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## Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

### AVIATOR KILLED

Wilmington, Sept. 24.—George C. Harrell, 38, of Goldsboro, was killed and Roy Cavanaugh, 27, of Wallace, was seriously hurt here today when their airplanes collided during a race at an air show. While a crowd of 5,000 watched, both planes fell nose-first from a low altitude near the airport. Cavanaugh's plane burst into flames as it hit the ground, but Cavanaugh extricated himself and ran from the flames. Harrell was pinned under the wreckage of his craft.

### SWEDE SHIP SANK

Oslo, Norway, Sept. 24.—The 1,510-ton Swedish steamer Gertrud Bratt, loaded with wood pulp for England, was torpedoed and sunk today 15 miles off the coast, southern Norway, by a sub-marine identified as German. The crew of 18 was landed safely by a Norwegian torpedo boat which saw the sinking. A witness of the attack said an airplane accompanied the submarine. The Gertrud Bratt was the fourth vessel to be sunk in three days off the southern coast of the Scandinavian peninsula. Indignation swept Finland today in the wake of yesterday's sinking of two Finnish freighters.

### ASKS RUSSIA'S STAND

London, Sept. 25.—(Monday)—The British government was reported in informed quarters today to have officially requested the Soviet government for information on its future policy in view of the Red Army's invasion of eastern Poland. It was disclosed that Lord Halifax, British foreign secretary called Ivan Maisky, the Russian ambassador, to the foreign office for an interview Saturday night. Following a conversation which lasted nearly an hour covering latest developments in the European situation, Maisky was understood to have promised to communicate with his government and give Halifax an early reply.

### ITALY MAY ENTER

Rome, Sept. 24.—Fascist Italy, urging Europe to heed Premier Mussolini's appeal that a general war be called off, warned tonight against the frightful and perhaps world-wide slaughter which it said could be expected if there is no settlement now. Authoritative commentators said Italy did not want to abandon her non-belligerent role but added that if events brought her into the conflict the consequences would be extremely grave. "An Italian intervention would signify an immediate war upheaval in eastern Europe and the Mediterranean and from there to other continents," Virginia Gayda, often regarded as Il Duce's spokesman, wrote in his newspaper, La Voce d'Italia. Gayda thus indicated he would envisage Italian entry into the war on Germany's side only, for of the belligerents only Britain and France have military establishments in the Mediterranean.

### MAY COMPROMISE

Washington, Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt was reported today to have given his congressional lieutenants a free hand to compromise any portion of his neutrality law revision program except that calling for repeal of the arms embargo. This move was said to have been made by the administration to counter efforts of an opposition bloc within the senate. This group has sought to attract votes among the 25 or more senators who have not announced their stand by emphasizing the widespread presidential discretion involved in tentative drafts of new neutrality legislation. Operating under this concession by the President, Chairman Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, of the senate foreign relations committee, already has added to his bill a section prohibiting American ships from carrying any materials to a warring nation.

### One Is Killed; Dr. Holbrook Injured

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Harvey A. Williams, 36-year-old cotton buyer of Swansboro, S. C., died in a Raleigh hospital this afternoon of injuries suffered in an automobile accident five miles south of here early today. Coroner Roy M. Banks said Williams was in collision with a car driven by Tommie S. Gilling, also of Swansboro, owner of the second car, was seriously injured. Gilling was not hurt.

### Diamond Safety



Bob Hunter, baseball writer, demonstrates the new protective headgear for batters which may be mandatory next season in the Pacific Coast league if President W. C. Tuttle's drive is approved by club owners. Simplicity of the lightweight helmet may be seen in the lower photo. The practical safety device fits over the player's cap.

### Eleven Recruits Will Be Accepted By Company 'A'

#### Local Unit National Guard Will Be Increased To Maximum Strength

Eleven recruits will be accepted to increase Company A, of the 105th Engineers, National Guard, to a maximum strength of 75 men, Captain Ralph R. Reins, who is in command, said today. The quota of the company had been 64 men until the increase which has just been authorized and which will increase the national guard throughout the nation to its maximum. Captain Reins said that men between the ages of 18 and 45 will be accepted. Authorization to increase the company was in the form of a telegram to Captain Reins from the adjutant general as follows: "You are authorized to begin recruiting your command to maximum strength of seventy-five."

### To Surface 268 Highway In 1940

#### Stone Surface Cannot Bond Sufficiently To Be Surfaced This Fall

The ten-mile section of highway 268 between North Wilkesboro and Roaring River may not receive black top surface until next spring, according to information received from the highway division office here. The section of highway completing the road between this city and Elkin has been graded and crushed stone surface has been applied but engineers advised that the final surface not be applied until there has been sufficient time for the crushed stone surface to properly bond itself. Surface work cannot be done during the winter months, it was pointed out. Nello Teer, of Durham, has the contract for grading and surfacing the ten-mile section.

### Good Revival Held At New Light Church

What was described as one of the best revivals in several years was held last week at New Light Baptist church. There were 20 additions to the church.

The pastor, Rev. Pervis C. Parks, was assisted by Rev. W. N. Hayes. The services were largely attended and much interest was shown.

### Kitchen Party At Moravian Falls

A Kitchen Party will be held at the Moravian Falls school house, Friday night, Sept. 29, to raise money for the school lunch room. There will be an admission fee of 5c at the door—games free, sandwiches, drinks and candy to be sold. Games will be Bingo, Children's checkers, bridge and ruck.

### Fresh Says Nazi Forces Repulsed On Western Front

#### German Battalion Is Mowed Down By Machine Gun And Rifle Fire

Paris, Sept. 24.—The French reported late tonight they had pinned German troops to their advance guard positions and had resumed the offensive themselves to prevent development of a Nazi thrust on the western front. Semi-official French military sources said the French pressure was resumed in the 60-mile front between Saarbruecken and the Rhine. French planes roared out to protect French advance operations and fought back German scouts. Before the French started attacking they were reported mowing down attacking German battalions with interlocking machinegun and automatic rifle fire from nests on the forward slopes of hills the Germans sought to capture.

#### Halt Attacks

The fire halted the German attacks, French reports said. The French penetration into German territory on virtually all parts of the front row was reported to have reached German fortifications so strong that there were between 30 and 40 reinforced blockhouses and pill-boxes dotting every square mile.

That means the Germans are able to cover every foot of territory with withering machine gun fire which even speedy French tanks have not been able to brave with impunity.

French divisional commanders now are organizing the German territory they have taken in three weeks of warfare.

On this 100-mile front between the Moselle and Rhine rivers, Germany is believed by the French command to have about 30 divisions, or approximately 500,000 men, concentrated. These forces were understood to be in addition to motorized divisions capable of striking with lightning speed once the front fortifications have been opened up.

Few Advance Guards Advance guards who have been striking at the French positions number perhaps only 5,000 men, however.

The French general staff reported the "reaction of enemy artillery was particularly strong in the region south of Deux Ponts" (Zweibrücken) which is about six miles within the German frontier.

A French communique tonight said "a number of aerial combats took place with success for our pursuit planes in protecting our observation missions."

### Late Briets War News

Basil—Germans report Nazi troops won positions on French soil near Rhine; French quarters deny it.

Paris—French report halting Nazi attacks along 60-mile front.

London—British Expeditionary force reported officially preparing to go into action on western front; British notified trained civilian flyers to be ready for air force duty.

Berlin—German high command appears convinced that a full-fledged war with Britain and France is certainly.

Oslo—Submarine identified as German torpedoed and sinks 1,510-ton Swedish steamer Gertrud Bratt off Norway; crew saved.

Budapest—Warsaw radio reports more than 1,000 civilians killed in 24 hours of "terrific shelling" by German heavy artillery.

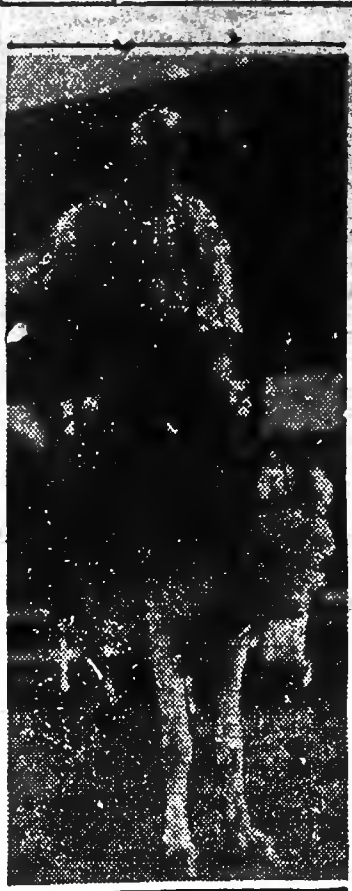
Moscow—Russia bars foreign ships from strategic river Neva flowing into Baltic.

Washington—President Roosevelt reported ready to compromise on any part of neutrality program except repeal of arms embargo.

Rome—Italian commentators warn against possible spreading of European war.

Panama—Inter-American neutrality conference debates streamlining procedure for speed in war emergency.

### Whoa Mule!



Scene's like this will be plentiful Friday night when the North Wilkesboro Kiwanians and Lions meet in a Burro Baseball game at the fairgrounds. One of the funniest exhibitions in the history of the city is in prospect.

### Burro Ball Here On Friday Night

What promises to be more fun than a barrel of monkeys will take place at the fairgrounds under giant flood lights Friday night when the North Wilkesboro Kiwanians and Lions play softball baseball on donkeys.

The two clubs will put on the attraction for the benefit of the school milk fund and the game will start promptly at 8:30.

J. C. Reins, Kiwanis captain, and Richard Deans, Lions captain, have already been mapping strategy for the event and unless the donkeys interfere with well laid plans it appears that neither team can lose.

Postmaster Reins said today that he had selected his team and a list of substitutes who no doubt will be needed as the first team players become unable to proceed for various reasons.

He said that he had made his selections carefully and every man had certain qualifications. First, each one had to have the understanding of a mule, and second, they must not be afraid of a lion. With such a team he don't see how he can lose.

Richard Deans is pilot of the Lions team and has selected a formidable first team and a second equally as good. He don't see how the Lions can lose with such a team. If claims of rival captains can be taken seriously, it appears that local people will have the opportunity to settle once and for all what would happen should an irresistible force meet an immovable object.

The Kiwanis first team is as follows: J. C. Reins, W. K. Sturdivant, Chal O. McNeil, Bill McElwee, C. G. Day, George Kennedy, Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, Henry Landon, Dan Holler and Carl VanDeman; substitutes—Pat Williams, Bid Williams, Andrew Kilby, Edd Gardner; Prof. Paul S. Cragan, J. R. Hix, J. D. Moore, Sr., R. W. Gwyn, C. B. Eller, Andrew Casey, and D. J. Carter.

The Lions starting lineup will have Captain Deans, L. L. Carpenter, Emmet Johnson, Blair Gwyn, Richard Johnston, John K. Blackburn, Bill Carrington, Carl Crews, J. D. Moore, Jr., and Fred Hubbard, Jr.; substitutes—Paul Cashton, Charles Jenkins, Clyde Pearson, Hampton McNeill, Lincoln Spainhour, Dr. H. B. Smith, Edward Finley, Bill Prevette, Buster Forester, Gordon Forester and Gordon Gentry.

It is respectfully called to the attention of the public that it would be a swell show to see those teams astride a group of educated donkeys and when they begin to play ball in such positions a side splitting laugh is assured every split second.

Adults will pay only 25 cents each and children 10 cents to see the show and a large crowd should be on hand, especially in view of the fact that the money will be used for a good cause.

### Wilkes Library Has Opening In Spacious Quarters

#### Institution Now Located In New City Hall Building; Books Needed

The Wilkes county public library board of trustees, library officials and all who have had a part or shown interest in the growth of the institution are happy over the library location in the well lighted and spacious quarters provided in the new city hall building.

Formal opening of the library in the new quarters was observed Thursday afternoon and night with many people calling to see the library and inspect the quarters and facilities. During the hours for "open house" several late volumes were donated to the library.

The library, which was formed on a small scale two years ago by various interested groups who deplored the lack of public library facilities, has shown much growth and now has more than 2,000 volumes. The library was gathered principally by book donations and with no public appropriation or income except from the rental shelf, a phase which has been built up to the point where it now contains many of the latest and most desirable books.

Mrs. Frank Johnson, chairman of the library board of trustees, said at the opening that donations of other volumes are expected during the next few days and that additional books are needed because of the rapidly increased circulation as the reading season approaches.

The WPA bookmobile with 2,000 volumes began its second itinerary Friday and will spend the next several weeks in Wilkes visiting the public schools of the county system. About 75 stops, including the schools, are scheduled on the regular itinerary.

### Officers Elected For Grange Group

#### Lawrence Miller Master Of Wilkesboro Grange; Other Officers Named

In a recent meeting the Wilkesboro subordinate Grange, one of the strongest units of the rural fraternity in Wilkes, elected officers for the ensuing year.

Lawrence Miller was elected master and other officers are as follows: Jesse Giles, overseer; Paul Vestal, steward; Dan F. Holler, assistant steward; Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, lady assistant steward; Mrs. J. M. German, chaplain; Miss Harriet McGoogan, lecturer; Mrs. Lawrence Miller, secretary-treasurer; Miss Lucille German, flora; Mrs. A. M. Church, ceres; Mrs. B. S. Cell, Pomona; Charlie German, gate keeper.

The next meeting will be held on October 17 and a full attendance is urged.

### Jitterbugs Here For Lions Meet

The North Wilkesboro Lions club was well entertained in its meeting Friday evening by four who recently won the jitterbug dance contest staged in Bowman Gray stadium in Winston-Salem.

The performers who delighted the Lions with their interpretation of the now famous dance were Miss Marjorie Weavil, Frank Alspaugh, Shirley Smith and Miss Lib Palmer. The program, which was in charge of Phil Brame and Fred Hubbard, was well enjoyed. At the meeting teams were selected to represent the club in the Lions versus Kiwanis Burro Baseball game to be staged on Friday night.

#### ATTEND FUNERAL

Mrs. D. Hill Carlton and daughter, Anne, and Mrs. E. T. Rawlins, her mother, returned to the city today from Johnson City, Tenn., where they attended the funeral and burial services held for Mrs. Rawlins' grandson, Mr. Landis Rawlins, aged 25, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rawlins. The death of young Mr. Rawlins was accidental and the funeral services were held yesterday.

### Wilkes Deputy Shot While Making Arrest

#### Boys Will Be Boys



With obvious delight, A. W. Gabrio of the Grand Army of the Republic takes a few hot licks at an ice cream cone. Mr. Gabrio, 93, of Hazelton, Pa., was one of the veterans at the national G. A. R. encampment at Pittsburgh.

### R. C. Jennings Is Badly Injured By Shotgun Friday

#### Silas Higgins Is Held For Shooting Officer; Admits Firing Shot

#### HAD TRIED HOLDUP

#### Higgins Alleged To Have Tried To Holdup Mountaineer on Brushy Mountain

R. C. Jennings, Wilkes deputy sheriff and jailor, was shot and seriously wounded about eight o'clock Friday morning near Oakwoods as he was trying to arrest Silas Higgins, who according to reports given the officers had only a few minutes before tried to hold up Miss Toby Turner as she was going along the Brushy Mountain road in her automobile.

The officer was hit by several shots from the gun, a 410 gauge single barrel, and several of the shot penetrated deeply, injuring his right lung. Physicians at the Wilkes hospital described his wound as serious but said he was resting satisfactorily and may recover, barring complications.

Miss Turner, superintendent of the Wilkes hospital who makes her home on the Brushies, said that she was on her way to North Wilkesboro Friday morning when a man with a shotgun dashed into the road and ordered her to stop. She speeded up and stopped a short distance ahead, where her car was overtaken by one driven by Lieut. Edmond Robinson, who also stopped to learn what the trouble was.

Lieut. Robinson proceeded to Wilkesboro and informed Deputy Jennings of the apparent attempt on the part of a man to hold up Miss Turner. Deputy Jennings, in company with Lieut. Robinson, proceeded to the place where the holdup attempt was made and nearby found Silas Higgins with a shotgun in his hands. Mr. Jennings said that he got out of the car to take the man into custody, that he started to walk away and turned around and shot, several shots hitting Mr. Jennings. The deputy then shot a number of times and it was later learned that one bullet hit the stock of the gun which Higgins held in his hand.

Mr. Robinson then carried Jennings to the hospital and notified other officers of what had happened. The sheriff and other deputies immediately began a search for the alleged assailant.

Lieut. Robinson told officers of the shooting, saying that Mr. Jennings was getting out of his car when he told Higgins to halt and that shots were fired. The officer continued to shoot after he was hit.

Higgins was found on the Brushy Mountain road about two hours later by J. R. Rousseau, who was accompanied in his car by Marsh Horn, highway prison superintendent of the 8th division. They said that Higgins acted suspiciously and they offered him a ride in their car to North Wilkesboro. He readily accepted and accompanied them and they turned him over to Police Chief J. E. Walker, who carried him to the hospital for identification by Miss Turner, who said she thought he was the man who tried to hold her up.

Police officers said that Higgins acted strangely and at times did not talk with any sense, corroborating reports that he is mentally unbalanced.

They carried him to the jail, where he admitted that he shot some man but could not give any clear account of what happened other than saying that he was somebody, he did not know who, had shot at each other.

He went with officers to the home of J. W. Hayes near Oakwoods, where he said he left his gun. There the gun was found and it had one empty shell still in the chamber and a bullet hole in the stock.

Higgins was described as being mentally unbalanced at times. About 20 years ago he was alleged to have killed his brother-in-law, Charlie Hutchison, after which he fled from the county and later returned. He was tried, convicted and served a short prison term.

### Oakwoods Road To Get Surface

#### Black Top Will Be Applied Some Time Next Month, Officials Say

The newly constructed Oakwoods road will receive black top surface next month, it was learned today from J. G. Hackett, 8th highway division commissioner.

WPA workmen have completed the task of putting a crushed stone surface on the new grade and are now engaged in conditioning the stone for surface treatment.

The road, described as the most extensively traveled road in Wilkes not on the state highway system, was regraded by WPA labor and represents a big improvement over the old and dangerously crooked grade. The improved section extends from Wilkesboro to a point beyond Oakwoods at the intersection of the road leading toward Moravian Falls.

### 4-H Girls Dress Revue Saturday

#### Winners in Dress Contest and Canning Contest To Be Selected 30th

Wilkes county 4-H club girls will hold their dress revue on Saturday, September 30, in the office of Miss Harriet McGoogan, home demonstration agent.

Miss McGoogan said that dresses will be judged for entrance in the state dress revue to be held soon. All 4-H club girls are asked to be present with their outfits for inspection.

Miss McGoogan also announced that all girls wishing to enter the Ball canning contest should bring their canned goods, consisting of one quart of fruits and one of vegetables. The winner will exhibit her samples at the state fair on October 10, Miss McGoogan said.

### Fishing, Loitering On Bridges Banned

State Highway Patrol Corporal Carlyle Ingle today called attention to a new ordinance passed by the state highway commission which forbids fishing and loitering on bridges in the state.

The ordinance was quoted as follows: "Fishing or loitering on any bridge on the state highways or county roads is forbidden." Instructions given the local officer by Lieut. W. B. Lents said that the ordinance is for the purpose of eliminating hazards and strict enforcement is expected.

The ten most important trees in the world, as listed by an American forestry expert, are: Date Palm, Coconut Palm, Almond, Apple, Fig, Mulberry, Olive, Lemon, Chinchona, and Rubber.