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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

LOCAL

DUE to the slippery condition of the roads, Yadkin county schools have been discontinued until Monday morning, it was announced by Fred Hobson, county superintendent, last night. This announcement was accepted with much glee by local school children, many of whom have taken to the hills with sleds to enjoy the first real snow here within the past several years.

STATE

MRS. JAMES CHURCH, Wilkes county woman, is alleged to have used a shotgun and blackberry juice to fool her husband into the belief that she had committed suicide Tuesday night, but didn't get away with the hoax. She and her husband were in jail at last reports. The woman was said, after a row with her husband, to have fired a shotgun, smeared her breast with red blackberry juice, and sprawled upon the floor. When her husband, upon hearing the gun, rushed to the scene, he immediately hurried to North Wilkesboro to summon the coroner. The fact that he was intoxicated made him easy to fool, it was said. The man and his wife were jailed on an affray charge.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 — The Senate immigration committee has jockeyed Senator Robert R. Reynolds into having to oppose a bill bearing his own name. The North Carolina senator has several bills pending before the committee dealing with immigration. The committee has combined a number of these into one bill and including other provisions to which Reynolds is opposed. "I appreciate the committee placing my name on the bill but there are some provisions in it which make it more harmful than good," the North Carolina senator said. He will deliver a speech in the Senate this week in opposition to the "Reynolds bill."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 — The United States today informed Japan that after Friday night when the 1911 treaty of commerce expires, trade between the two nations will be conducted on a day-to-day basis, without any temporary agreement of *modus vivendi*. This was interpreted as a tacit warning that future commercial relations will depend upon the extent to which Japan ceases interference with the rights of American business interests and nationals in China.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 — There was further indication today that Representative Robert L. Doughton will head the pressure that is coming from North Carolina to run for re-election. The veteran House member has agreed to see a delegation which will come here from the state Friday to urge him to change his mind about retiring at the end of his present term January 3, 1941.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23—Earl Browder, the Communist leader under four-year sentence for passport fraud, filed notice of appeal today while his comrades took up the cry that his conviction was brought about by the Roosevelt administration to silence a party that once had supported the new deal. The legal proceeding was substantially routine in nature: It contended merely that some of the testimony was inadmissible, that certain rulings from the bench and the court's charge were unfair, and that Browder's rights as a citizen had been contravened.

"Miss America" Of 1939 Soon To Wed Player



DETROIT . . . Miss Patricia Donnelly, who won the "Miss America" trophy at Atlantic City last Summer, has announced her engagement to Frank Bradford, Jr., 21-year-old half-back at the University of Alabama. Miss Donnelly is 19 years old.

HOLD DRIVER IN ACCIDENT CASE

Foy Shugart Held for Superior Court as Result of Death of Yadkin Man

BOND OF \$2,000 POSTED

Coroner R. B. Long and a jury of six men completed their inquest into the death of Barney Childress, of Boonville, who was killed in an automobile mishap about Christmas, on the Boonville-Crutchfield highway, here Saturday, when the jury was reconvened.

After hearing witnesses the jury found probable cause against Foy Shugart, who was driving the death car, and he was ordered held in \$2,000 bond for superior court. Evidence was given the jury that Shugart was drinking when the accident occurred.

Funeral Is Held For Erve Norman

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Union Cross Friends church for Sanford Ervin Norman, 70, who died at his home in Yadkinville early Thursday morning, after a long illness, which followed a stroke of paralysis suffered 12 years ago. He had been an invalid since that time. He suffered a second stroke last week and his condition had been critical since that time.

Rev. Chas. H. Hutchens, Rev. Wade H. Adams and Rev. Mr. Johnson of Washington, had charge of the funeral and interment was in the church graveyard beside the body of a son who died when a small boy. Members of the Junior Order had charge of the funeral and burial.

Mr. Norman was an active and well known man until his health failed, and took an active part in political matters and all matters for the betterment of his fellow man. He was a member of Deep Creek Friends church since young manhood, and was a member of Yadkinville council, Jr. O. U. A. M. Mr. Norman was a man who had many fast and loyal friends.

Survivors include the widow, who before marriage 48 years ago was Miss Cora Bovender, one adopted daughter, Mrs. Zeno Howell, of Yadkinville, and a brother, Wesley Norman, of Johnson City, Tenn. Also a large number of nieces and nephews. The brother, Wesley Norman, is the only one of a family of 12 children.

Black walnut trees are in demand for making veneer.

U. S. PROTESTS ANSWERED BY GREAT BRITAIN

Stands in Defense of War Blockade Practices

RELATIONS STRAINED

Hull Is Mad About Way U. S. Ships Have Been Held up By English

FOUR REASONS GIVEN

London, Jan. 23.—The British government stood adamant tonight in defense of its war blockade practices in an increasingly serious conflict with United States interests, even at the risk of new strain on Anglo-American friendship.

Britannia, confident it "rules the waves," indicated sympathy with American annoyance at lengthy delays of ships and partial seizure of cargoes, especially at Gibraltar, just as it did on the questions of the Pan-American neutrality belt and interference with United States ocean-going mails. Again, however, it had a ready and uncompromising reply.

In this case an official British spokesman replied to an aide memoire given to Lord Lothian, the British ambassador at Washington, last Saturday, by Secretary of State Cordell Hull. This diplomatic document, a formal reminder of preceding oral representations, objected to "discriminatory" treatment of United States shipping in the Mediterranean and expressed the United States government's "serious concern."

The British spokesman, on behalf of the ministry of economic warfare, gave four reasons why United States ships were delayed at contraband control stations three times as long as those of Italy, which, incidentally is the object of intensive British diplomatic courtship:

- (1)—Failure to supply advance information concerning their cargoes.
- (2)—The mixed nature of these cargoes, often including as many as 300 items, thus requiring a longer time for examination than those of Italian ships, which are largely bulk.
- (3)—Varied destinations in the Mediterranean of United States ships, whereas Italian ships usually go only to Italy.
- (4)—Neglect by United States shippers to take full advantage of various British schemes of guarantees that goods carried will not reach Germany.

Heavy Snow Fall Comes to Yadkin; Road Forces Active

Winter closed down on Yadkin county in earnest Tuesday, and laid a thick blanket of white over the entire South, in one of the coldest waves to hit this section of the country in several years.

Snow began falling in Yadkinville at approximately 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, and continued until shortly after 11 o'clock Tuesday night, resulting in a snow-fall averaging 6 inches. Strong winds whipped snow flurries into drifts ranging from one to three feet deep, but Yadkinville citizens dug out boots, over-shoes and leggings, turned up their coat collars, and went about their business.

State highway forces worked most of the day and night clearing the main highways through Yadkin county, making a complete circuit every 1 1/2 hours. At one time six snow-plows were in operation.

Snow fell as far South as the southern tip of Georgia, where most of the cities don't even own snow-plows, and blocked roads in about a half-dozen western states.

Although slick roads sent several automobiles skidding into side-ditches, no accidents of consequence have been reported locally.

Temperatures averaged 25 Tuesday and Wednesday, and weather forecasts report clear and continued cold.

C. B. Deane to Enter Race Against Burgin



C. B. DEANE

(Special to The Ripple) Raleigh, Jan. 22.—C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, principal in one of the most bitter and most prolonged election fights this state has seen, said today he again would be a candidate for Congress from the eighth district.

Deane will be opposed by Representative W. O. Burgin, of Lexington, his opponent in the 1938 fight, who has announced he would seek re-election. Giles Y. Newton, of Gibson, has filed as candidate from the same district. In the 1938 election, returns indicated Burgin was the winner, but Deane fought the election before the state board of elections and the board ruled he was the winner. Deane had charged election irregularities.

Burgin, however, was not satisfied with the election board's ruling and took the fight to the courts. An arbitration committee was set up and Burgin was awarded the nomination.

Funeral Held Friday For George G. Brown

Funeral rites were held at Forbush Baptist church Friday afternoon for George G. Brown, 83, who died late Wednesday at a Morganton hospital, where he had been a patient for 22 years. Prior to falling health Mr. Brown was a well known farmer of the Forbush section. Rev. J. H. Eaton conducted the services and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Brown is survived by his widow, who was Miss Jerusha Ann Sprinkle before their marriage in 1902, one daughter, Miss Amylee Brown, and a son, Isaac Clingman Brown, of the home, one sister, Miss Rachel E. Brown, Yadkinville, route 2.

RECORDS

Henderson county growers are showing a steadily increasing interest in farm records, with the total keeping account books mounting each year since 1936.

Lincoln Day Speaker



Senator Taft will address the North Carolina Republicans at the 11th annual Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro on Monday night, Feb. 12. Senator Taft is one of the avowed candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination this year.

S. E. MATTHEWS PASSES SUNDAY

East Bend Man Dies at Home of Dr. W. W. Miles, in Wilkes County

RITE HELD TUESDAY

Funeral rites were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from Prospect Methodist church for Sanford Eugene Matthews, aged 49, of East Bend, who died Sunday night at the home of Dr. W. W. Miles at Champion in Wilkes county.

The death of Mr. Matthews, who was one of Yadkin county's most prominent citizens, came as a shock to his great host of friends and relatives. Mr. Matthews, accompanied by his daughter, Ruth, who is a student at Greensboro College, had gone to Wilkes county Saturday to visit friends in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant high school, where he was principal for 12 years. Sunday morning while en route from the home of a friend to the home of Dr. W. W. Miles, also a close friend of the family, Mr. Matthews was stricken with a severe stroke of paralysis. This was a short way from the home of Dr. Miles where he was carried immediately after the stroke. He died Sunday night about 9 o'clock without ever regaining consciousness.

Mr. Matthews was one of the leading educators in this section. For 20 years he taught school in Yadkin and Wilkes counties. For the past 12 years he was principal of Mt. Pleasant high school at Champion in Wilkes county, a school he was instrumental in establishing. He retired from active teaching last spring and since that time had been living on his farm at East Bend. His retirement from teaching came as a result of poor health.

He was educated at the University of North Carolina and Elon College, graduating from the latter college in 1927 with an A.B. degree.

In 1922 he married Miss Mary Pardue, of Roaring River. She preceded him in death four years ago. He is survived by one daughter, Ruth, two brothers, Wallace and F. P. Matthews, of East Bend, and many other relatives.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. John H. Green, Rev. Ellis Norman and the Rev. W. C. Watts. Interment was in the church graveyard.

P.-T. A. to Present Musical Comedy

The Yadkinville Parent-Teacher Association will present "Tantalizing Tillie," a three-act musical comedy, in the school auditorium Friday night, Jan. 26, at 8 o'clock.

The play is composed of local talent, and has a number of songs, dances, and novelty acts. A small admission will be charged at the door.

A list of characters follows: Roy Mason, Martha Crater Anderson, Lucille Simmons, Ruth Holton, Bill Rutledge, Smith Williams, Bill Greene, John D. Mackie, Lloyd Gordon, Arthur Mackie, Clyde Sizemore, Ruth Calloway, Kathryn Williams, Freida Rose Hinchshaw, Virginia Wright, Hazel Howell, Abe Styers, Hubert Logan, Jr., Nellie Gray Rutledge and Ollie Styers.

Chorus Girls: Mrs. R. A. McLaughlin, Dorothy Mae Mackie, Caroline Pfohl, Helen and Nettie Potts, Lillian Chamberlain, Mildred Mackie, Kate Wingate, Edith Garner, Ruth Mackie, Margaret Mackie, Grace Williams, Nellie Gray Inscore, Ollie Styers, Jessie Russell, June Hinchshaw, Iris Belle Wells, Nancy Dobbins, Lorene Wright, Margaret Wishon, Betty Lou Champion, Mary Gray Warden and Rosa Lee Warden.

Miss Willie Black, of Hot Springs, Ark., is directing the play. This is a Wayne P. Sewell production.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to sincerely thank all my neighbors and friends for their help and kindness during the illness and after the death of my husband, Sanford Ervin Norman. I especially thank those who sent the floral wreaths.

MRS. CORA NORMAN

Anthony Gregory Held In Mystery Death Of Mother



ANTHONY GREGORY

Although he is said to have made no confession, Anthony Gregory, 40, of Somers township, on the Yadkin-Wilkes county line, held in connection with the death of his mother January 14, has requested that no one else be prosecuted in connection with the death, Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, has announced.

Gregory claims he knows nothing of what happened on the week-end in which his mother met death, either by burns or otherwise. He claims to have been intoxicated during the week-end.

Gregory called Solicitor Hall to his cell in the Wilkes county jail and said he wanted to make a statement. He told the solicitor he wanted to discuss the case and did not want anyone to get in trouble over the affair. He said that if any crime was committed that he did it, but did not recall what happened.

Solicitor Hall directed that the body of Mrs. Canzada Gregory, 75-year-old deaf mute, be exhumed and an autopsy performed to determine the cause of death. This was done and the results of the autopsy were sent to a laboratory for tests. The results of the test will not be known for several days.

Solicitor Hall said he ordered the autopsy to determine whether Mrs. Gregory died of burns or had been killed and then burned.

Coroner I. M. Myers said Gregory bitterly opposed the autopsy and quoted him as saying he was willing to take the blame for anything that was done, although he denied killing his mother.

Pork Luncheon Plan Endorsed In This State

(Special to The Ripple)

Raleigh, Jan. 21—A campaign to induce every family to serve at least two "pork luncheons" during the National Economy Pork Sale period, February 1 to March 9, was endorsed here today by H. W. Taylor, extension swine specialist of State College.

Taylor explained that this is an undertaking designed to help primarily the hog growers of the state and nation. "Every family is being urged to consume one extra ham, shoulder, loin, or other cut during the period. As to where or from whom you get the pork makes no difference; buy it where you can get the best pork at the best price. The object is to consume more pork," the specialist declared.

The United States estimate for 1939 is an 84,000,000 pig crop, 13 million pigs over the previous year. The North Carolina hog crop is consuming over two billion pounds of feed annually. Cash sales from swine in North Carolina are exceeded only by cash sales from tobacco, cotton and cottonseed, and milk, Taylor stated.

"If this great industry is to continue to prosper in the state, and it is prospering through our system of co-operative markets in the principal swine-producing areas of the state, we must all promote the use of pork products this year when the pig crop is so large."

REDS UNLEASH FIERCE ATTACK FROM THE AIR

Are Stalled in Flanking Offensive by Finns

MANY WOMEN KILLED

Russian Planes Bomb Hospitals and Air Raid Shelters; Strafe Citizens

LOSS OF LIFE IS HEAVY

Helsinki, Jan. 23.—The Russian army, stalled in a flanking offensive against the Mannerheim line that cost several thousand dead and wounded, today unleashed its worst air attack since the early days of the invasion with many women and children killed, it was officially announced.

Striking at small mid-Finland towns, Russian planes bombed hospitals and air-raid shelters and then swept down and "strafed" fleeing civilians with machine gun fire.

In the little town of Nurmes, east of Iisalmi and on a railroad parallel to the eastern frontier, at least 19 civilians, mostly women and children, were killed and many were wounded when a big aerial bomb scored a square hit on an air-raid shelter.

The chance hit at Nurmes killed more persons than were killed all last week when Russian planes, sweeping over Finland at the rate of 300 to 450 a day, dropped 6,687 bombs. During the week 18 persons were killed and 109 wounded.

Today's air attacks in mid-Finland were worse than any since the aerial bombardment of Helsinki in the first few days of the war.

A bomb hit a hospital in the town of Hevonsalmi above Nurmes near Soumussalmi, killing and wounding a number of persons. Other civilians were killed and wounded by machine-gun strafing of the Red planes, it was announced.

Military officials announced that a stone-wall Finnish defense had repulsed a strong Russian offensive aimed at smashing Finland's Mannerheim line from the rear and that several thousand Russian dead and wounded littered the snowy no-man's-land at a half dozen points.

Old Papers Contain Interesting Items

The first newspaper published in North Carolina was at New Bern and James Davis was the publisher. No copies of the first issue can be found but a few weeks ago a copy of the 15th issue of the paper was found, dated Nov. 15, 1751. It is a very interesting paper, filled with local happenings, national news and foreign messages.

On the first page of this old paper was this interesting announcement:

"With the Freshet Advices, Foreign and Domestic. All persons may be supplied with this paper, at Four Shillings, Proclamation Money, per Quarter, by James Davis at the Printing Office at Newbern; where all Manner of Printing Work and Book-Binding is done reasonable. Advertisements of a modern length are inserted for Three Shillings the first week, and for Two Shillings for every Week after."

One of the oldest papers at Wilmington, only a few years later, is a very interesting one, especially their announcement about advertising.

Paper and Salts

On copies of the paper appeared the following notice:

"Boyd's Printing Office in Wilmington, Cape Fear, where this paper may be had every Friday at the rate of 16s a year, one-half to be paid at the time of Subscribing or at 8s every six months. Subscriptions for this paper are taken by gentlemen in most of the adjacent counties, and by A. Boyd, who has for sale sundry pamphlets and blanks; Also Epsom and Glauber salts by the pound or larger quantity. N. B. Advertisements of a moderate length will be inserted at 4s Entrance and is a week Continuance; Those of an immoderate length to pay in proportion."