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GUFFEY WINNER Philadelphia.—U. S. Senator Joseph F. Guffey, victor in a stiff battle for the Democratic senatorial nomination, last night took over control of the party in Pennsylvania as his foremost opponent, David L. Lawrence, announced he would retire as state chairman. Guffey defeated Lawrence's choice for the nomination, Walter A. Jones, in Tuesday's Primary balloting by almost 100,000 votes.

NAZI CONTROL PORTS Berlin.—German authorities reported last night that their troops controlled Southern Norway between Oslo and the southwestern port of Stavanger, 200 miles from the capital, and that the Reich's naval and air forces had scored 57 successful attacks on Britain's navy in the Norwegian campaign. The Germans laid claim to southern Norway after the high command communique on Tuesday's fighting declared that German troops had disarmed two Norwegian divisions in the Stavanger vicinity.

"FREEZE" HOLDINGS Washington.—Working with unaccustomed speed, the Senate and House banking committees yesterday approved legislation empowering President Roosevelt to prevent Germany from getting possession of any wealth in this country as a result of its invasions abroad. The President has already acted to "freeze" the American holdings of Norway and Denmark to prevent their withdrawal from this country without special license. However, New York bankers had raised the question whether he had sufficient authority to require licenses for transactions in foreign-owned securities.

PRIMARIES PROBED Washington.—An investigation of money-spending in the recent Nebraska presidential primary—in which Thomas E. Dewey defeated Senator Vandenberg (R), and Wendell Willkie (R) defeated Roosevelt.

Monday by the Senate campaign funds investigating committee. Chairman Gillett (D), Iowa, announced that committee investigators would be dispatched to the state and would go, as well, to West Virginia to scrutinize expenditures in the senatorial primary there. In the Democratic primary in West Virginia Senator Holt is opposed by former Governor H. C. Kump.

CLAIMS DELEGATES Washington.—Admitting that Thomas E. Dewey has made inroads on North Carolina's slate of delegates to the Republican national convention, Senator Robert Taft of Ohio maintained yesterday that he not only would garner a large majority of the Tar Heel votes but would enter the convention with a larger total than the New York "rocket buster." Senator Taft's declaration may end the controversy raging for several days between managers in the rival camps regarding previous claims that the North Carolina delegation was solid for the Ohioan. Dewey supporters have contended that they have the pledges of "several" delegates.

AIRPORTS BOMBED London.—Showers of British bombs on five Nazi air bases over a 400-mile radius in Germany, Denmark and Norway blasted the way yesterday for new Allied offensive action on the soil of Norway while British infantrymen, fighting off a vigorous German counter-attack, were officially stated to have clung to their rocky positions in the Trondheim area. While the big bombers of the royal air force ferried their loads of death across the North Sea (two of a "larger number" failed to come back), Allied land columns were reported converging on strategically important Lillehammer, valley gate to the south of Norway.

Allowed To Sell All Tobacco From Allotted Acreage

Some misunderstanding has arisen over the amount of tobacco farmers will be allowed to sell this year without penalty. Lawrence Miller, secretary of the Triple A in Wilkes, said today. He explained that a tobacco farmer will be allowed to sell all tobacco grown on his allotted acreage without penalty. If a farmer plants more than his allotted acreage he will have to pay a penalty of ten cents per pound on exactly the amount he has overplanted.

Self-Service



"Jock," unlike most cats, prefers water to milk—and likes to draw his own. His owner, Mrs. E. J. McLaughlin of Bound Brook, N. J., loosened the faucet so "Jock" could work it with his paws.

Number Babies Far Outnumbers Deaths in County

Population Increase Shown By Vital Statistics Records For Wilkes

There were 81 births and 23 deaths in Wilkes county during the month of March, according to vital statistics compiled by the Wilkes county health department.

There were 77 white births, four colored; 22 white deaths and one colored. The increase in population is better told by figures for the first quarter of the year, showing that there were 217 births as compared with 85 deaths. There were very few cases of communicable diseases during the month and nothing approached epidemic stage. There was only one case of measles reported, three of whooping cough and eight of scarlet fever.

Women Prepare For 'Poppy Day'

Memorial Flowers in Honor of War Dead to Be Sold Here on May 25th

Bright red poppies, crepe paper replicas of the famous poppies of Flanders Fields, fill Legion headquarters here today as the women of the American Legion Auxiliary prepare for the annual observance of Poppy Day on Saturday, May 25.

The poppies were received from Oteen Veterans Hospital, Asheville where they were made by disabled World War veterans. They show the patient and devoted work of these men who made them in remembrance of their departed comrades. All handmade, the flowers vary slightly according to the skill of the veterans.

"Poppy-making means much to the disabled veterans," explained Mrs. W. D. Halfacre, Poppy Day chairman. "For those in the hospitals, it provides an interesting occupation to fill the long hours of illness and convalescence. It has high value as occupational therapy, helping the men speed their recovery. It gives them the encouraging experience of again earning money and of being able to send money home to help support their families."

"The poppy work rooms maintained by the Auxiliary in a number of states, provide employment for disabled men outside the hospitals who are unable to do other work. For them the poppy work is an eagerly sought relief from unhappy idleness, from the almost hopeless search for a job that their limited strength can perform, and a means of supporting themselves and families."

The disabled veterans are the only persons who receive pay for poppy work. The Auxiliary women who handle and distribute the flowers serve as unpaid volunteers, all contributions received on Poppy Day going to support Legion and Auxiliary efforts for the disabled and the needy families of veterans.

Many Children Served Food In Lunchrooms

Statistics For Year For WPA Project in Wilkes County Are Given to Public

In WPA lunchrooms at nine Wilkes county schools the average number of lunches served daily during the school term now drawing to an end was 1,400, according to information relative to the project made available here today.

Other statistics reveal that the average number of free lunches and lunches given in exchange for food products was 900 while 500 lunches daily were paid for with cash.

The schools at which lunch rooms have been operating are Ferguson, Wilkesboro, Mountain View, Roaring River, Millers Creek, Moravian Falls, Congo, Piney Ridge and Harmon.

This week the lunch rooms have been opened to visitors and many school patrons have taken advantage of the opportunity to get first hand knowledge of how lunchrooms are operated and the benefits derived.

Immediately following the close of the school term, another phase of the project will begin. In order to provide vegetables for the lunchrooms next year gardens will be planted and cultivated by WPA workers at Wilkesboro, Millers Creek, Ferguson, Mountain View and Roaring River schools. WPA workers will can the vegetables produced.

The gardens will have a total of 20 acres and 20 people will be employed on the project until canning time, when the number will be increased.

The Gardening, Canning and Lunchroom project is state-wide with the state board of charities and public welfare as state sponsor. The local sponsor is the Wilkes county board of education. To be eligible for operation of a lunchroom the sponsors must furnish adequate space for cooking and serving, equipment and food.

The sources of food used in the lunchrooms are: food from WPA gardens, food given by children in exchange for lunches; food from the Surplus Commodities Corporation; and food purchased with money paid by children. All these resources are pooled and palatable and beneficial lunches are served alike to all students. The part played by the WPA consists of labor and supervision in preparation and serving. For each of these workers the sponsors must give 20 free lunches per day to undernourished and underprivileged children.

A plate lunch with plenty of food for a growing child is served in school lunchrooms for only a nickel. If the appetite is greater than that which a nickel plate will satisfy the child may purchase a piece of pie or a salad for a nickel extra.

Teachers interviewed on the subject are high in their praise of lunchroom projects. The children are much better behaved in the afternoon after having eaten hot lunch and they are better physically prepared for afternoon study.

Billing County Supervisor AAA

Appointment Based on Best Record Among Local Compliance Supervisors

Lonnie G. Billings, for many years a local compliance supervisor for the Triple A program in Wilkes, has been appointed county supervisor for the program. Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Wilkes County Agricultural Conservator association, said today. Mr. Billings' appointment came from H. A. Patton, who has charge of compliance in the state, and the appointment was made on the best record of accuracy. Mr. Billings has been working on the program in Wilkes since 1936.

License To Wed

Only one marriage license has been issued in Wilkes county during the past two weeks, that being to Odell Riddle, of North Wilkesboro route 2, and Pansy Simpson, of Roaring River.

European War Crisis Causes Stir in Nation's Capital



Reported disturbed by the rapid spreading of Europe's war, President Roosevelt out short his rest at Hyde Park and returned to Washington to meet with government officials. Proudly displaying a new cane, which he jokingly referred to as "the big stick," the President was greeted by (left to right) Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson and Undersecretary of State Suraner Welles.

G-Man's 'Arsenal' Demonstrated Tuesday At Officers School Being Held In This City

April Session of Wilkes Court to Begin on Monday

Judge Bobbitt to Preside Over Term for Trial of Civil Actions

April term of Wilkes superior court for trial of civil cases will open in Wilkesboro on Monday, April 29, with Judge Wm. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, presiding.

Calendar for the term of two weeks has been arranged by the bar association and contains many cases, some of which have been pending for several years.

Jurors for the term were drawn by the county board of commissioners as follows:

- First Week: A. B. Matherly, Elk; N. B. Smithey, Wilkesboro; A. B. McNeil, North Wilkesboro; J. M. Wells, New Castle; Ira Shepherd, North Wilkesboro; Gene Carlton, Elk; L. G. Prevette, Traphill; Ted R. Nichols, Reddies River; Walter S. McGuire, Jobs Cabin; Alex Cleary, Mulberry; G. C. McGlammery, Reddies River; C. J. Triplett, Elk; W. Tom McNeill, Reddies River; W. A. Hayes, Reddies River; William Ashley, Union; W. C. Shumate, Walnut Grove; George Brown, Moravian Falls; Henry Brown, Somers; R. D. Cooper, Stanton; W. C. Church, Jobs Cabin; R. S. Asher, Edwards; John Martin, Rock Creek; F. R. Layell, Edwards; A. F. Combs, North Wilkesboro; J. G. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro.

- Second Week: Johnson Caudill, Walnut Grove; E. W. Wooten, Edwards; H. M. Broynhill, Moravian Falls; R. S. Whittington, North Wilkesboro; S. I. Minton, Elk; T. C. McGhinis, Beaver Creek; Sherman Elledge, Mulberry; B. M. Pardue, Moravian Falls; Odell Rash, Reddies River; L. S. Spainhour, Wilkesboro; Lin Bumgarner, Reddies River; Olin Souther, North Wilkesboro; J. M. Dickerson, North Wilkesboro; H. Talmadge Chambers, North Wilkesboro; A. C. Wellborn, Wilkesboro; W. C. Hule, Walnut Grove; Conrad Eller, Lewis Fork; J. M. Ferguson, Beaver Creek; R. F. Church, Lewis Fork; S. B. Gray, New Castle; I. B. Casey, Traphill; J. W. Joines, Moravian Falls; Gordie Harris, Antloch; Hamp Wyatt, Mulberry; W. L. McCarter, Rock Creek.

Wilkes County Girls Will Sing Over Radio

Miss Grace Myers and Miss Eva Wiles, who won the prize for the best singers at a contest at Mountain View school April 6th, will sing over radio station WAIR, in Winston-Salem on Saturday, April 27, at 8:45 a. m. on the regular program by the Southern Harmonizers.

These two accomplished young ladies, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wiles, are high school students at Mountain View and possess unusual talent for vocal music.

News Flash—3-Weeks Baby Has One Tooth

Vance H. Cordell, Jr., three-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance H. Cordell, of this city, has a tooth!

The husky youngster is far ahead of the average baby, which requires from four to seven months to show the first tooth.

Mrs. Cordell is the former Miss Beulah McNeill.

Public Assistance Grants in County \$7,264 For April

570 Receiving Old Age Assistance; 332 Dependent Children Are Aided

Public assistance payments to needy aged, dependent children and blind in Wilkes county this month totaled \$7,264, according to records in the office of Charles McNeill, Wilkes county welfare officer.

The greatest amount of public assistance funds, which are paid by federal, state and county, went to 570 needy aged, who received \$5,032. In addition to the 570 who are receiving monthly grants, there are 134 in the county who have been certified as eligible to receive aid, whose applications have been approved by the welfare board, but who are not receiving monthly grants because of lack of funds. Welfare authorities expressed a hope that some measure of relief can be provided after July 1.

Aid to dependent children grants this month totaled \$1,774 and went to 143 families with 332 dependent children.

Thirty-eight blind persons received grants totaling \$490 for the month.

Surplus commodities were distributed to 512 relief cases in the county.

Senior Class Play At Traphill High

The Senior Class of Traphill school will present its annual play on Saturday night, April 27, at 7:30. The title of this year's play is "Aunt Lillie Goes to Town." It is a three-act comedy and lasts a full evening. The cast of characters include the following members of the senior class: Tillie Trask (Aunt Tillie), Sallie Gilliam; Lucinda Talbot, her maid, Mary Belle McGrady; Pamela Marsh, Sallie Baugness; Lizzie Parsons, Annie Lou Collins; Ellen Neeland, Gertrude Gamble; Ronald Howland, Kermit Spicer; Luther Lorrimer, Everitt Lowe; Mervin Tucker, Blackburn; Charlie One Lung, Warren Cox; Mrs. Tillie Tucker, Maxine Sparks; Dr. Hattie Blag, Nina Yale.

A small admission fee will be charged.

Courses Continue Through May 3rd At the City Hall

Special Agents of FBI Demonstrate Methods in Law Enforcement Practices

If any criminally minded people contemplate bank robbery, kidnaping or other heinous crimes they should have witnessed the firearms demonstration conducted Tuesday afternoon by G-Men as a part of the officers' course in progress here.

G. W. Carlson, firearms expert of the FBI in Washington, D. C., demonstrated before about 25 officers in the Tuesday afternoon session of the school many of the weapons and devices used by G-Men in apprehending dangerous criminals. He explained in detail the uses of the various items in the "arsenal" and told how they might be effectively used by police officers, sheriffs and highway patrolmen.

After the indoor session the group, which included sheriffs, police officers, highway patrolmen and one curious newspaper reporter went to a remote spot a few miles from the city (where flying lead was not calculated to endanger human life) and there Carlson demonstrated the use of firearms and other devices for dealing with desperate criminals.

Of main interest to the group was the demonstration of the use of a Thompson sub-machine (Tommy) gun. The model which Carlson used spit lead at the rate of 600 .45 calibre bullets per minute.

The target size and proportions of a man's body was set up against a stack of cordwood and Carlson cut loose with a clip of 20 cartridges. Before the spectators knew what was taking place there were 20 holes in the target 50 yards away and they were so distributed over the humanlike target that if it should have been a man it would not have had as much chance of surviving as a snowball in the hot country.

To make the Tommy gun demonstration more interesting, flare bullets were used and the effect was not a great deal unlike lightning. Had it been dark those present could have seen the results of the shooting just as well as in daylight.

Equally interesting was the demonstration in the use of tear gas bombs and gas hand grenades.

With a specially built gun which was capable of projecting a one and one-half inch gas bomb about 500 yards Carlson fired into the woodpile and blue gas immediately began to envelop the surroundings.

Other officers tried out the gun and also practiced throwing gas hand grenades.

Some of the officers ventured into the gas area to find out what it was like and reported the effect. (Continued on page eight)

The Northwestern Fair Is to Be Held September 10 to 14

1940 Exposition Will Be Last Held Here; Many Attractions Planned

The Great Northwestern fair will be held in North Wilkesboro September 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, according to an announcement from J. B. Williams, president of the fair association.

According to present plans, the 1940 fair will be the last one in this city and fair officials are making every effort to make the last one the biggest and best.

The lease of the fairgrounds by the fair association will expire and the city plans to develop the fairgrounds into a municipal playground.

The premium catalogue will soon be off the press and a large volume of cash premiums will be offered in an attempt to make the Northwestern Fair of 1940 the biggest show of exhibits ever assembled in North Wilkesboro.

Contracts have already been signed for a big aggregation of carnival attractions and will bring to the city two trainloads of shows, rides and other amusement features.

Through an international producer of outdoor acts the fair association has obtained an excellent show to be carried out each afternoon and night in front of the grandstand. The show will feature some of the world's best acrobatic acts and an excellent revue, fair officials said.

Further announcement relative to the 1940 fair, which promises to be an outstanding gala event for northwestern North Carolina, are expected soon.

Youth Week At Baptist Church

Young People Will Conduct All Services at Baptist Church Sunday

Youth Week, being observed now at the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, will come to a climax next Sunday when all the services will be conducted by young people of various ages.

Beginning at 9:30 a. m., a group of boys will have charge of the ushering, with Mack Kerley as chief. Jimmy Moore will serve as superintendent of the Sunday school and will use several other young people to assist him in the opening program at 9:45 a. m. The singing will be led by Billie Barnes, with Jesse Farris at the piano.

At the worship service, beginning at 10:50, five-minute talks will take the place of the customary sermon. These will be given by Harriet Crutchfield, Lewis Hill Jenkins, Paul Haigwood and Beth Jones. Others will participate in the worship program, including Peggy and Mary Nichols, and Wayne Caudill. Special music for the morning service will be rendered by a chorus of intermediate girls.

At 7:30 in the evening a chorus of thirty young people from Lincoln Heights school will assist with the service by singing some negro spirituals. The rest of the program will be rendered by a group of young people of intermediate ages.

Wednesday night of this week the service was under direction of Edna Bullis, leader of a Junior young people's group. A program on "Learning to Pray" was given by a group of boys and girls consisting of Patsy Ruth McNeil, Tal Barnes, Jr., Mary Evelyn Crook, Elizabeth McNeill, and Dick Chamberlain. Billie Barnes led the singing, assisted at the piano by Jesse Farris.

The program for this week includes visitation to all members of the young people's organizations. It is expected that there will be a record attendance in all departments of the church next Sunday.

Plan Tacky Party And Square Dance

The Pythian Lodge and the Dokies Club are joint sponsors of a tacky party and square dance to be held on Monday night, April 29, at the Woman's clubhouse on Trogon street.

Admission will be fifty cents per couple and an enjoyable evening is assured all who will attend.