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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

LOCAL

"DIE" LEWIS, of State Road, charged with reckless driving and intoxication, following the wreck of his car Sunday afternoon when it was in collision with another car operated by Lonnie Shaw, of Yadkinville, is being held under bond after having spent Sunday night in the Elkin jail. Both cars were badly damaged, and a young woman, Miss Pauline Lashley, occupying the Lewis car, sustained minor injuries. The wreck occurred on highway 21 near Grassy Creek Farm.

STATE

RALEIGH, Feb. 13 — Kenneth A. Kirby, pharmacist connected with the state highway and public works commission, today confirmed reports that he was considering being a candidate for insurance commissioner in the Democratic primary in May. The incumbent is Dan Boney, who is seeking re-nomination.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 — A bill providing \$966,772,878 for the navy—a record peacetime appropriation despite a slash of \$11,699,699 below President Roosevelt's recommendations—started through the house today amid warnings that to guard its wealth the United States must have greater naval power than any other nation. While cutting deeply into estimates for ship construction, ordinance and naval aircraft, the appropriations committee urged that the projected battleships and new cruisers be restudied with a view to making them the most powerful in the world.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 — Joseph P. Kennedy flatly refused tonight to enter the presidential race, declaring that his job of ambassador to England in these times of strife "involves matters so precious to the American people" that his energies should not be diverted. Only a short time before, friends of the Bostonian had announced that a slate of delegates pledged to him would be entered in the Massachusetts Democratic presidential primary April 30.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 — Voting 49 to 27, the senate today approved legislation to make possible additional loans of \$20,000,000 each to Finland and China. The bill, passed over the protest of a group which heatedly contended that the action was an "entering wedge" for later loans to Great Britain and France, now goes to the house.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 — William Solomon, an influential Tammany district leader, and Charles H. Mullens, a Republican assistant deputy state comptroller, were arrested today on an indictment accusing them of having extorted \$34,833 for negotiating a \$750,000 in state contracts for the Burland Printing company, incorporated. They were taken into custody in the office of District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey when they arrived there with counsel, at the prosecution's request. Both pleaded innocent to a seven-count indictment, specifically charging bribery, extortion and taking unlawful fees, and bail for each was fixed at \$10,000.

INTERNATIONAL

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Feb. 13 — Turkey pushed military preparations in concert with the armies of her French and British allies today. Australian troops, the vanguard of 30,000 Australian and New Zealand soldiers who landed in Egypt yesterday, began arriving in Palestine. Reliable quarters reported that British and French officers, with the aid of Turkish military authorities, have made a thorough survey of roads, railroads, food supplies and other conditions in readiness for the contingency of a movement of British-French forces into Turkey.

EAST BEND MAN RETIRES FROM MAIL SERVICE

After Serving 35 Years He Is Relieved of Duties

TRAVELED MANY WAYS

(Special to The Ripple)

At the age of 65 N. G. Hutchens, of East Bend, has no dread of old age and the many a calamity that befalls a great number of his age in the evening of their lives. The big answer behind this fact is the circumstance of Mr. Hutchens' recent retirement from the United States Postal Service after 35 years as a rural mail carrier. Mr. Hutchens retired from the service the last day of January, of this year, and now looks into the future with an eye to the rest and enjoyment of life that should be his after serving the rural people of the East Bend section of Yadkin county for that great number of years in all kinds of weather. In his years as an employee of "Uncle Sam" no kind of weather kept him from serving his patrons, and he went in all kinds of weather, traveling in a varied number of ways from foot to the automobile. Always uppermost in his mind was efficient service to those he had been appointed to serve.

As everybody knows, a retired mail carrier or any other postal employee of Uncle Sam draws a substantial pension for the remainder of his days after his retirement, and for that reason, coupled with the fact that today a rural mail carrier on a 50-mile route pulls down close to three thousand dollars including his automobile expenses, there is always vigorous competition when an opening occurs in the rural mail service. The East Bend situation is no exception with between 50 and a hundred vieing for the position. But in Mr. Hutchens' early days as a carrier cases were greatly reversed. Then it was a rigorous task to carry the mail by horseback, or by horse and buggy, and carriers were scarce and hard to get. Mr. Hutchens recalls many dreary experiences that he had in his early years as a carrier when he had to struggle through snow drifts and cold in the winter, and floods and electrical storms in the summer, while traveling by horseback or by horse and buggy.

Mr. Hutchens, Gurney as he is known by all the patrons along his route, recalls that the first trip he ever made as a "mail boy" as the carriers were called in the horse and buggy days, was in August, 1905. At that time he was serving as substitute for his father-in-law, J. Hampton Patterson. 1905 was the year that rural routes were established at East Bend and Mr. Hutchens has served since their establishment. Hutchens tells an interesting history of the development of the rural service since he became associated with it in 1905. At that time, believe it or not, the top salary for a standard route of 24 miles was 57 dollars a month, and nothing extra was added for upkeep. No wonder there were not many takers then for the same coveted jobs of today. A little later about 1910 the price advanced to close to 67 dollars a month, and by 1915 it had advanced to \$85. During this time a supplement in the way of upkeep for vehicles was added. This amounted to two cents a mile. At his retirement his route had been extended by consolidation to 50 miles and his upkeep allowance was 5c a mile.

Mr. Hutchens carried the mail as substitute until 1918, but due to the sickness of his father-in-law he made most of the trips. In 1918 he became full time carrier on East Bend route 1, but says he has carried the mail on all four of East Bend's routes. To show just how highly Hutchens is and was esteemed by his fellowmen in and around East Bend, note that he was appointed to his position during a Democratic administration, although he is a faithful Republican. "Now this is not exactly for publication," he says, "but the Democrats put me in. If they hadn't worked for me, I could never have received my appointment." The Democrats knew, as well as the Republicans, that they had a man who had shown through his life in the community and years as a substitute, that they had a man that was faithful and honest.

Hutchens was queried about his future plans, the writer being

Crosses Ocean



NEW YORK CITY—Charles Henry Sills, 11 months, shown with his dog "Duffy" as he arrived here from England.

Mrs. O. L. Brown Passes After Long Illness

Funeral services were held at Flat Rock Baptist church Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Lois Allen Brown, 31, wife of O. L. Brown, who died at her home at 12:30 Thursday. Rev. C. C. Holland, Rev. Grady White and Rev. E. W. Turner conducted the services and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sol G. Allen, of Buck Shoals. She was born May 24, 1908. Survivors include the parents, five children, Texie, Aaron, Tina, Bettie and Zola Brown, all of the home; two brothers, W. T. Allen and Homer D. Allen, Hamptonville, R. F. D.; one sister, Mrs. C. W. Ireland, Hamptonville.

She was a faithful member of Flat Rock Baptist church.

THREE COUNTIES FORM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

John W. Comer, superintendent of Surry county schools, announced Tuesday that an athletic association was formed by the schools of Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties, in a meeting held in Elkin Monday afternoon. The purpose of the organization will be to promote cleaner athletics and broaden the scope of physical education. The association will also regulate the tournaments held in the three counties. Albert Martin, of Boonville, was appointed chairman of the group and E. R. Sprull, of Ronda, was elected secretary of the association.

ARE TO OPEN BIDS ON CRUTCHFIELD BRIDGE

Bids for the Crutchfield bridge, last remaining link of the short-cut tourist route across North Carolina, will be opened February 27, by the highway commission. The bridge will span the Yadkin river and the Southern railroad, running along on the Surry side, making a river bridge and an overpass in one project. In addition to serving the tourist traffic to an almost entirely new, fast-traffic route, it will eliminate one of the remaining grade crossings in North Carolina and will serve people along the route with better highway facilities.

eager to find out the thoughts of a man who doesn't have to worry about his job ever again as long as he lives, and he said, "Well, I have two farms that I plan to oversee a little better than I have been doing, and I have some other business interests here in East Bend that will command some attention. I never have fished any much. I didn't have time. But now I plan to do a little fishing. They tell me there are some pretty good fish in the Yadkin river, and some big ones in the ocean. I plan to find out about this."

When the writer left him he was reclining in his easy chair at his home, enjoying his radio and probably thinking about happy times ahead because he didn't have to worry about the future.

CARD OF THANKS

We extend our sincere thanks to all our neighbors and friends who were so kind and helpful to us during the illness and after the death of our mother, Mrs. Sarah Hampton Poindexter Norman. The many expressions of sympathy and presentation of the beautiful flowers was a source of help to us in our hour of bereavement.

THE CHILDREN

PROMINENT MAN OF BOONVILLE PASSES FRIDAY

Henry W. Reece, Former Merchant and Business Man, Passes

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Funeral services for Henry W. Reece, 63, prominent citizen of Boonville, were held Sunday afternoon at Boonville Baptist church with Rev. J. P. Davis, of Spray, former pastor, and Rev. R. E. Connell, present pastor, conducting the services. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Reece had been in declining health for two and a half years, following a stroke of paralysis. Prior to this he was a prominent merchant and business man there for many years. He was a member of the Baptist church there and served as a deacon of the church and Sunday school superintendent until failing health forced him to retire.

Survivors include the widow, who before marriage was Miss Emma Angell; one daughter, Mrs. Chapel Wilson, of Boone; two sons, Roy W. Reece, of Boonville, and James Reece, of New Hope, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Sam Holloway, of Morehead City; Mrs. Oliver Palmer, Montezuma, Iowa; and Mrs. Oliver Moxley, Boonville; and one brother, Rev. D. G. Reece, of Jonesville.

Active pallbearers were: J. R. Walker, O. C. Mottsinger, Fred Key, Harvey B. Gentry, G. H. Hudler and Albert Martin.

Honorary pallbearers were: J. A. Speas, C. R. Transou, J. M. Speas, J. W. Shore, J. Luther Jones, Harrison Craver, Gwinnie N. Dobbins, J. L. Mottsinger, T. A. Chipman, J. J. Coram, R. M. Fletcher, Gilbert Pardue, Watt Deal.

TOURNAMENT IS TO START 21ST

Many Teams Are Entered in Tri-County Event to Be Staged

AT ELKIN GYMNASIUM

The annual Tri-County Basketball tournament, sponsored here by the Elkin high school in the Elkin gymnasium, will get under way next Wednesday night, February 21, with a large number of schools entered.

J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of Elkin schools, who with Coach J. S. Bungarner, is in charge of this year's event, said Wednesday afternoon that prospects were bright for a successful tourney. Both girls' and boys' teams from Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin have entered.

Attractive gold trophies will be awarded winners and runners-up in this year's events. These trophies are on display in the show window of Abernethy's Pharmacy here.

Severe Winds Hit In This Section; Damage Is Heavy

A severe wind, seldom equaled in this section, struck yesterday, continuing from about 10 a.m. until near nightfall and doing much damage to timber, houses, etc.

In sections houses were unroofed; large trees were uprooted or broken off and smaller buildings moved or demolished; it was a very bad day for signs and poster panels, many of them being blown down. The Rutledge Post-er Advertising Co., operating in Yadkin, Surry and Stokes counties, last night estimated their damage at hundreds of dollars.

At Elkin the school building was partly unroofed, endangering the lives of 475 children, many of whom had just left a playground where the heavy roof landed. At Jonesville, the school building suffered much damage, with some damage at West Yadkin. Other sections have not been heard from.

One ounce of the artificial fibres in a sheer stocking forms a thread 800 miles long.

Russian Prisoners Dine In Finland



SOMEWHERE IN FINLAND—Soldiers of the Soviet who were taken prisoners by the Finnish Army are shown during meal time at the camp in which they were interned. Milk is included in their diet. This photo was passed by Finnish and British censors.

Electric Lines Fast Linking Rural Sections

Where but a few years ago homes in a majority of the rural areas of this section were lighted by kerosene lamps, the magic of electricity has now brought a more efficient source of illumination and inexpensive power, a survey of records of the Elkin office of the Duke Power company has disclosed. And although many rural lines have been constructed in the past, other lines have been okayed for the future.

In the areas of Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties served by the Elkin office, there are now 251.38 miles of rural lines serving 1,603 customers and 1,271 farms. These lines do not include other power lines in the three counties which are in neighboring districts.

During 1939, 49.2 miles of rural lines were constructed and put into operation in the three counties. These lines serve 314 customers, it was said.

In the immediate future 22.84 more miles of rural lines are to be built. These lines have been approved for construction and will be strung as soon as details of securing right-of-ways have been completed.

Although the cost of operating and maintaining rural lines is greater than that of city lines, the same electric power rate prevails in rural areas as in towns and cities served by the company, it was said.

Bob McNeill May Become Candidate For Governor

In a statement made Tuesday when he visited friends in Yadkinville, Robert H. McNeill, Washington and Statesville attorney, stated that he might enter the primaries to seek the Republican nomination for Governor of North Carolina.

However, he said, he will make no definite announcement on the matter until he has had an opportunity to think it over thoroughly in the light of further expressions of sentiment from Republicans throughout the state.

McNeill, who attended the convention of North Carolina Young Republicans and the Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro Monday, stated that "during all of Monday morning and evening I was deeply gratified to be urged to enter the Republican primary as a candidate for governor."

"My friends with whom I have rendered party service for 40 years, and many of the young men and women, including college and university groups, joining in, urging me to make the race. These men and women who so honored me literally, came from Beaufort to Marshall, and from Jefferson to the South Carolina line.

"I feel deeply sensitive of the honor these representative Republicans desire me to have and I feel it the more because our party in 1940 'is on the march,' and if we are wise in our actions and make no mistakes in the selection of our candidates we will carry the state and thereby aid in a great national victory.

"The proffered honor involves a great responsibility, but I would gladly assume the heavy duties and responsibility if I felt assured the rank and file of the party, as well as its splendid leadership, desired me to do so. However, I want to wait a few days before making a final statement. The matter is too serious for ill-considered action."

FINNISH FUND GETS A START

Organization Being Perfect and Donations Are Coming in

The chairman and secretary of the Finnish Relief Drive in Yadkin county have contacted all school principals and former Red Cross chairmen and committees in the interest of the relief fund, according to Mrs. Paul P. Davis, chairman, and W. E. Rutledge, secretary-treasurer.

Plans have been made for donations to be collected as early as possible, because of the pressing need of this little nation. The schools have been asked to put on personal drives, giving every child an opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause. It is hoped by the officers that various churches will take a free-will offering as soon as it is possible to do so.

Mrs. Davis said, in speaking of the drive: "The need of the Finnish people for so many materials to defend themselves against Russia and Communism is urgent now. Any delay on our part will cause many lives to be lost... lives of those who are fighting so valiantly to save their homes and preserve democracy. Let us pray and work, and give so that we may help this nation in distress."

Donations may be given to the chairman or secretary, or any of the district chairmen or committees or any school principal. Also where churches are interested they are asked to take up collections.

"Finns Ask Quick Help of All Civilized World" read a headline in yesterday's paper. They are being crushed by a mighty enemy, a nation they have done nothing against. They are fighting, freezing, starving and your nickels, dimes and dollars will help, but action must be quick. All monies go direct for Finnish relief. There are no salaries anywhere.

Donations received by the secretary-treasurer yesterday included:

A Friend 50c

J. E. Shore 50c

W. E. Rutledge 50c

Bill Rutledge 50c

J. H. Stancil 25c

J. H. Dobbins & Son \$1.00

Poultry School Next Tuesday

The Poultry Extension Service of State College, Raleigh, will sponsor a Poultry School to be held Tuesday, Feb. 20, at West End School in Winston-Salem, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., according to County Agent R. A. McLaughlin.

Four cars will be available to carry all interested poultry raisers to Winston-Salem, and will leave from the County Agent's office Tuesday at 9 a.m.

In addition to the school, an egg show will be staged, and prizes will be awarded to the exhibitor of the best dozen of white eggs, and the best dozen of colored eggs.

This will be a very educational school, and Mr. McLaughlin urges each poultry raiser in Yadkin county to go and carry a dozen or so eggs.

Mr. C. F. Farris, Mr. T. E. Brown and a number of other Specialists from State College will make short talks.

MILK CONSUMPTION

The consumption of fluid milk and cream is increasing, following the improvement in business employment and payrolls, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

FINNS ASK FOR IMMEDIATE AID AS FIGHT RAGES

Battle Surpasses in Intensity World War Fights

SAVAGE ATTACKS MADE

Russia Claims to Have Captured 23 More Finnish Ports Tuesday

THOUSANDS ARE KILLED

Helsinki, Feb. 13—Finland's supreme command late tonight declared that the 13-day struggle in the red-brown snows of the Mannerheim line "surpasses in intensity even the most strenuous battles of the world war" and proclaimed Finnish resistance still unbroken, but called on the "civilized nations of the world" for quick help.

The statement of the military headquarters climaxed announcement of Finnish counter-attacks which, it was stated, had resulted in the capture of all strategic ports occupied by the Russians during the furious struggle. With it, too, came the news of new and savage attacks by Russian bombers on cities behind the lines.

The center of Porvoo, pleasant little seat of Finnish culture near Helsinki, was gutted by flames from incendiary and explosive bombs. Twenty-eight were buildings burning in the town's business district. Other towns bombed included Lahti, Heinola, Sortavala and Viipuri, the latter two in the war zone.

(Russia's nightly military communique announced that 23 more Finnish ports were captured Tuesday, for a total of 84 of these positions taken in the last five days. The same communique insisted the Finnish counterattacks, although conducted by large forces, had been thrown back with heavy losses, and that the Russian actions are "developing successfully.")

Detailing the tremendous scope of the fighting on the Karelian isthmus for the first time, the high command said:

"The series of battles may be called something like the 'Summa miracle,' comparable to the Somme and Verdun, but nevertheless, despite the fact that the soviet men are falling by the thousands and tens of thousands, that's why we need help in all forms—men, material, especially airplanes."

Funeral Held for Mrs. Millie Hobson

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Union Grove Baptist church for Mrs. Millie Hobson, 85, who died Saturday after a two weeks illness with pneumonia, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. U. G. Miller. Rev. Charles H. Hutchens conducted the services and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Hobson was a native of Yadkin county and had spent her life in the county. She was the widow of the late Tyre C. Hobson who died several years ago. Mr. Hobson was operator of the Hobson ore mines near his home at Union Grove during the civil war, furnishing iron to the Southern army to make guns and war materials. Mrs. Hobson was a devoted Christian woman.

Surviving are two sons, D. C. Hobson, of Eldora, Iowa; four daughters, Mrs. Tom Hobson, of East Bend; Mrs. M. H. Fleming, of Mansboro, Va.; Mrs. U. G. Miller, of East Bend; and Mrs. R. K. Brown, of Yadkinville; two stepsons, Luther Hobson, of Boonville, and Jack Hobson, of East Bend; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Mary Matthews, of East Bend, and Mrs. E. C. Norman, of East Bend.

John S. Parker

John S. Parker, native of Yadkin county, died at his home near Cameron Monday following a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. Parker moved from Yadkin county to Winston-Salem several years ago and was with Reynolds Tobacco Co., before going to the sandhills.

Two sisters, Mrs. Martha Dobbins of Crutchfield and Mrs. Sarah Burgess of Boonville, survive together with other relatives. He was buried near his home Wednesday.