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SITUATION GRAVE
New York, Jan. 27.—In this "gravely serious—disquieting moment in our modern civilization", Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, said tonight the major objective of the administration's foreign policy "is to keep the United States at peace."

At the same time, however, Welles said in regard to the government's attitude toward the policies of "certain of the governments of Europe", that "the people of the United States and their government have always maintained, and in practice have made it clear, that they assert the right to protest and to condemn the cruel and inhuman treatment of human beings wherever such brutality occurs."

ASKS MEXICAN PROBE
Washington, Jan. 27.—A complete investigation of Mexican seizure of lands and oil properties belonging to citizens of the United States was demanded in the senate today by Senator Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina. Asserting that the Mexican government had violated "international law as well as the natural rights of men," Reynolds asked creation of a special committee of seven senators to look into a long list of charges. "Millions of dollars worth of property belonging under the laws of Mexico and of international law to the citizens of the United States has been confiscated by the Mexican government," Reynolds said, adding that there had been no compensation or restitution.

BURY OUAKE DEAD
Santiago, Chile, Jan. 27.—The Chilean government fought hunger and disease today in the wake of Tuesday night's disastrous earthquake. United States Ambassador Norman Armour, who called at the foreign office to ask how the United States could help relieve suffering, was told that medical supplies and condensed milk were urgent needs. Especially great was the danger of disease at Chillan, where estimates of the number of dead ranged from 4,000 to 10,000, and at Concepcion, where about 2,000 died. In these cities, where most of the deaths occurred, burial of the dead was a problem taxing facilities. Bodies were placed in mass burial pits, some dug, some simply the fissures opened in the earth by the tremors. Military authorities, in control, warned against profiteering prices on coffins, which were scarce.

FORM ALLIANCE
London, Jan. 27.—Great Britain and France today welded new political and military weapons for any possible test of strength with the Rome-Berlin axis arising from insurgent successes in Spain.
Britain named a new director of mobilization who presumably will map a complete program for calling land, sea and air forces into action if necessary. The nature and extent of his duties remained an official secret. The French cabinet had before it proposals to summon additional army reservists and increase the length of military service. British ministers, who conferred with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today, sounded warnings reminiscent of "go easy" speeches aimed at Chancellor Hitler before the Munich crisis last September.

WAGE-HOUR SUIT
Washington, Jan. 27.—Elmer F. Andrews, administrator of the wage and hour division of the department of labor, today brought suit against the Central Weaving and Spinning corporation, of Fayetteville, N. C., seeking to enjoin it from violating the fair labor standards act. The corporation is a silk and rayon concern operating on a commission basis. A bill requesting a judgment enjoining the defendant was filed today in the United States court for the eastern district of North Carolina at Fayetteville by George A. McNulty, associate general counsel of the wage and hour division. The suit, Mr. McNulty pointed out, was the first among a number in preparation, to be filed under the act, which sets a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour for wage earners engaged in interstate commerce or in the production of goods for interstate commerce. A number of other suits in various sections of the country are to follow, he said, adding that this was not regarded by the division as a "test case" but a routine step in enforcement.
A cooperative shipment of 247 fat hogs through the cooperative market at New Bern netted the farmers approximately \$4,000 last week, reports County Agent L. G. Mathis.

Wilkes' Rank In Teacher Training Climbs In State

Fifteen Counties Now Rank Lower In Training Principals and Teachers

RANKED 99TH IN 1928

Had Climbed Above Three By 1933; Steady Progress Shown by Report

Wilkes county now ranks 85th among the hundred counties of the state in training of principals and teachers, according to a table in the current issue of State School Facts, a monthly publication of the state department of public instruction.
Ten years ago persons interested in public education in Wilkes were heard to remark, "Thank God For Cherokee!" because Cherokee ranked 100th and Wilkes 99th in teacher training.
Today they have 14 counties to thank for keeping Wilkes off the bottom and one county, Perquimans, has the same rating, 85th, in the state.
Tables for 1928, 1933 and 1938 show a steady climb for Wilkes county from its rank in 1928 so precariously near the bottom of the list. In 1928 Wilkes ranked 99th, in 1933 96th, and 1938 85th.
It is generally agreed that Wilkes would have a better rating if North Wilkesboro schools, a special charter unit, were included. In North Wilkesboro all of the teachers have certificates much higher than the average.
Mecklenburg has the best rank in the state in teacher training, closely followed by Cabarrus and Alexander. On the lower end of the list are Cherokee, 98th; Ashe, 99th, and Clay 100th.

Wilkes Boys Take Honors In Contest

Seed Judging Team Wins Third Prize and Second Individual Rating

Wilkes county's 4-H club seed judging team won third place last week in the annual seed exposition held at Rocky Mount, Jesse Giles, assistant county agent who coached the team, said today.
In addition to taking third place for the team, one member, John Joiner, was second in individual rating. Approximately 100 teams from all parts of the state took part.
The Wilkes judging team was picked from the Traphill club and was composed of John Joiner, Grady Holbrook and Claude Billings, with Dwight Blackburn and Glenn Hutchison as alternates. County Agent Dan Holler and Mr. Giles accompanied the boys on a sight seeing tour of Raleigh before returning home.
Wilkes county's team last year won first place in the state.

Foreign Missions Rally Wednesday

Missionary to Japan Will Speak at Presbyterian Church in This City

A Foreign Mission rally will be held at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church on Wednesday night, 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Watt M. Cooper, pastor, announced today.
Rev. J. H. Brady, missionary to Japan, will be the speaker. The rally is being held under the auspices of the Winston-Salem Presbyterian and a large attendance is expected.

Unemployed With More Credits May Again File Claim

Raleigh.—Unemployed workers who drew benefits last year of 16 times their weekly benefit amount and still had wage credits and who are still eligible, can again register for work and file claims for benefits with the beginning of a new benefit year, which starts for many claimants soon after the beginning of the calendar year. Already an increase in the numbers of claims has been recorded in the central office for claimants who are again eligible for benefits.

4-H COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS



Here are pictured the officers of the Wilkes county council of 4-H clubs, a central organization composed of the officers of the individual clubs in the county. Left to right are: Etta Gray Mayberry, of Mountain View club, president; D. J. Redding, of Ronda, vice president; Margaret Vestal, of Moravian Falls, secretary-treasurer; Eda Mae Crysel, of the Millers Creek club, reporter.—(Photo by courtesy of Winston-Salem Journal).

Proposal to Divert Highway Funds to Face the Legislature This Week; Sentiment Here Opposes Diversion

Expect Many Will Attend The Poultry Course On Monday

County Agent Dan Holler said today that he hoped that many Wilkes county poultrymen will attend the one-day short course to be held at Boone on Friday, February 6.
C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist, will conduct the course, which is being held for poultrymen, county agents and assistant agents of Wilkes, Watauga, Avery, Ashe and Alleghany counties.

Rights to Speak At Banquet Here

Commanders and Presidents Night of Legion and Auxiliary On Friday

The annual "Commanders and Presidents Night" will be observed at the Legion Hut on Friday night, February 3rd, with a banquet, program and dance.
The banquet will be served at 6:45 P. M. and a fine menu has been prepared. The cost will be only 50c each.
The speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Douglas L. Rights, of Winston-Salem, the chaplain of the department of North Carolina. Rev. Mr. Rights' subject will be "Early History of Western North Carolina" as president of the Wachovia Historical society, he has done considerable research work along this line and has made North-western North Carolina History his hobby. He is a most interesting speaker, with a fine personality and will be worth hearing. He is a student of Indian life and is well versed in their manners and customs and has excavated Indian mounds in several sections of North Carolina. He states that he has found many records of the Wilkes Militia during the Revolutionary days and other interesting data about the "State of Wilkes" in the early days when history was in the making.
No doubt there will be many local townspeople and students of history throughout the county who will be interested in hearing Rev. Mr. Rights, so the committee on arrangements has decided to permit Legionnaires and Auxiliary members to bring any guest that they may desire. However, the number that can be comfortably seated and served is limited and reservations should be made at once. Tickets, at 50c each, have been placed on sale at the office of the Yadkin Valley Motor company, and at the desk at the Hotel Wilkes. Reservations for the evenings program will be assured by the purchase of tickets.
An old fashioned square dance will close the evening's festivities.
The average curvature of the earth is two inches per mile.

Home Equipment School Is Success

Extension Specialist Tells How to Make Kitchens Handy at Small Cost

A school on the subject of home built kitchen equipment conducted at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Friday night by Miss Pauline Gordon, extension specialist, was a success from every standpoint, Miss Harriet McGoogan, home demonstration agent, said today.
Miss Gordon gave a most interesting demonstration and showed slides which illustrated the importance of more convenient kitchens and means of making kitchens more convenient and comfortable. She pointed out that the cost of making kitchens convenient would be governed by the amount of money available and the condition of the kitchen at the beginning.
She cited one instance of a kitchen which was made very convenient at a cost of only \$7. To obtain desired results at such low cost necessitates very careful planning and use of all available materials, she explained.
Ronda club received the blue ribbon for the largest attendance with seven members present. Other clubs represented were Boomer, Ferguson, Mountain View, Maple Springs, Gilreath and Moravian Falls.
Miss McGoogan said that the school will be followed by demonstrations on the subject of home built kitchen equipment in all the clubs in the county.
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Elimination of Accident Fatalities Is Goal of Local Red Cross Chapter; First Aid Instructors Course Soon

Charles A. Mix Will Conduct Course to Begin On Monday, February 6

The certainty that fatalities resulting from accidents of all kinds can be eliminated was pointed out today by Isaac Duncan, chairman of First Aid and Life Saving of the Wilkes' Red Cross chapter, in announcing an instructors' course in first aid to be given February 6 through 17.

The course will be held at the Reins-Sturdivant chapel in this city by Charles A. Mix, first aid and life saving field representative of the American Red Cross. Officials of the Red Cross here said the chapter is fortunate in being able to secure Mr. Mix to conduct the course.

Those who have standard first aid certificates in good standing are eligible to take the course, Mr. Duncan said, and all persons interested in receiving the instructors' course should communicate with the local Red Cross chapter at once in order to be enrolled in the class which has been announced.

Mr. Mix came to the Red Cross with an unusual record of fine work in the teaching of life saving and first aid work behind him, having served as the life guard for Daytona Beach, Florida, for several seasons during which he conducted classes in swimming and life saving. Some of his outstanding work was done in connection with the training of students in the use of boats and equipment for surf rescues.

He is a native of Endicott, New York, where he received his preparatory education. He moved to Daytona Beach in 1925, receiving his appointment as life guard on the beach at that place the following year and subsequently was captain of the Life Saving Corps. During his service there he conducted classes in swimming and life saving for the Daytona Beach Chapter of the Red Cross.

Mr. Mix has an enviable record in work performed in connection with his duties along the beaches. He has more than 200 swimming rescues under varying conditions to his credit, as well as the handling of hundreds of first aid cases, many of them of a major type. He has also to his credit the recovery of fifteen bodies from the water, as well as thirty resuscitation cases.

He is a member of the family of the National Aquatic School held annually at Camp Carolina, Brevard, North Carolina and brings to his present connection as a First Aid and Life Saving Field Representative a rich background of practical experience and professional training.

Park Reservoir Is Being Built

Mountain Stream Will Furnish Water for Bluff Park Tourist Resort

Construction of a reservoir to provide water for a tourists' lodge and other establishments in Bluff Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway is under way, it was learned here today from a construction foreman in charge of the project.
The water supply will be derived from a small stream fed by a half dozen springs near the summit of the Blue Ridge and a dam is being built where the waters of the different springs unite to form the stream.
The dam site is in a deep ravine and the dam at the highest point will be 37 feet. Stone with which to build the dam is being blasted from immediately above the dam site, at the same time providing more water space above the dam.
The water will be pumped from the dam to tanks located on top of the mountain. Plans call for placing one large water tank within or on the hotel and another at another point within the park and on top of the mountain.
Meanwhile, development work continues through out the 7,000 acre park which lies along the summit of the mountain amid rugged mountain scenery in both Wilkes and Alleghany counties. Engineers have made a preliminary survey of a proposed lake near the base of the main ridge formation on the Wilkes side and on the west prong of Basin Creek.
WPA labor is being used in the park development work, which will likely continue for the next few years.
The Bluff Park is planned as the outstanding recreation center along a 100-mile section of the parkway extending from the grandfather mountain through northwestern North Carolina into Virginia.

Is Coming Here



Charles A. Mix, first aid and life saving field representative of the American Red Cross, who will conduct an instructors' course in this city, beginning February 6.

Three Killed When Still Explodes In Alleghany County

Mangled Bodies Found Several Hours After Tragedy Occurs Thursday

Three men were killed and their bodies mangled almost beyond recognition Thursday when a moonshine still exploded in a laurel thicket near Glade Valley in Alleghany county, according to information given out by Sheriff DeWitt Bryan, who investigated the tragedy.

The victims were: Eugene Murphy, age 23, of Glade Valley; DeWitt Moser, age 25, of Galax, Va.; and Homer Reynolds, age 26, of Glade Valley.
Sheriff Bryan said the explosion apparently occurred about noon Thursday. The bodies, however, were not found until late Friday night. They were discovered by Stanley Pugh of Volney, Va., and J. W. Conklin of Mouth.
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Ministers' Revival Held During Week In Wilkes County

Baptist Pastors' Conference Formed in Mountain View Meeting

FIRST MEETING SOON

Be Held at Gordon Church On March 2; Program Been Arranged

Fifteen pastors serving fifty-two churches may be expected to render a richer ministry as a result of a ministers' revival held with the Mountain View Baptist church January 23-26.
The daily program, directed by General Missionary J. C. Pipes, included two periods of worship, led by various pastors; a study of the books of Colossians, under the guidance of I. K. Stafford of Asheville; a discussion of the Kingdom of God and World Wide Missions, led by Eugene Olive; a conference on Stewardship and Fellowship, conducted by J. C. Pipes; and a forum with a different theme and leader each day, as follows:
Church Music, Eugene Olive, leader.
Conducting Christian Funerals, Eph Whisenbunt, leader.
Call Pastors and Pastoral Relationships, I. K. Stafford, leader.
Are There Evidences of a Coming Revival? A. E. Watts, leader.
A worship service each evening was participated in by people of the Mountain View community, sermons being delivered on successive nights by F. C. Watts, W. C. Laney and A. W. Eller.
One result of the work done by Mr. Pipes and those associated with him was the formation of the Wilkes County Baptist Pastors Conference, with plans made for holding monthly meetings. A program lasting a day and night has already been made for the first meeting to be held with the Gordon church, near North Wilkesboro, March 2. Topics for discussion at this time include:
Raising the Standard of Church Membership, by Howard J. Ford.
The Kind of Revival We Need, by M. A. Huggins or J. C. Pipes.
Prayer and Revival, by Eugene Olive.
The Public Schools and the Churches, by C. B. Eller.
General Discussion, led by J. C. Pipes.
Sermon by I. K. Stafford.
Those attending the Mountain View meeting were unanimous in expressing their feeling that a finer spirit of cooperation than ever before now exists between the Baptist pastors of this section, and that there is a greater readiness to work in harmony with the whole Baptist program for bringing in the Kingdom of God.

Must Get Cotton Allotment By 15th

Every cotton producer in Wilkes county who does not have an allotment and who plans to grow cotton in 1939 should apply for an allotment at the office of the county agent not later than February 15, it was learned today.

Persons who do not file application before the 15th will not receive an allotment and without an allotment cotton cannot be sold without penalty, due to the fact that the crop control law will be in effect for the 1939 crop.

Vestal Re-Elected Head Association

Wilkes Man Again Heads Production Credit Association For Year

Paul J. Vestal, prominent farmer and citizen of Moravian Falls, was re-elected president of the Winston-Salem Production Credit association in the director's meeting following the annual meeting of the stockholders held in Winston-Salem Saturday.
The association furnishes capital for farm credit for a big area of northwestern North Carolina and is rapidly taking its place among the leading institutions of farm credit.
A splendid report of the past year's business was given by L. E. Francis, who was re-elected secretary-treasurer. More than 500 farmers attended the annual meeting.