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LEAGUE OF NATIONS PREPARES TO TAKE ACTION

Geneva — The League of Nations leadership put up to the assembly a bold resolution to brand Soviet Russia an aggressor against Finland, put weight behind the drive for Russia's banishment from Geneva, and even turn the League secretariat into a coordinating general staff for war materials and humanitarian aid for the struggling Finns.

A committee of delegates from 13 nations, including Great Britain and France, approved and submitted the resolution to the assembly for final action.

FINNS REPORTED TO BE ENGAGED IN DRIVE

Helsinki — Finnish forces were reported unofficially to have invaded Russian territory in a strong drive north of Lake Ladoga which the government's military communique described as a "great success" costing the Red army heavy casualties.

The Finns, carrying the war to Russian soil as the conflict enters its third week, were reported without confirmation to be striking toward Russia's vital Leningrad-Murmansk railroad lying 55 to 60 miles across the eastern frontier.

MARY PICKFORD WAS NOT THERE AND TELLS WHY

New York — Even if she had time, Mary Pickford said she would not attend the funeral of her former husband, Douglas Fairbanks, in California.

"I think it's barbaric to look at dead people," Miss Pickford declared shortly after she arrived here for a conference with Alexander Korda, United Artists producer.

"The second the spirit leaves the body, the body is nothing but an empty shell, not the person you knew and cared for. I don't want anybody to look at me when I'm dead. Funerals are barbarous, revolting affairs. I go to them as seldom as I possibly can."

BIG NAVAL BATTLE OFF SOUTH AMERICAN COAST

Montevideo, Uruguay — A 14-hour running sea fight between three British cruisers and the German pocket battle ship Admiral Scheer ended with the badly-hit German warship tagging refuge in neutral Montevideo harbor with 30 of her crew killed and 60 injured.

The British victory was not without its casualties, however, for the British admiralty in London admitted one of its three cruisers, the fast 8,390-ton cruiser Exeter, had been put out of action after four hours of the fight.

PRESIDENT CONTEMPLATES KEEPING DAVIES AT HOME

Washington — President Roosevelt is considering keeping Ambassador Joseph E. Davies in Washington for consultation and advice in connection with the European hostilities.

State department officials said that Davies had not resigned as ambassador to Belgium and that no definite decision had yet been reached as to just what his status would be.

The President discussed with (Continued On Back Page)

Christmas Spirit Begins To Thrive As The Days Pass

The Christmas season is now really underway in Roxboro and Person county. Stores in the city are remaining open each night until 9 o'clock and shoppers are taking advantage of the many values that are being offered to them at this season.

City schools closed Friday; County schools will close Tuesday and all will observe about a two weeks holiday, opening again January 1.

The tobacco market has closed for the year and will re-open around the eighth of January. The market always observes a little longer holiday than other institutions.

Merchants report that shopping is picking up every day and indications are that old Saint Nicholas is going to make a real visit this year, leaving a goodly store of gifts behind him.

Starting Monday Christmas trees may be expected to dot the landscape again and many homes will feature trees and lights on their lawns and in their windows.

On the night of December 24, that man, Santa Claus, will be here again.

HARDING SPEAKS AT ROTARY CLUB LADIES' NIGHT

Former District Governor
Delivers Humorous Talk To
Members and Guests.

Observing their annual "Ladies' Night", at the Hotel Roxboro, members of the Roxboro Rotary club heard an address by ex-district governor Edmund Harding, of Washington, N. C., who spoke on, "What's In Your Christmas Stocking."

By skillful balancing of lightness and seriousness Mr. Harding held the attention of his listeners. "What you put into your Christmas stocking," he said, "is what you get out of it." He added the thought that people who are sad at Christmas time should not seek to impose their personal troubles on others, or to restrict the joys of others. Christmas, he said, is meant to be a time of happiness.

Rotarians, Rotary-anns and special guests to the number of (Continued On Back Page)

Anniversary Of First Flight Was Held Yesterday

Manteo, N. C., December 16— On the dunes beneath the pylon-crowned brow of Kill Devil Hill youthful pilots trying their wings for the first time in cross-country flight and many white-haired pioneers of aviation paid homage to the inventors of the airplane yesterday morning.

The youngsters, who are undergoing primary flight training under the civil aeronautics authority at colleges in Virginia and North Carolina, came here for the 39th anniversary of the flight of an airplane.

The novices and pioneers met in the big log-building museum at Fort Raleigh last night for an informal evening that tolerated nothing in the way of speech-making but anything in the way of reminiscence.

This morning there will be a brief ceremony. The community's wreath will be laid at the base of (Continued On Back Page)

National Guard Tests N. Y. Anti-Aircraft Defense



National Guardsmen of Battery D, 212th coast artillery unit, only National Guard anti-aircraft unit in New York state, load a three-inch, super-powered gun, one of 325 ordered by the government. The new weapons, which would defend New York city in case of air attack, have a three-inch bore, fire a 28-pound projectile containing 253 one-half-inch lead pellets, and can fire 30 shells a minute. Guns were tested at Fort Tilden, Rockaway beach, New York city. It was the first time since 1917 that a N. Y. National Guard regiment held winter maneuvers.

Pension Plan To Go Into Effect

Collins and Aikman corporation, at Ca-Vel, announced Friday to its employees the inauguration of a pension plan which will become effective Jan. 1, 1940. Under provisions of the plan, employees who are 65 years or older and have been in the company's service for at least 25 years are entitled to apply for pensions. These pensions will be provided at no expense to the employees.

The announcement was first made from the New York office, but the message was confirmed here by a similar statement from local officials.

Boys Will Begin 4-H Beef Project

Three Person County boys, Alvin Moore, James Earl Moore and Herbert Moore, of the Bushy Fork community, have each purchased an Aberdeen Angus to raise as a 4-H club beef cattle project, according to announcement from Assistant County Agent J. B. Snipes. Purchase of the animals was effected through cooperation of the local bank.

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

—I John

FINAL RITES FOR GEORGE A. DANIEL TO BE CONDUCTED

Interment To Be In Burchwood Cemetery Immediately Following Services.

Funeral services for George A. Daniel, 65, of Route 3, Roxboro, who died early Saturday morning at Community hospital, will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Brooklyn Methodist church, of which he had for many years been a member. Officiating ministers will be the Rev. D. A. Petty, pastor of the church; Rev. W. T. Leigh, of Middleburg, a former pastor, and the Rev. S. F. Nicks, of Cedar Grove Interment will take place at Burchwood cemetery, Roxboro.

Mr. Daniel had been in usual good health until about ten days ago when he fell and broke several ribs. His condition became gradually worse and he was removed to Community hospital here a week ago, where he underwent an operation on Thursday. Complications developed and death followed about 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mollie Daniel; two sons Raymond and Randall Daniel; a daughter, Mrs. John Cates, all of Route 3, Roxboro, and by two brothers, W. A. Daniel and C. G. Daniel, both of Roxboro.

Allensville Has Successful Old Fiddlers Benefit

The Allensville Parent-Teacher association sponsored a Fiddler's convention Friday night at the school building. After expenses were paid it was found that the P. T. A. had cleared about sixty dollars that will be placed in the curtain fund.

Prizes were awarded as follows: grand prize, Person County Ramblers; best duet, Thomas Carver and Jasper Carver; best fiddler's solo, C. C. Holt; best banjo selection, Fatt Denny; best guitar selection, Agnes Long.

Home Owners Are Asked To Decorate

Although Christmas lights have been blazing on downtown streets since the first of the month, it was noticed Saturday night that comparatively few private home owners have as yet arranged lights over their doorways or on lawns.

Exactly one week remains until Christmas and it is hoped that many citizens will arrange displays before the week is out. Lights in both the residential and downtown section are usually left on until New Year's Day. It will be noticed that lights and trees have been placed over the doorway and on the lawn at the county courthouse.

RURAL MAIL

Rural mail carriers of Person county have requested that their patrons be asked to see that all mail is stamped prior to mailing. The holiday rush makes it difficult for carriers unless this rule is observed.

CLASS MEETS

The Philathea Class of the First Baptist church had a Christmas program Tuesday at the home of Mrs. W. R. Minor. Hostesses were Mrs. Ben Wade and Mrs. P. T. Wilkins. Mrs. Parker Riddle read a Christmas poem and after the program had been presented the hostesses served refreshments.

FIREMEN TO CALL

All men who have served on the local fire department are requested to call at the City Manager's office for their salary.

Week's Total Brings Tobacco Sales Past Five Million Mark

Roxboro Market Now 2,000,000 Pounds Ahead Of Last Year's Sales; Last Week's Contribution Not Remarkable In Quantity or Quality.

Harris Requests Care By Citizens

Christmas and holiday merry-makers are requested not to shoot fire crackers in the business district or on residential streets, according to a statement issued Saturday by City Manager James C. Harris. Mr. Harris pointed out that aside from the unnecessary noise, promiscuous setting off of explosives is apt to be dangerous to both motorists and pedestrians.

DIRECTORS HAVE FRIDAY SESSION

Chamber of Commerce Has Not Yet Selected New Secretary.

Directors of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce held a call meeting Friday night in the office of the secretary. At the meeting the directors dealt with a number of routine matters and made plans for closing out the year's work by the end of the month.

No mention was made of the selection of a successor to Melvin H. Burke, present secretary of the Chamber, who announced two weeks ago that he will resign January 1, in order to devote his entire time to the practice of law.

Directors present were Glenn Stovall, president; David Brooks, James Long, Jr., J. D. Mangum, Bill Minor and J. S. Merritt. Secretary Melvin Burke presented matters that were up for discussion.

WILLIAMS WILL INSPECT NEGRO CENTER TUESDAY

N. Y. A. Official And Others To Be In Roxboro Tuesday.

Aubrey Williams, National Youth Administrator, of Washington, D. C., will be in Roxboro Wednesday, December 20, to inspect the Negro community building. Six projects, constructed by the National Youth administration, have been selected throughout North Carolina, for Mr. Williams to visit, during his stay in the state and C. J. Ford, Negro County Agent is pleased that the Negro Community house here is one of the six stopping places selected.

The following will be in the party with Mr. Williams: John A. Lang, N. Y. A. State director; Congressman Lon Folger, Congressman Durham, P. S. Randolph, W. F. Lawrence, Project Supervisor, district No. 2; Miss Mary McDaniels, Assistant Supervisor, and Miss Inez Hobgood, County N. Y. A. Supervisor.

It is understood that the party will reach Roxboro about 11:45 a. m. All youths, who have worked on the project are requested to be at the community building at 11 o'clock Wednesday, whether working that day or not. All other friends, who are interested are also asked to be present, especially the fathers and mothers of the youths, who worked on the project and those who made donations.

Growers Receive \$831,148.48 Market Will Re-open In January. Expect Million And Half More Pounds Will Be Sold.

The Roxboro Tobacco market closed Friday for the Christmas holidays after having sold 5,513,764 pounds of tobacco to date. Total amount of money that has been paid to growers by local warehousemen runs to \$831,148.48.

Last week the market in Roxboro sold 385,776 pounds of tobacco for \$45,119.63. Sales were rather light and the offering was of poor quality.

Although a major portion of Person's crop has been sold it is thought that the market will sell about one and a half million pounds more.

Local Warehousemen said Saturday morning that a definite re-opening date had not been named, but that it was thought that the market would re-open January 8.

Last year's poundage on the Roxboro market was three and a half million and so it is found that approximately two million more pounds have already been sold this season to date than was sold for the entire season last year.

It is understood that all four houses in this city will be open for business after the holidays.

WHITFIELD HAS EARLY MORNING LOSS BY THEFT

Goods and Cash Taken But Safe Remains Intact. Entrance Through Front Door.

Loss of cash and goods amounting to between \$250 and \$300, stolen from the Daniel T. Whitfield store, at Hurdle Mills, sometime after midnight Thursday night, was reported Friday morning to Person County Sheriff, M. T. Clayton.

Sheriff Clayton, who made an investigation of the robbery in the early hours of Friday morning, said that \$25 in pennies, one pistol, two shotguns and a case of shells were among the items taken. One shotgun was of the single barrel type, the other an automatic.

Entrance to the store was effected by breaking the staple of the front door lock. The lock itself was found in the yard in front of the store. The robber or robbers, after gaining entrance, broke the combination of the safe and hacked at the door with tools, but could not get it open. Tools that had been used in the attempt were left on the floor beside the safe.

Officer Kelly, of the Durham finger-printing department was called in and obtained prints. Sheriff Clayton said today that further investigations are being made on the basis of Kelly's finger-print reports.

Friday's break-in was the second major robbery in less than two weeks, although officers have arrested two Negro men in connection with the first, which occurred on December 5, in Hall Hardware store.

"Diligence is the mother of good fortune."