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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

FDR'S MESSAGE 2ND

Washington, Dec. 22.—Congress—and the nation—will find out on January 4 what kind of legislative program President Roosevelt has in mind. That was the day selected by Mr. Roosevelt and Speaker Bankhead today for the President to deliver in person his annual message to the legislators. Congress convenes the previous day.

MORE EMPLOYMENT

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Perkins reported today a continued rise of the employment graph in November, contrary to the usual seasonal trend. She estimated re-employment for the month at 30,000 workers or an aggregate of 1,000,000 since June. "Factory employment and pay rolls continued to rise," the labor secretary's monthly report said.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL UP

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Holiday travelers set out in tens of thousands today for a Christmas at home. In Chicago, where most of the nation changes trains, railroad officials estimated merrily that Christmas traffic this year would be from 5 to 10 per cent greater than the prosperous season of 1937. Transcontinental airlines reported an extraordinary increase in holiday business, and the bus lines had their share of the comings and goings at the nation's cross roads.

WPA NEEDS \$700,000,000

Washington, Dec. 22.—Chairman Adams, Democrat, Colorado, of the senate subcommittee which handles relief appropriations, estimated today that \$700,000,000 would be needed to keep the works progress administration running from February, 1939, to the end of the fiscal year on June 30. He made this estimate, unofficially while awaiting word from administrative officials as to their view of the necessary sum. WPA said yesterday that unless additional funds were forthcoming it would have to suspend operations February 7.

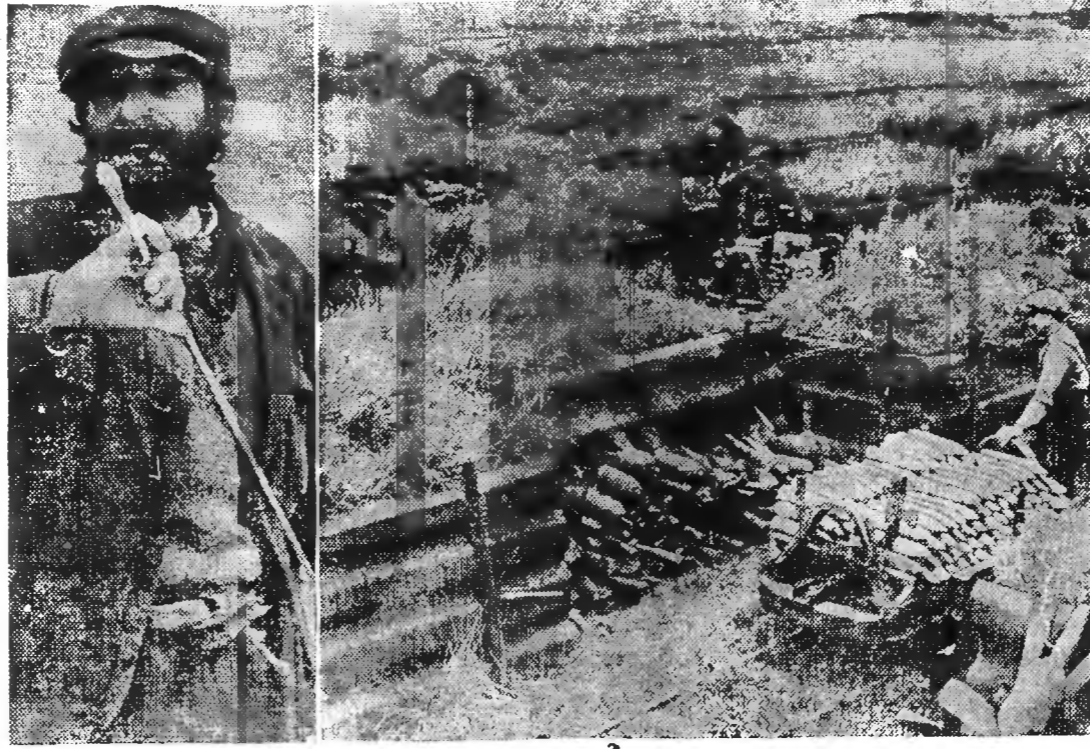
PACT IS RATIFIED

Lima, Peru, Dec. 22.—The 21 republics of the western hemisphere proclaimed tonight their "decision to maintain and to defend" their continental solidarity "against all foreign intervention or activities." Following more than two weeks' exhaustive discussions they arrived at a unanimous decision to declare their "common concern . . . in case the peace, security or territorial integrity of any American republic is threatened by acts of any nature that may threaten them." The declaration which was finally approved was drawn up by Argentina, which throughout the conference had insisted that no mention be made specifically of aggression from all the continent. Argentina's emphasis of this point was regarded as a reflection of her fear that the United States some day might turn aggressor.

APOLOGY DENIED

Washington, Dec. 22.—The United States, adopting the stiffest language used toward Germany since world war days, emphatically refused today to apologize for Secretary Ickes' recent denunciation of the Nazi regime and warned that such attacks could neither be prevented nor restrained. Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, told the German charge d'affaires that recent policy in the Reich had shocked American public opinion more profoundly than anything in many decades and that indignation as expressed by Ickes at Cleveland last Sunday represented the feeling of the overwhelming majority of the people of this country. His warning was delivered in a point blank refusal to accept Germany's protest against Ickes' speech. The protest was delivered verbally yesterday by the charge d'affaires, Dr. Hans Thomsen, who requested an official expression of regret.

World War Battlefields Yield Metal Wealth



Although the World war ended 20 years ago thousands of individuals continue to make a living from the battlefields of France. In the Somme, near Albert, workers find huge amounts of copper, lead and iron. All the recovered shells and bombs are first sent to an isolated spot near a special factory, where they are stored. Every safety precaution is taken to avoid injuries from live shells and bombs, and constant practice has insured a minimum of accidents. In 1937 more than 4,000,000 pounds of war material was removed from the Somme area alone. Left; Nicknamed "The Negus," this shell hunter is typical of the French worker in the battlefield. His diving rod, which probes the earth, tells him the type of buried war material.

Modern Machines Make Grading Of Highways Easier

Local People Watch Mammoth Machines as Grading Begins On 268

RAPID PROGRESS MADE

268 Will Be Popular Route When Ten-Mile Link of Road Is Completed

Giant machines which can scrape up 12 cubic yards of earth out of a cut and carry it to a fill are being used in grading new highway 268 between this city and Roaring River.

Nello Teer, Durham contractor, has placed men and machines on the job of grading at this end and the south entrance of the highway by way of second street is being graded first. He has contract for the finished road, which includes black top surfacing.

Several local people have watched with interest the operations and have been amazed at the progress made. The equipment manned by only a few men can move more dirt in one day than a crew of fifty men could move with hand tools in a month, it the opinion frequently expressed by observers.

Road men looking over the work of modern machines are apt to recall the progress of road making during the past two decades. Twenty years ago the machinery consisted of plows, a scoop pan and the power was work horses and mules. Later the steam shovel, which now looks like a rickety contraption in comparison with other equipment, became commonly used. It was succeeded by the diesel shovel, which is still very much in use for rough and rocky terrain.

But machinery like is being used on the new grade here has many advantages over other methods. Le Tourneau, the machine which answers for both shovel and truck or tractor drawn conveyor, is by far the fastest grading equipment. One of these machines which has a capacity of 12 yards and two with a capacity of eight are being used.

The machine is pulled by a giant caterpillar diesel which claws, snorts and squirms but keeps moving regardless of the load or obstacles. The steel scrape at the bottom of the machine is easily regulated by the driver of the tractor to cut thin or deep and the earth does not come too hard, unless there is solid rock, for it to work efficiently and get its capacity load.

The machine is made for rugged use and can go into almost any kind of place to deposit the dirt.

Two powerful machines are used for shaping the dirt thus dumped where the fills are to be made. One is a tractor drawn roller which has massive spikes. This machine conditions the freshly moved earth for the next operation, which is done by the bull dozer. This machine literally pushes the dirt to the desired spot and with unerring accuracy the fill is made under the watchful eye of the engineer.

Thus amazing work is accomplished with machinery under the guiding hands of skillful operators. The grading machines cut the earth evenly in the cuts and when the desired depth is reached the task is practically completed. Even the task of smoothing the banks is handled by a machine, a large road scrape with a blade which can be adjusted to any angle.

But with all the machinery there is a payroll with about 50 employees. The use of the modern machinery means that within a short time there will be a modern highway over the distance of ten miles between this city and Roaring River and at about half the cost to the taxpayers that a road of mediocre specifications would have been 12 years ago.

The distance from North Wilkesboro to Elkin will be lessened by several miles when the link of 268 is completed and the road will be one of the most widely used in this section.

Holiday Business Sets Record

4-H CLUB CHAMPS



Hal Clark, 17-year-old youth from Clark's Hill, Ind., and his grand champion 4-H pen of sheep. Clark's sheep won honors at the thirty-ninth annual International Live Stock show in Chicago, where proud owners from all over the nation exhibited their animals.

Williams Speaks To Ashe B. & L.

J. B. Williams, secretary of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association, addressed a meeting of stockholders of the newly formed Ashe County B. & L. at West Jefferson Friday night.

Mr. Williams, one of the best known Building and Loan executives in the state, congratulated the Ashe county people upon the progressive movement in organizing an association, saying "It's the finest thing you can have in Ashe county." He told of the growth of the North Wilkesboro association and how it had helped to build a large per cent of the homes in this vicinity.

Following his talk he answered a number of questions relative to the operation of an association.

Glenn Graybeal presided and a committee was appointed to collect initial payments. Plans call for beginning of operations by the association the first of the year.

Operetta at Ferguson

Children of Ferguson school gave an operetta, "Kidnapping of Santa Claus," at the school Wednesday. The program was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

Indignation very often divorces itself from righteousness.

Merchants Busy: Postoffice Has Largest Volume

North Wilkesboro Favored Shopping Center In the Northwestern Area

MAIL SETS A RECORD

Largest Volume Mail For Holiday Season In History of the City Is Reported

Holiday business in North Wilkesboro has set a new record for the city, according to the consensus of information gained from a number of local sources.

While holiday shopping started off slowly, business gained headway during the last week and exceeded expectations.

People from a large area in Northwestern North Carolina came to this city to do their Christmas shopping and went away pleased with what they found and the great variety of merchandise handled by the business firms in North Wilkesboro.

The North Wilkesboro postoffice handled the largest volume of mail in its history, with both incoming and outgoing mail reaching a greater volume than was anticipated. Extra help was used in order that the mail could be handled on schedule and without curtailing the service of the institution.

Although a complete check was impossible at the time this newspaper was printed, it was evident that the volume of holiday mail will result in a substantial increase of postal receipts here over the total for 1937.

Business houses here will be closed on Monday, December 26, which will be observed commercially as the holiday because Christmas Day this year is on Sunday.

Butterfat Record For Wilkes Cow

Lattie Walsb, citizen of Moravian Falls community, reports that he has an excellent cow which gives milk testing 10.3 per cent butterfat.

The average for this section of all cows throughout the year is 4.7 per cent, according to the best information obtainable.

Complete "Dad, what part speech is 'woman'?" "Woman isn't a part of speech, son; she's all of it."

LINCOLN PROFILE



Beneath the two men standing on the sculptured chin of Abraham Lincoln in the Mt. Rushmore national memorial near Rapid City, S. D., is a drop of 2,500 feet. Size of the profile may be estimated by comparing the whole with the men standing on the chin.

Mrs. C. C. Yates' Funeral Is Held

Funeral service was held Wednesday at New Hope Baptist church for Mrs. Katie Lovette Yates, age 60, a resident of Reddies River township. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Eller, assisted by Rev. Wade Houck and Rev. Tom Watson.

Mrs. Yates died Monday. She is survived by her husband, three brothers and one sister: Wiley Lovette, of Wilkesboro route 1; I. J. and W. H. Lovette, of Moravian Falls; and Mrs. Ollie Kilby, of Reddies River.

Journal-Patriot Is Printed Early

This issue of The Journal-Patriot is being printed on Friday evening in order to allow the force a brief holiday rest.

It has been the custom heretofore to miss one issue at Christmas time but in order to render a complete newspaper service and to provide an opportunity to extend Christmas greetings, we are issuing this edition, which because of the lack of time is small and does not include all regular features.

Every member of the personnel of The Journal-Patriot joins heartily in wishing every reader a Merry Christmas!