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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

CONCORD, Jan. 6—One person is dead and three others, including two policemen, are in the Cabarrus hospital as the result of a one-man shooting circus staged in a Kannapolis rooming house about midnight last night by 30-year-old Crowell Winecoff, of the towel city. Winecoff succumbed this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the hospital to wounds received in the battle with officers.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30—The Dies committee offices issued a statement tonight saying that a witness had admitted at a secret committee session that he forged letters purporting to connect Chairman Dies, Democrat, Texas, with the Silver Shirt legion. The statement said the witness was a Washington man and that his testimony was given during the afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30—Senator George (D), Ga., demanding today that President Roosevelt state his position on a third term, warned that continued silence would be "distasteful" to the party. The Georgia senator, who survived the President's efforts to "purge" him in the 1938 elections, told reporters: "The time has arrived when the people of the United States should not be required to proceed in darkness any further in their selection of delegates to political conventions. Both from the standpoint of the conservatives and the new dealers, his delay in making his intentions known is harmful."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30—President Roosevelt proposed to Congress today that the government build 50 hospitals in impoverished communities throughout the country with an appropriation of \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000. The President, represented at the White House as being "very sentimental" about it, advanced the plan on his 58th birthday, which found him in robust health himself. Dr. Ross T. McIntire said he was in as "perfect condition as any man of his age could be."

INTERNATIONAL

HELSINKI, Jan. 30—Italian volunteer airmen flying stream-lined Savoia-Marchetti bombers were reported tonight to have bombed the big Russian naval base of Kronstadt and scored direct hits on several Russian warships, buildings and airplane hangars. Tonight's military communique announced that the Finnish air force had bombed "a certain harbor and vessels lying there" and well informed quarters said the harbor was the vital Soviet base at the eastern end of the Gulf of Finland.

PARIS, Jan. 30—The Polish government in exile tonight published a memorandum charging Germany with executing 18,000 Polish leaders and persecuting members of the Catholic Church in German-occupied Poland in an attempt to exterminate Polish language and culture. The document said that immediately after the German occupation a number of intellectual leaders, doctors, lawyers and merchants were shot and that members of the League of Silesian Insurgents, who fought the Germans from 1919 to 1921, were "literally massacred."

QUALITY
Harvest of the 1939 corn crop brought in grain of the best quality in many years, the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, reports.

YADKIN MAN IN LEADING ROLE UNUSUAL CASE

Clyde Weatherman of Center Plays Important Part in Trapping Officer

HANDS OFFICER \$50.00

Clyde Weatherman, of Center, near Yadkinville, is destined to play a leading role in a drama which began last August and had its climax Monday night—a drama that will be state-wide news as it breaks.

As it stands today Mr. Weatherman is out \$50 of good and lawful money which he handed over to a state highway patrolman in the shadows of the night for what he had been promised as a part settlement of a case against him in Davie county court.

The story in brief is as follows, according to information obtained by the Ripple from Weatherman and officers investigating the case: Weatherman attended the Mocksville picnic in August when he was cited by a patrolman, H. V. Norris, who was stationed at Mocksville, to appear before a magistrate for driving intoxicated, a charge Weatherman denies; he appeared and gave bond to March court. About 10 days ago he received a letter signed "A Friend" which advised him to appear at the Iredell and Davie county line west of Mocksville at 7 o'clock last Monday night and bring with him \$50 in cash, which might settle his case. It was suspected the letter was from the patrolman.

Not knowing just what it meant Weatherman carried the letter to Solicitor A. E. Hall for advice. Mr. Hall turned the letter over to the State Bureau of Investigation and advised Mr. Weatherman to keep the appointment. When Guy Scott appeared for the SBI he and Weatherman secured \$50 in cash, carefully took the serial numbers of the bills, a twenty, two tens, a five and five ones, and proceeded to Mocksville where the services of Sheriff Sheek Bowden were enlisted. The three proceeded to the designated spot and soon the patrolman appeared.

While Scott and Sheriff Bowden hid in Weatherman's car, Weatherman walked up to the state patrol car where he was greeted, he says, with "well I am here." Weatherman engaged him in conversation for the benefit of the listeners as long as possible, finally giving him the money. The patrolman said he was in a hurry as he turned his spotlight on the bills, counted them and asked for \$7 more. Weatherman told him he had no more. At this the patrol car roared down the highway at what the officers estimated at 100 miles an hour. His getaway was too swift for the officers to apprehend him.

The patrol officer reached Mocksville, changed cars and had gone before the trio arrived. Tuesday was the patrolman's day off and late yesterday he had not reported for duty, although supposed to.

Solicitor Hall was reluctant to talk of the matter yesterday afternoon and so was Sheriff Bowden, but both stated that the state highway patrol had lent every aid possible in trying to apprehend the absent Patrolman Norris, whose home is at Fair Bluff, in Eastern Carolina.

Lieut. D. T. Lambert, of Greensboro, and Sergeant Frymoyer, of Salisbury, together with Sheriff Bowden, were in Yadkinville late Tuesday checking on the matter.

A warrant has been issued for Patrolman Norris and is now in the hands of Sheriff Bowden at Mocksville, charging Norris with accepting a bribe.

Meanwhile Weatherman is wondering if his \$50 will ever come marching home or what will become of his case in court, while he is the center of the drama, unusual to say the least. Mr. Weatherman is a hard-working young man and a respectable citizen.

Tossed All Night

Corporal: I don't feel equal to a parachute jump this morning, Captain. I'm tired. I tossed all night.
Captain: Insomnia?
Corporal: No, dice.

REPUBLICANS NAME OFFICERS IN PRIMARIES

All State Candidates to Be Selected in Primary of May 25th

RULING IS NEW ONE

Charlotte, Jan. 30—State Republican Chairman Jake F. Newell further stated here today that all candidates for a state office must enter the primaries and be selected by a vote, along with candidates of other parties, the primary to be held May 25.

Heretofore Republicans have selected their state slate of candidates at conventions.

The Republican state convention, scheduled for Charlotte March 6 or 7, has been postponed, Newell said, "at least until after April 1."

The announcements were made after a conference between Newell and National Committeeman Charles A. Jonas, of Lincolnton at the party's state headquarters here.

Newell said a convention held in March might be attended by bad weather, which would prevent many delegates from attending. Further, he said, it was felt that better party feeling could be maintained by a primary. Newell said he understood many candidates intended filing for nomination.

The party at its convention will adopt a platform and perfect its organization.

Newell commented: "We particularly urge candidates to file by March 15, as the final date is March 16, and if a candidate waits until the last minute, there is always the chance of delay."

"We want candidates to file for all offices and if they file early it will give them a chance to place themselves before the public so that the voters may see the type of men who will be on the Republican ticket."

"I am particularly anxious that we have candidates for all offices. By so doing we can increase the Republican strength to be shown by a light primary vote."

Newell said the party's executive committee would meet in Greensboro February 12 when Senator Robert Taft addresses a Lincoln Day dinner rally.

A. B. Hobson Very Ill in Hospital

Mr. A. B. Hobson, 58, prominent farmer and business man of near Boonville, is reported as seriously ill in Baptist hospital, Winton-Salem, where he was carried Monday.

Mr. Hobson had recovered from an attack of the flu and was thought doing nicely when he developed an intestinal ailment which has not been fully diagnosed, according to his son, Fred C. Hobson, Yadkin Superintendent of Schools, who visited his father late yesterday.

Mr. Hobson is well known throughout the county and has many friends who will be pained to learn of his illness and hope for him an early recovery.

Yadkin River Freezes Over for First Time in 23 Years



The severe cold wave which followed the snow storm of Tuesday of last week, froze the Yadkin river from bank to bank for the first time since 1917. The picture above, made from the Yadkin River bridge at Elkin, shows how the cold turned the water to ice, even at a point where the water runs swift. Lowest unofficial temperature here during the cold spell was said to be 9 below zero. Thickness of the ice on the river was five inches.—(Tribune Photo.)

MILL DAM GOES OUT UNDER ICE PRESSURE HERE

Thousands of Fish Lost and Frozen Are Picked Up By Citizens

WAS ERECTED IN 1865

The large mill dam at the C. N. Dobbins mill, better known as the old Mason mill, two miles north of town, went out about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon under a heavy water pressure due to ice and cold, causing a severe loss to Mr. Dobbins and thousands of fine fish perished as they were wafted down rough, frozen banks of the branch below and hundreds of them were captured and consumed by the large crowd of people who gathered there when news of the bursting dam spread.

For several days the pond of water comprising several acres had been frozen over and had been used frequently during the severe cold by skating parties. On Sunday an automobile was driven out on the ice of the pond which was seven inches thick.

On Sunday the mill was not run and on Monday everything was frozen, while all this time water continued to accumulate under the heavy ice until the dam was pushed out.

The pond was well stocked with fish and when the dam went out the fish went along. Hundreds

Young Republicans Of North Carolina To Meet Feb. 12

(Special to The Ripple)

Greensboro, Jan. 29—Plans were going forward here today for the meeting of the Young Republicans of North Carolina which will be held here February 12. Sam A. Delap, of Lexington, will deliver the keynote address.

That night the annual Lincoln Day dinner, sponsored by the Young Republicans, will be held with Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, as the principal speaker.

First plans called for a two-day meeting of the Young Republicans but the schedule was changed from Friday and Saturday, February 9 and 10, to Monday, February 12, when it was found it was impossible to secure Senator Taft as a speaker on the night of February 10.

The convention will get under way Monday morning and adjourn by noon in order that the meeting of the state Republican executive meeting Monday afternoon.

of them, weighing six and seven pounds, were picked up and carried away to eat, while thousands of smaller ones were swept down stream. They were battered and frozen.

Mr. Dobbins, the owner, states the dam will be rebuilt as early as possible, at a cost of \$2,000 to \$4,000. The mill was hooked up to a tractor Tuesday and is running under its power now.

The dam was built 75 years ago by Mr. Dobbins grandfather, the late Jess Dobbins, and had stood these many years with some repairs by Mr. Dobbins when he bought the mill 10 years ago.

Rev. J. S. Hiatt to Hold Conference

Rev. J. H. Green, pastor of the Yadkinville circuit of the Methodist church announces that Rev. J. S. Hiatt, of Elkin, District Superintendent, will hold the second quarterly conference of the church at Center next Sunday. The service will begin at 11 o'clock with preaching. Dinner will be served on the grounds and the conference proper will begin immediately after.

All officers of the charge are urged to attend and bring good reports from their churches.

True Garageman
Farmer—What will it cost me to fix my car?
Garageman—What's the matter with it?
Farmer—I don't know.
Garageman—Forty-eight dollars and fifty-three cents.

When a honey bee stings you, it leaves its stinger in the wound and soon dies.

GIVE APPROVAL TO YADKINVILLE ON WATER LOAN

RFC Approves Loan of \$45,000 for Water and Sewer Bonds

WORK TO BEGIN SOON

(Special to The Ripple)

Washington, Jan. 27.—The RFC has approved a loan of \$45,000 to the town of Yadkinville for the construction of a water and sewer system, it was announced here today.

The application had been pending for several days, but the way is now clear for the funds to be available so that work can begin immediately.

After receiving the above dispatch The Ripple contacted Yadkinville authorities who stated that work would begin just as soon as the weather will permit, which it is thought will be within 10 days.

Officials here also stated that 150 men would be needed by the WPA forces to carry on the work and that so far only 74 were on the approved lists. It is hoped that others will apply to Miss Joseline Harding, county welfare officer, in order to be certified for work here for the next nine or 10 months. Authorities hope to have the system complete and in working condition by the end of the year if proper labor can be secured. It is understood that WPA labor will be paid 27 cents per hour.

1939 Highway Deaths Are Up Six Over 1938

Raleigh, Jan. 26.—The highway safety division reported today that 943 persons died and 7,190 were injured in North Carolina traffic accidents during 1939.

In 1938 there were 937 fatalities and 7,633 injuries in automobile mishaps.

There were 238 adult pedestrians killed by motor cars last year, the same number as in 1938, but the number of children killed while playing on streets and highways or walking beside dropped to 93 last year from 98 in 1938.

Ronald Hocutt, director, urged a redoubling of safety efforts during 1940. He pointed to "a bright spot" in that fatal accidents increased only slightly while automobile registrations jumped 32,259 and motor travel was estimated to have increased 426,400,000 miles.

Speeders caused 188 deaths, reckless drivers 151, hit-and-run drivers 58 and wrong-side-of-the-road drivers 36.

HITLER TELLS NAZIS ALLIES TO GET FIGHT

Makes Talk on Anniversary of Rise to Power

THRONG HEARS HIM

Scorns Chamberlain and Daladier; Says They Are Responsible for War

BOASTS OF NAZI ARMY

Berlin, Jan. 30.—Adolf Hitler, his voice shrill with emotion and knife-sharp with bitter irony, predicted ominously tonight before a vast Sport Palast mass meeting that England and France alike will get "the fight" he said they asked for, and voiced his utmost confidence that Germany would win the war.

It was the seventh anniversary of his elevation to chancellor. His speech, the first formal one he had made since November 8, when he barely escaped death in the Munich beer hall explosion, was announced to the world only a few hours before he went to the platform, and the place in which he was speaking was known outside Germany only when the radio broadcast began to come over loud-speakers.

A wildly enthusiastic throng, however, was there to hear him pronounce the determination of the German people and its leadership unshakable; its army the greatest in the world; its position safe "from the rear" because of its alliance with Russia and bulwarked by unchanged, "close friendship" with Italy.

"Old Mr. Chamberlain with his Bible," Premier Daladier of France and "French generals" and Winston Churchill, British first lord of the admiralty were the personalities upon which Hitler's scorn fell successively.

"England and France" alike were charged by the Fuehrer with an avid desire to break up Germany into bits, to "pulverize" it, and, without partiality, Hitler promised "England and France" retribution.

His voice quivered, then rose to a high pitch as he told how Germany's enemies at home had gotten the war which "they wanted." Then he threatened:

"In 1939 the western powers dropped the mask and sent Germany a declaration of war despite all our attempts at an understanding. Today they admit an understanding with Poland might have been possible but they didn't want it. They wanted war. I can only tell England and France, 'They'll get their fight!'"

Great Record of Classes Made at Harmony Grove S. S.

Sunday school at Harmony Grove Friends church ended 1939 with quite a record of attendance. An average for the year of 108 each Sunday with a low of 80 and a high of 145 is a good record. Twenty-six members received a gold bar pin in honor of perfect attendance for the year and one student, Roger Mackie, 16, received the 10th year bar for 10 years perfect attendance. Arthur Mackie received a medal for eight years perfect attendance.

Those making a perfect attendance record, according to Mrs. Bonnie Hinshaw, superintendent for the past three years, for 1939 are: Francis Branon, Mary Gray Warden, Myrtle Warden, Lettie Kiger, Iene Holcomb, L. R. Kiger, Frieda Rose Hinshaw, Johnnie Howell, Edith Mackie, Arvil Speer, Ann Speer, Lucile Mackie, Dorothy Warden, June Hinshaw, Luther Owens, Buddie Gough, Georgia Ruth Branon, Opal Wooten, Else Wishon, Walter Wooten, Rose Lee Warden, Ruby Church, Samuel Mackie, Martha Pearl Mackie, Roger and Arthur Mackie.

Mrs. Hinshaw states that she has had full co-operation of all departments of the church and Sunday school and she wishes to thank everyone connected with the church for their help in attaining this wonderful record.

On Her Knees

Dick—Did you get on your knees when you proposed to Christy?
Frank—No, she did.

SNOW AND RABBITS

The mountain is covered with a blanket of snow
The ground is white wherever we go
The birds will come and begin to hop
Icicles on the roof begin to drop
The world is beautiful, so bright we know
With everything covered with deep white snow.

Boys think that it's a lot of fun
To track poor rabbits who cannot run
Who are out to find a bite to eat
But scarcely succeed, for the snow is deep
There goes the boys, and also their dog
And pull the poor rabbit out from a log
Where he is hidden trying to keep warm
Not doing them one bit of harm.

Out they pull him, and kill him there
And come in saying "We've caught a Hare"
Of course some people like them to eat
But I'd prefer some other meat
Besides the rabbits so soft and gray
Who lose their life on a snowy day.

LEMMIE JOHNSON

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