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## Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

### NEGRO WILL DIE

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Paroles Commissioner Edwin Gill announced tonight Governor Hoey would not intervene in behalf of Jim Moore, 37-year-old Pender county negro scheduled to die Friday in the Central Prison gas chamber for first-degree murder. Moore was convicted of slaying John Robert Fannell, alias John Mims, a negro, last July 4. "We don't find any basis to justify our intervening with the sentence," Governor Hoey said.

### THREE ARE DOOMED

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—The state supreme court today found no error in the conviction of Shepore Holland, Duplin county white man, of the first-degree murder of his three-year-old stepson, and dismissed appeals by two negroes convicted of both first-degree murder and first-degree burglary in Hoke county. The death date of the three automatically was set for December 29. The negroes are William Young and Nathaniel Bryant, convicted of burglarizing the sleeping apartment of John Manitsby and of slaying Thomas Moore, who was occupying the room. The court held that there was no error in their conviction and that they had not perfected their appeals in the time allowed.

### 700 ARE DROWNED

Wakkanai, Hokkaido, Japan, Dec. 13.—The blizzard-blinded wrecking of the Russian steamer *Soligirka* off Hokkaido, northernmost of Japan's main islands, was feared today to have cost the lives of more than 700 Russians, many of them women and children. The heavily laden vessel, built in the United States 19 years ago and sold to Russia in 1938, was operating in the Soviet fishing service when she went aground yesterday off the perilous Hokkaido coast. Aboard were about 1,100 persons, fishermen with their wives and children and a crew of 39. The Japanese ship *Karafuto Maru* reached port today with 395 survivors who knew nothing of the fate of their missing comrades.

### OFFENSIVE HINTED

London, Dec. 13.—Britain hinted today of a great land offensive against the Germans once the Allies have added command of the air to their sea superiority. Lord Chatfield, minister for co-ordination of defense, indicated that British and French strategy would be to bide their time patiently until they were sure of themselves in all branches of armaments before taking the initiative with a carefully-timed big rush. The immediate Allied aims, he told a luncheon audience, is to "retain command of the sea and gradually attain command of the air." "Then when we have done that," he added, "we may have to win a big battle on land. . . . It may well be that on the army finally the brunt of fighting will rest."

### Reports Progress On Raising Fund

J. R. Rousseau, Democratic Jackson Day dinner chairman for Wilkes county, said today that good progress is being made toward raising the county's quota of \$175 for next year's campaign fund. Mr. Rousseau also stated that a number of Wilkes Democratic leaders plan to attend the Jackson Day dinner, which will be held in Raleigh on January 8.

### Tyre Tharpe Kills Biggest Porker

Tyre Tharpe, of Ronda, recently secured a four-year-old Tamworth pig which tipped the scales at 23 pounds after it was dressed and cut up. The pig, which exceeded one secured by A. E. Warren recently by 33 pounds, probably set a record for hog weight in the county.

## Dates Announced For The Christmas School Holidays

### Larger County Schools Except Two Will Have December 19 to January 1

Dates have been set for the school holidays in North Wilkesboro and the Wilkes county system. The North Wilkesboro city schools will close on the afternoon of Thursday, November 21, and resume work on Tuesday, January 2. In the county system all schools will close the fourth month and reach the half-year period before adjourning for the holiday vacation. All the larger schools with the exception of Wilkesboro and Mulberry will close on Tuesday afternoon, December 19, and resume work on January 1. Wilkesboro and Mulberry schools, which had a day off for the Northwestern District teachers' convention, will not close for the holidays until Wednesday afternoon. Unofficial reports of enrollment in the county system indicates that a new high record of school attendance has been set during the first half of the term and that the total enrollment for the county system is above 10,000.

### N. C. S. E. S. Office Placements Gain During November

North Wilkesboro branch of the North Carolina Employment Service experienced a gain in job placements last month, according to information gained from a report of B. G. Gentry, manager, today. During the month of November the office placed a total of 124 persons on jobs, 100 in private employment and 24 on public jobs. This compared with only 64 private placements and 147 public for October. Another good piece of news was contained in the report of unemployment claims, which have been steadily dropping in number here during the past few months. The trend at present indicates that December will be an exceptionally good month for private placements, Mr. Gentry said.

## Better Business Conditions Also Reflected In Jobless Claims Report

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## Power To Be Off Early On Sunday

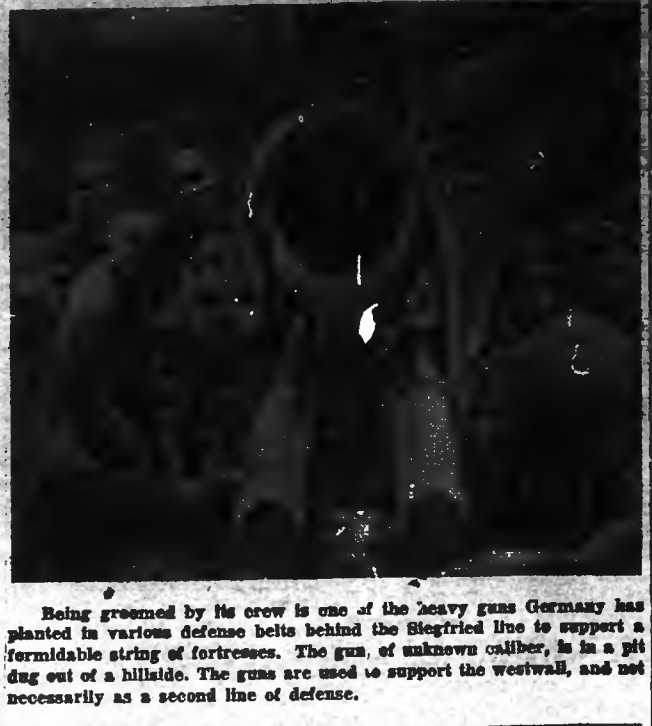
### Be Two Interruptions To Allow Time For Transformer Installation

All patrons of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company are asked to take notice of the fact that the power will be off twice on Sunday, once early in the morning and again some time in the afternoon. But customers may be assured that the current will not be off long either time and that it is absolutely imperative that the interruptions in service be made Sunday and that times have been selected when it was thought that least inconvenience would result. The current will be cut off for the purpose of installing an additional bank of transformers, which will insure less interruptions of service in case of trouble on any of the lines and will provide additional capacity for the system. The first time the power will be cut off Sunday will be early in the morning, probably just after day-night, and the second will be in the afternoon when the task of installing the transformers is completed.

## Tobacco Allotments Not Expected Soon

Tobacco growers are asked to take note of the fact that allotments will not be issued until about January 15, due to the fact that they must be approved in the Washington, D. C., office, according to information received today from the office of Dan Hölter, Wilkes county agent.

## Germany's Big Guns Support Westwall



Being groomed by its crew is one of the heavy guns Germany has planted in various defense belts behind the Siegfried line to support a formidable string of fortresses. The gun, of unknown caliber, is in a pit dug out of a hillside. The guns are used to support the westwall, and not necessarily as a second line of defense.

## Cooking School Has Good Session Today; Last Session To Be Friday

### Lectures Here

Miss Florence Rogers delivers lecture and conducts demonstrations

The Journal-Patriot cooking school held its first session very successfully this afternoon at the North Wilkesboro Woman's club-house on Trogon street. The school, a cooperative community activity sponsored by this newspaper, the Duke Power company and Lever Brothers manufacturers, will have its last session Friday afternoon, beginning at two o'clock. A large crowd was present today and every one in the audience was impressed with the lectures and demonstrations conducted by Miss Florence Rogers, noted author and lecturer on food subject. She not only told how to make delicious cakes, pastry and other food dishes but showed the ladies attending how to get equally good results in their own kitchens. She was assisted in the demonstrations by Betty Jo Craven and Lois Billings, pupils of Miss Evelyn Sharpe's home economic classes in the North Wilkesboro schools. Every woman in the Wilkesboro and the rural communities is invited to the session Friday afternoon. Valuable prizes which will be of much use in the homes were given away today and there are more prizes for those attending Friday afternoon. The school has proved to be very interesting and sponsors were well pleased with the reception given the first session.

### Work Progressing On Highway 421

Crushed Stone Surface And Grading Complete For Over Two Miles

Two miles of grading and crushed stone surfacing of widening strips on highway 421 west of this city has been completed since the WPA project started a few weeks ago. A strip three feet wide, except on curves where two feet are being added on the outside and six inside, is being graded on both sides to add to the present sixteen feet of concrete road. The average width of the road after the widening is completed will be about 23 feet. After the crushed stone surface is settled and weather conditions will permit a black top surface will be applied. The project calls for widening the highway between this city and Millers Creek, a distance of between six and seven miles. Long considered one of the most dangerous sections of heavy traffic highway, the improvements being effected are expected to remove some of the present accident hazards because of the narrowness of the road and its many flat curves.

## Legion-Auxiliary Dance On Friday

An enjoyable occasion is assured those who will attend the American Legion and Auxiliary's square dance to be held at the Legion clubhouse on Friday night, beginning at eight o'clock. The public is invited and all members of the Legion and Auxiliary are especially asked to attend. Gentlemen will be charged 50 cents each and ladies will be admitted free.

## Ronda-Clingman Juniors To Meet

Bradley Dancy, district controller for the Juniors, said here today that a meeting of the Ronda and Clingman councils has been called to be held at Clingman on Saturday night, 7:30. He described the meeting as highly important and urged attendance of all members of both councils and any other Juniors who may wish to attend.

### ENTRY BLANK HOME DECORATION CONTEST

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Fill in and leave at The Journal-Patriot office not later than five p. m. on December 15

## Local Red Cross Chapter Adopts Budget of \$1,078

## Very Successful Roll Call Report At Annual Meet

### J. H. Whicker Re-Elected Chairman; Rev. Eugene Olive Secretary

At the annual meeting of the Wilkes county chapter of the American National Red Cross, called by chairman J. H. Whicker Tuesday night of this week, officers were elected for the ensuing year and a budget for the year's work was adopted. Reports were received from the treasurer and from the several committee chairmen showing some of the activities of the chapter for the past year. Roll call chairman, Rev. Eugene Olive, expressed for the local chapter thanks to all those who rendered any service in the recently conducted and successful roll call, and requests publication of the following statement to the large number who responded both in making special gifts and in membership fees: "Sincerest thanks to you from Red Cross and all those who will be helped by your contribution to a successful roll call. You will be rewarded in the assurance that you have had a part in a program which will every day in the year be relieving somewhere those in distress."

Following are the names of officers and committee chairmen elected at Tuesday night's business session: chairman, J. H. Whicker; vice chairman, Rev. Watt M. Cooper; secretary, Rev. Eugene Olive; treasurer, Blair Gwyn; members executive committee (in addition to general officers), P. W. Eshelman, Edd Gardner, J. B. Carter, A. H. Casey. Committee chairmen: home hygiene, Mrs. W. D. Halfacre; home service, Charles McNeill; (Continued on page eight)

## Local Juniors Get Commendation For Annual Offering

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior order has just received a letter from W. M. Shuford, superintendent of the Lexington Children's home, that the council here had the best Thanksgiving offering in the state this year. The Juniors here are very active and deserve high praise for their activities.

## Branson Benton Case Is Mistrial

### Jury Unable To Agree; Federal Court Busy Engaged With Jury Trials

Federal court in Wilkesboro has been busily engaged this week in jury trials on the court calendar and it is expected that the remainder of the week will be taken up with other criminal cases remaining to be tried. The extra term will continue into next week with trial of civil actions, pending. Judge Johnson J. Hayes is presiding. Steve Brown, of Durham county, was sentenced to 18 months in the reformatory at Chillscothe for violation of probation in a former case. A conspiracy liquor case against Branson Benton, Noah Benton, Warner Benton, Branson D. Yates and Millard Curry resulted in a mistrial when the jury was unable to agree upon a verdict. It was one of the most closely contested cases during the term. Clay Johnson, who was convicted of aiding and abetting in operation of a still, was sentenced to a year and a day in the Chillscothe reformatory. Arlie Brown, colored, was placed on temporary probation and his son, Robert Brown, received a year and a day in prison at Lewisburg, Pa., for illicit liquor manufacture.

## Tax Listers For Wilkes County Are Announced

### Listing Will Begin On January 2; Notices Printed By Township Listers

C. G. Poindexter, Wilkes county accountant and tax supervisor, has announced the list of tax listers for Wilkes county as approved by the county board of commissioners.

Mr. Poindexter called attention to the fact that tax listing this year will be as of January 1 instead of April 1 as in former years and that the task of listing property in all the townships will get under way on Tuesday, January 2. The tax listers are obtaining the supplies and notices will be posted by each lister at public places giving appointments for their respective townships. Mr. Poindexter said, and urged that every person required to list property or poll for taxation attend to the matter at the earliest convenient date and appointment of the lister.

The tax listers for the various townships, together with their respective postoffice addresses, are as follows: Antioch, Curtis A. Sparks, Roaring River. Beaver Creek, Zachary Ferguson, Boomer. Boomer, Ralph Swanson, Boomer. Brushy Mountain, Alonzo Anderson, Oakwoods. Edwards number 1, C. C. Tharpe, Ronda. Edwards number 2, Clifton Prevette, Roaring River route 1. Edwards number 3, E. W. Smith, Benham. Elk, Hill McNeill, Ferguson. Jobs Cabin, Tom Parsons, Walsh. Lewis Fork, A. L. Meesick, Purlear. Lovelace, R. Y. Wright, North Wilkesboro route 3. Moravian Falls, Edwin Jennings, Pores Knob route 2. Mulberry, Arlie Myers, Hays. New Castle, C. W. Hanes, Ronda. North Wilkesboro, T. H. Settle, North Wilkesboro. Reddies River, Mrs. W. P. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro route 1. Rock Creek, W. J. Templeton, Hays. Somers, J. W. Robbins, Cycle. Stanton, Carl Church, Purlear. Traphill number 1, John H. Holbrook, Traphill. Traphill number 2, G. W. Brown. Union, Pete E. Dancy, Reddies River. Walnut Grove, J. Monroe Blevins. Wilkesboro, Charlie Pardue, Wilkesboro. C. I. Watkins will be colored list taker for North Wilkesboro township. Broadway in New York City is said to be the longest city street in the world; it is fifteen and one-half miles long.

## Much Interest In Lighting Contest To Be Held Here

### Entries Close Tomorrow; All Invited To Compete For Cash Prizes

Already much interest has been shown in the holiday lighting contest being sponsored by the Journal-Patriot and the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club and it is expected that exterior of many homes will be aglow with holiday lights next week. The Journal-Patriot will give ten dollars for the most artistically lighted home and grounds, five dollars for the second, three for the third and two for the fourth. A committee from the Woman's Club will act as judges and the awards will be made according to how artistically they are lighted and not on the basis of their being elaborate or costly. Attention is called to the fact that the lighting contest is not limited to North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro but will include all homes along highway 18 to Mulberry school, highway 421 to Miller Creek and highways 16 and 18 to Moravian Falls. Persons desiring to enter are asked to use the entry blank elsewhere in this newspaper or to phone notice of entry to The Journal-Patriot office. All who can are asked to have their holiday decoration lights turned on by Saturday evening and certainly not later than December 20. The lights are to remain on through the Christmas holidays.

## Merchants To Remain Open Evenings Next Week To Accommodate Customers

### Open Until Eight First Three Days; Nine O'Clock Thursday, Friday, Saturday

At a meeting of the Merchants Bureau of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureau held yesterday morning hours were set for stores to remain open evenings to accommodate holiday shoppers. It was decided that stores will remain open until eight o'clock Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week they will be open until nine o'clock. The meeting was called by W. P. Kelly, executive secretary of the Commerce Bureau. He opened the meeting and W. G. Gabriel, head of the merchants bureau, presided. After brief discussion the hours for remaining open evenings were fixed on motion of C. C. Day, seconded by Ira D. Payne, and the vote was unanimous. With holiday trade already being up fast, an improvement in time is expected to be made in the decision to remain open.

## Kills Four Crows With One Shot

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