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Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

RETAIL SALES UP

Washington.—The federal reserve board yesterday estimated that department store sales in the week ended March 16 were 6 per cent larger than in the corresponding week of last year. Sales in the week ended March 6 had been 11 per cent larger than last year, and the average gain over last year for the four weeks ended March 16 was 7 per cent.

MORE FARM RELIEF

Washington.—The Senate passed the \$238,000,000 farm appropriation bill—\$203,000,000 above the budget estimates—yesterday in the face of a warning from Secretary Morgenthau that it should not expect the increase to be paid from the Treasury's cash balance. That balance, Morgenthau wrote to Senator Byrd (D., Va.), will run about as low as it can be permitted to go at the close of the present fiscal year, without dipping into it for undesignated agricultural expenditures.

PEACE LOVING REDS

Moscow.—The Soviet press lashed out yesterday at the activities of "British-French imperialists" in northern Europe and emphasized Russia's own "peace-loving" policy toward the small nations of the north—particularly Finland, Norway and Sweden. "Anti-Soviet lies" was the way Pravda, organ of the Communist party, described what it called reports of "imaginary Soviet claims for free ports addressed to Sweden and Norway" and which the newspaper said were being bandied about chiefly by the British and French press.

COMING TO STATE

Washington.—Dedication of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park is the number one item on President Roosevelt's activities. Presidential Secretary Alexander General Edwin M. Watson, Indiana, was the decoration that the visit to the park stands at the head of the president's list. Reports were received in Capitol Hill that Mr. Roosevelt was planning to make the cross-country tour that was cancelled last fall because of the foreign situation.

BOY KILLS BROTHER

Emmetsburg, Iowa.—Palo Alto county officials said William Mundus, 11, related yesterday that he shot and killed his 9-year-old brother, Bernard, while playing "Stick 'Em Up" last Sunday in the Mundus farmyard. The body was discovered when the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mundus, returned from a visit in town. State bureau of investigation officials said ballistics tests disclosed the fatal bullet to have been fired from a .38 calibre revolver found in a kitchen drawer in the Mundus home.

NEW BOMBER BIGGEST

Washington.—The army announced yesterday that it soon will acquire from the Douglas Aircraft Corporation the world's largest plane, a 70-ton juggernaut capable of making a round-trip, non-stop transatlantic flight while carrying 28 tons of bombs. The huge ship will be double the size of the famous super flying fortress currently the army's biggest bombers, which weigh only 35 tons. It is being built under conditions of strictest secrecy, the army said, adding that it was plans for this ship which were stolen last year but recovered promptly by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It will have a wingspread of more than 210 feet, and will be equipped with four engines delivering 6,000 horsepower.

Heavy Snowfall Easter Sunday

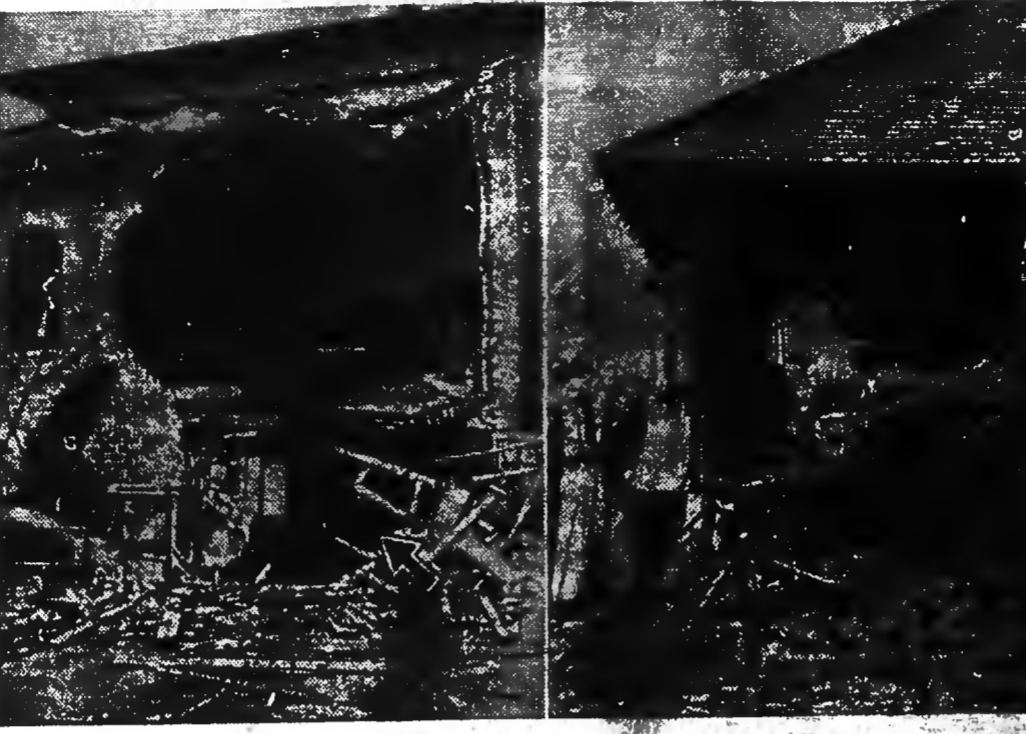
For the first time in half a century, Wilkes county had a white Easter Sunday. Snow began falling about seven o'clock Sunday morning and fell steadily all day, reaching a depth of from four to five inches all over the county. In Winston-Salem, where the annual Easter Sunrise service attracts many thousands, there was a lighter snowfall but sufficient to cover the ground. It was the first snow on Easter since 1885. The temperature started tumbling Saturday and all day Sunday was below freezing as the snow blanketed the earth.

Project Calling For Widening Of 421 Is Approved

Will Add Four Feet To Concrete Pavement On Road East Of Wilkesboro

A highway project providing for widening of the concrete pavement on highway 421 about seven miles east of Wilkesboro has been definitely approved. It was learned today from highway officials at the highway commission division office here. The project calls for addition of four feet on concrete pavement to the present road. Widening of the pavement will result in great improvement to the road, which is considered too narrow to accommodate present day traffic. Stone to be used in the paving operations will be mined from a quarry opened between the highway and Windy Gap last year.

Death Misses Classroom Mark by One Hour



Death was cheated by one hour's time recently when a heater exploded in the Ripon Junior high school at Modesto, Calif. The heater blew up at 6:55 in the morning and ripped out a whole corner of the athletic building, left. It sailed 150 feet through the air and was projected through the agricultural building, right, piercing both walls of the structure like a giant cannon ball. It sailed another 149 feet before burying itself in the ground. There were no casualties as classes were not scheduled to gather until one hour later.

Dougherty Speaks To Committeemen Of Wilkes County

School Committee Members Hear School Law Discussed Saturday

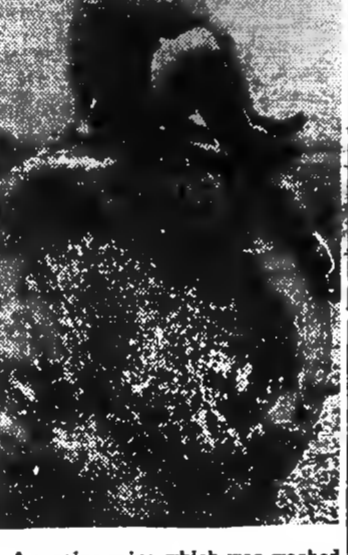
Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian Teachers College, Boone, addressed a county-wide meeting of school committeemen of Wilkes county held in Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon. The subject of Dr. Dougherty's address was "Qualities of A Good Teacher." He also touched on a number of the duties of school committeemen during his remarks. The meeting was called by C. J. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes schools, and about 75 committee members from all parts of the county were in attendance. C. O. McNeil, chairman of the Wilkes board of education, also spoke, pointing out the rise in average of teacher training for the schools of the county system. The school law, particularly as it relates to duties of committeemen, was discussed.

G-Man Scheidt Tells Club About F.B.I. Procedure

Delivers Interesting Address About Crime Problem In United States

Calling attention to the fact that there were a million and one-half major crimes and eleven million minor crimes in the United States last year, Edward Scheidt, G-Man in charge of the Charlotte office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, told the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club here Friday that the crime problem must be encountered on two fronts. On one front he said, the problem can be attacked by the homes, schools, civic groups and citizens generally and on the other front by a scientifically directed police force such as the FBI maintains. He prefaced his address to the club by drawing a parallel between Sherlock Holmes fiction and actual FBI procedure. Much success attained depends upon the psychology used and boys and girls are often helpful because they often observe more keenly than older people, he said. He spoke of the high rating of training of FBI men, how they are selected and how they continue their training all along with their duties. Dr. A. C. Chamberlain was program chairman for the day. In the business session of the club meeting J. B. Williams called attention to the sale of Easter seals to raise funds for work among crippled children and urged members to support the movement. The directors meeting was postponed until Friday night because of conflicting with the date of an inter-club meeting in Greensboro. An invitation from Roaring River for the club to meet there on April 12 was considered and the club deemed it advisable to postpone it until a later date. At the meeting W. H. Patton was a guest of L. M. Nelson, Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain was a guest of Miss Lois Scroggs, B. G. Gentry was with H. H. Morehouse, Dr. J. W. Morris and Fred Hubbard, Jr. were guests of Dr. F. C. Hubbard, George Ross, Sr., and George Ross, Jr., were guests of A. A. Cashion.

Standstand Organizes For Primary Duties



A marine mine which was washed up on the English coast provides a grandstand for this youngster who gazes out over the ocean. It isn't as dangerous as it looks for the detonator was removed from the highly explosive machine, which is powerful enough to sink a ship.

Board Elections Organizes For Primary Duties

New Registration Or Transcription of Books Is Not Determined

Wilkes county board of elections met on Saturday at the office at the office of the clerk of court according to appointment by the state board of elections. The board continued their meeting until Wednesday evening, six o'clock, of this week. The board organized by electing E. P. Inscore chairman and J. C. Grayson, the Republican member, secretary. C. C. Staley is the third member of the board. The clerk of court delivered the poll books and registration books to the chairman of the board of elections, in whose custody they will remain until the primary. No action was taken on whether the new registration will be called for the primary or a transcription of the registration books to a book for each party will be called as provided by a change in the election law. The board members are planning to attend a course to be conducted in Statesville Tuesday by W. A. Lucas, chairman of the state board of elections.

Woman's Foot Shot Off Today

Mrs. Relin Lowe Suffers Bad Injury At Home Near Roaring River

Mrs. Leona Blackburn Lowe, age 20, wife of Relin Lowe, of the Roaring River community, suffered a bad injury and probable loss of her right foot in an accident at her home today. According to information obtained from members of the family, Mrs. Lowe was in the home when the shotgun presumably fell from where it was standing against the wall and accidentally discharged. The load went through her right foot just below the ankle joint and also caused some injury to her left foot. Physicians at the Wilkes hospital said, after preliminary examination, that in all probability she would lose her right foot.

Ferguson School Students Visit Newspaper Plant

Forty students of the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grades of Ferguson school made their annual tour of a group of business and industrial plants here on Friday. Included in the day's sightseeing was a visit by the classes to the office and plant of The Journal-Patriot, where they were shown the processes involved in the making of a newspaper and in commercial printing. The group, led by Prof. and Mrs. G. E. Teater, also visited Key City Furniture company, the telephone exchange, Grier Mills and the public library. They were served lunch in Wilkesboro school lunch room and in the afternoon saw "Young Tom Edison" at Liberty Theatre. Mr. Charlie Wheeler, who is in school at Chapel Hill, has been spending a few days here with his father and mother, Attorney and Mrs. J. H. Whicker, Sr.

Meeting Thursday Night To Discuss Celebration Plans

Commerce Bureaus And Civic Groups To Plan For Anniversary Pageant

A social meeting of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureaus, representative groups from civic organizations, city officials and other interested people will meet on Thursday night, 7:30 at the city hall to lay definite plans for North Wilkesboro's fiftieth anniversary celebration to be held some time this year. Myron Calvin, a representative of a nationally known producing company, met here recently with the advertising bureau and discussed tentative plans for the event, which is expected to be one of the most outstanding occasions in northwestern North Carolina this year. However, it was decided that a meeting of all civic groups be called to join in the definite plans for the anniversary celebration, which may be in the form of a pageant depicting the growth and progress of northwestern North Carolina's metropolis during its half century of existence.

Wilkes Girl Is Contest Winner

Miss Ina Lee White Takes First Honors In District Legion Contest

Miss Ina Lee White, Ronda high school girl who won first place in the American Legion's fifteenth district oratorical contest held Saturday in Wilkesboro, will go to Lexington Thursday night to take place in the Legion's regional contest. Miss Madge Kirby, of Lansing, was second place winner in the district contest. The district is composed of Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Alexander and Iredell counties. L. M. Nelson, commander of the Wilkes post of the Legion, conducted the contest held in Wilkesboro and five judges selected the winners. The subject of the orations was "How the Constitution Benefits the United States and its Citizens." Winner in the regional contest will take part in the department contest to select a winner to represent the state in the national contest, where a \$4,000 scholarship will be the grand prize.

A. K. Pearson Taken By Death

Prominent Citizen Of This City Dies Of Injuries Received In Fall

Albert Konrad Pearson, one of North Wilkesboro's best known citizens, died at the Wilkes hospital at six a. m. Friday as the result of injuries received in a fall in his home on March 6. In the fall his hip was broken and complications set in, causing his death. Mr. Pearson was born in Linkoping, Sweden, on March 23, (Continued on page eight)

Baity Child Dies

Last rites were held at Edgewood cemetery today for Charles James Baity, son born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Baity, of North Wilkesboro route 3, on February 29. He died Saturday. Surviving are the father and mother, one brother and two sisters. Mr. Charles Sink, University of North Carolina student, has been spending a few days here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Sink.

Gilreath Youth Is Accidentally Shot

5th Sunday Singing On Hinshaw Street

Members of the Hinshaw Street Baptist church in this city today announced that the church is extending a cordial invitation to all singing classes, quartets and other singers to be present and take part in the Fifth Sunday singing to be held Sunday at their church. The day's program will begin at ten a. m.

Roscoe Gilreath Victim Shooting At Noon Today

Shot In Head By Gun In Hands Of Eugene Eckner At Fairgrounds

Roscoe Gilreath, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gilreath, of this city, was shot and killed about noon today while playing with some other boys near the fairgrounds. Sheriff C. T. Doughton said that according to information he received, the Gilreath youth and Eugene Eckner were shooting birds with a 22-calibre rifle and that Gilreath stepped in front of the gun just as Eckner was pulling the trigger to shoot. The bullet entered the back of the boy's head. Odell Billings, another boy, was with them but said he did not see the shooting. An ambulance rushed the wounded boy to the hospital but he died within a few minutes after arrival. Officers said that all evidence indicated that the shooting was accidental. Surviving the accident victim are his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: June, Arnold, Paul, Faye, Ted, Mary and Billie Gilreath. Funeral service will be held some time Wednesday.

32,871 Checks To Jobless Gone Out From Office Here

In Two Years and Two Months the \$217,624.05 Is Paid Through Local Office

Raleigh.—The North Wilkesboro Employment Service office, which serves the area embraced in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes county—counties, has delivered \$217,624.05, included in 32,871 checks to unemployed or partially unemployed workers in that area in the past two years and two months, through February, figures compiled in the Central office of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation show. The 46 white Employment offices, with 10 colored branches in as many cities with large colored populations, distributed 1,849,000 checks for \$12,000,000 in the same two-year and two months, less than 18,684 checks for \$215,095.21 sent to residents outside the State who had previously accumulated reserves in North Carolina. The distribution for January was 49,209 checks for \$285,382.35 and for February, last month, it was 58,775 checks for \$308,145.51. In January, the North Wilkesboro Employment office delivered \$3,658.29, included in 736 checks, and in February, 850 checks for \$4,360.27 were distributed. Benefit payments of \$13,436,933.89 had gone to unemployed workers of North Carolina from January, 1938, through March 20, last week, from the State Unemployment Compensation Commission. Contributions and interest on the state's balance in the U. S. Treasury amounted to \$33,149,830.03 through last Wednesday, leaving a balance in the State fund as of that day of \$19,712,896.14, Chairman Charles G. Powell reports.

Woodrow Mathis Passes Suddenly

Young Man Dies While Riding In Automobile; Inquest Held Today

Woodrow Mathis, age 28, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Mathis, of Roaring River route 2, died Sunday night while riding around in an automobile with Taft Johnson, resident of the same community, and Albert Combs, of Statesville. Coroner I. M. Myers conducted an inquest today and the verdict of his jury was that Mathis died of unknown causes. At the inquest Combs stated that he was driving his car and that Johnson and Mathis were with him, that they had been drinking heavily and were riding around when the car stuck in a mud hole in the Mt. Sinai community. He said that Mathis was apparently asleep in the back seat and that he and Johnson tried to awaken him and have him help get the car out of the mud when they found that Mathis was dead. Johnson's account of the affair corroborated Combs, although he said he was unable to remember very distinctly just what happened. Suspicion that foul play had a part in Mathis' death was first aroused by the discovery of a slight knot on top of his head but it was decided that the injury was in all probability not sufficient to cause death. Johnson and Combs said there had been no trouble between them during the afternoon and night before he was found to be dead about eight o'clock. Persons who lived nearby said that they found the car stuck in the mud, that Johnson and Combs were sitting in the car and that Mathis' body was slumped in the back seat. Combs asked them to notify officers of the death and Sheriff C. T. Doughton went to the scene for an investigation. Funeral service will be held Wednesday.

4 Firms Sponsor Quartet On Radio

Radio Listeners Invited To Hear Southern Harmonizers Each Saturday

Four North Wilkesboro business firms are sponsoring the radio broadcast by the Southern Harmonizers each Saturday afternoon, 1:30 o'clock, over radio station WBIG, Greensboro. The Southern Harmonizers are a male quartet composed of four young men of this county and since their debut on the air a few months ago their singing of gospel songs have won popular acclaim. The North Wilkesboro business firms sponsoring the broadcast of the Southern Harmonizers are Deans Jewelry store, Mark Down Furniture company, Gaddy Motor company and Red Cross Pharmacy. They join in extending a cordial invitation to all people in this section of the state to hear the Harmonizers each Saturday afternoon, 1:30, during the next twelve weeks. The quartet is composed of Clarence Sebastian, first tenor, Earl Wiles, second tenor, Eugene Sebastian, baritone, and Paul Luffman, bass. The Harmonizers have been on the air for several months and their programs have been increasing rapidly in popularity. They have also made many personal appearances in western North Carolina and their programs have been enthusiastically received by large crowds.

Splendid Play At Mulberry School

The Show Boat Players, the same group who so delightfully gave "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" at several places in the county, will present a comedy-drama entitled "Sweetest Girl In Dixie" at Mulberry school on Tuesday night, March 26, 7:30 o'clock. The school is sponsoring the play and assures all who will attend that it will be highly entertaining. Admission charges will be 15 and 25 cents.

Junior Order Will Initiate Five

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order will initiate five candidates in the meeting to be held Tuesday night, 7:30. All members, and especially the degree team, are urged to attend the meeting, which promises to be one of the most interesting in several weeks.