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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

SENATOR Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, will be the principal speaker at the 11th annual statewide Lincoln day dinner to be staged in Greensboro Monday night, February 12, it was announced Tuesday night by Worth D. Henderson, chairman of the arrangements committee for the dinner. Mr. Henderson said acceptance of the invitation was received from the senator late Tuesday afternoon. The chairman said District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, and Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan, also had been considered as possible speakers for the occasion. All three are potential candidates for the Republican nomination for President at the convention to be held this year.

NATIONAL

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 16—Violence, arrests and reports of voting irregularities brought mounting tension today while Louisiana Democrats passed judgment on the 1940 model of the political machine Huey Long set going in 1928. Apprehension mounted late this afternoon when the New Orleans police radio broadcast a warning that "from the looks of it now there may be serious trouble" and ordered all patrol cars to guard polling booths. The announcer said there had been reports of out-of-town cars moving into the city in numbers, possibly to precipitate trouble.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 16—Frank Gannett, Rochester publisher and long-time critic of President Roosevelt and the new deal, announced tonight his candidacy for the Republican nomination. The 63-year-old publisher told a civic reception in his honor and a radio audience: "I realize what it means to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President—what it means in responsibility, in hard work, in sacrifice. Yet it is a call to duty that no citizen can ignore. My answer is yes."

INTERNATIONAL

HELSINKI, Jan. 16—Russian warplanes again struck at Finland today as 51-degree below zero (Fahrenheit) cold brought new suffering to civilians in bomb-torn towns and the Finns reported dispersing two soviet companies in fighting near Salla. The worst cold wave in 25 years caused intense suffering, particularly in smaller villages where bombs demolished and burned homes, leaving inhabitants without shelter.

LONDON, Jan. 16—Britain today acknowledged the loss of three of her submarines assigned to one of the royal navy's most dangerous jobs—patrol of German North sea outlets to keep the Nazi fleet bottled up. The submarines *Undine*, *Seahorse* and *Starfish*—\$3,000,000 worth of undersea craft carrying about 110 men—failed to return to their bases and must now be regarded as lost, the admiralty announced. Presumably they were sunk by depth charges. The number of casualties was unknown.

Wade Mainer to Appear Here Soon

Wade Mainer and his "Sons of Mountainers," who broadcast regularly over radio station W.P.T.F., Raleigh, will appear in person at the Yadkinville school auditorium Tuesday night, January 30.

This popular string band is being sponsored by the local Boy Scout Troop, and the public will be charged a small admission price to attend the show, which lasts about two hours.

WOMAN'S BODY IS FOUND BADLY BURNED SUNDAY

Andrew Gregory Claims Her Clothes Caught Fire

INJURIES ARE FOUND

Neighbors Testify That Suspect Was Drunk When He Reported the Death

BLOOD IS ON FLOOR

Andrew Gregory, 50-year-old WPA worker, is being held in the Wilkes county jail for the mysterious death of his mother, Mrs. Canzada Gregory, about 75, at the order of the Wilkes grand jury. The death took place at the Gregory home in Somers township.

The coroner's inquest, held Monday morning, disclosed the information that Gregory went to the home of a neighbor about 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon and related that his mother was dead from burns. The neighbors testified that he was in a drunken condition.

Those who went to the home said they found the aged woman dead upon the floor, her body badly burned. About four feet from where her body was lying near the hearth were bloodstains on the floor. One person testified that Gregory was seen wiping blood from his arm with a handkerchief.

Gregory's story was to the effect that he was milking the cow about 9 o'clock Sunday morning when he heard his mother scream. He said he ran into the house, saw her clothes burning and saw her fall to the floor. He said he dashed two or more buckets of water on her body to put out the fire. Then he said he sat by her until she died about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, before notifying any of the neighbors, although some lived within calling distance.

Witnesses stated that the general report throughout the community was that Gregory abused his mother when he was drinking.

An examination of the body by a physician disclosed a broken nose and a bruise upon one side of the head.

Mrs. Gregory was in good health for her age, but had been deaf and dumb since birth. Andrew was her only son. Frank Gregory, a brother, lives in Jonesville.

Funeral services are to be held today at 11:00 a. m. at Union church.

Music Pupils Present Program

Mrs. Blanche Dunnagan presented her music students in a chapel program Friday morning in the school auditorium. The glee club sang "You'll Get There," "Voice in the Old Village Choir," and "Cribribee," as the opening part of the program.

Pattie Sue Cashion and Grace Williams presented a piano duet, "Little Drum Major"; Margaret Sheek, a piano solo, "In the Sunshine"; Grace Williams, a piano solo, "Mazurka, in A flat"; Kathryn Garner, a piano solo, "Trees"; and Martha Pearl Mackie and Jessie Russell, in a piano duet, "Kansas Wildcats."

The glee club closed the presentation with two songs, "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," and "Anchors Aweigh."

Death Claims

Mrs. Carrie T. Jones

Mrs. Carrie T. Jones, 87, died at the home of her son, Sidney F. Jones, in Yadkinville, at 6 o'clock Thursday morning, after a short illness due to the infirmities of old age.

She was a native of Franklin Grove, Ill., and the widow of David Jones, who died 45 years ago. She is the last one of a family of six children. Survivors include the one son, Sidney F. Jones, and four grandchildren.

She was a member of the First Congregational church of Washington, D. C., where the funeral was held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, with the pastor of the church in charge. Burial followed in the family plot in the Congressional cemetery.

Claimed by Death



Squire Jim Miller, above, who was claimed by death last Friday, after a life of 88 years, during 40 years of which he was a Justice of the Peace. He had spent his life in Yadkin county.

Squire Miller Is Claimed By Death At Home Friday

Mr. James C. Miller, 88, died at his home east of Courtney early Friday morning following an illness of several weeks, caused by the infirmities of old age. He had been in declining health for several months.

The funeral was held at Deep Creek Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. James Groce in charge. Burial was in the church graveyard. Mr. Miller had long been a Mason and the funeral was with full Masonic honors.

Surviving are three sons, G. W. and B. H. Miller, of Yadkinville, Route 2, and Joseph C. Miller, of Lewisville; one daughter, Mrs. Gwyn Shore, of Yadkinville, Route 2; 37 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Peter Miller, of Statesville, and two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Todd, of Pomona, and Miss Phyllis Miller, of Yadkinville, Route 2.

Oldest Mason

Squire Miller, as he was known to hundreds, was the oldest member of the Courtney lodge of Masons, which celebrated its 50th anniversary Monday night. He was the second oldest Mason in the county.

Mr. Miller was a student of deep books and had been for many years. He had a library of old and useful books and had read the Bible and New Testament through many times.

J. P. 40 Years

He was elected a justice of the peace in 1898 and re-elected every two years for 20 times, making him 40 years as a magistrate. He voluntarily retired when his health gave way.

AID TO FINNS FEARED KILLED

Congress Blocks President's Proposal to Aid Victims of Red Russians

WOULD INVOKE ACT

Washington, Jan. 17—President Roosevelt's plan for financial aid to Finland appeared today to have been sentenced to death by Congress.

Federal Loan Administrator Jesse H. Jones will explain the proposal to the Senate banking committee this morning, but informed senators said they doubted that it would reach a vote in either the Senate or the House.

The President suggested that the Export-Import Bank's revolving fund might be increased to permit extension of credit to Finland for nonmilitary purchases. Charges that such a step would be "unneutral" were made immediately, and even friends of the administration urged "extreme caution" in dealing with the problem.

Simultaneously, there were Republican and Democratic efforts to have the neutrality act invoked against Finland and Russia, and against Japan and China. Mr. Roosevelt replied at his press conference yesterday by stating that the act had not been invoked because there had been no formal declaration of war.

BIRTHDAY BALL IN YADKINVILLE AND EAST BEND

Johnnie Peddicord's Orchestra to Furnish Music for Dance

TO BE ON JANUARY 27th

The Yadkinville school gymnasium will reverberate to the sound of torrid syncopated symphony Saturday evening, January 27, when John Peddicord and his orchestra turn loose with some modern swing for the President's Birthday Ball, according to Guy Angell, county chairman.

These balls are held each year for the purpose of raising funds for the control of infantile paralysis. One-half of the proceeds will be retained in the county, and the other half will go to the National Foundation Fund. This is the first President's Ball to be held in Yadkinville.

The ball will begin at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, and end at 12 o'clock. For those who cannot dance, a program of bridge, Chinese checkers, etc., has been planned. Miss Mildred Logan is chairman of the ticket committee, and Miss Caroline Pfohl will be in charge of the refreshments. Admission is \$1.00 per couple.

John Peddicord and his "Kings of Korn" are known throughout North Carolina as a first class orchestra. String music will be furnished for square dancing at intervals throughout the ball.

East End Ball

Peddicord and his musicians will also play for the East Bend Ball to be held in the school gymnasium there Wednesday evening, January 31. Charlie Huff has been named chairman of the committee on arrangements for the East Bend Ball. Mrs. A. B. Harrell and Misses Sara Easterling and Gertrude Yarborough will be in charge of refreshments and other arrangements.

MASONS LODGE OF COURTNEY ENTERTAINS

Serve Dinner to Many Visitors from Many Other Lodges

RAY MOORE PRESIDES

The Masonic Lodge of Courtney celebrated its 50th anniversary of existence Monday night, when they entertained many visitors from the lodges at Yadkinville, Farmington, Mocksville and Harmony, at a dinner given in the Lodge Hall. Ray Moore presided over the anniversary celebration.

W. Bryan Booe, Winston-Salem postmaster, was scheduled for the main address of the evening, but was prevented from coming, and his place was filled by Solicitor A. E. Hall, of the Yadkinville lodge. Other speakers of the evening were R. B. Sanford, Jr., of Mocksville, and Mr. Howell, of the Farmington lodge.

The Courtney lodge has had enrolled among its members during the past 50 years many prominent citizens of that section and many of them have passed on, their places to be filled by younger men. Squire J. C. Miller was the oldest member of the lodge until his death last Friday.

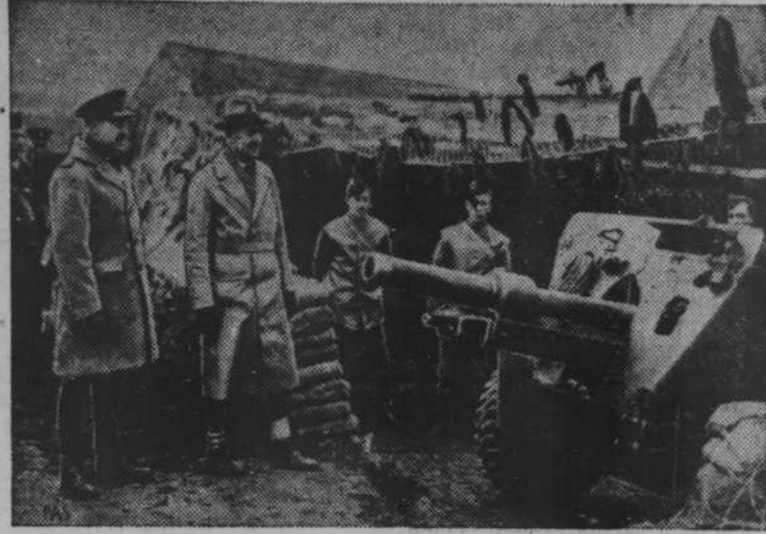
Dividend Declared by Yadkin Valley Bank

A 3 1/2 per cent. dividend on all preferred stock was declared by the stockholders of the Yadkin Valley Bank at East Bend at a meeting of the board last week. In addition, officers were chosen and re-elected for 1940.

An increase in profits of 25 per cent., together with an 8 per cent. increase of resources over last year, was reported by Cashier A. E. Harrell.

Officers were chosen as follows for the ensuing year: John T. Benbow, president; A. B. Harrell, vice-president; A. E. Harrell, cashier; A. B. Harrell and Mirilee Harrell, assistant cashiers; other members are J. Lee Norman and Ed. M. Martin, board of directors.

The Umbrella Stays Home



ON THE BRITISH FRONT—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain (second from left), inspecting a gun in a camouflaged emplacement during his recent visit to the British war zone in France. This photo was passed by the British censor.

NEW BUS LINE BY YADKINVILLE TO START SOON

Service to Be From Salisbury to Mt. Airy by Yadkinville and Elkin

E. O. WOODIE OPERATOR

A new bus service for Yadkinville and this section will be inaugurated not later than January 31, when the Salisbury-Mt. Airy Coach company will begin operations on a twice daily schedule between Salisbury and Mt. Airy by way of Mocksville, Boonville, Elkin and to Mt. Airy.

Mr. E. O. Woodie, of North Wilkesboro, who holds the franchise for the new line, was in Yadkinville yesterday, making a preliminary survey, outlining schedules, etc., with a view of beginning the service between January 21 and 31. He stated that two round trips would be made each day between these points and that present survey showed the new line would make excellent connections with the other bus lines at Mt. Airy and Elkin for points North and at Mocksville and Salisbury for points south and east. Connections at Yadkinville with present schedule of buses is being worked out.

Mr. Woodie has just returned from Sidney, Ohio, where he purchased a 29-passenger bus of the latest super streamlined kind, which will be on the new route.

Mr. Woodie stated that his charter called for the carrying of passengers, express, newspapers and mail, and that it was possible new star route mail lines would be inaugurated between some points if not all along the line.

Tantalizing Tillie Coming to Town

Hark ye boys, young and old. Tillie is headed for Yadkinville in all her glory, and you know Tillie. She's been in the high spots for years. A 3-act, rollicking musical comedy, "Tantalizing Tillie," will be played in the Yadkinville school auditorium Friday night, January 26.

This play is sponsored by the Yadkinville Parent-Teacher Association. All characters are from home talent. This is reported as being a humorous and highly amusing stage play.

Mrs. Brown Passes

Mrs. Nancy Jane Brown, 71, died Sunday afternoon at her home near Mt. Nebo, Yadkinville, route 1, after a short illness, with pneumonia.

She was born in Wilkes county, October 19, 1868. She was a member of Liberty Grove Baptist church, Wilkes county, where the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Ely Jordon in charge, assisted by Rev. Loyd Pardue. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Survivors include the husband, W. L. Brown, six children, Mrs. Augusta Stallings, Marshall, Hubert and James Brown, Boonville, Cicero and Charlie Brown of North Wilkesboro. Two brothers, Robert and Charlie Pardue of North Wilkesboro, and two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Pardue, North Wilkesboro and Mrs. Minnie Soots, Midland, N. C.

Glass is now made into fiber and woven like silk.

DIVIDEND PAID BY YADKINVILLE BANK THURSDAY

All Old Officers Re-elected; Bank Shows Progressive Gains

HAS SAVINGS DEPT.

The stockholders and directors of the Bank of Yadkin, in a meeting here Thursday, elected all present officers, declared a dividend of four per cent. and transacted other routine business. The Yadkinville bank is one of the strongest banks in this section, and the current report shows its resources the largest in its history, being \$370,874.49. The capital stock of the bank is \$200,000, with a surplus of \$15,000, and undivided profits of \$4,268.45. The bank showed a progressive gain in all departments.

Officers of the bank are: W. A. Hall, president; E. H. Barnard, vice-president and cashier; A. E. Holton, assistant cashier; directors, G. T. White, W. A. Hall, T. R. Eaton, A. E. Hall, E. H. Barnard, T. H. Chamberlain and R. B. Long.

A savings department was added by the bank not so long ago, which department it had not had before and this has met with popular approval.

DOUGHTON NOT TO RUN AGAIN

Veteran Member of House Will Retire at End of Present Term

ENDS ON DECEMBER 31st

Washington, Jan. 16—Representative Robert L. Doughton, of the ninth North Carolina district, and one of America's elder statesmen, announced late this afternoon his fixed and final purpose to relinquish his public duties at the expiration of his present term, December 31, 1940.

The announcement was conveyed to the public through a formal statement made available to the press in the house press gallery. Mr. Doughton's colleagues were unaware of his impending retirement, although they have understood for some time that it was a step he had long pondered.

Representative Doughton, 75 years of age in November, was very strongly disinclined to ask re-election two years ago, but President Roosevelt, upon being apprised of the plans of the North Carolina member, and having in mind revenue and kindred legislation then demanding attention, prevailed upon him to serve through the present Congress.

The President indicated this afternoon, when questioned at his regular press conference, that he is not yet fully reconciled to the idea of Mr. Doughton's planned retirement. Mr. Roosevelt said he would be very sorry if the North Carolina member goes through with it, because, as he explained, he would hate to lose him out of the house. The President added that Mr. Doughton's services had been of great value to the Congress.

A weak nation must plead for peace; a strong nation can demand it.

N. B. SPAINHOUR IS FINED \$500.00 AND THE COSTS

"Nude Rider" Found Guilty by Surry Jury

HAS GOOD REPUTATION

Other Cases Are Disposed of Including Granting Number of Divorces

COURT TO END FRIDAY

N. B. Spainhour, widely known as "the nude rider" who was arrested in Mount Airy during the latter part of 1939 on charges of assault and indecent exposure, was found guilty by a Surry county jury in criminal court at Dobson Wednesday and was fined \$500 and the cost.

Although tried on only one of the four charges against him, the fine covers all charges, it was said, and the other charges will be dropped, they all being of a similar nature.

Young Spainhour, who proved an excellent character on the witness stand, was alleged to have driven his car around Mount Airy and vicinity in a nude state, and was said on several occasions to have jumped from his machine and chased women. He was arrested by Surry and Mount Airy officers as he was returning to his car from a Mount Airy movie theatre.

Tried in Mount Airy recorder's court, he entered a plea of not guilty but was convicted. He then appealed to superior court.

Other cases which have been disposed of during the current session, which ends this week, follow:

Divorces were granted to: Lillian G. Slawter and N. C. Slawter, H. C. Hanes and Bessie Hanes, H. Carlyle Whitaker and Opal W. Whitaker, Manly Cook and Lillie Cook, P. Boyd Nelson and Naomi Parks Nelson, Willie McKinney and Beulah McKinney, Alberta Shelton and Glen Shelton, Florence Eldridge Holcombe and Bryce P. Holcombe, Emma Johnson Foster and Harry Charles Foster, and several other divorce cases have been tried but complete information concerning these cases was not available.

The case of Cecil Rose, who was charged with reckless driving and on hit and run charges was continued. Also the cases of Robie Wall, Lona Bowman, D. Z. Tipton, and Elbert Hawks.

Steve Bray was given four months in the Surry county jail, for manufacturing liquor; Sam Venable was given three months in the county jail during which time he will work for the State Highway Commission. He was given an additional 12 months for transporting liquor.

The following were tried for reckless driving: Lester Vaughn, guilty; George Morrison, left open; Bud McHone, no prors; Raymond Simmons, case continued; Milton Chandler, 90 days; Jess Smith, guilty; S. D. Shelton, not guilty and Levi Star, not guilty.

Dock Pruitt, Dean Billings and Colonel Holbrook were all given terms to be served under the Public Works Administration on liquor charges.

In the case of Andrew Greenwood vs. M. F. Carlton and wife, Cora Carlton, it was ruled that the defendants pay the plaintiff \$225.

Child Dies in Sleep; Buried at Charity

Little Rondell Gray Childress, 3 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Childress, died in his sleep at the home of the parents near Shugartown Tuesday morning of last week. Its death was discovered when the parents arose Tuesday morning.

The little boy was buried at Charity Baptist church Wednesday, after funeral services had been conducted by Rev. E. A. Stinson.

Father of East Bend Man Dies

East Bend, Jan. 13.—Robert Hill of East Bend has been notified of the death of his father, E. H. Hill, 90, at Burlington, N. C.

Mr. Hill lived with a daughter, Mrs. D. W. Tickle. Five daughters and two sons survive.