germany's memorial day, Adolf Hitler Sunday sounded a war cry...

RIBBENTROP TALKING Rome.—Premier Mussolini and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop of Germany conferred for an hour and a quarter Sunday on what authoritative quarters indicated was the possibility of Britain and France sending troops to aid Finland in her conflict with Soviet Russia...

Two Injured In Collision Near City Two were injured today when a truck owned by the city and being used on a WPA project collided with a car driven by George Parker near the prison camp.

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.

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No Solution To 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...

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...

The following letter written by M. F. Absher, chairman of the Wilkes board of commissioners, to the North Carolina Extension Service Friday explains the state of the controversy at present:

"We have made investigation of most all of the list of farm agents which your office submitted to us some time ago. From this list we have found that Mr. McCaslan, of Murphy, N. C., comes nearer filling the bill desired by the board of commissioners as he is a man of the age we would like to have...

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. Booker, Dr. A. J. Eller, H. B. Howie and H. M. Hutchens were guests of W. K. Sturdivant, who was program chairman for the day.

Merchants Discuss Closing Saturdays At Seven P. M.; Majority Favors Plan

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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 of the merchants favor the early closing hour.

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. Spainhour, J. R. McCartney, T. 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.

Heroine Weds



Jessie Simpson, beauty contest winner and photographers' model who lost her legs in a train accident in 1937, has a "hair-do" for the most important event of her life—her marriage to James Stewart of Hackensack, N. J.

Health Officials Tells Kiwanis City Needs Incinerator

Dr. Booker Speaks Here On Subject Of "Sanitation and Sewage Disposal"

Citing progress made in public health during the past 25 years, Dr. W. H. Booker, of the State health department, concluded an address Friday before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club with the recommendation that North Wilkesboro provide for an incinerator and extension of water and sewer lines to suburban parts of the city.

In 25 years the typhoid death rate in the state dropped from 800 to 45 per year, he said, but the state is threatened with a new 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.

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 Dock Gaither, brother-in-law, was sentenced in Wilkes court Friday to five years in prison by Judge W. H. Bobbitt, who is presiding 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 the proper time to kill a hog. The altercation took place at the home of the two men near Wilkesboro in November.

Metts Speaker At Military Banquet On Friday Night

National Guard Vital Part 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. Lieut. Col. Gordon Smith, of Raleigh, 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 compliance to the officers of the company and the leadership of Captain 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, tornadoes, etc.

He told of how the National Guard is financed, with the federal government providing drill pay, transportation, 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 training 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. L. 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 officers' ball was held at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse north of the city.

The complete list of officers present for the banquet and ball was as follows:

Gen. J. Van B. Metts, The Adjutant General; Col. Graham K. Hobbs, Commander 105th Engineers; Lt. Col. Gordon Smith, U. S. P. and D. O. and Capt. Burnett, all of Raleigh; Lt. Col. J. H. Trescott, 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. J. Hatcher and Lts. J. W. Amos and A. L. Shuping, Morganton; Capt. W. M. Pickens and Lt. Earl Reece, Lincolnton; Capt. Geo. Field and Lt. Benton Leinster, Statesville; Capt. R. R. Reins and Lts. E. P. Robinson, W. G. Staley and E. S. Finley, North Wilkesboro.

Gregory Gets 15-20 Years For Death Of Aged Mother

G. O. P. Leaders Discuss Convention Plans



Making big medicine for the Republican party's 1940 convention in 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 in Washington, D. C., to discuss plans for the June convention.

Manslaughter Plea Entered In Case; Byrd Trial Begins

Death Penalty Asked For Ferguson Man Charged With Burchette Death

Andrew Gregory, 50-year-old WPA worker charged with the death of his mother, Canada 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 mother, entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter.

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 body 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 his back. Investigators from the state bureau of investigation said it was human blood.

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 during winter months.

This afternoon the case of 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. Pierce, Isaac Roten, J. S. Bumparker, 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 Bobbitt 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 much interest.

Prosecute Six For Violation Of Attendance Laws

Parents Must Keep Children 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 that six parents have been convicted during the past few days of failure to send their children to school.

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 Observed

At Wilkesboro Methodist Church On Second Sunday In April

Dr. W. J. Flint, pastor of the 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 announced 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 date.

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

35 Examined In Crippled Clinic

Clinic Held At Wilkes Hospital Thursday Very Successful; Next April 11

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 the most successful held here in several months and a number of new cases were included among those examined, Mrs. Bell said.

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 squad in practice on the fairgrounds.

A ball struck Mr. Cragan directly on the collar bone. He was treated at the Wilkes hospital.

Death Rate Up 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 showed.

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

The ratio of births to deaths had been about two and one-half to one for several months. A very small number of communicable diseases were reported to the county health department during the month. There was only one case of diphtheria 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 cases.

Placements Off During February

Employment Office Also Reports Decrease In Number Of Jobless Claims

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

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

Wilkes chapter number 42 of the Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thursday evening, March 14, 7:30 o'clock, in the lodge hall. There will be election of officers for the ensuing year and other important business will be discussed. A full attendance of members is requested.

Lovette Child 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, two-year-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 Wilkesboro Woman's Clubs, sponsors of a "Gone With The Wind" ball to be held soon, are asking all girls of the Wilkesboro to go to Spinhour's Store Wednesday and Thursday, two to six p. m., to be measured in order that the "Scarlett O'Hara for the Wilkesboro" may be selected. The ball will be held on Tuesday night, March 19.