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## Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

### POPE BLESSES U. S.

Vatican City, March 7.—A benediction on the people of the United States was given today by Pope Pius XII as he received in audience William Cardinal O'Connell and George Cardinal Mundelein, archbishops of Boston and Chicago. The blessing, which the Holy Father said was imparted particularly to the people of Boston and Chicago, was given in two special half-hour audiences with two of the American cardinals who participated in the election of the new pontiff March 2.

### SUCCESSOR CHOSEN?

San Francisco, March 7.—Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, long-time confident and personal adjutant of Adolf Hitler, took over his duties as German consul-German at San Francisco today, and disclosed that Hitler's successor as reichsfuehrer has been chosen. "The succession has been fully arranged," he said, "but no names have been announced." Wiedemann made the statement at a press conference. He disclaimed any political significance in his assignment to the Pacific coast.

### RAPS NEUTRALITY ACT

Washington, March 7.—President Roosevelt expressed a conviction today that the neutrality act had not served the cause of peace, asserting, in fact, that it may have encouraged some nations to threats of war. His statement, which immediately stirred predictions of another struggle between the chief executive and the senate's "neutrality" and isolation blocs, was made almost simultaneously with a senate vote approving the bulk of the administration rearmament program.

### WRECK WRONG HOUSE

New York, March 7.—An embarrassed WPA wrecking crew today set out for the second time to raze a three-story frame tenement in Brooklyn. A bank which owned the building asked the city housing authority to tear it down as part of a slum clearance program. A WPA crew was dispatched. Later bank officials called up to inquire why the building had not been torn down as promised. "It is torn down," they were told. Investigation disclosed you guessed it—the crew had razed the building next door. Neither building here a street number.

### GABLE DIVORCED

Las Vegas, Nev., March 7.—Hollywood's No. 1 romance between its top-ranking male star, Clark Gable, and one of the best of its comedienne, blonde Carol Lombard, had the last obstacle to its culmination in marriage removed here today. Maria Gable, 49-year-old wife of the 38-year-old actor, divorced him. It required but four minutes, for Judge William E. Orr to hear her charge of desertion and sign the decree. Thus the way was paved for the dark-haired and handsome Gable, heart throb of untold thousands of feminine film fans, and Miss Lombard, his companion at frequent screen affairs, to wed and move into the San Fernando ranch home which he recently acquired.

### The Better Course

Etiquette Expert—"It is wrong for a man to walk between the woman he is escorting and shop windows".

### Practical Husband—"It may be wrong. But, oh boy, it's smart".

## A SENATOR STEAMS



If the senate chamber isn't hot enough for North Carolina's Sen. Robert E. Reynolds, he can always rely on the gymnasium sweat-box. Through exercise routine he keeps his weight down and stays fit for his duties. A Democratic member of the foreign relations and military affairs committees, he has been a leading critic of the administration's support of the sale of planes to France.

## Farmers Prepare For Participation In Soil Program

### Any Who are Not Already Participants Asked to See County Agent

Any farmer in Wilkes county who did not participate in the soil conservation program last year and who wishes to have a part this year should sign a work sheet immediately. Lawrence Miller, chief clerk of the county agricultural conservation association, said today.

He pointed out that work sheets for practically all of the more than 5,000 farm units in Wilkes were signed last year and that it is not necessary for those who participated last year to sign again.

He pointed out, however, that there doubtless are many new farmers and some few who did not take part during 1938. They should sign a work sheet as early as possible as the first step toward carrying out the practices for which payment is made.

During 1938 more than 3,500 farmers carried out practices for which payment is made and the total sum to be received in the county for 1938 is estimated at more than \$80,000.

### Home Club Plans For District Meet

### Wilkes Club Members Will Have Part in Federation Meet In Taylorsville

Miss Harriet McGoogan, Wilkes home demonstration agent, and Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, of Moravian Falls, president of the Wilkes county federation of home demonstration clubs, attended a meeting of home agents and council presidents of Alexander, Caldwell, Avery and Watauga counties in Lenoir to lay plans for the district federation to be held in Taylorsville on May 19.

Miss McGoogan said that it is hoped that each club in Wilkes will send a large delegation to the district meeting and that members from Wilkes will plan a prominent part in the program.

Wilkes club members of the various district convention committees are as follows: registration, Mrs. Blanche Critcher, of Moravian Falls; transportation, Miss Flossie Hendren, of Gilreath; courtesy, Mrs. O. D. Bentley, of Ronda; resolutions, Mrs. B. F. Proffit, of Maple Springs.

Miss McGoogan announced the appointment of the following district meeting chairmen for each of the individual clubs in the county: Ronda, Mrs. Hobson Blackburn; Boomer, Miss Annie Leu Ferguson; Ferguson, Mrs. Sam Jones; Gilreath, Mrs. Clarence Hendren; Moravian Falls, Mrs. Grover Hix; Parsonville, Mrs. T. T. Yates; Maple Springs, Miss Vera Church.

## Community Meet At Moravian Falls On Tuesday Night

Another community meeting will be held at Moravian Falls school on Tuesday night, March 14, 7:50 p. m., when plans for a community house to be erected as a NYA project will be completed.

The building committee appointed at the first community meeting held last week will make its reports and it is hoped that in the meeting all plans for the building, including type, size and location, may be completed in order that the project can be forwarded to Washington for approval. All citizens of the community are asked to be present.

### Stumble

Hungry as a man waiting for the bridge club to go home.

## Thousands of 'Heroes' Souls Sent to Japan



The white boxes being loaded aboard ship in Shanghai, China, contain "Heroes' Souls," the ashes of Japanese soldiers who have been killed in battles in China. Every ship leaving Chinese ports for Japan carries these little white boxes. The Japanese admit 51,000 were killed in 1938. Previously they admitted 115,000 before the end of 1937. Foreign military experts estimate Japanese losses, killed and wounded, at from 550,000 to 600,000 since fighting began July 7, 1937.

## Court Disposes Of Many Cases

### Negro Is to Be Tried For Life In Assault Case

Wilkes superior court for trial of criminal cases has made big inroads into the docket of more than 200 cases during the first three days of court.

### Solicitor Said He Would Have Otto Hampton Arraigned Today

Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, is presiding and Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, is prosecuting the docket for his first time in Wilkes as solicitor.

The business of the court has been functioning smoothly and many cases have been disposed of to date.

Solicitor Hall said this morning that he will arraign Otto Hampton, negro, on the capital charge of criminal assault today and that the case will be set for trial one day next week. Hampton will be tried for his life, he being charged with criminal assault on Mrs. Emma Mastin, white woman, at her home near Roaring River a few months ago. He has been in jail since the alleged assault and has not been given privilege of bond.

Following is an account of the cases in which judgment has been reached:

Ed Jennings, larceny, eight months on roads in one case and 15 months suspended in another case.

Thomas Brewer, trespass, prayer for judgment continued on condition he keep cattle off other people's property.

Clinton Hackett and William McConnehead, colored, robbery with firearms, mistrial.

Hubert Mathis, speeding and reckless driving, three months suspended on condition he pay \$25 fine, he of good behavior and not drive for eight months.

S. Rossman Southern, assault with deadly weapon on his brother, George Southern, four months on roads and 18 months suspended five years.

Ocie Adams and Dan Rymer, larceny of lumber, not guilty.

Lennie Davis, four months on roads and 12 months suspended.

Wade Hampton, colored, entered plea of assault on Millard Kelly, colored. Sentence not passed.

Jule Minton plead guilty to charge of drunkenness and slander; Mrs. Jule Minton convicted of slander, sentence not passed.

James Harvey Starnes, convicted of stealing auto, sentence not passed.

Ernest Spicer and Robert Nicholson, larceny, verdict of guilty and sentence not passed.

Omie Pendergrass, violation prohibition law, six months on roads and car ordered sold.

Hugh Smithy, assault on female, prayer for judgment continued two years.

Herb Heatr, bastardy, six months on roads suspended on condition he pay \$200 for support of child as set up in consent judgment.

Clay Henson, Jr., larceny, 18 months on roads.

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## Millers Creek Boys, Roaring River Girls County Basketball Champions

### Coaches Fighters

For the second consecutive year, Millers Creek boys won the Wilkes county championship in the annual goodwill basketball tournament held here by the North Wilkesboro high school for the high schools in the county system.

Millers Creek retained the title in the finals Monday night by defeating a strong team from Mount Pleasant 27 to 16.

Roaring River girls became girls' champions by edging out a fast sextet from Mountain View by a 28 to 24 score. The girls from Roaring River showed remarkable scoring ability throughout the scoring.

Silver trophies will be presented to the winning teams in a special school program here next week. Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of the city schools, said today. Bronze basketball awards will be given to five boys and six girls picked by coaches and officials from all the teams in the county, the awards to be based on playing ability, team work and sportsmanship.

The tournament was an outstanding success and evidently served its purpose of promoting goodwill and sportsmanship among the high schools. Every game was played on schedule with the heat of spirits showed by all participants in spite of the heavy rain in evidence among the teams.

Mountain View girls advanced to the finals.

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## County Advertising Measure And Court Bills Are Introduced

### 6 Months In Jail For \$5 Theft And Is Then Acquitted

Boyd Darnell, resident of Union township, spent six and one-half months in the Wilkes jail awaiting trial on a charge of stealing a guitar valued at five dollars and then went free because the state did not have evidence enough to convict.

### Would Authorize Advertising Fund For This County

Senate Bill Would Provide Appropriation For Publicizing Advantages

### COURT BILL IS IN

### Cowles' Bill Would Grant Commissioners Power to Establish Court

Raleigh, March 8.—Two bills of general interest to the northwest and of particular importance to Wilkes county were introduced in the senate today by Senator C. H. Cowles of Wilkes.

The first, senate bill No. 261, would set up a recorder's court for Wilkes county. A special section of the bill provides that the judge and the solicitor of the court would have to be from different political parties.

After the senate session, Senator Cowles said that the bill was worked out by the Wilkes county bar and approved by the majority of its members.

The bill was referred to the senate courts and judicial districts committee.

The second bill, senate bill No. 262, would put Wilkes in the forefront of North Carolina counties telling the world of their advantages.

It provides for the board of county commissioners and the board of commissioners of the town of North Wilkesboro each to appropriate \$500 for 1939, and again for 1940 from their general funds to advertise Wilkes county.

It further provides for the two boards to appoint a committee of three or more to be known as the Wilkes county advertising committee to direct the advertising program. The bill was referred to the senate conservation and development committee.

Asked about the bill, Senator Cowles said that he had been requested to introduce it by a group of progressive Wilkes countyans, headed by Joe McCoy, manager of the Wilkes Hotel at North Wilkesboro, and chairman of the Governor's Hospitality committee for Wilkes county.

## Domestic Course Held This Week

### Miss Sharp, Miss Malone and Miss Bennet Instruct Domestic Workers

An NYA project sponsored by the Woman's clubs of North Wilkesboro providing a course for domestic servants has been in progress this week at Lincoln Heights colored school.

The first session was on Monday night when Miss Evelyn Sharpe, vocational home economics teacher in North Wilkesboro schools, lectured on table service and setting.

On Tuesday night Miss Addie Malone, home service specialist of Duke Power company, put on demonstrations of use and care of electrical appliances. She gave a most interesting lecture and awarded several prizes.

Miss Eloise Bennett, county public health nurse, lectured on Wednesday night, the subject being "Health and Care of Children."

The course was designed to increase efficiency of domestic workers and as training for colored girls who are interested in taking up that type of work.

## Palmer To Address Kiwanians on Friday

Roy A. Palmer, assistant advertising and merchandising manager of Duke Power company, will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis club meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

C. G. Day will have charge of the program, which is sponsored by the Business Standards committee, of which J. B. McCoy is chairman.

## Aviation Field Is In Need Of Good Mechanics

"In view of the improving business outlook and because of the increased activity in the aviation field there has been much interest concerning the availability of skilled mechanics and machinists. For this reason the Employment Service offices are interested in securing the names and addresses and a record of the experience of all skilled machinists and mechanics who are not now working at their trade who have had aircraft experience or who would be interested in securing training in aircraft mechanics. All such previous registrants should renew their applications and such unregistered mechanics and machinists should get in touch with their local employment office. This is not to be construed as the promise of a job, but may be important to the applicant when openings are presented." B. G. Gentry, manager of the Employment Service office located on the second floor of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, said today.

Washington, Feb. 28.—WPA employment during the week ending February 18 totaled 3,010, 698, as compared with the same average of 3,017,835, P. O. statistics, works progress administrator, said today the latest figure was 44,355 higher than the 1936 low of 2,965,810 during the week ended February 11.

## GLOVED GOURMET



Either the cook was too hot for this old fellow or else he couldn't wait to take off his gloves before digging into his delicious eat-able-cob. He is one of the many hungry, homeless vagrants fed by the Volunteers of America soup kitchen in Detroit.