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**Athens.**—British bombers raided the mid-Albanian base of Elbasan today through snow, sleet and rain, dropping heavy explosives and incendiary bombs on military supply buildings, the R. A. F. command in Greece reported.

Despite poor visibility, the R. A. F. communiqué declared, fighters could see hits on several buildings and fires which were started by the bombs.

Italy's army in southern Albania, shoved back nearly 60 miles from its penetrations two months ago into Greece, is reported to have shipped 35,000 sick and wounded home from the port of Valona alone.

A Greek spokesman declared last night that in addition to those, the Fascist losses in dead and captured since the quickly-reversed invasion of Greece last October 28 could be counted "in the tens of thousands."

**Cairo.**—British imperial forces today smashed at the outer defenses of Italy's big Libyan base at Tobruk after capturing the El Adem airdrome 15 miles south of the Fascist stronghold.

Carrying their desert offensive farther along the Libyan coast with the aid of royal air force bombing planes, the British land forces sought to take advantage of the capture of Bardia by pressing hard on the heels of the Italians before they can organize new lines.

The British drove upon the outer defenses of Tobruk after capturing or destroying 94,000 Italian soldiers in their smashing drive across the western desert.

**Athens.**—A squadron of Greek destroyers has churned into the Adriatic, penetrated by night into the Albanian Gulf of Valona and shelled the Italian-held city with 60 rounds without even so much as sighting Italian warcraft, the Greek marine ministry announced last night.

(Greek destroyers have been built both in Italy and Britain). Then, said the communiqué, the squadron loafed back to its bases "at reduced speed."

The action was reported to have taken place on Sunday night and coincided with another R. A. F. bombardment of Valona, in which fires were declared left burning in warehouses and elsewhere on the waterfront.

Now, Greek military reports say the Greek forces are menacing Italian land communications between Tepelini and Valona, major Southwestern Albanian seaport.

**Washington.**—President Roosevelt today laid before Congress a \$17,485,528,049 budget "for the total defense of our democracy."

He served notice that he soon will ask still more billions to provide munitions for Britain and other countries battling the axis.

Informed legislators talked in terms of \$3,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000 for helping Britain over a long period. Any such sum would push the budget far past \$20,000,000,000.

But today's budget was all for America—an America in which the President said "democracy as a way of life is at stake."

The figures he presented for the 1942 fiscal year, beginning this July 1, shattered precedents in almost every category.

Projected spending hit within a billion dollars of the 1918-19 all-time high when the nation actually was at war.

## Dokies Ladies Night And Dance Tonight

The local Dokies' club will observe Ladies' Night on Thursday, January 9, with a banquet at Roaring River at 6:30 p. m.

After the banquet a milk fund benefit dance will be staged at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse in this city with profits going to the fund to purchase milk for underprivileged and undernourished children in the nutrition classes of the schools here.

The Arizona Ranch Hands will furnish music and stage entertainment for the dance.

## Births In North Wilkesboro Exceed Deaths By 142 In '40

Births in North Wilkesboro exceeded deaths by 142 during the past year, according to a report received today from W. A. Bullis, registrar of vital statistics in the city.

Births during the past year totaled 249, of which 18 were still births. There were only 87 deaths within the city during the year.

All criminals are not in jail.

## City Council Talks Armory and City Recreation Project

### Also Passes Resolution Favoring Reappointment Of Hackett On Commission

The city council in meeting Tuesday night discussed at length the proposed project to erect an armory and develop an athletic field, recreation area and stadium near North Wilkesboro schools.

The proposal was outlined to Mayor R. T. McNeil and the members of the board by Paul S. Cragan, city school superintendent, who had given the subject much study during the past several days.

It was explained that an armory must be constructed if the city is to remain headquarters for a military company and that there has been evident need for several years for a municipal playground. The proposed plan is to secure the property adjacent to the school property on the east and in one big WPA project fill several needs of the city. The city council took the matter under advisement for further consideration soon.

The board also passed a resolution urging Governor J. M. Broughton to appoint J. Gordon Hackett to another term on the state highway and public works commission. The resolution cited the faithful and valuable services of Mr. Hackett in the interest of highway progress during the past four years and his splendid record in that office.

C. M. Crutchfield, district engineer for the WPA, appeared before the board and stated that the WPA will be ready to begin work on the water and sewer extension project for the city within the next ten days. He was instructed to proceed with the project as soon as proper arrangements could be made.

## "Life Of Christ" Showing Monday

"The Life of Christ" a motion picture depicting scenes from the nativity to the ascension, will be shown at the Wilkesboro Methodist church Monday, January 13, 7:30 p. m., according to an announcement by Rev. J. C. Stokes, pastor.

With beautiful music accompaniment, the picture has magnificent scenes, including the triumphant entry, trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. It is based upon and patterned after the world famous Oberammergau and Freiburg "Passion Plays" and was actually filmed in Europe, the Holy Land and in Egypt.

The picture will be presented by the National Bureau for Religious and Educational Films, the pastor said, and no admission charge will be made. A freewill offering will be taken.

## Loses Finger

John Powell, well known North Wilkesboro citizen, had the misfortune of losing the forefinger on his left hand Tuesday afternoon while cutting wood.

The forefinger was cut off and other fingers on the left hand were injured. Powell received treatment at The Wilkes Hospital.

## Escape Nazi Bomb



Mrs. Ann Balthrecht and her son, (shown on arrival in New York) who had narrow escape in their English home when a bomb pierced the roof in which the boy was sleeping, continued through the floor, and exploded in the basement.

## To Aid Infantile Paralysis Sufferers



President Roosevelt has authorized the use of his birthday, January 30, to raise funds for infantile paralysis sufferers. The committee for the celebration of the President's birthday is here shown. L. to R., George Allen, of Washington; Eddie Cantor, noted radio, stage and screen star; and Keith Morgan, national campaign chairman.

## Spectacular Army Films To Be Shown At City Hall Friday Night, 8 O'clock

"The most spectacular film ever made in peace time" is the way U. S. Army recruiting officers describe one of the talking movies to be shown at the city hall here on Friday night, eight o'clock.

"Army On Wheels" is the title of the movie which will show the panzer divisions of the United States army in maneuvers never before made available to the public. The other movie is entitled "Service With the Colors" and both offer a wonderful opportunity for the public to acquaint themselves with what the army offers, in the way of defense preparations to date. The movies will be in technicolor and are authentic presentations of army life and activity.

The movies will be shown under direction of Sergeant Wm. D. Montgomery and Sergeant Ernest A. Rohr, of the Charlotte recruiting office. They will remain in North Wilkesboro through Friday and Saturday, and will have headquarters at the city hall, where they will interview young men interested in enlisting in the U. S. army and will receive enlistments.

The recruiting officers invite the public to the presentation of the pictures on Friday night and will gladly give information to young men interested in enlisting in any branch of the army.

They are spending this week in northwestern North Carolina counties and are showing the pictures in Boone, Taylorsville and West Jefferson as well as North Wilkesboro.

## TWINS HAVE 85th BIRTHDAY



Here are shown W. H. and H. M. Ham, twin boys, who were recently honored with a birthday party on their 85th birthday anniversary. They are shown here when W. H., who lives in Lenoir, visited H. M. at his home at Wilbar. They are hale and hearty despite their four score and five years.

## 99 Farm Checks Arrive Tuesday

### Farmers Notified To Call For Checks At County Agent's Office Friday

Ninety-nine Triple A checks for Wilkes farmers were received Tuesday by the Triple A office in Wilkesboro.

It was the third batch of checks received in Wilkes for compliance with the farm program in 1940 and total of the 99 checks was \$1,124.91, representing the net cash sum after deducting amounts for lime, phosphate, seed and other things purchased at government contract price under the program.

The 99 for whom checks have been received have been notified through the mail to call for their checks on Friday, January 10.

## Brother Of J. H. Rector Succumbs

J. H. Rector, of this city, received word today that his brother, Thomas B. Rector, died this morning at his home at Chilhowie, Va.

Mr. Rector left here today for Chilhowie, Va., where he will attend the funeral service tomorrow. His brother was 88 years of age.

## Accomplishments N.C.S.E.S. Office Here Reviewed

### Jobs Found In Year For 1,408; Unemployment Claims For Year Total 4,461

B. G. Gentry, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the North Carolina State Employment Service, today released a report of the office's activities for the year 1940.

During the year the office found jobs within the territory it serves for 1,408 applicants and referred 357 to other branch offices for placement.

Registrations of applicants for the year totaled 2,949 while renewal registrations were 3,288. Renewals are those who after 60 days have elapsed request that their applications continue in the active file of applicants for placement when opportunity arises. Those who do not renew applications are placed in the inactive file after 60 days if placement is not made.

The unemployment division of the office handled 4,461 original claims for benefits during the year and this number filed 25,107 weekly continued claims.

Mr. Gentry said today that his office has received new calls for skilled workers at Fort Bragg and Holly Ridge. Some of the positions open and number wanted were listed as follows: 15 iron workers, 50 skilled carpenters, 1 plumber's draftsman, 9 roddmen, 12 solderers, 30 pipe fitters, 15 back hoe operators, 25 yarners, 12 caterpillar crane operators, 15 electricians, line linemen, 10 sheet metal workers, 15 stenographers, 15 time checkers, five cooks. There is also a shortage of common laborers at Fort Bragg, Mr. Gentry said.

## 57 Lost License To Drive In Year

### Revocations For Counties Listed By State Highway Safety Division

Drivers license revoked in Wilkes county during 1940 totaled 57, according to a report received here by the state highway safety division.

Revocations were greater in Wilkes in August than during any other month of the year, which is attributed to the fact that a term of criminal court was held in Wilkesboro, when 16 lost their license because of driving drunk. Eleven were revoked in Wilkes in October, when another term of criminal court was held.

Revocations for the year in other northwestern North Carolina counties were as follows: Alexander, 30; Alleghany, 10; Ashe, 25; Caldwell, 60; Iredell, 93; Surry, 97; Watauga, 46; Yadkin, 17.

## Abrams To Speak At P.-T. A. Meet

Dr. Amos Abrams, professor of education at A. S. T. C. in Boonville, will address the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association in meeting this afternoon, 3:15 o'clock, in the school auditorium.

His address will be "Public Schools and National Defense." All P.-T. A. members, other school patrons and others interested are invited to attend.

## Explosive Train Wrecked—Hint Sabotage



The car with the white square, marking in this photo is loaded with dynamite. The car was in the train wrecked on the single-track spur of the Delaware Delaware division of the Pennsylvania railroad at Trenton, N. J. Fortunately, the dynamite did not explode. No one was injured. A report that one coupling had been damaged with a being investigated.

## Defense Class Is Started Monday

### Sees Fascism's End



Count Carlo Sforza, former Italian premier, who is credited with the statement that the Italian people are dissatisfied with Fascism. He is now an exile in the U. S.

## Mrs. Bumgarner Fatally Burned

### Wife Of F. F. Bumgarner Dies Wednesday From Serious Burns

Mrs. Viola Fairchild Bumgarner, wife of F. F. Bumgarner, died at the Wilkes hospital early Wednesday morning from burns received when she fell into an open fireplace at her home on Wilkesboro route one Tuesday morning.

Members of the family said that Mrs. Bumgarner, who had been ill for some time, fell into the fire. Her clothing caught fire and before effective aid could be rendered she was fatally burned and little hope was ever held for her recovery.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, two o'clock, at Mount Pleasant Baptist church with Rev. L. B. Murray in charge, assisted by Rev. Isaac Watts.

Mrs. Bumgarner, age 50, is survived by her husband and seven children: Mrs. J. W. Cardwell, Troy, Arnold, Clyde, Paul and Mildred Bumgarner and Mrs. S. S. Marsh, all of Wilkesboro route one.

## Commissioners Met On Monday

### County Board Transacts Routine Matters; One Constable Appointed

Wilkes county board of commissioners held a quiet meeting Monday with all members present. The board is composed of M. F. Absher, chairman, Max Foster and V. T. Walsh.

Routine matters and discussion of county affairs occupied the time for the board, which recessed to meet again on Wednesday.

J. P. Roberts was appointed constable of Mulberry township and bond for Weaver Byers as constable for Stanton township was approved by the board.

## Nineteen Young Men Enroll In Machinery Class

### Second Course May Be Started Soon To Care For Additional Applicants

Nineteen young men who enrolled Monday in the first national defense class established here are showing keen interest in the instructions and training offered them and the supervisors are faced with the task of cutting out four because 15 is the maximum number which can be trained in one course.

The boys assembled on Monday afternoon at the North Wilkesboro high school for organization of the course and then proceeded to Meadows Mills company, where training sessions are being held from four until nine p. m. each day.

Meadows Mill company, manufacturers of corn mills, hammer mills and sawmills, has an excellent machine shop, which was made available to the course. Emmett Johnson, superintendent of Meadows Mill company and a machinist with many years experience, is instructor for the class and W. B. Collins, head of the industrial arts department of the city high school, is supervisor.

J. Warren Smith, professor of industrial education at North Carolina State College, spent Tuesday in North Wilkesboro outlining the course of study and observing the class in session. He said he was very favorably impressed with the class and especially with the type of young men enrolled. All the boys are between the ages of 17 and 21 and show unusual zeal in their work.

Advisory committee for the course is composed of A. F. Kilby, J. L. Wells, Edd F. Gardner and W. E. Johnson.

Plans are being considered for the beginning of another course to care for the four who must be cut off, for six additional applicants and other young men who may make application soon. The employment service office here is handling the applications.

## Kitchen Wrecks; Woman Not Hurt

### Mrs. R. R. Crater Escapes Injury When Kitchen Range Explodes

Mrs. R. R. Crater miraculously escaped death or serious injury Monday morning when the kitchen stove exploded in her home at Ronda.

When it was all over the kitchen looked like it had been hit with a bomb but Mrs. Crater, who was standing in the midst of the wreckage, was unharmed except for a slight bruise on her shoulder and neck where a flying piece of the stove landed.

The hot water heater in the range, which evidently had frozen, exploded and threw pieces of the range, kitchen utensils and foodstuff all over the rooms. Parts of the ceiling in the room were shattered and considerable damage was done at several points to the room and kitchen equipment.

Neighbors gathered in the home that evening and helped Mrs. Crater clean up the debris.

## Inauguration Of Broughton Today

Several Wilkes people are planning to attend the inauguration of Governor J. M. Broughton in Raleigh today. The inaugural ceremonies are scheduled for shortly after noon after a big parade from the governor's mansion to the capitol and to the auditorium, where Governor Broughton will deliver his inaugural address.

An elaborate parade has been planned to include 1,200 troops from Fort Bragg; a detachment of the coast guard and other military units. The legislature convened yesterday.