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## Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

### PREPARES FOR RAIDS

London, Dec. 7.—Sir Samuel Hoare, British home secretary, told Parliament today the government regarded the question of evacuating civilian population in the event of air attack as "very urgent." He introduced a new clause to the air raids precautions bill designed to enable the government to proceed with plans for transferring populations, as well as providing for the care of refugees in war time.

### DEAD MAN CLEARED

Washington, Dec. 7.—Andrew W. Mellon, won today, three months after his death, formal exoneration of income tax fraud. The United States board of tax appeals threw out the government's fraud charge unanimously and in a divided opinion on other issues slashed the government claim for additional taxes on Mellon's 1931 income from \$33,075.103 to about \$700,000.

### FIRES CAMPAIGN GUN

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Robert R. Reynolds today practically opened his campaign for re-election on the wages and hours bill, which he favors, and which his opponent for the Senate, Representative Frank W. Hancock, opposes in its present form. "I shall do everything in my power to see a wages and hours bill, which I voted for when before the Senate, enacted into law," said Reynolds.

### CENSUS RECEIVED

Washington, Dec. 7.—Returns from the house-to-house unemployment census check conducted in Charlotte and other North Carolina cities between November 29 and December 4 have arrived at the Census bureau here and are being tabulated. The information on these cards will be used to check the thoroughness and accuracy of the voluntary returns made through the Charlotte area.

### LONG WAR SEEN

Washington, Dec. 7.—Spanish Ambassador Fernando de los Rios said tonight the Spanish civil war "is just beginning." Declaring that the Republican government is overcoming lack of arms and ammunition by erecting war material factories on a large scale (283 factories up to now), the bearded ambassador told newspapermen the insurgent offensive has been postponed, and this is "a definite sign of weakness."

### WOMAN HUNTED

Monterey, Calif., Dec. 7.—The hunt for Mrs. Sarah Flavin, Broadway playwright's wife who has been missing since yesterday noon, was concentrated along the rugged Carmel shoreline tonight after searchers found her tripod camera but one foot from the edge of a 30-foot sea cliff. The 54-year-old wife of Martin Flavin, Pulitzer prize winner, disappeared while taking photographs near their home at Carmel Highlands.

### RAPS ON CONGRESS

New York, Dec. 7.—Members of Congress unwilling to serve the "national interest" by helping to halt "untimely, uneconomic expenditures" and to balance the budget were denounced tonight by an administration fiscal officer as unfit to hold their jobs. Such steps of retrenchment, said Wayne C. Taylor, fiscal assistant secretary of the treasury, in an address prepared for delivery before the Economic club of New York were "minimum national welfare requirements."

### BUSY FIRST LADY

Washington, Dec. 7.—The royal first lady threw away her time-tables today and settled down at the White House for the winter. Without waiting to unpack the winter fashions she bought in New York, Eleanor Roosevelt saw her husband, held a press conference, entertained cabinet ladies at luncheon and gave two teas. She reeled off a schedule for the week that left newspaper women gasping—a housing conference, pen-women's meeting, and a symphony concert in addition to the Gridiron Windows' stunt party, and half a dozen teas she is giving at the White House.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bumgarner Thursday, December 15, 1893, a 44-pound daughter, Carol Cecil, mother and child at the Wilkes Hospital and getting along

## WPA Buys Supply Materials For 3 Months To Boost General Business

### Area Supervisor Here Buys Materials For First Quarter Of 1938

#### TOTALS ABOUT \$27,000

### Street Project For North Wilkesboro To Get Under Way Next Month

As a part of a nation-wide drive on the part of government agencies to stimulate business, materials costing \$22,000 for area 10 of the Works Progress Administration have been purchased for the first three months of 1938. It was learned here today from T. D. Heffner, area supervisor for the WPA in eight counties.

Requisitions for \$18,000 in materials were made out yesterday in addition to \$4,000 previously this month and there is likelihood that other purchase orders amounting to \$3,000 will be made for the area before the end of the year, he said.

Sponsors of projects, Mr. Heffner said, are being encouraged to buy materials now for the months of January, February and March and a majority of them have already done so.

Mr. Heffner said that the WPA will start the North Wilkesboro street improvement job early in January, or as soon as the sewer project in the Finley Park addition to the city is completed. That force of men will be transferred to the street job, which calls for improvement of several streets at a total cost of about \$19,500.

The entire crew of men now being used on the sewer project under Foreman McGimsey will be transferred to the street improvement job, which includes gravel and stone surface on a number of streets in the eastern end of the city and widening of Forester Avenue.

## Cranor Chairman For President's Ball January 29

### Wilkes Chairman For Benefit Event Announced In New York City

New York, Dec. 9.—Keith Morgan, Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday today announced appointment of a number of additional County Chairmen in North Carolina for this year's "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign. These chairmen will have charge of the organization of their respective counties, both for the founding of the new National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and also the multitude of benefit entertainments to be held Saturday, January 29th, in celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday.

The chairmen appointed follow: H. A. Cranor, Wilkesboro (Wilkes County); J. Q. Gilkey, Marion (McDowell County); C. W. Piquet, Southern Pines (Moore County); J. C. Pass, Yadkinville (Yadkin County); Chas. R. Price, Asheville (Buncombe County); I. P. Davis, Manteo (Dare County); W. E. Brooks, Pittsboro (Chatham County); J. Claud Allison, Sylva (Jackson County); Blount Rodman, Washington (Beaufort County); R. F. Holland, Charlotte (Mecklenburg County).

## Schoolmasters To Meet December 15

### Program Centered Around School Problems Will Be Carried Out at Meeting

The next meeting of the Schoolmasters' Club to be held at Wilkesboro school Wednesday, December 15, six p. m., will feature a general discussion of school problems and the program will be in charge of R. V. Day, Millers Creek principal.

## Mountain Buries City's Streets



Here's a worm's-eye view of an avalanche in the making. Lowering himself into a huge fissure at the top of the "moving mountain" in Los Angeles' Elysian Park, a daring cameraman shows how the everwidening crack is being checked hourly to determine course and extent of the next in a series of huge earth-slides that have already sent millions of tons of rocks, earth and trees tumbling 350 feet into Riverside Drive, Dayton Avenue, below, and even into the dry bed of the Los Angeles river, 1,000 feet away.

## Schools To Reach 500 Applications For Farm Benefits Sent This Week

### Larger Schools To Disband For Holidays On That Date Until Jan. 3

Wilkes county schools will complete the first half of the 1937-38 term on December 21 and 22, it was learned today from C. B. Eller, county superintendent of public instruction.

In contrast to a year ago when several schools were forced to close because of road conditions, all the schools this year have operated on a uniform schedule and there will be but little variation in the time they complete the first half of the term.

The larger schools with the exception of Mulberry and Traphill will close for the Christmas holidays on the afternoon of December 21, Traphill and Mulberry will close on the following day. All the central schools plans to resume work and start the second half of the term on January 3rd. The smaller elementary units will observe only one week for the Christmas holidays.

## Street Decoration Lights Beautiful

### Gay Holiday Decorations Lighted Tuesday; Appreciated by Public

Lights on the gay holiday street decorations in North Wilkesboro, the shopping center of Northwest North Carolina, were turned on this week and now present a beautiful holiday appearance to all visitors to the city.

And suggestions of the holiday season are enhanced by beautiful window displays at many stores. These displays depict the holiday season in all its joy.

## Home And Grounds Holiday Lighting Contest Announced; Prizes Offered

### Congo Citizen Is Claimed By Death

A. G. Eller, 72, citizen of the Congo community, died this morning at his home. He leaves three children: Mrs. Coy Foster, Congo; Mrs. Genine Bussell, of North Wilkesboro; Verlie Eller, of California.

Funeral service will be held Friday, 11 o'clock, at Pilgrim Baptist church with Rev. James T. Nichols in charge.

## WILKES GETS SHARE IN NEW TENANT LOANS

### Seventeen Counties In State Selected For Loans To Limited Number

Wilkes county is one among the seventeen in North Carolina in which tenant farm loans to aid tenant farm loans to aid tenant farmers become owners will be made, it was announced today in Raleigh.

Due to limited funds for first year's operation of the act, a maximum of ten and minimum of five tenant purchase loans will be made in the 17 designated counties.

The loan counties are Caswell, Chatham, Cleveland, Edgecombe, Franklin, Guilford, Henderson, Hertford, Iredell, Madison, Onslow, Orange, Richmond, Robeson, Union, Washington and Wilkes.

The state farm tenant committee recommended the above counties. Their action was approved by the Department of Agriculture. North Carolina will receive \$527,000 of the \$10,000,000 appropriated under the tenancy act.

## B Street Parking Limit Is One Hour

The city board of commissioners in session Tuesday night passed an ordinance reducing the parking limit on B street from ten to one hour. Everybody is asked to keep this in mind and not violate the ordinance, for which violations are one dollar for the first offense and five dollars each for subsequent offenses.

Among other business transacted the board, with all members and Mayor R. T. Hester present, received a petition asking that Tenth street from F street northward be opened and be included in the WPA street improvement project soon to begin.

## Will Present Play

Under sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher association a hilarious comedy, "June In January," will be presented in the Wilkesboro school auditorium Friday night, 7:30. A more detailed account of the fun in store for those who attend is carried in another article elsewhere in this newspaper.

## Checkup Shows That WPA Workmen Are Only 80 Per Cent Regular on Jobs

### Mrs. Rufus Barlow Funeral On Friday

Mrs. Rosetta Barlow, 61, wife of the late Rufus Barlow, died today at her home on Boomer R. F. D. Funeral service will be held Friday and burial will be in the family cemetery. Rev. S. I. Watts will conduct the last rites.

## Will T. Finley Last Rites Held

### Aged Member Of Widely Known Wilkes Family Passes At Home

William T. Finley, age 72, member of one of Wilkes county's oldest and best known families, died Monday evening at his home on the Brushy Mountains. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jettie Finley, and one son, Fred Finley. He also leaves one brother, Theodore Finley, and one sister, Mrs. D. A. Hester. He was preceded in death by one brother, J. Horton Finley, and two sisters, Mrs. E. S. Blair and Miss Julia Finley.

## Teachers Ahead In Annual Red Cross Membership Call; Period is Extended

### Teaching Profession Has Contributed Over 70 Per Cent Of Amount ONLY 375 MEMBERS

### Wilkes Far Behind Record Of Last Year; Others May Yet Join



A checkup on members of the annual Red Cross roll call in Wilkes county this year reveals the fact that so far the teaching profession has contributed a large majority of the total memberships for the county and that the total number of members is distressingly low in comparison with the 900 who joined last year.

Of the only 375 people who have contributed to this greatest humanitarian organization during the 1937 roll call 250 have been teachers. Chapter officials and others interested believe that there are many other people in the county who will take up the challenge offered by the teachers and raise this total for the county by several hundred and that the people of the county will not allow the year to pass without doing more for the organization which through many years has done so much for underprivileged and distressed people in Wilkes county and in practically every community in the nation at some time or other.

## Dr. Cook Talks Of Annuity Plan For the Teachers

### Head of Education Department of W. C. U. N. C. Addresses Teachers

Dr. John H. Cook, head of the department of education at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, talked to Wilkes county teachers at a retirement annuity luncheon.

It was a very interesting address in which he outlined a plan of security for the teaching profession, who are not affected by the social security act. The plan he proposed, and which was received with favor among the teachers, would call for contributions by the teachers and the state toward the retirement annuity fund.

## Three Men Taken At Still Tuesday

### Federal and County Officers Make Successful Raids on Moonshine Plants

No doubt the supply of illicit "holiday spirits" will be diminished by activity on the part of federal and county officers who have raided a large number of stills in Wilkes county during the past week.

## Tax Books Ready For The Sheriff

### Sheriff C. T. Doughton and a number of federal officers made a successful raid Tuesday in the vicinity of Blackburn hollow in Lewis Fork township, there they destroyed a large still, confiscated 900 pounds of sugar and arrested three men, Linney and Joe Woodley and Rom E. Whittington, who were placed under bond for trial in federal court.

The sugar was turned over to the Wilkes county welfare department to be used for relief of destitute families.

On Sunday Sheriff Doughton and Deputy Whittington destroyed a gigantic outfit on the Brushy Mountains. Included in the outfit were a 200-gallon capacity still and over 3,000 gallons of beer. No arrests were made.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton is expected to make settlement this week with the county board of commissioners and will receive the 1937 tax books which have been made up and are now being checked.

Receipts for those who have paid 1937 taxes to W. P. Kelly, county accountant, are being removed from the books and the commissioners are expecting to meet this week to make settlement with the sheriff for the taxes and order the 1937 books turned over to the sheriff for collection.