

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McMillan, of Jefferson, were visitors in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carver Kilby, of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end in Sparta with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Richardson, of Lenoir, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. Will Hoppers, who has been traveling for the past five weeks with her husband, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mc Reeves and children and Mrs. Lela Crouse were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Porter, of Galax, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wagoner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson visited friends in Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ashley, of Grassy Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn, of Dog Creek, were in Sparta Saturday night.

Oscar Wagoner made a business trip to Staunton, Va., and Bluefield, W. Va., Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson went to Charlotte Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson, of Leakesville, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Mildred Holbrook, of Trap Hill, and Miss Iva Fowler, of Piney Creek, were week-end guests of Miss Grady Sue Spicer.

Joe Pierson, of North Wilkesboro, was a business visitor in Sparta Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grayson visited Mrs. Bess Spicer Saturday night.

Mrs. Jane Douglas, who has been ill for some time, is unimproved.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carson attended the funeral of Mrs. Rob Carson at Peach Bottom, Va., Sunday.

Mrs. C. A. Reeves, who is ill, is said to improve very little, but has been resting more comfortably.

Mrs. Purvis Lee and little daughter, of Hamlet, spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Irwin.

Lieut. Croom, of the State Highway Patrol, W. A. Coble, detective, and other members of a group of secret service men from Washington, D. C., were in Sparta Tuesday.

Mrs. Maxie Kilby and Mrs. G. Glenn Nichols spent Saturday in Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Ninnie Wagoner and little son, of Wolf Branch, left by bus for Maryland Wednesday to spend some time with relatives.

O. S. Andrews, G. O. Edwards and G. Glenn Nichols attended an Extension class for teachers in Wilkesboro Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Edwards and Breece Caudill were visitors at the home of Mrs. Martha Absher Sunday.

Oscar Wagoner and family have returned from Florida, where they have been spending some time.

Proof Positive
Mother—Willie, you appear to have been eating the jam again!
Willie—Don't go by appearances, Mum.
Mother—No, I go by disappearances.

SPARTA BASKETBALL TEAMS DEFEAT INDEPENDENCE

The girls' basketball team of Sparta high school won a victory over the girls from Independence high school Monday night, the score being 27-12. Perry, high-score player, made 18 points.

The Sparta boys also won by a score of 26-13. Bryant starred for Independence, with 11 points, and Richardson totaled 14 points for Sparta.

Proponents Of Anti-Sales (continued from front page)

Carolina had dropped \$5,857,836, while taxes of all kinds on individuals had increased \$8,984,791.

To indicate a comparative decline in ability to pay as between corporations and individuals, Dr. McDonald produced figures to show that since 1929-1930, incorporation income taxes paid in the state had dropped 15.1 per cent., while those of individuals had declined 49.7 per cent. During the past year, Dr. McDonald said, corporations had paid income taxes which had increased 5.1 per cent., over the previous year, while those of individuals had shown a loss of 0.5 per cent.

In the matter of ad valorem taxes, Dr. McDonald indicated the per capita paid in North Carolina last year was \$10.66, while that in Alabama was \$12.34; Arkansas, \$12.44; Florida, \$33.03; Mississippi, \$8.77; South Carolina, \$14.40, and Virginia, \$15.24.

Regular sessions of the General Assembly achieved results in the Senate but drew a blank in the House.

The upper body passed the bill to revamp the board of cosmetic examiners and removed the last obstacle from the driver's license bill by refusing to reconsider the vote by which it concurred in House amendments. It then faced about and killed the Weathers bill to regulate elections and compensation of justices of the peace.

YEARNING UNSATISFIED

A celebrity was placed next to a talkative and inquisitive maiden lady, who bored him excessively with her questions.

"Tell me, won't you, what was your greatest ambition as a child, and have you attained it?" she asked.

The celebrity looked at her sadly and said: "Madam, I attained my boyhood ambition."

"And what was it?"
"Madam, my great ambition was to throw an egg into an electric fan!"—Stray Stories Maazine.

Embarrassing

The mayor had consented, with a number of his colleagues, to attend an important temperance gathering. They were rather late and the chairman of the meeting, with the object of marking time, announced that they would sing the hymn, "Hold the Fort, For I Am Coming."

The civic procession, headed by the mayor, entered the hall just as the audience was singing "See the mighty host advance, Satan leading on!"—Tit-Bits Magazine.

A Particular Miss

Arthur (to his best girl's sister)—Your sister lets me kiss her, won't you let me kiss you?
Little Sister (haughtily)—No! I don't allow all the gentlemen to kiss me that sister does.

MR. AND MRS. OSBORNE GIVEN BIRTHDAY DINNER

A surprise birthday dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Osborne at their home near Independence, Va., on Sunday, February 17, celebrating their fiftieth birthday anniversaries.

The table was beautifully decorated, carrying out the color scheme of pink and green.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Osborne and family, of Sparta; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. B. Osborne and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Cox and family, of Baywood; Mrs. Clyde Hale, of Comers Rock; Mrs. Gwyn Parsons and daughter, Susie, of Elk Creek, Va.; Misses Zenna Osborne and Grace Davis, and Oscar, Woodrow and Clifford Osborne, Joe Mike Cassell and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Rose and family, of Independence.

Advocates Of Tax (continued from front page)

compiled in the Department of Revenue which show that the reductions in corporations have been materially greater than the reductions in individual taxes. Mr. Maxwell has not compiled information on this point. It is the feeling of the proponents of the substitute taxes that if the commissioner would undertake to find out just how the total reductions compare, he would find that the figures which the Department of Revenue compiled are correct, and that corporations have received very large benefits while individuals have received little in the way of reduction.

Estimated Number (continued from front page)

pilation since President Roosevelt took office—today placed at 10,830,000 the number out of work in December, 1934.

This disagreed by half a million with the conclusion by the American Federation of Labor that 11,329,000 persons were unemployed at that office.

The figures were released without public comment as part of a 68-page report on the operation of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

They were attributed to the national emergency council, but officials said they should be taken as a somewhat informal presentation. The figures were worked out, they said, by Winfield Reifer, recently resigned economist of the council and his associates, and were not an official administration compilation.

The table in the report covered unemployment month-by-month from January, 1930, through December, 1934. Such detailed figures have never before been published by the government, officials said.

No attempt was made to reconcile the figures with those of the American Federation of Labor or with other data published by the national industrial conference board, a private economic research association. Nor was there any explanation as to the data on which the compilation was based.

The council figures showed that since December, 1930, the number of persons in the United States available for employment has increased 1,678,000 to a total of 50,426,000. The gain resulted from the normal increase in population.

The estimates showed a slight gain in employment for December over November.

Data for January, 1935, was not released, but officials said they believed the emergency council figures would show a further gain.

January Federation of Labor figures also show an improvement over December, although contrary to the council's data, the federation December total showed a gain in the jobless over November, 1934.

The council's statistics were that the peak of unemployment in the depression was 13,597,000 in March, 1933, and that a decrease of 2,787,000 has been made in the number of unemployed during the Roosevelt administration.

However, the total number put back to work was estimated at 536,000. The number of unemployed remained proportionately larger the council concluded, because of the additional 769,000 persons who became available for work through population increases. The total number employed in December was put at 39,595,000.

The council's figures showed a gain in employment in December, 1934, of 26,000 over November, 1934, but a decline of 127,000 from December, 1933.

The best month since March, 1933, according to the council's tables, was October, 1933, when the unemployed totaled 9,684,000. Since that time, there has been a fairly steady increase in the number out of work. The December 1934, total 13,597,000 compares with 5,480,000 in December, 1930, when the depression had gotten fairly well under-

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Three Very Fast Pennsylvania Sisters



HANOVER, Pa. . . . This seems to be an era of "sister acts" and above is the entry of the Hanover Farms here. They are the three fastest sisters which the trotting world has ever seen, and the only three ever known with records of two minutes or under. They are, left to right, Hanover's Bertha, 1:59.5; Miss Bertha Hanover, 2:00 and Charlotte Hanover, 1:59.5. . . . They will soon be going to the tracks again.

Howard Delp Is Taken (continued from front page)

lice chief, knew of the capture, with the exception of a few officers.

Officers are said to have obtained first definite word of Delp's whereabouts Monday afternoon when they received a tip that he had been seen passing Low Gap.

They found a truck driver seven miles north of North Wilkesboro who told the officers he had stopped his truck on the road to make repairs. The driver said he found a man in the back of the truck, and invited him to sit in the cab. He said the man declined the invitation, but continued on to where the driver left the highway for his home, riding on top of a load of wood.

From a description of the man given by the truck driver, the officers concluded they were close on Delp's heels, and pressed on south.

About two miles farther, almost at the outskirts of North Wilkesboro, they spotted Delp. They said he was slow in raising his hands on their command, apparently being surprised. He was unarmed and gave no trouble, Taylor quoted the arresting officers as saying. Only a pair of glasses, which was in his pocket, and a small comb was found in his possession.

According to Taylor, Delp told officers he passed over Lover's Leap mountain, on the Stuart highway, Friday. He made his flight on foot, he said, walking on the highway at times and at other times going into the brush.

According to circulated reports, Delp, after leaving the Lover's Leap section, headed into the Mount Airy section, where he visited the home of an aunt, Mrs. Rob Troy, whose house was searched for him at the beginning of the hunt. Here, according to the reports, he changed clothes, and continued on by way of the Low Gap section.

Delp's feet were said to have been extremely sore when he was captured.

Authorities said they learned the hunted criminal narrowly avoided capture Friday in Carroll county, when he called at a house where a man recognized him. Delp, they said, then first learned that Chief Martin was dead. The man who recognized him tried to persuade Delp to hide in a barn, it is said, hoping to call officers to arrest him. However, Delp decided to continue his flight.

Galax authorities waited expectantly for hours Monday night after word came from pursuing officers that they believed they were closing in on the fugitive south of the Virginia-Carolina line.

After being centered in the Fancy Gap section Sunday, the search Monday shifted farther south and officers were reported to be in the vicinity of Round Peak, seven miles southeast of Mount Airy.

Officer Dotson, who was seriously injured in the affray, is now thought to be well on the road to recovery at Galax hospital, where he is being treated.

According to Officer Evans, Delp, after his arrest, told the officers that he had no particular destination in view, although he said it was his intention to get out of the United States, if possible. He told them he had slept about one hour since leaving Galax Thursday night and that he had eaten only three meals.

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Judge Kirby's Funeral Held At Independence

Funeral services for Judge Robert L. Kirby were held Friday morning at 11 o'clock in Independence Methodist church in the presence of an assemblage that filled the church to its capacity. Judge Kirby died in Galax hospital on Wednesday afternoon, February 20.

The services were held by Rev. Robert L. Wiley, Independence, a local minister of the M. E. Church, South.

Judge J. C. Padgett, Independence, read an obituary sketch, in which the outstanding achievements gained and the beautiful traits of character possessed by Judge Kirby were briefly reviewed.

Attorneys and other professional men from sections throughout Grayson and Carroll, and parts of North Carolina were present.

Active pall bearers were: T. E. Brannock, Lorne Campbell and Opie Daniel, Independence; Edgar T. Reeves, Elk Creek; Joe W. Parsons and Grey Anderson, Galax; W. P. Parsons and W. C. Thomas, Wytheville; T. X. Parsons, Roanoke, and J. L. Tompkins, Hillsville.

Honorary pall bearers were: H. A. Cox, J. M. Parsons, H. P. Burnett, P. L. Harrington and Dr. H. T. Smith, Independence; Judge Horace Sutherland and Jack Matthews, Galax; W. B. Kegley, Wytheville; L. E. Lindsey, Hillsville, and M. H. Carico, Fries.

Flower girls were: Misses Elizabeth Ring, Clare Bedwell, Juanita Lundy, Margaret Burnett, Mary Lee Wright, Mary Stone, Euna Bedwell, Ruth Brannock, Pauline Bourne and Elizabeth Poole.

Burial was in Independence cemetery.

Fury Of Winter (continued from front page)

lin, Howard Fisher was sitting in his living room, holding his three-year-old son. They were blown into a neighbor's yard 100 feet away. They escaped without serious injuries.

Miss Leona Harris and Miss Catherine Thurston were about to drive into a garage at Upola, Kas., when they saw the tornado cloud. They crawled under their car. The car was not damaged. The garage was demolished.

they would probably come upon him any minute, they rounded a curve and, as they suddenly sighted him, all three of the officers, almost simultaneously, uttered the words, "There he is!" Officer Poe got out on the running board of the car, which was driven by Mr. Evans, and as the machine drew up even with Delp, Mr. Poe said: "Alright, Delp, put 'em up."

He was rather slow about obeying the command, and Poe repeated the command, advising him to lose no time in doing as he said. Delp obeyed and, by that time Officer Lawson had hold of him. He seemed to be bewildered and said, "What's it all about, anyway?" When Officer Evans, whom he had not yet seen, got out of the car, he seemed to be fully aware of what was happening.

There is speculation among citizens as to whether Grayson or Carroll county will have jurisdiction in the case, due to the fact that the county line goes through the town hall and, it is said, passes almost exactly through the spot where the murder occurred.

It became known this morning

Police Chief Martin (continued from front page)

Anna M. Wright, also of Carroll county; three daughters, Misses Euna Lee, Alene and Iris Martin and a son, Rayburn. He also leaves a brother, Will Martin, of Fancy Gap, and three sisters, Mrs. Isaiah Worrell and Mrs. J. C. Haymore, Mount Airy, N. C., and Mrs. M. B. Salmons, of Akron, Ohio.

The deceased officer had been on the Galax police force for about two years, assuming the office of Chief on January 1, 1933.

Persons who saw the attack included Dowe Leonard, prisoner; John Salmon, carpenter at work on the door to the police chief's office; Dewey Adams, who, it is said, was slightly cut on the shoulder by Delp while trying to assist the officers; Ernest Davis, merchant; J. G. Owens, attending an American Legion meeting in the building, and H. B. Leonard, A. C. Leonard and R. L. Weatherman, who were arranging bond for Dowe Leonard.

After the tragedy became known excitement reigned for several hours in the town hall, where the jail is located, and a large crowd assembled on the street outside. Feeling was running high as Mayor B. D. Beamer assumed charge of the situation and organized a search which continued unabated until the slayer was arrested. For the most part, the hunt was centered in Carroll county and in nearby sections of North Carolina.

Late Thursday night a message was received from Hillsville stating that police there stopped an automobile at a road intersection and arrested one man. A second man in the car, believed to have been Delp, escaped.

It was later learned that the man detained in Hillsville jail is Manuel Easter, said to be a relative of Delp's by marriage.

Word of the slaying was quickly flashed to state police and local officers in nearby communities. From Pulaski officers with sawed-off shotguns were sent to guard highway intersections at Dublin and Fort Chiswell. When first alarms were sent out it was believed Delp had escaped in an automobile bearing Tennessee license tags, but the car was later found.

A throng continued to mill about the street in front of the town hall. Mayor Beamer said late in the night that Delp, if arrested, would not be brought to Galax.

Friday and Friday night, while preparations for the funeral of Chief Martin were going forward, authorities pressed their search for his alleged slayer.

In the meantime a message was received from Sheriff Ralph Moreland, of Elizabethton, Tenn., saying authorities there were holding a suspect whose description resembled that of Delp. Nothing, however, came of this report.

Bloodhounds which were used in an attempt to pick up a trail near Hillsville Thursday night were taken to the Snake Creek section, five miles from Hillsville, Friday afternoon after a person answering Delp's description had eaten dinner at a farm house. He was said to have appeared to be in a highly nervous state. The bloodhounds were unable to follow the trail.

Saturday night, bloodhounds from Marion, it is said, struck a trail of Delp near Red Hill filling station between Hillsville and Laurel Fork, and followed it to the Fancy Gap road, leading toward Mount Airy, where the trail could not be followed further. This gave support to the theory advanced by some that the fugitive might have boarded an automobile or adopted some other means of vehicular travel when he reached the Fancy Gap road.

Announcement of the slaying and a description of the alleged killer, followed by news of the progress of the search from time to time, was broadcast from radio station WBT, Charlotte, N. C., by Grady Cole, well known radio news commentator.

Officers are still combing the section of Carroll county where Delp is said to have been sighted several times since the fatal stabbing, for traces of the fugitive.

Yesterday (Sunday) the search shifted to the Fancy Gap area of Carroll county with posse believed close on his track. Mayor B. D. Beamer said last night that Delp was believed to be hiding in the Fancy Gap section.

Residents of the section told officers engaged in the hunt that a man answering Delp's description was seen there Saturday night. Officers who were using bloodhounds found the last definite trace of the fugitive yesterday morning at 4 o'clock when a glove, believed to have been dropped by Delp, was picked up.

Authorities said they believed the alleged murderer was either trying to reach the Mount Airy section across the North Carolina line or attempting to head back toward Galax.

Marriages

ANDREWS-GREENE
Miss Nina Greene, Ennice, and Mr. James Andrews, Twin Oaks, were united in marriage on Saturday, February 16.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gard Greene, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Andrews.

COLLINS-GREENE
Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Cieta Greene, Ennice, and Mr. Guy Collins, Glade Valley, on Saturday, January 19.

SERVICES TO BE HELD SUN. NIGHT AT LIBERTY CHURCH
Services will be held Sunday night at 7 o'clock at Liberty Baptist church, Whitehead, by the pastor and the Rev. Mr. Absher, of Wilkes county.

The public is invited to attend the services.

that a man at the livestock yards in Felt's park reported a man answering the description of the hunted criminal as having been at Pine Ridge filling station, about five miles this side of Mount Airy, on the Low Gap road. Local officials made hasty preparations to investigate this report.

Dowe Leonard, who was an eye witness to the knife attack on the two officers by Delp, told officers Friday that Delp had threatened, while in jail, to kill Dotson, who, while serving as a prohibition agent, according to authorities, killed Delp's father, Joe Hix Delp, in a gun battle in Galax on May 17, 1925. The elder Delp was suspected of handling illicit liquor. In the battle Officer Guffey Coomes was slain. It is said, by Joe Hix Delp. Authorities said it was generally known that young Delp had frequently threatened to "get" Dotson.

Crowds have continued to gather about the Municipal building from time to time practically every day since the tragedy. There was high feeling here Thursday night when word was circulated that Delp was surrounded, a score or more of officers and citizens rushing to automobiles and, it is reported that the cry, "get a rope" was heard. The situation was extremely tense until it was learned that Delp had escaped.

Coming as an additional shock upon that one already received by the people of Galax by the death of Martin, was the news of the shooting to death early Saturday morning of Dowe Leonard, young Grayson county man, who was Delp's cell-mate in the jail when the latter allegedly murdered Chief Martin.

Leonard's body, bearing three bullet wounds, was found on the porch at the home of Jim Brady, an elderly man who lives in East Galax, shortly after dawn Saturday.

Leonard and Delp are said to have been cousins. Brady, who is said to have confessed to the shooting Saturday when questioned by T. L. Felts, was released Sunday from the local jail, where he had been held since immediately after Leonard's death, on bond in the sum of \$500.

A preliminary hearing is to be given the confessed slayer of Leonard on Tuesday, March 5, in Galax.

Saturday night, officers stated that they had obtained from Brady a statement that he had shot Leonard when the latter attempted to enter Brady's house after being told not to go in.

It is reported that Leonard was about the streets until a late hour Friday night, apparently in an intoxicated condition.

Want Ads

Rate: One cent a word. Minimum charge per insertion, 25 cents.

For Sale: 1 yoke oxen, 2100 lbs., four years old, work well. Cabbage plants, ready to set. John E. Hamby, State Road, N. C. 2tc-7.

Lost: Small black and tan redbone dog (female), last seen at Laurel Springs with collar and chain on. Reward—T. R. Burgess. 1tc-28

For Sale: Several hundred bushels certified seed potatoes. Green Mountain and Cobblers. 75 cents a bushel at storage house. Good condition. Bin inspected. Blue tags furnished.—R. E. Hawthorne, Sparta. 1tc-28

Wanted—Man with car. Route experience preferred but not necessary. Rawlins, Dept. NCB-212-M, Richmond, Va. 4tp-7

BABY CHICKS: Banded Rocks, White Rocks, Reds, Buffs. Hatch off every Wednesday.—Produce Exchange Hatchery, Box 102, Galax, Va. 1tc

Spartan Theatre

SPARTA, N. C.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MARCH 4 & 5

Joe Penner

Wanna-buy-a-duck Comedian

in

"COLLEGE RHYTHM"

Also News Reel Betty Boop Cartoon

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, MARCH 6 & 7

James Dunn

in

"365 NIGHTS IN HOLLYWOOD"

Also Selected Shorts

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 8 & 9

John Wayne

in

"RIDE HIM COWBOY"

Also Comedy and Cartoon