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BUSINESS BETTER
Raleigh.—North Carolina business has been in the throes of a seasonal decline but an Associated Press survey indicated today that the level was substantially higher than in the corresponding period of 1939. About this time last year, however, the state was edging out of the 1938 recession and heading for the climb that took it to record-breaking levels last fall.

MORE EXPENDITURES
Washington.—Two projected waterway expenditures—an outlay of \$100,000,000 next year for flood control and a seven-year navigation program costing \$231,090,950—threatened a new break today in the congressional economy dike. Several members predicted approval by the Senate appropriations committee of a \$30,000,000 increase in flood control funds above the \$70,000,000 proposed in President Roosevelt's budget.

READY TO STRIKE
Berlin.—Marshall Hermann Goering declared today that when Adolf Hitler gives the word Germany's armed forces will "strike the blow" that will win the war in the west as decisively as Nazis triumphed over Poland in the east. Germany's war machine stands like a "closed iron block" facing Britain and France in the west, "with their (Germany's) back and flanks free" from danger, the No. 2 Nazi told German youth. "Here (in the west) the decisive blow must fall," Goering said. "For this decision the Fuehrer has mobilized all powers."

F.D.R. DEWEY WIN
Milwaukee, Wis.—District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, and President Roosevelt today were assured majorities of the Wisconsin presidential nominating convention delegations, on the basis of returns from more than half of the state's 3,011 precincts in Tuesday's primary. Dewey was certain of at least 83 of the 21 Republican delegates. The race for the twenty-fourth delegate designation was close between a Dewey supporter and one pledged to United States Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Michigan, his only opponent in the primary. Mr. Roosevelt appeared certain to get the support of 21 Democratic delegates, with three going to Vice President John N. Garner.

STARVES, SUICIDE
Zeballos, B. C.—A diary found between the shriveled bodies of two trappers told today how one, weak and gasping from hunger, had watched his partner die of slow starvation. But the one who had survived the longer could not die the same death. He shot himself. All but two pages were written by Lloyd Coombs, 27, who had been flown to lonely Vancouver Island last autumn with James Ryckman, 56. They had not been seen since last August, when they disappeared into the wilderness. They were apparently trapped by floods. A searching party found their bodies yesterday after an airplane pilot had sighted them. It was Ryckman who starved; Coombs who committed suicide. The last entry in the diary was dated March 17, the day Ryckman died. "If I do anything I shouldn't, I hope that it will be forgiven," Coombs wrote. "I'd like to have my Bible. It's in the bottom of my pack. I'm too weak to get it. I'd like to have said a prayer for Jim." It was after that, apparently, that Coombs pulled his rifle over to him and killed himself.

Another Clinic On April 11th

Crippled and Deformed Will Be Examined Without Cost As Hospital

The April clinic for examination of cripples will be held at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday, April 11, according to information released today by the Wilkes county health department.

An orthopedic surgeon from Charlotte will conduct the clinic and no charge will be made for examination of cripples and ed-education relative to corrective treatment. Persons who know of any crippled or deformed individuals, especially children, are asked to cooperate by providing facilities for them to attend the clinic.

Wife: "Here's a riddle. What makes my life so miserable?"
The colonel: "You've got me."
Wife: "That's right!"

H. A. Cranor Is Candidate For The Legislature

Wilkesboro Attorney First To File For Office In Wilkes County

H. A. Cranor, well known Wilkesboro attorney, today broke the political ice in Wilkes by filing notice of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for member of the house of representatives, subject to vote in the primary to be held May 25.

So far as could be learned today, he is the first of either party in Wilkes to file notice of candidacy. His notice of candidacy was filed with E. P. Inscore, chairman of the county board of elections.

Attorney Cranor has experienced a long career in public life. For many years he was mayor of the town of Wilkesboro and in 1930 was the first Democrat to be elected to the legislature from Wilkes county in 56 years. His election in a county which had been so regularly Republican was given much publicity.

He said today that he would issue a formal announcement of candidacy within a few days. April 13 will be the last date for candidates to file for county or township office.

Veterans Foreign Wars Form Post In Meeting Monday

Twenty-Four Members Join In Initial Meeting Held At The City Hall Here

By W. B. McNEIL
The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. held their preliminary meeting Monday night at the City Hall for the purpose of organizing a V. F. W. post here. No post of this kind has been organized here in Wilkes county before, and not many people know much about the V. F. W. This is an old organization founded in 1899 by veterans who have fought America's wars on foreign soil.

It was first organized by Spanish American war veterans, but today it has over 500,000 World War veterans who saw service in France, or some other foreign country.

This is a service organization for men who have seen service in foreign countries. To be eligible to join this organization one must have had foreign service. Any World War veteran who is eligible to receive a victory medal with service or battle clasp is eligible for membership in this organization.

The meeting was in charge of Virgil L. Chandler, State Department Commander, and Bryan M. Crosby, State Department Chaplain. Mr. Chandler lives in Greensboro, and Mr. Crosby is from Hickory.

The meeting was called to order, and the speakers were introduced by W. B. McNeil.

Each one of the speakers made (Continued on page eight)

Fountain Pen Is Offered With Year's Subscription To Journal-Patriot

The Journal-Patriot is gratified to be able to announce to its readers that the Morrison Lifetime Service Fountain Pen—the finest quality pen made under that famous name—will be given free with a year's subscription to this newspaper at the regular price of \$1.50 a year in the state, \$2.00 out of state.

The Morrison is one of America's outstanding products in the line of writing instruments and is sold widely in the exclusive gift shops and large department stores of New York City and other Metropolitan centers.

Full details of our offer will be found in our large announcement ad on page eight of this issue.

An Explanation
In bringing this amazing offer to our readers, we feel that an explanation should be made as to how it is possible for us to give away with a year's subscription, an article of such high value. We believe that all of our readers know we could not do this if we were required to pay even the factory cost of production on the pen.

Chauffeur



Mrs. Gordon-Fellowes, a cousin of President Roosevelt, in her uniform as a worker of a motor ambulance unit in London. Her husband is in active service.

Week Of Services Begin Sunday At Methodist Church

Rev. John W. Moore To Assist Pastor In Series Evangelistic Services

Rev. John W. Moore, of Mooresville, widely recognized as one of the outstanding ministers in the Methodist conference, will assist the pastor, Rev. A. L. Aycock, in a series of evangelistic services beginning Sunday, April 7, at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church.

The revival will open with the Sunday morning service at the church and Rev. Mr. Moore will preach on Sunday night and each night during the coming week at 7:30 o'clock.

Hour for day services will be announced Sunday morning. The revival will continue through Sunday, April 14.

The church extends a cordial invitation for congregations of other churches to attend the services and participate in the revival.

Postal Receipts Continue Upward

First Quarter At North Wilkesboro Postoffice \$333 Above Year Ago

Postal receipts at North Wilkesboro postoffice continued their steady increase during the first quarter of this year. Postmaster J. C. Reins said today.

The normal increase of receipts during the past several years has been about \$1,000 per year but the increase during the first quarter of 1940 was substantially above the average.

Records show that receipts increased \$111 per month over the corresponding period in 1939, or \$333 for the quarter. If the rate of increase for the first quarter continues throughout the year the business of Uncle Sam here will show a larger increase than in 1939.

Need For School Building Talked

Many Patrons At Meeting At Cricket Friday; Next Meeting Tuesday

Parent-Teacher association of Union school three miles west of this city will have its last meeting of the year on Tuesday night, April 9, according to an announcement today by Ralph Beahrs, principal. First and third grades will put on an interesting program, to be supplemented by numbers by the Key City Songsters quartet, and all school patrons are invited.

At the meeting held on Friday night a large number of patrons were in attendance, at which time the need for a new school building was discussed.

C. B. Eller, superintendent of schools, addressed the gathering and pointed out that the school needs a modern school plant with ten classrooms and an auditorium. Some federal money is available, he said, and the county's share of the cost would equal a tax levy of 14 cents on each hundred dollars valuation of property. C. O. McNeil, chairman of the county board of education, also spoke at the meeting, expressing the desire on the part of the school authorities that the school obtain a building to replace the present overcrowded and dilapidated frame structure.

Traphill Youth Spelling Winner For The County

Will Represent County System In Contest; Annie Johnston City Winner

Because he spelled "misspelled" correctly, Arthur Newman, a seventh grade student of Traphill school, was crowned spelling champion of Wilkes county in a match of school district winners held Saturday.

The county winner is 13 years of age, a son of J. W. Newman, of Elkin route 1. Ruth Ellis, Wilkesboro student, had to be content with second place because she misspelled "misspelled."

Other district winners competing in the county finals were: Blaine Oliver, of Union school, representing Millers Creek district; Tommy Hinshaw, of Mulberry; Edwin Byrd, of Mountain View; Evelyn Mathis, of Ronda; and Lacy Lowe, of Roaring River.

Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the North Wilkesboro First Baptist church, conducted the contest. Other judges were Mrs. W. R. Absher and Mrs. Palmer Horton.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, will accompany the county winner to Winston-Salem Saturday to participate in the Journal-Sentinel spelling bee there.

North Wilkesboro city school system winner who will also take part in the Winston-Salem contest is Annie Johnston, of the sixth grade.

Cause Of Public Welfare Is Helped By Contributions

Welfare Department Appreciates Help Of Organizations, Individuals

Civic and church organizations and individuals who contribute to welfare calls for funds render an invaluable service and their contributions often result in the department being able to answer urgent calls, a statement issued today by the Wilkes county welfare department said.

The article, which expresses appreciation for the aid rendered and explains many phases of welfare work, follows:

"Emergency calls and situations are always arising in connection with the work of the department of public welfare. The department has no funds with which to answer emergency calls and therefore is deeply appreciative of the cooperation of organizations and "welfare conscious" citizens less fortunate than the physically handicapped and underprivileged children of our county.

"The Lions Club of North Wilkesboro (Continued on page eight)

29,705 School Lunches Served In WPA Lunch Rooms At 9 Schools In Month

Large Quantities Of Apples and Raisins Also Distributed In County

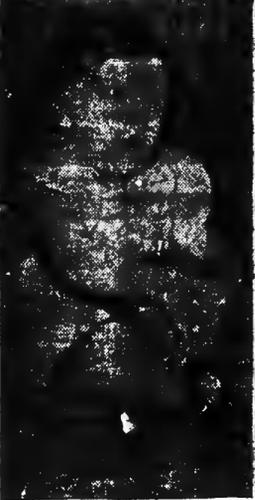
Nine school lunch rooms operated in Wilkes by the WPA served 29,705 school lunches during a 30-day period ending March 21, according to records compiled in the Wilkes county welfare office.

In addition to the nine WPA lunch rooms, the National Youth administration maintained a lunchroom at Boomer school, serving 50 students, and a faculty operated lunch room at Woodlawn school served 130.

The WPA school lunch rooms, under supervision of Mrs. Mabel Smithley, are located at Wilkesboro, Roaring River, Millers Creek, Mountain View and Ferguson high schools and at Moravian Falls, Piney Ridge, Harmon and Congo elementary units.

In these schools during the month 10,917 lunches were served without charge to underprivileged children. Lunches paid for by exchange of food products totaled

'Adopted'



"Adopted" daughter of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is three-year-old Joan Cameron of Philadelphia, Pa. The "adoption" simply means that Mrs. Roosevelt has agreed to assume \$30 per year expense to guarantee proper food and care for the child in a Philadelphia nursery.

Public Assistance Funds For Month Total \$7,232.50

565 Needy Aged Persons In Wilkes County Get Almost \$5,000 In March

Public assistance funds paid out to needy aged, dependent children and blind in Wilkes county reached a new high of \$7,232.50, figures released today from the county welfare office showed.

Old age assistance recipients number 565 for the month and their total was \$4,994.50, an average of about \$8.84 each.

Families receiving grants of aid for dependent children totaled 145 and they received \$1,766. Dependent children in the families eligible for aid were 337.

Payments to 27 blind persons totaled \$472.

On the approved list for old age assistance but not receiving payments because of lack of funds are 141 cases. They have been certified as eligible and passed by the county board of welfare.

Singers Gather In This City Sunday

What was described as the most successful session in the history of the Stone Mountain Singing association was held Sunday at Hinshaw Street Baptist church in this city.

Fifteen groups representing five counties participated in the day's program and several hundred were present to enjoy the singing.

The regular monthly meeting of the Wilkes county post of the American Legion will be held in the Legion-Auxiliary club rooms on Friday evening, April 5th, at 7:30.

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10,612 while the number of lunches paid for in cash was 8,143.

A plate lunch is served for a nickel. Pie and salad may be purchased for a nickel each if the plate lunch is not sufficient.

The welfare department has also cooperated in securing surplus commodities (apples and raisins) to be furnished schools without lunch rooms. These products are supplied to encourage these schools to provide lunch room facilities next year.

The schools, and the number of needy children in each who received apples and raisins, were as follows: Austin 50, Buck 22, Flint Hill 38, Loggins 21, Miller 35, Newlife 30, North Wilkesboro 300, Stony Ridge 50, White Oak 12, Hendrix 80, Roaring Gap 30, Union 140, Big Ivey 15, Oakwoods 37, Shepherd 16, Spurgeon 49, Sherman 56, Underprivileged children receiving the apples and raisins in the schools totaled more than 1,000, members of the welfare department said.

Election Board Decides Against Dividing Precincts

Quartet Singing At Rock Creek Church April 21

Stone Mountain quartet singing convention will be held at Rock Creek church on Sunday, April 21, J. A. Gilliam, of Hays, chairman of the organization, said today.

All quartets are invited to participate in the program, which will begin at 1:30 p. m. Rock Creek church is located 2 1-2 miles east of Mountain View on the Mountain View-Roaring River road.

G-Man Will Train Officers In Course To Be Held In City

Week's School For Law Enforcement Officers To Be Held During This Month

Police Chief J. E. Walker has made arrangements with Edward Scheidt, G-Man in charge of the Charlotte office of the bureau of investigation, to have a law enforcement officers' school here during the latter part of this month.

An instructor from the United States department of justice will be sent here to conduct the school, which will be for all law enforcement officers of Wilkes and adjoining counties. Sessions will be held at the city hall.

Chief Walker said that a representative of the FBI will be here next week to set definite date for the school and to make final arrangements.

Instructions will be given in identification, fingerprinting, use of firearms and various other phases of law enforcement work.

Youth Dies Of Gunshot Wound

Funeral Services For Robert Glenn Wyatt, of Reddies River, To Be Friday

Robert Glenn Wyatt, nineteen-year-old resident of the Reddies River community, died at the Wilkes hospital Wednesday from effects of a gunshot wound in his leg.

He was said to have been wounded one day last week when a gun in his hands accidentally discharged.

He was a son of John M. and Aliza Royal Wyatt and in addition to his parents is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Belle Wyatt, and two children.

Funeral service will be held Friday afternoon, two o'clock, at Royal cemetery, to be conducted by Rev. Eugene Vannoy.

15th Is Deadline For Farm Sign-Up

Only One-Fourth Of Farmers Of The County Have Signed This Year

All farmers in Wilkes county who do not sign up for participation in the soil program for 1940 before April 15 will receive no payment, it was learned today from Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Triple A in Wilkes.

He pointed out that there are about 5,000 farms in Wilkes county and to date less than 25 per cent have been signed up to be under the program this year, in spite of the fact that dates were set aside for committeemen to meet farmers in the various townships.

Mr. Miller said that all the forms have been turned over to the township committeemen and that every farmer who has not signed is urged to see his township committeeman on the earliest possible date.

City Board Talks Water, Sewer Lines

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in regular meeting Tuesday night discussed with engineers plans for water and sewer line extensions but definite action was deferred.

Many routine matters were disposed of during the meeting. All members of the board were present with Mayor R. T. McNeil for the meeting. The board members are Ralph Duncan, W. K. Sturdivant, H. M. Hutchens, A. G. Finley and J. B. Carter.

North Wilkesboro Will Remain One Election Precinct

Board Of Elections In Meeting Monday Night Fixes Number Voting Places

Wilkes county board of elections in a public meeting here Monday night decided against division of any precincts in Wilkes county and voted to let the precincts remain as they are.

The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing any persons interested relative to division of large precincts, particularly North Wilkesboro township, which polled a vote of about 2,600 in the 1938 election.

Attendance at the meeting was small.

F. C. Forester, prominent local Democrat, proposed to the county board of elections that North Wilkesboro be divided into five precincts: one west of Reddies River, another in the Fairplains vicinity north of the corporate limits of this city and east of Reddies River, and three within the city. He also suggested that a committee of three Democrats and two Republicans be named to divide the city into three precincts.

The board, which is composed of E. P. Inscore, chairman, J. C. Grayson, Republican member and secretary, and C. C. Staley, Republican, discussed the proposed division and on motion of C. C. Staley, seconded by E. P. Inscore, the board voted not to divide the township and to let it remain as one precinct.

On motion of Mr. Staley and seconded by Mr. Inscore, the following precinct voting places were established: Stanton at New Hope schoolhouse; Rock Creek at Mountain View schoolhouse; Reddies River at Millers Creek schoolhouse; Lovelace at E. P. Inscore's store; Antioch at Tom Mathis' service station on highway 421; Edwards number 2 at Roaring River schoolhouse.

The board will meet on Saturday, April 6, one o'clock, at the city hall in this city to appoint registrars and judges. Chairman of each political party will furnish a list of five for each precinct, from which the board will appoint the judges.

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