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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## 10,000 Ethiopians Killed by Italians

Italy Ready to Fight European Nations Who Seek to Stop Conquest of Ethiopia

Latest reports from the Italian army in Ethiopia is that plans are now being pushed to completion to join all units of the Italian forces and make a slashing conquest of the entire country.

These plans call for an infantry advance supported by 300 tanks and 200 airplanes.

To date, ten thousand Ethiopians have been reported slain. Since the embargo on arms to Ethiopia has been lifted by the League of Nations, 30,000 foreign rifles have been received and 150,000 Ethiopian warriors are reported as being gathered for the front this week.

The Italian planes offer the greatest point of fear to the stricken country since Ethiopia has practically no airplanes and the few she has are antiquated. Ethiopia has no bombs and Italian bombs dropped from the air are capable of wiping out entire armies of the fiercest and most blood-thirsty warriors.

The League of Nations began, the first of the week, to draw up and put in action an economic boycott that would keep European nations from shipping Italy the necessities that she uses in making war implements and munitions.

The plan is to so hamper production of war implements and munitions that Italy will be forced to stop fighting. Mussolini is reported as saying that he is ready to move against European nations in the event that they carry out this boycott.

Italy has excellent factories of her own and can get on without outside help to some extent, but it is thought that a water-tight embargo on all things going into making war goods will hinder her a very great deal.

President Roosevelt has already ordered the stopping of shipping arms to either Ethiopia or Italy.

GRASSY CREEK FAIR DRAWS CROWDS FROM N. C. AND VA.

Exhibits Better and More Varied Than Ever; Boxing Event and Square Dance Well-Attended

The Grassy Creek Fair drew record crowds this year from all parts of southwest Virginia and northwest North Carolina. The weather for the fair was perfect and the exhibits, which included all forms of farm commodities, were more varied and better than ever. Many of the exhibits were equal to and often surpassing those seen at state fairs.

The boxing event held during the evening was attended by the same large crowds that marked the attendance at the fair during the day. The card was a good one and the fights were interesting. The gate receipts are reported to have been most satisfactory and to have exceeded all expectations.

A square dance followed the boxing contests and was a fitting close to a day of gaiety and good times.

KEMP NYE ENLISTS FOR SERVICE WITH MARINES

Former Resident of This City and Graduate of Virginia-Carolina H. S. in Training

Kemp B. Nye, of Grassy Creek, was accepted for service in the U. S. Marine Corps at the Savannah, Ga., Marine Recruiting Headquarters on October 14th, it is announced by Major C. E. Nutting, Officer in Charge of the Savannah office.

Mr. Nye was transferred to the Marine Base, Parris Island, S. C., for preliminary training. After this training he will have the opportunity of service afloat on one of the battle-ships or larger cruisers, or service in one of the distant stations of the Corps in China, the Philippines, Hawaii, Panama, Cuba or the Virgin Islands.

Mr. Nye is a graduate of the Virginia-Carolina High School, class of 1934. He also attended the University of North Carolina one year, 1934-35. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando C. Nye of Grassy Creek.

LAST SERVICES BEFORE CONFERENCE SUNDAY AT METHODIST CHURCHES

Western N. C. Conference to Open Week From Today; Changes Are Contemplated

Final services for this conference year will be held at the West Jefferson Methodist Church next Sunday, October 21, a both the morning and evening hours.

Methodist preachers and laymen from the county will go to Salisbury next week where the Western North Carolina Conference will open its 1935 session on Thursday morning, Oct. 24. The appointments will be read sometime Monday, Oct. 28.

It is anticipated that there will be several changes in the county appointments this year.

Double Shooting in Wilkes County

Wife Apparently Shoots Husband and Then Takes Own Life; No Cause Found

The daily papers carried the news Wednesday of a double shooting in the Ferguson community, Tuesday, when James Setzer was apparently shot and killed by his wife, Margaret, who then shot and killed herself. The tragedy happened about 18 miles west of Wilkesboro.

So far as could be learned in the coroner's inquest there were no witnesses to the murder-suicide. Ed Foster, mail carrier on the Ferguson route, saw the lifeless body of Mrs. Setze in the yard of the home as he passed Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock. Still in her hands was a double-barrelled shotgun with both barrels discharged. A ragged wound on her left chest was found. Beside her was a stick that she had apparently used to pull the trigger.

The mail carrier went on to a neighbor's home where a son of Mrs. Setzer was visiting and informed him of the tragedy. They returned and searched for Mr. Setzer, whom they found dead inside the house. All of the doors were closed. A load from the shotgun had entered his throat. Evidently death had instantaneous.

Coroner I. M. Myers and a jury spent considerable time in an investigation and all known evidence pointed to the conclusion that the woman had killed her husband and then had left the house and ended her own life. She was wearing shoes. Although there was no blood on her shoes there were tracks about her husband's body with a peculiar imprint that matched the pattern on the soles of her shoes.

The verdict of the coroner's jury stated that the woman took her own life and although a verdict was returned Mr. Setzer had died from a shotgun wound inflicted by a person unknown, the conclusion was drawn that she killed him. They were about 40 years of age and had been married for several years. She is survived by two children by a former husband.

It was reported in North Wilkesboro that a passerby stopped at the home that morning and talked with the couple who appeared to be well and happy. No cause as been advanced for the tragedy.

The Jefferson Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting at the schoolhouse tonight, Thursday, for the purpose of electing officers for the new year. All parents and teachers are urged to attend.

The W. M. S. of the Baptist church met at the regular time Thursday with Mrs. Basil Barr. Sixteen members were present. The president, Mrs. Whittington, opened the meeting with the hymn "O Zion Haste". Mrs. Parsons, the associational W.M.S. leader, had charge of the Bible study. Mrs. Nelia Dickson prayed a special prayer for the young people's work of the W. M. A. After the lives of several of our early missionaries were discussed, plans were made for future work. The society will serve sandwiches, pie and coffee Monday of court—which will be next week.

Fletcher Urges State Provide for Social Security

North Carolina Commissioner of Labor Expects to Be in Ashe County This Week

Maj. A. J. Fletcher, state labor commissioner, said Saturday he thought the appointment of a commission and establishment by the state of an employment compensation system to carry out social security plans is "an immediate necessity."

Major Fletcher said North Carolina should set up its system for social security administration and then ask Washington to approve the set-up, instead of waiting to see if Washington will endorse the Cherry act passed on the last day of the legislature which it was said would enable the state to take steps to share in a national social security program.

Major Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher expect to leave Raleigh the latter part of this week and visit a few days, combining business with pleasure, in the Jeffersons.

Corn-Hog Plan to Be Voted on in Jefferson October 26th

ODDLY SHAPED POTATOES ON DISPLAY HERE

J. F. Hartsog, chairman of the board of county commissioners, brought an Irish potato to Jefferson Monday and left it in the auditor's office which is shaped like the bust and head of a baby. The likeness is most remarkable.

C. M. Shumaker, of Wagoner, brought a potato into the office of the Skyland Post which weighs two and one-quarter pounds, and has six knobs on it that are well-formed potatoes within themselves. This potato was left in the Skyland Post for display.

PRESIDING ELDER UNABLE TO ATTEND LAUREL SPRINGS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Laurel Springs, Oct. 15.—The quarterly conference was not held at Laurel Springs M. E. Church Sunday, on account of the presiding elder's being in an automobile wreck Sunday morning. We hope his injuries are not serious. The business part of the conference was held at Transou church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Glenn Miller, one of the teachers in the Burnt Hill School, has been transferred to Peak Creek and the 6th and 7th grade students sent to Nathans Creek.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Tucker, a son, recently.

D. C. Thompson spent the week end with his wife at Boone.

Reports are that Miss Wilma Thompson, who secured a position in Bel Air, Maryland, some time ago, is liking her work fine.

John Owens, and family have moved in the house formerly occupied by G. P. Sheets, on Wm Transou's farm.

MRS. ADDIE VANNOY BURIED AT SHATLEY SPRINGS SUN.

Mrs. Addie Eller Vannoy, aged 74, was buried at the cemetery at Shatley Springs Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Funeral services were in charge of Rev. Roby Burkett and others.

Mrs. Vannoy was a member of several of the old families of the county and was a prominent woman in her community. She had been in poor health for some time.

Surviving Mrs. Vannoy are the following children: Cleve, John, and Andrew, who live in Wyoming; Florence Hall and Bower Vannoy, of this county; and Dela Jones and Sally Peters.

Attending the funeral from here were Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Jones, Mrs. Margaret Woods, Messrs. J. W., and G. B. Gambill, and Preston Kooztz.

LODGE MEETING HERE FRIDAY

The Ashe Masonic Lodge, No. 171, will hold a meeting in the Masonic Hall, Friday night at eight o'clock. At this time, the North Wilkesboro degree team will be present to confer second and third degrees. Refreshments will be served.

Revenue Officers and Local Deputies Capture Two Stills

12 Gallons of Beer Poured Out at One Outfit; Man Caught at Second Still

Wilkesboro revenue officers, assisted by local deputies, captured an unusually large still in the Idlewild section last week when a 100-gallon capacity still was cut up. Assisting the federal men in this capture were David Burkett and Wiley Burgess. 1200 gallons of beer were poured out when the still was dismantled. No one was found around or near the scene of operations.

Walter Parsons, however, was arrested at a still in the Glendale Springs section last week when the same federal officers and Deputy David Burkett destroyed a 30-gallon still. About a gallon of whiskey and around 100 gallons of mash were poured out.

Respiratory diseases, communicable diseases and accidents cause 70 per cent of the sickness in this country.

All Farm Operators and Owners Eligible to Cast Ballot; Future Depends on Vote

Corn and hog producers in North Carolina will be given opportunity to vote October 26 on the continuance of the corn-hog adjustment program.

The meeting will be held at Jefferson on the courthouse on Saturday, the 26th at one o'clock. All persons in the county who are eligible to vote are urged to attend and express their sentiments.

All owners and operators of farms on which corn or hogs have been produced this year will be eligible to vote, regardless of whether they signed an adjustment contract, said Mr. Fred Little, one of the officials of the county set-up.

Furthermore, he stated, a farmer who votes for continuance of the program will not obligate himself to sign a contract at any time in the future.

The question to be voted on is: "Do you favor a corn-hog adjustment program to follow the 1935 program which expires November 30, 1935?"

Although hog production in this state is not excessive, Shay said, the producers may feel that the adjustment program should be continued in the United States to regulate production in the corn belt, where price-reducing surpluses were accumulated a few years ago.

If the program is continued, North Carolina growers will be given opportunity to sign contracts if they wish, but they will not be urged to take part in the program if they prefer to increase their production. North Carolina needs to produce more hogs, Shay added.

County agents are being asked to hold local meetings for discussing the future of the corn-hog program. On the day of the referendum, polling places will be established where the growers may cast their ballots.

A representative from the state department expects to be here Saturday and help explain the corn-hog plan and situation.

SIX-YEAR OLD CHILD KILLED AT FOOT OF MOUNTAIN

Gilbert Wheeler Held Blameless in Accident That Killed Small School Boy

The six-year old son of Kermit Farrington, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon when a truck driven by Gilbert Wheeler, of Laurel Springs, ran over the child and crushed his head.

The boy, with his sister and other schoolmates, was returning home from school when the accident happened. It is reported that he was playing by running in front of the truck and dodging back again, and that his sister had tried to pull him back when he broke loose and ran directly in front of the truck.

The accident occurred at Mulberry Gap at the foot of the Blue Ridge near Wint Osborne's store. Wheeler is not being held.

Sheriff Settles with Ashe Fathers Mon.

DOUGHTON SPENDS BUSY DAY INVESTIGATING NORTH CAROLINA'S WPA QUOTA

Coan Goes to Washington to Press Case; State Hopes to Get 16 Million Dollars

Congressman R. L. Doughton spent Friday in Washington using his influence to get North Carolina's just and equitable quota of the Works Progress funds which have been quoted as being only \$8,650,000 when the state WPA director, George W. Coan, Jr., has been operating under the impression that the state would be allotted \$18,000,000.

Mr. Doughton was in Washington Friday with Mrs. Doughton. They left Saturday for Manila to witness inauguration of Emanuel Quezon as the first President of the Republic of the Philippines. But he was so much concerned about the rather gloomy prospects of the State's receiving more than the latest quota of \$8,650,000 in the face of the expected \$18,000,000 that he telegraphed Works Progress Administrator Coan at Raleigh to come to Washington at once, and lend a helping hand in trying to shake more money out of the PWA grab bag for the State.

Finds Several Reasons

Friday, Doughton was able to unearth several reasons for the State's being below the waterline in the quota. These facts he learned from Aubrey Williams, deputy PWA director, who has the keys to the iron chest during the absence of Administrator Hopkins.

Doughton was told that under the original plan the State was, on the basis of population, to have received \$40,300,000 for Works-Relief. This was last April after Congress had voted the President the four billion dollars for emergency relief, and everybody was happy. Then in May, \$7,140,000 was allotted to CCC camps in the State, leaving \$33,160,000 to the credit of the State on a population basis. Later the CC camps got \$5,770,000 charged against the State quota, leaving a balance of \$27,390,000. Then came another cut of \$9,544,000 which slice was allotted the highways, roads, streets, and grade crossings as specifically provided in the bill, on insistence of the roads bloc.

This reduced the then Tar Heel quota to \$17,846,000, and with the quota now fixed at \$8,650,000, Doughton is trying to resurrect the remaining \$9,196,000 due the State under the original allotment. But all he could get out of Williams was that the \$8,650,000 "would be increased substantially, but not soon," thus leaving hundreds of projects in the State not provided for, and the sponsors in a quandary about how to proceed, and just as angry about it as are some PWA sponsors.

Relief Load Low

Several causes are assigned for the State's small quota. One is that the relief load reported to the PWA by Mrs. O'Berry is not as the PWA had estimated. Another that North Carolina is hit by the low wage scale fixed geographically and as to population of relief centers, which are taken into consideration in allotments.

Hard to Get More

"The facts are that it will be hard for the State to make out a case to get much more money," Mr. Doughton said. "Many of the projects proposed do not fit into the program, and under the method they have for figuring quotas based on relief loads, principally, we shall get some more, but not what is being asked," and this is from the only business man in the Tar Heel delegation. The others are lawyers.

Regardless of the agitation over the alleged discrimination against the State, North Carolina has a population of two and five-tenths per cent of the United States, and is to get only 75-100 percent of the total, or about one-half of what was figured on a relief load basis, or one-third on a population basis, and has \$9,196,000 yet due. But there are three members of the Tar Heel delegation who will hear little about the results—for awhile Senator Bob Reynolds who left Friday for Seattle to sail with the

Tax Books for Year 1935 to Be Open in Sheriff's Office During Court Week

COURT BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

Sheriff H. M. Miller made a final settlement on the 1934 taxes with the county commissioners Monday, J. F. Hartsog, E. B. Shepherd, and E. C. Eller, being present.

Mr. Miller is pleased to announce that he will have the new tax books, for the 1935 tax year, open in his office during court week and on until the tax paying limit is reached. He has been anxious to get the books before court week since it will greatly accommodate many tax payers to settle while in town without having to make a special trip.

The fall term of court will open Monday in Jefferson with Judge Julius Rousseau presiding. Judge Rousseau was the presiding jurist at the mid-summer term of court here in Jefferson.

JEFFERSON HAS 2 PROJECTS APPROVED ON WPA FUNDS

Smithey Expect to Be Able to Get Work Started at Early Date; Others Expected

Two WPA projects for Jefferson have been approved recently and C. H. Smithey, director of projects in this district, hopes to have the money available at an early date to start work on them. One of the projects has to do with work on the town cemetery and the other with the building of walks on the school ground. A good amount of money is involved in these projects and it is expected that they will provide work for many unemployed in the county.

Mr. Smithey stated Wednesday that he expected other projects to be approved at once, and that he was getting work under way on projects in Wilkes, Watauga, and Alleghany and that there was no reason why Ashe should not be in along with the first.

LANSING ROLLS UP BIG SCORE TO DEFEAT NEWLAND TEAM

Bull Dogs to Play Elkin in Elkin on Friday; Expect Hard-Fought Game in Elkin

Lansing, October 12.—The golden-jerseyed Bull Dogs marched up and down the field at will in defeating a scrappy eleven representing Newland High School here Friday with the overwhelming score of 53-0.

The Lansing second team played almost half the game and showed up well against the inexperienced Newland team.

Clark, Davis, and Patton accounted for all Lansing's touchdowns while Davis also added four extra points from placement. Clark and Moore featured in the backfield for Lansing, both clicking off several nice gains, while Davis just couldn't miss a pass.

The Lansing team plays Elkin at Elkin Friday, Oct. 18. This will be a tough assignment for the local eleven in view of the fact that Elkin has not lost a game this season.

Due to an error in the report of the game Lansing played with West Jefferson, the score was given 17-0 in favor of Lansing. It should have read 27-0.

B. F. McCREARY BOUND OVER TO COURT ON CHARGE OF HOUSE BREAKING

B. F. McCreary, Dog Creek resident, was bound over to court in a preliminary hearing before Justice A. F. Rose, Tuesday, on a charge of breaking into the house of Dr. B. E. Reeves on the night of September 18. The hearing was held at the courthouse and a large crowd attended. Only two witnesses were put on the stand for the prosecution. The defense presented no witnesses.

congressional party, and Representatives Doughton and Warren who were on their way Saturday. They will all be back by Christmas.

Mr. Coan said Saturday. He hopes to get at least a double of the present quota which would make something over 16 millions.