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**Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly**

**GERMANY WARNED**  
Bresford, England, Dec. 4.—Herr de Warr, a cabinet minister, warned Germany today not to repeat the 1914 mistake of thinking Britain decadent and of a growing English conviction that "only armaments can speak effectively." The peer, in the cabinet as president of the board of education, also disclosed in an address here Britain's disappointment with the Nazi state since the September Munich agreement.

**GUFFEY FOR F. D. R.**  
Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Guffey (D), Pa., came out flatly today for the re-nomination of President Roosevelt. Declaring the 1940 presidential campaign would be a history-making struggle between "the liberal democracy of Franklin D. Roosevelt" and "the camouflaged fascism of powerful financial and industrial interests masquerading under the colors of the Republican party," the administration supporter added: "The one man to justify the Roosevelt record is Roosevelt."

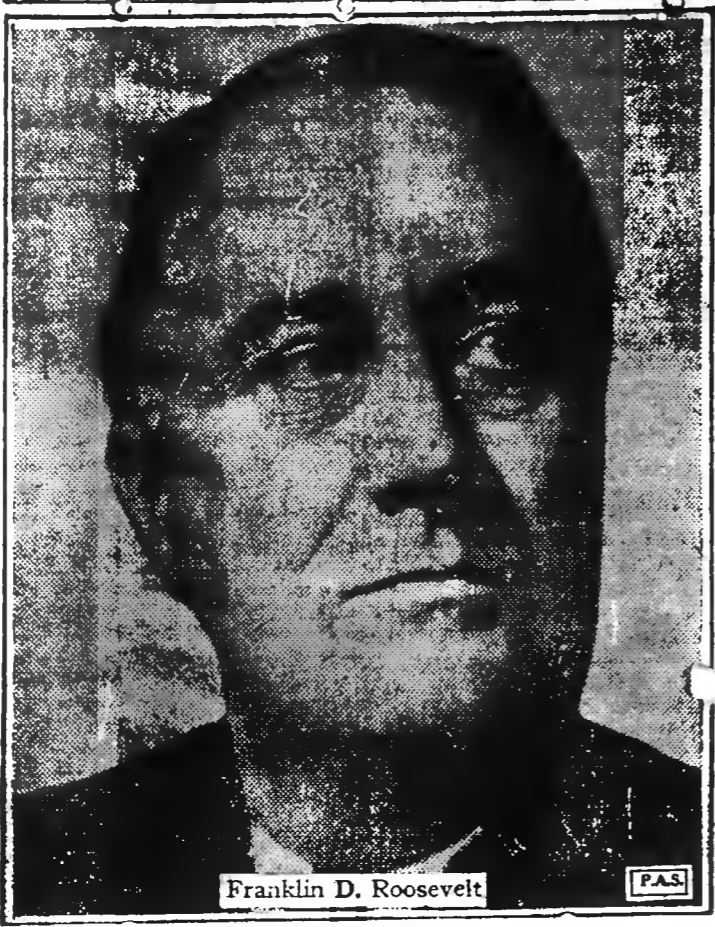
**JAMES IN BUSINESS**  
Hollywood, Dec. 4.—James Roosevelt, eldest son of the President, today became a motion picture tycoon, joining Samuel Goldwyn Productions, Inc., as vice president. Goldwyn, gray-haired veteran of the motion picture business who has organized and headed more major companies than any other man in Hollywood, announced young Roosevelt's appointment in a brief formal statement: "It is with great pleasure that I announce that James Roosevelt has joined my organization as vice president," he said.

**SPEND FOR SAFETY**  
Washington, Dec. 4.—Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war, declared today that the nation "must spend money" for more and better planes and anti-aircraft guns to assure "minimum" safety from attack. Fighting in Spain and China has shown "the havoc which a hostile bombing attack could and, in the event of war, doubtless would, wreak on our unprotected cities," said in his annual report to Secretary Woodring. Recent advances in other countries have equaled or exceeded the quality of American warplanes, which already were far surpassed in numbers by the fleets of some foreign powers, Johnson reported.

**WANT MEDICAL SCHOOL**  
Raleigh, Dec. 4.—Establishment of a state-supported four-year medical school, meeting every requirement of a Grade-A institution, was recommended today by a special study commission authorized by the 1937 General Assembly. Though agreeing on the feasibility and necessity for the proposed school, commission members disagreed on its location. Four members said in a "majority report" they believed the school should be established at Chapel Hill. Two others—O. M. Mull of Shelby and Dr. B. J. Lawrence of Raleigh—attached dissenting statements, explaining that "responsible parties" had promised a "large donation" from private funds to supplement a state appropriation to build and endow a four-year medical school. "provided the school was built at a designated city in the state."

**Marriage Licenses**  
Marriage licenses were issued during the past two weeks by Old Wiles, register of deeds, to the following: Roy S. Cavanaugh, Wallace and Carrie Mildred Bryant, North Wilkesboro; Lee Walker, Wagoner, and Stellite Sheets, Sherman; Hayes Jarvis and Mozelle Peavis, both of Wilkesboro route 2; James R. McNeill, Millers Creek and Irene Hazel Walsh, Purlear; Arthur Sebastian and Dorothy Mae Collins, both of North Wilkesboro route 1; Dan Rhymer and Edna Oliver, both of Champion; Will Brown, Wilkesboro, and Corda Curry, North Wilkesboro; J. F. Taylor and Genie Johnson, both of Hendrix; Robert Cardwell and Alice Webb Cardwell, both of North Wilkesboro.

## PRESIDENT IN CAROLINA



Franklin D. Roosevelt

President Franklin D. Roosevelt is the guest of North Carolina today, being scheduled to deliver an address at 4:30 this afternoon before the Carolina Political Union, a student organization of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**\$5,730.52 Will Be Paid This Month To Wilkes Needy**

**Needy, Aged, Dependent Children and Blind Will Receive This Amount**

Funds to be paid out for old age assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind in the state social security program in Wilkes county for the month of December total \$5,730.52. It was learned today from the office of Charles McNeill, welfare officer.

Checks totaling \$3,870.52 for December old age assistance payments to 474 residents of Wilkes county have been received and will be mailed out as soon as they are signed by the proper county officials.

The amount represented in checks for aid to dependent children is \$1,330.50 and will benefit 315 children.

A total of \$459.52 was received from the state commission for the blind to be distributed to the 36 blind residents of the county who have been certified as eligible to receive this aid.

**W. Grady Gaston Dies In Charlotte**

Member State School Commission Was a Former School Head Here

W. Grady Gaston, a member of the State School Commission, died unexpectedly Wednesday in a Charlotte hospital, where he was thought to be recuperating satisfactorily from an operation a week previous. He was 48.

Gaston, a native of Gastonia, had been executive secretary of that city's chamber of commerce for 10 years.

He was superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools about 22 years ago, serving in that capacity until he enlisted for service in the World War. He made a good record as a school administrator and during the latter years of his life served with distinction on the state school commission.

He received his education in the public schools of his home city and at Duke University, where he was graduated in 1911. He later became president of Duke's General Alumni Association, a post he held at his death.

Active in the religious and civic life of Gastonia, Gaston held membership in the Main Street Methodist church, of which he was a steward, the Civitan Club and other organizations.

**Freak Egg Opened**

Among the eggs gathered on the farm of J. M. German at Boomer recently there was one exceedingly large egg, which was described as being as large or larger than an ordinary goose egg.

When the egg was opened it was found to have two yolks, one in each end, and a complete hard-shelled egg in the center, about the size of a partridge egg.

**Wilkes Farmers To Cast Vote On Control Dec. 10**

County Agent Announces Polling Places for the Farmers Dec. 10th

Wilkes county farmers will go to the polls on Saturday, December 10, to vote as to whether or not compulsory marketing quotas will be rendered in the 1929 crops of flue cured tobacco and cotton.

The polling places of the different townships will be as follows:

Edwards Township at Benham schoolhouse; Traphill township at Holbrook's store; Traphill; New Castle and Antioch townships at Clingman; Somers and Lovelace townships at Somers schoolhouse; All other townships will vote at the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

At the same time that the vote is cast on cotton and tobacco, all voters will be allowed to vote in a separate ballot box, as to whether or not Wilkes county shall be included in the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation District which is now operating in Yadkin county.

In addition to the regular polling places for the vote on tobacco and cotton, there will be three polling places just for the vote on the conservation district. These places will be at the Mt. Pleasant school, the Ferguson school, and the Moravian Falls school.

All people in these communities are urged to go out and vote on this program.

**Make Progress On School Building**

New Four - Room Building at Clingman Now Being Built Through WPA

WPA workmen are making rapid progress on construction of a new school building at Clingman, it was learned today from county school authorities.

The building under construction at Clingman will be of brick veneer construction and will contain four classrooms and an auditorium.

A similar building at Boomer, containing four classrooms and an auditorium, has been completed and is now being occupied by the school. It was also erected as a WPA project with the cost shared between the county and the federal government.

## Federal Court May Convene Again On Monday, Jan. 9th

No Bills Presented to Grand Jury On Evidence By Undercover Agent

G-MAN IS WITNESS

Youths Indicted For Intimidation of Witness Freed By Directed Verdict

Federal court adjourned in Wilkesboro Thursday afternoon after almost two weeks work on the criminal docket.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes announced that court would again convene in Wilkesboro on January 9 and instructed the jurors to return on that date unless otherwise notified.

Due to the fact that attorneys in several cases calendared for trial in federal court were engaged in a lengthy trial in Wilkes superior court, which was also in session last week, a number of cases in federal court were continued.

The cases resulting from work on an "undercover" agent in Wilkes recently, in which about 40 were charged with conspiracy to violate the federal alcohol tax laws, were not presented to the grand jury. It is understood that the Attorney General advised that a compromise has been proposed.

Local people heard a G-man testify in court at Wilkesboro on the first time Thursday when Wallace J. Clark, special agent of the bureau of investigation, recounted results of an investigation he had made into charges that a number of youths of the Purlear community had attempted to intimidate a government witness by riding by his home and firing a number of shots in the direction of his house.

Harvey Foster was the witness in question and the offense was alleged to have taken place in May, 1937. Foster was a witness for the government against Phillip Yates charged with selling liquor, but in the intimidation case the government was unable to show that the alleged offense took place after Foster was subpoenaed and Judge Hayes directed a verdict of not guilty without the case going before the jury. Defendants in the case included Yates, Warren Kibby, who was alleged to have fired the shot or shots, Clyde Vannoy, driver of the truck which carried the party, Wren Cooper, J. Huffman and others.

**Firecrackers Are A Double Loss**

Police Chief Says No One Will Be Allowed to Fire Then In This City

Ordering firecrackers for Christmas celebration is a waste of time and money if you expect to shoot them in North Wilkesboro, was the substance of a warning from Police Chief J. E. Walker.

Chief Walker explained that it is violation of the law to shoot firecrackers in North Wilkesboro city limits and he said he was mentioning the fact in time to save people the trouble and expense of obtaining the noise makers for the Christmas holidays.

He pointed out the extreme danger in handling firecrackers, especially for children, and urged that parents not allow children to handle them in any form.

**Change Dates Of Home Club Meets**

Miss Harriet McGowan, home demonstration agent, today announces changes made in the schedule of home demonstration club meetings for the month as published last week.

The Ferguson club will meet on December 15; Maple Springs will meet on December 20 and Boomer club will meet on December 9.

**Infant Dies**

Gracy E. Blackburn, three-months-old child of E. J. and Dovie Huffman Blackburn, died Friday and funeral service was held Saturday at Stony Fork church with Rev. Ed Hayes in charge. Surviving are the parents, and three brothers and sisters, Ed, Orle and Pauline Blackburn.

## Officials Are Sworn In

BEGIN FOUR - YEAR TERMS



Sheriff Claude T. Doughton, (Democrat), left, and Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes (Republican), right, today were sworn in for four-year terms.



The proposed amendment changing terms of office of sheriff and coroner from two to four years went into effect upon certification of the vote in the state. Iredell M. Myers, Republican coroner, also began a four-year term today.

## Sheriff, Clerk And Coroner In For 4-Year Term

M. F. Absher Named Chairman of Board of Commissioners, All Republican

DOUGHTON DEMOCRAT

Oaths of Office Administered at 10 o'Clock Today at Courthouse

Wilkes county officers elected in the November election were sworn in this morning at the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

Today Sheriff C. T. Doughton, Democrat, and Coroner I. M. Myers, Republican were inducted into office for four-year terms, the term of office of sheriff and coroner having been increased from two to four years by the amendment which was approved by majority vote in the election and which went into effect upon certification of the vote in the state.

The oath of office was administered to Sheriff Doughton by Judge J. A. Rousseau, of this city. Sheriff Doughton was the only Democrat elected to county office in Wilkes this year.

Miss Elsie Foster justice of the peace, administered the oath of office to C. C. Hayes, Republican clerk of court elected for a second four-year term. She also administered the oath of office to Coroner Myers and Earl S. Caudill, Republican county surveyor elected for a second two-year term.

The clerk of court gave the oath of office to the newly elected board of commissioners, composed of M. F. Absher, incumbent, Dr. W. R. Triplett and C. C. Sidden, all Republicans.

Thus the control of county government passed today back into Republican hands two members of the board during the past two years, R. G. Finley and Leet Poplin, Democrats, having been defeated in the election.

The old board of commissioners met this morning and adjourned, the new board taking office.

M. F. Absher, the only incumbent on the new board and who has served for several terms, was elected chairman on motion of Dr. W. R. Triplett seconded by C. C. Sidden.

Oaths of office were administered today to many constables and justices elected in November and many people from all parts of the county were visitors at the courthouse today, although no public installation ceremonies were held.

**Kiwanians Hear Of Soil District**

Extension Worker Says That Farming Furnishes Chief Source of Livelihood

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in meeting Friday noon heard an instructive address by W. D. Lee, of the soil conservation department of the extension service, telling of the proposed expansion of the soil conservation district in Yadkin county to include all of Wilkes county.

Mr. Lee stated that "there was a time when perhaps lumber was the chief source of income for this county, but it has been mined to its death. Again, it may have been thought that industry is the chief source of income but not true. The truth is that farming and its allied interests furnish our chief source of livelihood. We have been mining it too as we have our other resources. There are now 22,800 acres abandoned in Wilkes on account of erosion and 46,070 more acres so badly damaged that they are tilted at a loss. There are only 120,000 acres in the county under cultivation. The erosion caused by the wind, rain and unwise cultivation not only has done its hurt to these immediate lands but the damage is felt elsewhere. The bottom lands are flooded and covered, the power dams are filled, and the water supply for all cities downstream is injured. Our conservation program will not be complete until the erosion can be cleared following a heavy rain."

"What is being done?" he asked. (Continued from page four)

**3 MORE WEEKS TO SHOP**  
BY CHRISTMAS SEALS