

LATENEWS from the State and Nation

N. C. RIVERS OUT OF BANKS

Raleigh, Feb. 2. — Eastern North Carolina rivers continued to rise today, swirling around shanties in a Negro settlement at Tarboro and surrounding two women's dormitories at the State Hospital for the Negro insane, at Goldsboro.

Meanwhile, residents of Hapersville, Kinston suburb, rounded up chickens and goats and prepared to leave their homes for highlands, as Lee A. Denson, head of the weather bureau here, said the Neuse would reach 20 feet, six in flood, at that community by Friday or Saturday.

FINDS STATESVILLE WOMAN MURDERED

Statesville, Feb. 2. — A coroner's jury ruled late today Mrs. Herman Westmoreland, 20-year-old bride of two months, was slain and her body thrown into a well in the yard of her home.

The jury, meeting the third time since the woman's body was found at the bottom of the 60-foot well Jan. 21, a day after she was reported missing, found Mrs. Westmoreland came to her death at the hands of a person or persons unknown.

WOULD BOOST TAX ON CHAIN STATIONS

Raleigh, Feb. 2. — The legislative joint finance committee this afternoon adopted the recommendation of a subcommittee for increased taxes on larger chain filling stations and then recessed into separate committees for consideration of bills.

Representative Barker of Durham, who recently headed a group which studied gasoline conditions in North Carolina, told the finance committee that the new provision was "air tight", and "designed to take care of the little man." Barker was chairman of the filling station subgroup.

STRIKERS DEFY COURT INJUNCTION

Flint, Mich., Feb. 2. — Two hundred fifty sit-down strikers told Gov. Frank Murphy, in a telegram tonight, that they would defy a court injunction ordering them out of Fisher body plant No. 2.

The strikers, together with about 800 fellow-members of the United Automobile Workers of America who occupy Fisher plant No. 2 were given until 3 p. m. tomorrow to quit the factories in an injunction issued today by Circuit Judge Paul V. Gaffela.

P. O. S. OF A. TO HOLD DISTRICT MEETING 12TH

A district meeting of the P. O. S. of A. will be held here Friday night, February 12, the meeting to be limited to members only.

Hugh G. Mitchell, national president, is expected to be present as well as other state officers. Refreshments and string music will be a feature of the meeting.

All members are urged to make plans now to be present.

Extra! Groundhog Sees Shadow Here Tuesday! Tsk! Tsk!

The groundhog, doggone 'em, stepped cautiously from that hole of his somewhere, sometime early Tuesday morning, gave one look around, and spied a shadow so clear-cut and well-defined that he gave one gasp and then dived headlong back into his winter residence to again snooze for 40 more days and nights the while weather of the vilest sort howls and makes life uncomfortable outside.

Or so it is supposed to be according to those who are well acquainted with the ways of weather and groundhogs. Whether Mr. Groundhog is an animal to be depended upon the next few weeks alone will tell.

Parole Under Fire



LANSING, Mich. . . . Again the state prison parole system is under fire, following the capture and alleged confession of Alcidé (Frenchy) Benoit (above), convict, to the murder of a state trooper, after abducting and handcuffing him to a rural mail box.

SURRY FARM AGENT TO HOLD MEETINGS

Gatherings Will Be of Much Interest to Farmers of The County

SCHEDULE IS GIVEN

A number of meetings of much interest to farmers of the county are to be held during the coming days, according to a statement by J. W. Crawford, county farm agent Wednesday.

On Wednesday, February 10th at 10:00 a. m. the first meeting will be held at Mountain Park, with F. R. Farnham, Extension Dairy Specialist, of State College, assisting the county farm agent in a meeting in which permanent pastures and their development will be discussed. The purpose of the meeting is to get more farmers of the county to develop better and more profitable pasture land, Mr. Crawford said.

At 2:00 p. m. on the same day a similar meeting will be held at White Plains, and with the same purpose in mind.

On February 11th, D. E. Jones, rural electrification specialist will be in two meetings with Mr. Crawford, the first one to be at Copeland at 10:00 a. m. and the other at the court house in Dobson at 2:00 p. m. R. M. Hudgins, of Elkin, and W. D. Alley, manager of the Duke Power Company at Mount Airy, will also attend the meetings, which will be for the discussion of rural electrification in Surry county and how to get electric lines to the various communities that are wanting them. Mr. Crawford stated that several surveys for lines had already been made and that others were expected to be made in the near future. One rural line from White Plains to Low Gap is now under construction, and another from Mount Airy to Westfield is expected to be started soon.

Mr. Crawford further stated that R. G. Broadus, assistant extension agricultural engineer, will be at his office all day on February 9th, for the purpose of assisting farmers who are interested in installing water systems and other farm conveniences.

MUST ESTABLISH TAXI TRUST FUND

Cab Operators Here Required to Set Aside Fund to Cover Possible Injury

AMENDMENT IS PASSED

Meeting Monday night, the Elkin board of commissioners passed an amendment to a town ordinance requiring local taxi companies to carry liability insurance for the protection of passengers, the amendment being designed to require the companies to set up a trust fund out of which any accident claim could be paid.

The action came as a result of the difficulty of the cab owners in getting insurance companies to write such insurance. Under the plan, the taxi owners, in lieu of insurance, must deposit with a trustee the sum of \$125 per taxi and pay to this trust fund the sum of \$10 per month per car.

In this way the cab owners will accumulate a fund sufficient to take care of accident claims. In case no accidents occur, the owners, upon retiring from business, will get back the money they have placed in trust.

DUKE ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTES TO HOSPITAL FUND

\$15,000 Given Toward Construction of Addition

WILL PAY ONE-THIRD

Has Given Many Other Fine Contributions to Hospital In The Past

IS FOR GREAT CAUSE

The sum of \$15,000, sufficient to pay one-third the cost of construction of a \$45,000 addition to Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital, has been donated by the Duke Endowment, it was announced the latter part of last week.

This handsome sum, together with \$3,000 raised by Elkin citizens recently, totals \$18,000 now available for construction of the building.

The Duke Endowment's latest contribution marks but one of many made to the local hospital by that great organization. Over \$50,000 was contributed to aid in the erection of the present hospital building, the nurses' home and the home of the superintendent.

The Elkin hospital since its inauguration here, has done a marvelous work, especially among those people who, had not free hospitalization been available, would have had no place to turn. Since the hospital opened, it has done a quarter of a million dollars' worth of charity work.

SCOUTS HERE TO TAKE OVER TOWN

Will Conduct Elkin Government for One Day; Jonesville Troop the Same

NATIONAL SCOUT WEEK

National Boy Scout Week will be observed the week of February 7-14 by the Elkin and Jonesville troops. Windows will be decorated by each troop and handwork of the scouts will be on display. The Hayes & Speas Co., and J. C. Penney Co., have offered the use of their windows to troops No. 25 and No. 48 of Elkin. The Jonesville troop will also decorate a window in Jonesville.

Saturday, February 13, the local scouts will take over the management of the town from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m. Officers from 10 a. m. until noon will be: Mayor, Dicky Shugart; Chief of Police, Robert Nicks; Police and Traffic Officers, Bobby Chatham, Billy Reece and Thomas Whatley; Secretary-Treasurer, James Eldson; Fire Chief, Fred Norman; Councilmen, Ed Evans and Junior Evans.

Officers from noon until 2 p. m. will be: Mayor, Dicky Smith; Chief of Police, Billy Graham; Police and Traffic Officers, Eugene Aldridge, Jimmy Harrell, Jimmy Lillard and Harold Brendle; Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Walker; Fire Chief, Earl Pardue; and Councilmen, Sammy Gambill and Ed Evans. The Jonesville troop will also take over the management of their town.

All three of the troops will join together for a worship service Sunday morning, February 14, at the 11 o'clock hour at the Methodist church. Scout Master, Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins, pastor of the church, will bring a special message to the boys on "Christianity and the Scout Movement." The Scouts will take part in the service, being led by Scoutmaster Harvey Madison, of Jonesville.

All parents of the three troop members are most cordially invited to attend the service.

OFFICERS FIND BOOZE CACHED IN SURRY HOME

L. C. Cassell, county jailor and deputy sheriff, with his assistants, Grady Caudell and Chesco Sprinkle, searched the home of Berry Linville, near Fairview, Monday evening and found hidden beneath a trap door in the floor of the home five cans containing five gallons each of whiskey, along with ten pints and one half gallon fruit jar nearly full, all of which was confiscated.

Linville, who was not at home at the time has not yet been apprehended.

Mr. Cassell stated that it was the largest haul he had ever made.

Many a man is slick to keep from using elbow grease.

Queen, No Snow



BERLIN, N. H. . . . Miss Frances Dupuis (above), elected and crowned Queen of the annual snow festival here, is ruling without a flake of "the beautiful" being in sight any place on the New England landscapes. Just the same she's going to Canada for the international contests.

BROWNING HOME IS BURNED MONDAY

Early Morning Blaze wrecks Home on Church Street; Caught From Flu

ALARM ROUSES FAMILY

Flames which were thought to have originated from a faulty chimney about 1 o'clock Monday morning practically destroyed the frame residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Browning, Jr., on Church street.

The fire was discovered when the family was aroused by the ringing of a fire alarm bell that had been installed in the attic of the house several years ago.

So great was the headway of fire that with the exception of but a few articles of clothing, nothing was saved.

The ceiling of the bedroom in which Bobby Browning, 7-year-old youngster, was sleeping, was in full blaze when the fire was discovered. A few minutes later the entire house was in full blaze.

The Elkin fire department extinguished the flames before the structure fell in. However, about two hours later the building again blazed up and it was necessary to once more summon the fire truck.

PLANS PERFECTED FOR DINNER MEET

John Paul Lucas, of Charlotte To Be Guest Speaker At Event

TO HOLD SQUARE DANCE

Plans are being perfected for the dinner meeting of the Merchants association members and their employees at Hotel Elkin Tuesday evening, February 9, at 7:30.

John Paul Lucas, of Charlotte, vice-president of Duke Power company, has been secured as guest speaker. Following the dinner a square dance will be held.

Tickets are now on sale at the Merchants association office, according to Mrs. Franklin Folger, secretary. All members of the association and their employees are urged to attend as an excellent evening's entertainment is scheduled.

JULIUS L. HALL HEADS CHARITIES

Mr. Hall, Representing Elkin Kiwanis Club, Succeeds George Royall

OTHER OFFICERS NAMED

At a meeting in the city tax office Friday afternoon the following officers were elected for the Associated Charities for the year: President, Julius L. Hall; vice-president, Rev. Wm. A. Jenkins; secretary-treasurer, Rev. Eph Whisenhunt. The investigating committee is composed of Messrs. Wm. E. Wellborn, W. W. Whitaker, and Mrs. Maude Greenwood, the latter of Jonesville.

Mr. Hall, a new member, and representing the Elkin Kiwanis Club, succeeds George Royall, who has served as president of the association for the past two years.

Rev. Whisenhunt read the annual report, which showed much activity during the year, many families in Elkin and Jonesville receiving aid.

OVER THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED FOR RED CROSS

Contributions From This Section Generous

SITUATION IS GRAVE

Cairo Fights Grimly Against Double Threat of Water and Sandboils

WATER IS STILL RISING

Contributions to the Red Cross for aid of flood sufferers has passed well beyond the thousand dollar mark here, a check-up disclosed Wednesday afternoon. A total of \$7,000, turned in to The Tribune office, was turned over to local Red Cross officials Monday.

The response here, like all over the country, was generous, and those cooperating in the drive spoke highly of the fine way in which everyone has responded to the call for aid.

Many contributions which went to swell the Elkin total were sent in by residents of nearby communities and the country as everyone sought to help.

Meanwhile, conditions in the flood-stricken areas continue grave. A geyser roaring out of a huge "sandboil" in the north end of the city, flooded two square blocks of Cairo, Ohio, Tuesday night, while the walled town fought to repel the crest of the Ohio as it came dumping into the Mississippi.

Attacked from all sides and surrounded by water, Cairo fought grimly against the double threat of water and sandboils. In 60 places in the town that crouches behind a 63-foot wall, fronting the river, water gushed out of the sandboils. Some of them were no larger than your thumb, and the pumps kept the streets fairly clear of water.

All day, the Ohio sent its crest higher on the 63-foot wall, gaining fractions of inches as workmen patrolled every foot of the ice-sheathed wall. The water climbed from 59.50 feet—six inches below the concrete section of the wall—to 59.51. Then it went to 59.52.

While engineers watched it breathlessly, there came a roar from behind them and the yell "sandboil."

Now there was double peril for the town where 14,000 persons lived, until Mayor August Bode ordered women and children to leave to strip the city for battle. The huge sandboil was located quickly near Thirty-First and Poplar streets.

Workmen rushing toward it with heavy sandbags in an attempt to imprison the water before it could spread, followed where their noses led them. The heavy, sickening fumes of gas guided them.

The sidewalk rumbled and then sank three feet.

A large pond developed where the earth had humped itself upward, and then collapsed.

Houses shook and a one-and-one-half story dwelling collapsed. Apparently no one was injured.

SURRY COURT TO OPEN FEB. 15TH

Judge Frank S. Hill Is to Be Presiding Jurist; 117 Cases Docketed

IS CRIMINAL SESSION

Surry county superior court will convene on Monday, February 15th at 10:00 a. m. for the hearing of criminal cases with Judge Frank S. Hill presiding and Allen H. Gwyn as solicitor.

According to a statement by F. T. Lewellyn, clerk of court, 117 cases are on the docket to come up for trial, with one each of murder, manslaughter and rape, with the usual number of larceny, forgery, drunken driving and other such cases.

There are now 49 prisoners in the county jail, most of whom are awaiting trial at the approaching term of court. A list of them shows six of them to be white women, while 35 are white men and eight are negro men.

Some men are born famous while others have to acquire much publicity before they are able to sell their testimonials to an advertiser.

Talks Terms



ST. LOUIS . . . "Wild Hoss" Pepper Martin of the Cards (above), washed his neck and ears and came to town this week. And he's here, says Pepper, to talk "terms" on his 1937 contract. Pep says he has a lot of action stored up for the penpant dash this year.

KIWANIS GROUPS NAMED THURSDAY

Kiwanis Club Writes Letter of Thanks to Duke Endowment For Gifts

HAVE MUSICAL PROGRAM

Kiwanis committees to serve during the present year were announced at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club at Hotel Elkin Thursday night. The committees were appointed at a meeting of directors of the club at a dinner staged at the hotel last week by President W. B. Lankford.

A feature of Thursday's meeting was a musical program which included violin selections by a Mr. Cox, musical instructor here. He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. H. Beeson. A vocal solo by Mrs. Fletcher Harris, club pianist, was also enjoyed.

During the business meeting, Garland Johnson, club secretary-treasurer, was authorized to write a letter of thanks to the Duke Endowment for the gift of \$15,000 made to the local hospital for an addition to the present building, and for many other gifts made over a period of years to the institution.

Committees announced by President Lankford were as follows:

Program committee: J. Mark McAdams, chairman; W. M. Allen, Dr. R. B. Harrell, H. F. Lafoon, A. L. Griffith.

Public Affairs committee: H. P. Graham, chairman; E. S. Spainhour, R. M. Hudgins, Alex Biggs, I. C. Yates.

Kiwanis Educational and Inter-Club committee: E. C. James, chairman; J. D. Holcomb, George Royall, Fletcher Harris.

Publicity committee: H. F. Lafoon, chairman; J. L. Hall, Tom Shugart, C. C. Poindexter.

Music and House committee: Paul Gwyn, chairman; C. H. Brewer, Dr. C. L. Haywood, Jr., A. O. Bryan.

Membership committee: L. G. Meed, chairman; E. W. McDaniel, J. R. Richardson, Hugh Royall. Vocational Guidance and Boys' and Girls' Work committee: L. S. Weaver, chairman; J. R. Poindexter, Abe Harris, Errol E. Hayes.

Underprivileged Child committee: Rev. W. A. Jenkins, chairman; J. G. Abernethy, Rev. L. B. Abernethy, Tom Roth, R. G. Smith.

At the meeting Thursday evening, February 4, the Home Economics department of the high school will serve supper to the Kiwanians. An interesting program has been planned by Dr. C. L. Haywood, Jr., program chairman.

SPARTA WOMAN INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY AUTO

Mrs. Catherine Redman, of Sparta, was painfully injured Sunday night on the highway near Sparta when she was struck and knocked down by an automobile driven by James Freeman, of Elkin.

Immediately rushed to the hospital here, an examination disclosed a broken leg and minor injuries.

The accident was said to have occurred as Freeman was meeting an approaching car. Due to the blinding glare of the headlights, he did not see the woman until too late to avoid striking her.

ONE ARRESTED IN CRIME SERIES AT RONDA LAST WEEK

Companion of Captured Man Makes His Getaway

BROKE INTO STORES

Car is Stolen, But Later Abandoned As Thieves Are Seen in Action

JAILED AT WILKESBORO

A white man who gave his last name as Hayes and who refused to mention his given name, was arrested near Swan Creek Monday afternoon on a charge of robbery and theft. A companion, thought to have been his confederate in crime, made his getaway.

Hayes, who told officers he was from Leaksville, Greensboro and High Point, was placed in jail at Wilkesboro to await trial.

Lodged against the man, in addition to the theft of an automobile, were charges of breaking and entering several stores and filling stations over a period of several nights. Bloodhounds were brought into the case to aid in his capture.

The first robbery alleged to have been committed by the man occurred Wednesday night of last week when the Ronda Cash Hardware store was burglarized and a number of flashlights, pocket knives, cartridges, cigarettes, work and dress shirts, and shoes were stolen. The same night Hayes was alleged to have also broken into the state garage at Ronda and to have stolen a car belonging to Roy Crater, a mail carrier. Gas for the car was stolen from a nearby gas tank.

Sunday night, Hayes is alleged to have broken into Carl Hendrix's garage and also into the old highway garage used by Everett Dobbins, where an unsuccessful attempt was made to steal Mr. Dobbins' car. On the same night an attempt was also made to steal the car belonging to J. B. Bell of Ronda, but efforts proved futile.

The Crater car was recovered Sunday night at Roberts' Filling station on route 60. It was not damaged, having been abandoned there when Hayes and his companion were said to be attempting to break into the station.

Making their escape, the two men ran into the woods and were trailed by bloodhounds to the point of capture of Hayes near Swan Creek.

Some of the property found in the abandoned automobile was identified shortly after the arrest.

JURORS ARE DRAWN FOR FEBRUARY COURT

Yadkinville, Feb. 2.—(Special) Judge Felix A. Alley will preside over the criminal term of Superior court to begin here February 22. About 100 cases are on the docket for trial at that time.

Jurors have been drawn by the county commissioners for service during the week as follows:

John M. Rose, Frank Bryant, J. H. Huff, S. G. Allen, E. H. Hobson, A. M. Ray, Ky Johnson, Pet Brown, A. L. Nichols, Chas. A. Hutchens, E. R. Cornelius, Ed. Tubert, W. E. Butler, H. F. Davis, Hugh Vestal, Conrad G. Angell, A. W. Fulk, Bill Scott, Don A. Bell, Edward Brown, Wick Norman, J. E. Wilhelm, Robt. W. Matthews, J. R. Riley, Daniel Wilkins, Lonnie Reavis, W. M. Matthews, W. H. Smitherman, G. W. Reavis, Gurnie Carlton, J. Lee Davis, Nelson B. Casstevens, D. W. Jester, C. R. Shaw, F. R. Bates, A. A. Doub.

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