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Plan To Organize All Sheep Growers In Ashe County

News Along The Political Front

By Staff Writer
The biggest political news in the ninth district and in North Carolina during the past week was the announcement from Washington last Saturday afternoon that Congressman R. L. Doughton had yielded to the pleas of thousands, including President Roosevelt, and decided to remain in Congress for at least another term. It is predicted that Walter H. Woodson, Sr., of Salisbury and Jim Rovers, of Boone, will withdraw their candidacies.

The contest for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina warmed up in spite of frigid temperatures by the entry into the race of candidates number five and six.

Thomas E. Coper, mayor of Wilmington, was candidate number five to announce. As a platform, the genial mayor who served a term in the pen for violation of banking laws, said that he would run on the "Golden Rule".

Paul D. Grady, of Kenly, was candidate number six. He is advocating a state-wide referendum on liquor and repeal of the three percent sales tax.

Willis Smith, of Raleigh, is expected to be the seventh to announce. The largest number in the Democratic field in the state before this year was four.

Governor Hoey, holding his first press conference in almost a month, Monday recommended that the state Democratic convention be held earlier than usual, so that North Carolina might have "some influential say" in the nomination of presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

In the past the state Democratic convention usually has been held only a few days before the national convention and Gov. Hoey said, has "merely rubber-stamped national policies and candidates".

He suggested that the state meeting be held sometime in May, before the Democratic primary, May 25.

The state Democratic executive committee will meet in Raleigh tomorrow night and will fix a date for the convention. Ira T. Johnston, a member of the committee from Ashe and Floyd Crouse, of Sparta, are planning to attend the meeting.

It is highly probable that the committee will endorse Gov. Hoey as an candidate for president.

Plans for the Republican state convention will be announced soon.

GREER INFANT BURIED ON MON. AFTERNOON

Rena L. Greer, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cruso Greer, was found dead in bed at the home of her parents on Sunday morning.

Funeral service was held at the home on Monday afternoon and burial followed in the family cemetery. In addition to the parents, one brother, Kyle D. Greer, survives.

WARNS MOTORISTS TO REPORT ACCIDENTS

State highway patrolman W. C. Thomas, this week issued a warning to all motorists to report accidents.

He pointed out that according to the law, all traffic accidents in which individuals receive personal injury, or there is property damaged to the extent of \$10, or more, must be reported within twenty-four hours after they take place.

Those which occur within the city limits should be reported to the chief of police, and those outside the city limits to the state highway patrolmen.

Mr. Thomas pointed out that it was an offense not to report such accidents and urged that everyone do so. He said that it had come to his attention recently that a number of minor accidents had not been reported.

Finns Waiting to Greet the Reds



FINLAND . . . Finnish troops with an anti-tank gun, draped in white and waiting for the Reds on the front recently. The Finns have disabled many Russian tanks with their gun fire and have captured large quantities of military supplies from routed Soviet troops. Passed by Finnish censor.

Doughton Changes His Mind And Decides To Run Again

Rotary Club To Sponsor Debating Contests Again

Details to Be Worked Out by Committee. Fleetwood Won Last Year.

Through the co-operation of the principals, the Jeffersons Rotary Club will sponsor a debating contest again this year for the Ashe county high schools.

A committee, composed of Supt. J. B. Hash, chairman, A. B. Hurt, Gwyn Price, Gwyn Gambill and Levern Johnson has been appointed to meet with a committee of principals and work out complete details, including a subject.

This week Supt. Hash issued a request for each high school principal to suggest at least one subject.

All nine high schools in the county are expected to enter the contest and to be represented by both an affirmative and negative team. Medals will be given to the four debaters who participate in the finals and a loving cup will go to the school represented by the winning team.

A great deal of interest was shown in the contest last year. In the finals Fleetwood won out over the Elkland debaters.

Garmon Freed In Theft Case

Because no representative of the Melvin H. Burgess construction company appeared in court last Thursday to prosecute W. E. Garmon, former employee of the company, charged with stealing tools from the Burgess office before it closed recently, the case was not pressed by Squire A. F. Rose.

Warrants for the plaintiff have been issued, asking him to show cause as to why no appearance was made and thus putting the county to some expense.

Garmon, said to be from Alabama, was released from the Ashe county jail where he has been since he was arrested in another section of the state a few days before Christmas.

The case against Carl Ellis, charged with driving a Healing Springs school bus without a drivers' license, was continued until Saturday of this week.

MILLARD P. GREEN OF TODD DIED SAT.

Funeral service for Millard Parsons Green, of Todd, who died on Saturday, was held Sunday afternoon, at the home and burial followed at the Big Flat Baptist church, with Charlie Howell in charge.

The deceased, who was 19 years old at the time of his death, was a native of Wilkes county. He is the son of the late Albert Green, and Mrs. Leta Walker Green. In addition to his mother, he is survived by three sisters.

Alleghany County Woman Is Found Frozen To Death

Body of Miss Martha Atwood, Of Stratford, Found In Snow Near Home.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

By G. GLENN NICHOLS
Staff Correspondent

Miss Martha Atwood, of Stratford, was found frozen on the snow near her home Saturday morning.

She had been to Sparta, apparently in good health and had almost reached her home. She got out of a car about a quarter of a mile from her home and started to walk to the house. In making an investigation it was said that she had stopped three or four times and at one point she had left some bundles she was carrying. It is believed that she had a heart attack that caused her to become unable to continue walking.

The funeral was conducted from Antioch church Monday by Elders S. G. Caudill and Walter Evans in the presence of a very large congregation.

She is survived by her father and mother and one sister, Mrs. Corie Napier and five brothers: Frank, Mack, Will, Kilby and Buster.

Mrs. J. W. Maines Dies

Mrs. J. W. Maines, age 88, of route two, died at her home last week. She was well known and her many friends mourn her passing. The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. W. H. Handy and interment in the family cemetery.

Pneumonia Fatal To Mrs. Miller

Funeral service for Mrs. Ida Miller, wife of L. Alonzo Miller, of Husk, was held on Sunday, following her death which occurred on Saturday, as the result of pneumonia. Service was held at Pond Mountain and burial followed in the Pond Mountain cemetery.

The deceased who was 31 years old at the time of her death, was a native of this county. She was the daughter of James and Jane Perry Taylor. In addition to her husband she is survived by her parents; one brother, Roscoe Taylor; a sister, Mrs. Leonard Goss.

Dr. King Issues Another Request

All children under school age and over six months old should be immunized against diphtheria immediately to comply with the requirements of the new state law, Dr. Robert King, health officer, again stated this week.

"This is a fine law and I hope all parents will see that their children are vaccinated either by their family physician or here at the health office," he said.

President's Ball Expected To Attract Many Sat. Night

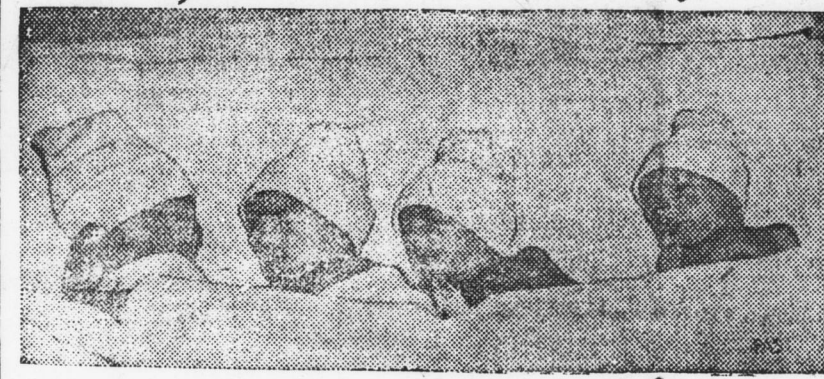
Plans are now complete for 1940's second big President's Birthday Ball to be held here on Saturday night at the community club house, the proceeds of which will go to aid in the fight against the dreaded disease, infantile paralysis.

Wilmer Hess and his nine-piece orchestra, which played for the first ball, have been engaged to furnish the music for the second affair. Around \$25 was cleared from the ball held in the community building Jan. 20.

A portion of the funds raised will go to the National Foundation, a research organization interested in determining the cause of the malady, and to hospitals throughout the country. Another portion will remain in Ashe county to be used to aid underprivileged crippled children here.

In cooperation with the "March of Dimes" campaign now underway in the United States, the lo-

Faith, Hope, Charity and Unnamed Boy



JASPER, Ala. . . Each of the Short quadruplets, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Short near here on Jan. 15, wear a little cap as they lie in bed at the local hospital. Left to right they are the boy, so far unnamed, and three girls, Faith, Hope and Charity.

King Winter Releases His Tight Grip; Schools Opened

Howell Indicted In Thomas Death

Joseph Thomas Died Fri. As Result of Injuries Sustained In Accident.

Slick highways, resulting from winter weather claimed their first victim of the year, in Ashe county, on Friday, when Joseph Thomas, 59-year-old colored man of Lansing died in the Wilkes hospital following injuries which he received Jan. 17, near Lansing while riding with Roger Denton Howell.

Howell, 28-year-old white man of the Lansing community was indicted for manslaughter, upon the death of Thompson, and failure to report the accident when it happened, and is now under a \$500 bond, pending a hearing before Judge H. C. Tucker, Saturday afternoon.

The accident occurred a short distance from Lansing when the car driven by Howell turned over and Thomas received a crushed hip. He was taken to the Wilkes hospital for treatment, but did not recover.

Funeral service was held Monday at the home and burial followed in a nearby cemetery.

No Serious Auto Wrecks Reported

Only two automobile accidents occurred in Ashe county during the past week of snow and ice, according to reports made here yesterday.

Ted Caudill, of Smethport and Earl Hartsog, of Warrenville, narrowly escaped serious injury last Sunday when their car skidded and plunged over a high embankment near Clifton. Neither of them were hurt, it was reported, but the car was badly damaged.

Glenn Taylor, Laurel Springs rural mail carrier, lost control of his car on an icy section of his route and turned over, but was not injured.

Highways Are Cleared. Mercury Dropped to -3. Other Sections Worse

The icy and frigid grip which king winter has held over Ashe county and most of the southern states for over a week, was relaxed considerably yesterday as the warm rays of old sol started pushing the mercury back up and melting snow and ice.

Continued rising temperatures were forecast yesterday by weather bureaus and it is believed that the severe weather which was featured during the entire month of January, will be interrupted for at least a short time in February.

Since last Tuesday, a week ago, the highway forces in Ashe have been working valiantly trying to clear snow drifts and ice off of the highways. Approximately 200 men and four snow plows have been used. Snow drifts, varying in depth from 6 to 24 feet, were reported.

Tuesday afternoon Capt. Geo. Doggett stated that all school bus routes in the county were open and in good condition. Yesterday the highway forces concentrated on clearing mail routes.

Schools Now Open
The West Jefferson high school and a number of other schools in the county opened Monday and all others were reported as being open yesterday morning.

Attendance yesterday was said to be fairly good in spite of the epidemic of colds and flu caused by the abnormally bad weather conditions.

Contrary to most all former experiences, the snow fall in this mountain section, as well as the temperature was not as deep or as cold as in all neighboring sections of lower altitudes.

Down state and throughout most of Virginia the snowfall was several inches deeper than in Ashe. The lowest official reading in Jefferson was 3 below, which was recorded Monday morning, while North Wilkesboro reported a low reading of 10 below, Abingdon 8 below, Charlotte 5 below, Winston-Salem 10 below and so on.

The driver of Vannoy's transfer truck, who left for Philadelphia last Saturday afternoon with a load of poultry, returned Tuesday night. He declared that the highways practically all of the way there and back were coated with ice.

"It was dangerous driving and about the hardest trip I ever made," he commented.

Snow and cold wave extended far down in Florida and as a result, prices on green vegetables soared to new heights this week.

Local merchants said that their business suffered greatly during the past ten days. "We haven't taken in enough money the past three days to pay for fuel and lights," one merchant declared. With the opening up of highways and the rising temperature, they are now looking forward to a renewal of activity this week end.

A large percentage of water pipes here froze up and there was quite a scarcity of water for several days.

Several motorists said highway in Ashe were clearer of snow than in many sections of the state.

Meeting Will Be Held Next Thurs. At Court House

Ashe Farm Agent's Office Is Sponsoring Movement. All Growers Invited.

A meeting of all sheep growers in Ashe county will be held next Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the courthouse, County Agent C. J. Rich announced yesterday.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for organizing a Sheep Growers Association which will have a two-fold program of promoting the raising and sale of lambs and wool and the protection of the animals against dogs.

L. I. Case, extension livestock specialist at State College, is expected to be present and take part in the discussion.

In connection with the protective feature, it was explained that through such an organization insurance against loss of animals by dogs can be provided.

Mr. Quessenberry, assistant county agent, said there are a number of sheep growers associations in the state of Kentucky. There are around 900 sheep growers in Ashe county and all of them are urged to attend the meeting next Thursday.

During recent years the raising of sheep in Ashe has gradually declined and it is believed that such an association can stimulate more interest in raising sheep.

If sufficient interest is shown, the proposed organization will be perfected at the initial meeting.

Spencer Rites To Be Held Fri.

Grassy Creek Man Succumbs to Pneumonia At The Age Of 94.

Funeral service will be held Friday morning at the home, at 11 o'clock for Granville H. Spencer, well known Grassy Creek man who died Tuesday, from pneumonia, at the age of 94. Burial will take place in the family cemetery.

Revs. James Starling and Edgar Denney will conduct the service.

The deceased who was engaged in farming for many years is survived by his wife and the following sons and daughters: Mildard Spencer, Volney, Va.; Mrs. Steve Sexton, Grassy Creek; Joe Spencer, Mayberry, W. Va.; Delch Spencer, Grassy Creek; G. A. Spencer, Aberdeen, Md.; Lester Spencer, Rock, Md.

Funeral Today For Irma Mae Miller

Funeral service will be held this morning at eleven o'clock at the Tuckerdale church for Irma Mae Miller, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller of Tuckerdale, who died on Wednesday following a heart attack.

Revs. Eli Graham and Don Hart will be in charge of the service. Interment will take place in the Tuckerdale cemetery.

In addition to her parents, the deceased is survived by the following brothers: Ruby, Alma, Glen and Leroy Miller and Mrs. R. Darnell.

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