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NEWS

THE CLEVELAND STAR

MONDAY, FEB. 2, 1931 SHELBY, N. C.

Uncle Sam Ready 'Bad' John Wright, Said To Have For Eventualities Should War Come There Are Plen- Killed 36, Is Dead; A Character ty Men And Munitions In Country.

ber of relatives.

The general staff of the army, de-

iency as a result of the world war

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SOCIETY

MRS. RENN DRUM, Editor.

Grim Weather Prophet. Begins to turn and twist, and then We sit and wonder whether When he appears this sunny day

And sees himself and turns to say Which way will turn the weather.

Will it be bright and springified, Or six weeks snow and frost betide This last we hope not, rather.

Old weather prophet turn away, Go not into your den the day We wish the fields, the flowers gay,

play. The spring time bounty gather. -Mrs. Irma Wallace.

Choral Practice With Mrs. Hoyle.

'The members of the Gecelia Mind club will meet again on Wednesde, of this week for a choral practice. the meeting to be at 3 o'clock at this home of Mrs. George Hoyle.

Mrs. Royster To Re Club Hostess.

On Friday afternoon at her house on South Washington street Mrs. S. S. Royster will entertain the members of the 20th Century club at 3 o'clock.

Miss Scruggs Dinner Hostess.

Miss Octa Scruggs of Mooresboro served a delicious three-course dinner Thursday evening. The invited and Janet Falls. Miss Scruggs Wes

by her niece Miss Julia Renfro.

Jefferson P. T. A. Meets This Evening.

Jefferson school auditorium the Parent-Teachers association of that terms of "greater city" millions. school will hold its regular monthly meeting. An interesting program has been arranged; Mr. O. B. Lewis and with more than a million depends military administration during the ed it publicly. Mrs. H. S. Plaster will furnish music and Mrs. Harry Camnitz will give urbs solve the problems of union. several readings.

Social Meeting Of Afternoon Division.

The first afternoon division of the Woman's club will enjoy a social meeting at the \ club room on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. Charles Young, Mrs. H. E. Richbourg and Mrs. Graham Dellinger acting as hostesses. Mrs. John

Mrs. Drum can be reached at her home, Phone 713, afternoon and highls | experience, is prepared to carry on warfare at a moment's notice, says Rex Collier, special writer for the North American News Alliance. Mrs. Julia Abernethy, of Rutherford The ground hog restless in his den college, who is her guest. An inter- the general staff, are in sharp con- his home near Found. For years Conditions today, under plans of esting program had been arranged trast to those existing at the time for the occasion, consisting of two of America's entry in the war, as humorous readings given by Miss detailed by Gen. Pershing in his

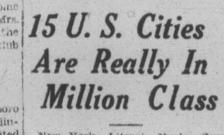
Carobel Lever; a clever original war story now appearing in the Greensboro Daily News. poem of remnicences of her early Gen. Pershing relates his astondays, read by Mrs. Mary McBrayer; ishment at learning that "so little

and a short talk on her early exper- had been done (in making plans) iences at school by Mrs. Eliza Rob- for war) when there were so many "Bad John" Wright, lived his active in jail. He was a noted pistol shot erts. A Bible contest was a part of things that might have been done life in a day when only a tough and quick on the draw. His markserts. A Bible contest was a part of the entertainment, and Mrs. J. T. Chardner was the prize where in this Gardner was the prize winer in this the general staff" in failing to take John" was tough in those days. The young things all to run and contest. Mrs. Smith was assisted by advance action. her son, Benjamin, jr., in serving a

salad course with coffee. Those enjoying this hospitality ferred to by officials as "a model surrender.

were: Miss Lever, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. of efficiency, alert to its grace re- No more picturesque figure than shoot a coon out of a tree and riddle F. Whisnant, Mrs. W. R. Newton, with any emergency." Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Mrs. Clyde,

Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Abernethy.



class

New York .- Literal Uncle Sam

on how these cities and their sub- world war."

tion, rewording of charters.

Paradox At Boston. strength is presented by Boston. zens by the 1930 census, but 1,955,- in the war department. McClurd and Mrs. Reid Young will 168 persons were counted in the "The vast number of separate left him, he evaded a direct answer which he had served as a law ofhead a committee on entertainment. All members are cordially invited closely packed network of 43 cities agencies depending directly on the as to the number of notches on his ficer. Wright had had early exper-

cluding one by Mayor Curley, for department, with its many differ-

more than a million population. ministration and training of all

The Bronx and Queens likewise components, and their equipment

Cleveland trembles on the verge careful plans for a war-any warof its first million, but the metro- that does not exist and that does

mark; the same applies to St. Louis, This does not mean that America

The metropolitan count of St. thorough-going steps have been

by others.

politan population is far over the not even appear in prospect.

crossed the million mark since 1920, and supply."

Considering the boroughs separ-

flicting instructions were frequent-

Far removed from contact with the

"The corps areas constitute the

The war department maintains a

In short our government has laid

aggression, but it does mean that

In New York Area

any given locality.

In Trail Of The Lonesome Pine veloped to a high degree of effic- Death Ends Career of Mountain Uncle John?" he was asked years after he had retired to his little bire a man to take his place. In Fighter. Served Long As Sheriff. cabin in Letcher county.

"Don't just remember. Pound, Va. - Bad" John "I've heard you killed thirty out-Wright, 92, died January 30 at laws during your heydey," the visihis home near Pound. For years or persisted. "Is that correct?" The old man pubbed his chin.

tain fends in this section and Hardly think I killed thirty, Bat it is definitely known that nine I took a lot of fellows to board in persons were killed by him. Reports credit him with killing 36. people might be countin' them." He is survived by a large num-Whatever the actual number he

killed it was greatly exceeded by John W. Wright, better known and the number he rounded up and put Ky., who was prosecutor when As a deputy sheriff he is reputed "Bad John" was a Pike county law

Today the war department has a to have killed 25 to 30 men who officer. staff organization that has been re- tried to take his life rather than "He seldom, if ever missed," said the aged jurist. "Why, John could

Brayer, Mrs. J. T. Gardner, Mrs. J. sponsibilities and prepared to cope Wright ever roamed the Cumberland it with bullets before its body hit mountains and follewed its trails the ground." Judge Marrs avowed

The national defense act impos- through towering forests and the lie had witnessed the feat. Hoey, Mrs. J. W. Ingle, Mrs. C. F. es on the general staff the import- purple bloom of the rhododendrons. That grim determination that Sherrill, Mrs. A. P. Weathers, Mrs. ant duty of preparing plans for the It was from his life that John Pox, made him feared by lawbreakers Eliza Ward, Mrs. Flora Clark, Mrs. mobilization of men and material jr., took the character of "Devil served him in good stead when Henry Wiseman, of Danville, Va., in time of war or other national Judd" Tolliver in "The Trail of time came to prosecute them.

emergency. If there should be an- the Lonesome Pine." "No attorney ever shook the tesother war, the formulation of defi- Wright whose enormous stature timony of that officer." Judge nite plans for general staff will not also had given him another nick- Marrs said. "And after he had might have to await raising a combatant name, "The Tall Sycamore of the as well dismiss him from the stard force and for equipping it. Elkhorn," was a guard at the Wise because he never got John to change Those plans already are in ex- county, Va., jail when Fox knew his testimony on cross-examination istence. They have been made so him. The novelist and the fearless John Fox portrayed "Devil Judd' elastic that they can meet any exi- incuntameer became fast friends Tolliver as turning to religion in his gency. The framework of any army and Wright's experiences as drawn later years, and put into his mouth composed of regulars, national out by Fox furnished much of the the words, "Well, I've always laid guardsmen and reserves already is color for the novel. In addition to out my enemies. The Lord's been on established

It would be possible to send into ficer, Fox is said to have named the every year." It was a true propheguests were: Misses Lucy Lattimore, says there now are five cities in the the field almost overnight a force book after a tail pine on a hillside for in the summer of 1929, long aft-Louise Roberts, Roberts, Roberts, Roberts, Roberts, Roberts, United States with a population in of nearly half a million men, fairly of the Cumberlands near Wright's er the book was famous, "Bad John" excess of one million, against three well equipped, officials declare, home not far from Pound, Vawas converted, and was baptized in assisted in serving and entertaining in 1920; but a more poetic license Plans for the organization of addi- As a young man Wright had pac- Bole Camp Creek while hundreds of reveals that actually there are 15 tiona forces are comprehensive. ticipated in the famous Wright- relatives and friends looked on.

municipalities in the magic million | The corps area system, establish- Hall feud in which a large number | Wright spent his declining years ed since the world war, creates a of men were killed. Whether he act- in a little cabin near Pound, a mecca Whatever Uncle Sam's 1930 cen- mechanism for prompt mobilization ually slew any of the Halls in help- for visitors who liked to sit in front This evening at 7 o'clock in the sus takers may say, the citizens of of forces. General Summerall, in ing fight his own relatives' battica of the door with him on sunuy those municipalities always talk in his final report to the war depart- was always a matter of conjecture. days and try to draw him out to tell ment, pointed out that "lack of When the feud was raging the par- of his early life. He was not certain

Whether the 1940 census count territorial organization was one of ticipants were too busy to talk, and of his exact age but believed he was left hand, turned and walked out \$8. A case of 12 quarts is now \$60 actually will show at least 12 cities the most serious deficiencies in our Wright in later years never discuse- born in 1843. Some of his friends He was afraid to risk beating John and \$75, whereas it sold for about insisted he was at least ten years to the draw." In fact, he would never say how older than that.

"The then existing territorial de- many lives he took after he joined He had little more than the cab-Already several municipalities are partments," Gen. Summerall said, the forces of law and order. He re- in and enough to meet his simple More than 500 farm folks attend- ported North Carolina "hootch" are trying to do something about it "had not been organized with a garded the slayings, however, as no wants, yet as a young man he sold ed the live-at-home and farm out. now lower in southwest Virginia. through legislative action, annexa- view to serving as the operating black mark against his character. for \$10 an acre property near look meetings recently held in Per- Bland county corn brings \$3 a galagencies for carrying out a general Officers of the law took their lives Jenkins, Ky., that later was worth quimans county. mobilization. Time was not avail- in their hands when they went millions because coal was discover-The paradox of a metropolitan able for creating an effective terri- into the mountains to get a man ed under the hills. He was born in community listed by Uncle Sam at torial organization, and the urgency The outcome usually depended upon Letcher county. Ky, near the Vizapproximately a third of its actual of the situation made it necessary which had the quicker eye and hand. ginia border, the son of Joel Wright, to centralize the administration of Wright would sometimes tell of in- a pioneer.

Boston proper has 781,188 citi- mobilibation, training and supply dividual experiences but with his Although the most active quarter dry, mountain humor, that never of a century of his life was that in the

and who under Union military reg-

his later years Wright drew a penion as a Union veteran.

war. He entered the war in the

to Virginia, West Virginia, Tennes- quor in the Carolinas and Virginia, see. Georgia, Indiana and other accrding to a survey of the United states surrounding Kentucky, and Press.

Now, I don't know." he returned one of the most vivid accounts of seeking to arrest was told about an is noted in all classes of liquor, the jall and starved 'em to death. The experience in Tennessee. He had native distilled corn and rye ber-

trailed the man to a village in the erages and bonded and imported eastern part of that state where the latter had established a shoe repair There is a tendency toward increasshop. Wright walked past the window, according to the story, and ed sales in smalled quantities. was recognized.

The fugitive, knowing the officer's lightning speed on the draw. fired quickly through the doorway only has reduced the cost of liquor striking Wright in the body. Then, to the purchaser but has lessened materially the demand for it.

the door to fire again. But Wright's Traffic Is Off. istol barked as he lay on the A similar report comes from proound and the cobbler pitched ward dead. Wright never entirehibition officers at Asheville who y recovered from the ball that state the running of red liquor into lodged in him and in his old see that city from southern ports has said it had left him stiff said it had left him stiff.

Everybody believed that "Bad cannot obtain their price of about John" carried a pistol at all times, \$60 per case or \$5 per quart from even sleeping with it. He may have retail sellers. Formerly this brand when he was on duty, but Judge of liquor brought from \$8 to \$10 a

Marrs said he knew Wright did not quart from the consumer. Northwestern North Carolina aparry a weapon at all times. "John came to my house during a pears to be the haven for low-pricourt session," the judge said "One ed liquor. At Elizabeth City, white his enemies who wanted to kill corn or "chained lightning" brings m came into town, and John from 35 to 50 cents a pint, good dn't know he was there, but I saw corn \$1 per pint and rye \$2 or \$3 him heading for my house and I per gallon and \$9 or \$10 for a fiveushed back by a short cut to warn gallon jug. Prices before the depression were \$1 and \$1.50 a pint, \$5 a John.

"John asked me if I had a pistol, gallon and \$25 to \$30 the jug. modeling "Devil Judd" after the of- my side an' I gets a better Christian I gave him mine and just as he path Imported Scotch liquors, formerit in his pocket with his right hand ly selling for \$6 per quart at Charthe door burst open and his energy leston, S. C., are down to \$4. Local came in with his right hand in his "moonshine" also has dropped. Find Decrease Here. -

"That outlaw never spoke," the In Raleigh, half-gallon jars of dge continued, "but he extended corn liquor sold a year ago for \$4 is left hand to shake with John at retail. Now the price has dropohn was cool and calculating and ped to between \$2 and \$3. Pints sell they grasped left hands with their from \$1 upward.

ight hands in their pockets. Pretty Norfolk, Va., reports a general con the outlaw who had a pretty price drop. Scotch, at retail, is down good record himself withdrew his from \$15 to \$18 per quart to \$5 and \$120 18 months ago.

All liquor prices, including native Attend Live at Home Meet. Virginia "Mountain Dew" and imllon in five gallon lots. The North

Carolina product has dropped from Confederate army, he said, but was Bootleg Prices \$8 to \$5 in similar quantities. Charred keg corn liquor is down to \$4 per gallon delivered in Columbia, S. C. Champagne has dropped from \$100 to \$50 a case, Scotch rjc and Bacardi rum from \$85 to \$40 per case and gin from \$80 to \$40.

Business depression generally has Merchants Meet reduced the price and to a notice-

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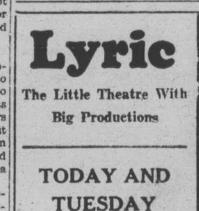
tive association Tuesday evening at an encounter with a man he was The downward revision in prices 8 o'clock in the Campbell department store. A full attendance of the membership is urged to be present.

Nash Leading in Eggs.

Tuesday Evening

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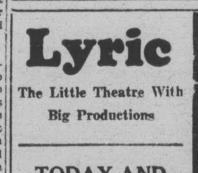
captured and after a term in military prison at old Fort Smith was released on his promise not to go below the Ohio river. Later he went into the Union army as a substitute for a youth who had been drafted Hard Times Now

ulations then prevailing was able to Raleigh News and Observer.

Wright's wanderings took, him in- able extent the consumption of li-

liquors coming from the coast.

Sherwood Anderson, noted novel- profits per bird according to recent ist and publisher of two weekly newspapers at Marion, Va., told the office at State college.



and urged to be present for this meeting.

Small Bridge Party Friday.

On Friday afternoon, at the home unification "in degree;" establish- ent agencies charged with various of Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, Mrs. Burton ing a municipal corporation in aspects of the military problem, Mitchell, of Mount Holly, entertain- which the smaller towns would have was difficult to co-ordinate and con ed a few friends, delightfully and in- local autonomy.

formally, at bridge. Three tables were Where are these 15 potential mil- ly issued to subordinate authorities. arranged for play. Upon the arrival lion souled communities?

of the guests they found their | The government lists New York local situation, the war department places at the tables and a delicious City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, lacked an intimate knowledge of loice course with coffee was served, and Los Angeles, the latter two hav cal conditions which is required for After this bridge was played for an ing climbed in the band wagon proper action on matters of detail.

hour or so and at the close of the since 1920. afternoon a dainty linen handker- But New York actually has four great operating agencies for the mochief was given to Mrs. Robert boroughs - Manhattan, Brooklyn, bilization of the army of the Unit-Woods as winner of the high score Queens and the Bronx, each with ed States and the peacetime ad-

prize. **Club Meetings**

For Tuesday.

Mrs. R. W. Morris will entertain ately, Brooklyn, which has out- special war reserve of certain essenthe members or the Tuesday Aft- grown Father Manhattan, is second tial supplies peculiar to war deeds. ernoon club at her home on Tuesday city in the land with 2,560,401 pop- sufficient to equip troops until the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

ulation. manufacture of such materials can On Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 Another eastern metropolis on the get under way. Mirs. Ress Hamrick will entertain horizon may some day see the com- The plans of the general staff in

the members of the Mothers' club bination of the network of New Jer- clude not only means for mobilizat her home in Beaumonde Terraces sey communities opposite New York ing and supplying the nation's arm-There will be a regular meeting of City into a center of more than 2,- ed forces, but detailed information

the Daughters of the American Re- 000,000. Civic organizations have as to possible facilities for transvolution at the club room on Tues- sponsored the idea and a tentative porting them to the scene of comday afternoon at 3:30 with Mrs. name-Essex-has been suggested bat and for maintaining them in Lamar Gidney, Mrs. S. S. Royster by proponents and Mrs. Talmadge Gardner as host-Cleveland On Verge.

esses. Surprise Birthday

Dinner Sunday.

On Sunday at the home of Mr. Baltimore, Boston, Pittsburgh and has planned a militaristic policy of Honeycutt and her brothers and San Francisco. and Mrs. John Honeycutt Mrs. sisters gave a surprise birthday din-Louis is 1.293,049 against a strict taken to insure the defense of the ner for their mother, Mrs. Ida Louis is 1,293,049 against a strict nation from any possible invasion matter and the strict nation from any possible invasion

sisted of primroses and the attrac- proper. tively decorated birthday cake. A daries, the latest of which failed at Water Shortage On

Those present were: Mrs. J. W. an election last November, have Brackett and daughter, Miss Aus-tine Brackett, of Belwood; Mrs. L. tine Brackett, of Belwood; Mrs. L. M. Petty and two children, Jack and Mary: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hines; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Brooks, all of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Leon-New York, Which even the state yet not a part of any county. A recently adopted consti-tutional amendment authorizes an-nexation of outlying urban districts without state election and this may ard, of Thomasville; Mr. and Mrs. without state election and this may

Sam Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred solve the problem. Callehan, and son, Fred, jr., Miss In 1929 a metropolitan plan move- William D, Brush-enough to last Mattle Adams and Mr. and Mrs. ment which would have given Pitts- 130 days. The situation has not

ters, Marjorie and Patsy. 1930.

Mrs. Abernethy Honored At Party

The present shortage is 121,400 Honeycutt with their two daugh- burgh a population of nearly 1,500,- been so serious before in the 35 000 was defeated in a listless elec- years of his experience.

tion. The city proper had 669,817 in There has been very little snow this year in the district whence New

Baltimore's 'stest population York's water supply comes and the On Friday afternoon at her home count is 800,874, but as the city's reservoirs, which should be nearly on W. Marion street Mrs. B. L. physical boundaries have remained full at this season, are far from it. Smith was hostess at an informal unchanged. It cannot count its full The mayor asked the citizens not party in compliment to her mother, 1.023,201. , to waste water.

and towns separated as a rule by war department produced an ex- gun lence in fighting. Prior to his feud-"How many men have you killed, ist days he had fought in the Civil arbitrary and artificial boundaries. tremely complicated and clumsy Two bills have been introduced in system of administration. The rethe Massachusetts legislature, in- sulting complex structure of the war

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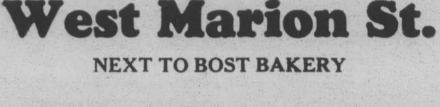


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