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## Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

### \$1,500,000 BONUS

A total of \$1,500,000 will be distributed at Christmas time among employes of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company earning less than \$5,200 annually, an announcement by John A. Hartford, president of the company, discloses. The employes who are to share in the distribution have been with the company more than six months.

### DELIVERS HIMSELF

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Paul Jordan, sentenced in Randolph county to three years in prison for manslaughter, delivered himself to Warden H. H. Wilson of Central prison today. Usually peace officers bring new prisoners here, but Jordan was accompanied only by his wife. Warden Wilson telephoned Randolph county officials to verify Jordan's story before admitting him. Once before in the two years that Wilson has been warden a prisoner delivered himself.

### KILLS TWO, GIVES UP

High Point, Dec. 15.—Elliott T. Morrison, 36-year-old negro man of East Commerce street, ran amuck at his home this morning, shot his housekeeper to death and then killed a negro man, who was reported to have attempted to stop him when headed toward the police station to surrender himself. The negro girl, who lived in the home and cared for the negro's two children, was Mayzelle Torrence, and the man who was shot was Oscar Bailey, of Furlough street.

### EXPLOSION FATAL

Laurinburg, Dec. 15.—Ernest (Bill) Swicegood, 48-year-old World war veteran, farmer and reputed conditioner of fighting chickens, died today in a local hospital of injuries sustained from a blast of dynamite. Both eyes were blown out, both arms were blown off and his chest torn.

Information available is that Swicegood was tamping a stick of explosive in a bottle and accidentally set off the cap. The injury to his chest was thought by local authorities to have been caused by flying glass when the bottle exploded.

### GIVES 50 PRESENTS

Wilson, Dec. 15.—The 13-year-old daughter of one of Wilson's wealthiest men was asked by her father the other day if she wanted anything special for Christmas. "Yes, I would," replied the little girl, "I'd like to give every child on our farms a Christmas present and if you'll give me the money to do this you need not give me one this year." Because there were numberless children on the farms in question the little girl's father thought part of this idea impractical but suggested that she give all the little negro children on those farms a present. She jumped at the idea. Next day she went out and picked 50 negro children from the farm families. Then she started out by herself with the money her father had given her and bought each a Christmas present.

### "MORAL" EMBARGO

Washington, Dec. 15.—Broadening its "moral embargo" against the shipment of airplanes to countries which bomb civilian populations, the state department called on Americans today to refrain from shipping any materials essential to the manufacture of planes. The countries against which the "embargo" is openly in effect are Russia and Japan. The state department specifically included molybdenum (an essential ingredient for hard steel) and aluminum in its ban. This country has almost a monopoly on molybdenum. Russian imports of this material from the United States have leaped enormously since the European war started, and reports are current here that "some of it is being re-exported to Germany."

### New Cook Book By Woman's Club

The North Wilkesboro Woman's Club has recently compiled a most instructive cook book, which is now off the press and ready for distribution. The book has 64 pages and contains many of the favorite recipes of well known ladies of Wilkesboro. Copies of the book, which will be of great value in any kitchen, may be obtained from members of the club for fifty cents each.

## Violators Liquor Laws Get Prison Terms In Court

### Court Practically Clears The Criminal Docket During Week Special Term

With the sentencing of a number of convicted liquor law violators to prison terms, federal court in Wilkesboro practically cleared the criminal docket during the first week of the special term.

Court convened again today to try the remainder of the criminal cases and to dispose of several actions pending on the civil docket. Judge Hayes is presiding.

Following are the cases in which prison terms were meted out during the last three days of the first week of the special term:

Jesse Anderson, six months in Petersburg, Va., prison.  
Melvin Fleming, 21 months in Lewisburg, Pa., prison.  
Percy Johnson, 18 months in Atlanta, Ga., prison.  
John Frank Jones, year and a day in Atlanta.  
Margaret Foster, year in federal reformatory at Alderson, W. Va.  
Toy Davis, year and a day in Chillicothe, Ohio, reformatory.  
Otis Anderson, probation revoked, year and a day in Chillicothe.

E. V. Williams, fine of \$350 and six months in Petersburg, Va.

Mona Williams, year in Alderson, W. Va.

## Mrs. D. S. Duncan Taken By Death; Funeral Sunday

Mrs. D. S. Catherine Carter Duncan, 84, member of one of Wilkes county's best known families, died at her home at Moravian Falls at six a. m. Saturday. She had been in ill health for several months.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, 2:30, at Moravian Falls Baptist church with Rev. Eugene Olive in charge.

Mrs. Duncan was a daughter of the late James M. and Christy Kesler Carter and the wife of the late Daniel Scroggs Duncan. She was the mother of four children, Mrs. Sarah Della Duncan Smith, of North Wilkesboro, Dr. Hannibal G. Duncan, of Wilkesboro, and two who preceded her in death, Dr. Julius Edgar Duncan and Mrs. Meck Helen Duncan Lenderman. Also surviving are

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## Vacant Tenant House Burned

Fire said to have been of incendiary origin destroyed a vacant tenant house on the premises of Abe Anderson about eight miles east of Wilkesboro, it was learned today from Arlon Triplett, county forest warden.

The fire occurred last night about eight o'clock.

Some feed stored in the building was also destroyed. The house was valued at about \$400. According to information given Mr. Triplett, it was suspected that the house was deliberately set on fire although no names of suspects were disclosed.

## New Newspaper Is Published In City

### The Northwestern Press Makes Its Appearance In Newspaper Field

The Northwestern Press issued Volume one number one on Thursday, December 14.

The new weekly newspaper is the product of the Northwestern Publishing company, which was organized here during the summer and fall by local citizens. The officers of the newly formed corporation are J. C. Reins, president; R. M. Brame, Sr., vice president; John R. Pevette, secretary-treasurer; and T. M. Foster, chairman of the executive committee.

The company assembled a newspaper plant and leased it to John H. Sikas, veteran newspaper man and former publisher of the Edenton Daily News. He is editor and publisher.

## Unlimited Market For Milk, Cream Offered

### Lexington Firm Has A Receiving Station Set Up



J. B. Carter, prominent citizen of this city, was elected head of Birjand Temple of the D. O. K. K. when he was named Royal Vizer at a recent meeting held in Greensboro. Prior to his election to the highest office in the temple he was district deputy of K. of P.

## Achievement Day Is Observed By Home Club Women

### Many Awards Made In First Annual Achievement Day Meeting In Wilkesboro

Seventy-six club women from ten of the 11 home demonstration clubs in Wilkes county gathered at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Tuesday night for the first annual achievement day for home clubs, Miss Harriet McGoogan, home demonstration agent, said today.

A review of the year's work was given and four clubs received awards for showing greatest improvement. They were Gilreath, Boomer, Mountain View and Purlear.

The Ronda club received the attendance award at the meeting, the number present and mileage both being considered.

Moravian Falls won the award for largest average attendance at meetings during the year. Individual awards were made as follows: Mrs. B. F. Proffit, of Maple Springs and Mrs. W. H. Tevepaugh, of Gilreath, for outstanding work in kitchen improvement; Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, of Moravian Falls, outstanding in organization; Mrs. Sam Pennell, of Moravian Falls, and Mrs. G. B. Carlton, of Boomer, outstanding in food conservation; Mrs. J. M. Costner, of Gilreath, perfect attendance at curb market.

Officers of the county council of home demonstration clubs were installed for 1940 as follows: Mrs. F. T. Moore, of Ronda, president; Mrs. W. H. Tevepaugh, of Gilreath, vice president; Mrs. Eula Bentley, of Pores Knob, secretary-treasurer.

Games were played and refreshments were enjoyed following the program.

Club work among the women of the rural communities made much progress during the past year, according to the reports at the meeting.

## Quarterly Supper Presbyterian Men On Friday Night

Quarterly supper of the men of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church was held at the church hut on Friday night.

R. G. Finley, president, presided and presented the principal speaker, Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who delivered a forceful message. A. A. Cashlon discussed the church building program.

Forty-eight were present for the meeting, which closed with the presentation by each one present of a toy to Santa Claus, the toys to be distributed to the children of the communities in Ashe county served by Rev. W. Lake and Rev. R. H. Stone.

## Lexington Firm Has A Receiving Station Set Up

### Four Milk Routes Have Begun In Wilkes; Can Use 100,000 Pounds Daily

Coble Dairy Products, of Lexington, has established a receiving station here and offers practically an unlimited market for milk and cream here, a member of the firm said today.

"We can use 100,000 pounds of milk daily and pay highest market prices," a representative of the company said in announcing that four milk routes have started and that at least six more are being mapped out in this territory.

Following the closing of the Scott Cheese and Butter factory here, the Lexington firm set up a receiving station in the building formerly occupied by the creamery and employed Ralph Caldwell, former creamery manager, as representative and H. A. Wendland, formerly with the cheese factory and who has a lifelong experience in the dairy business, as field agent to contact the farmers and arrange the routes.

Up to this time the firm had only been buying cream because the milk routes had not been completed but two routes started last week and two others today.

Lake Messick has the milk route along the Yadkin west of Wilkesboro, in the Farmington

area, which he praised highly for many advantages and splendid citizenship. His address was enthusiastically received and drew much favorable comment.

Following the program the club voted to collect all the horns, rattlers, etc. at the banquet and turn them over to the Christmas cheer committee in its work among underprivileged homes at Christmas time.

Activities for the highly enjoyable evening closed with a dance.

## Kiwanians Have A Good Program

### Fourteen Volunteer to Treat Needy Families At Christmas Time

The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club enjoyed a good program Friday noon. P. M. Williams was program chairman and talked of local subjects. He also related a number of jokes which he had heard from Carl Goerch on the preceding night at the Lions banquet.

C. O. McNeil called attention of the club to the work of the Cheer committee for Christmas donations. The committee consists of Paul Cragan, city superintendent of schools, Charles McNeill and John Walker.

It was stated by the committee that there are over sixty families that have been listed as qualified for such donations. After some discussion it was decided that the various members of the Club would select one of the families and present it with a suitable Christmas dinner and treat. The following volunteered: Dr. F. C. Hubbard, R. G. Finley, W. K. Sturdivant, J. R. Finley, Rev. Eugene Olive, R. W. Gwyn, Edd Gardner, Paul Osborne, Joe McCoy, J. D. Moore, C. G. Day, A. F. Kilby, J. C. Reins and C. O. McNeil. Several other members indicated that they are presenting gifts to families other than those on the list mentioned.

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Copies of the Travel magazine were distributed by Attorney A. H. Casey, who called attention to the fact that three pages were devoted to scenes along the Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia.

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## Lions Enjoy Gala Event Thursday At Roaring River

### Carl Goerch Entertains Members And Guests At Ladies Night Program

With horns blowing and rattlers going at top speed, members of the North Wilkesboro Lions club and lady guests assembled at Roaring River school Thursday night for the most enjoyable Ladies Night occasion in the history of the club.

The principal feature of the evening's program, which was arranged by Paul Cashion and John Kermit Blackburn, was a humorous and highly entertaining address by Carl Goerch, of Raleigh, versatile editor of The State magazine.

The Lions and guests assembled in the school lunch room and enjoyed a sumptuous dinner prepared by the faculty of the school. Much merriment accompanied the opening of the meeting.

Each Lion present introduced his guests.

Richard Johnston, president of the club, was toastmaster for the occasion. Dr. H. B. Smith, a past president, presented Lions keys to Harry Pearson and Blair Gwyn. The keys were gifts of Lions International for members having taken in two members each during the year.

Paul S. Cragan, a guest of the club, introduced Mr. Goerch, the speaker for the evening. Mr. Goerch delivered a side splitting address with wisecrack following wisecrack and with jokes which kept the crowd of 65 in a constant uproar of laughter.

The serious parts of his address dealt with praise for North Carolina

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## Superintendent Schools Honored At Banquet

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C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes county schools, who was honored by a banquet given by the teachers of the county on the occasion of his birthday Thursday, December 14.

## Cooking School Very Successful

### Large Crowd Attends Final Session Held On Friday Afternoon

The Journal-Patriot Cooking school held Thursday and Friday afternoons at the Woman's Club home was described by a number

most interesting lectures in the culinary art ever held in this vicinity.

The school, co-operatively sponsored by this newspaper, Duke Power company, many local business firms and Lever Brothers manufacturers, was well attended at both sessions, which were very much enjoyable.

Miss Florence Rogers, of Spry Research laboratories, conducted the demonstrations and lectured on food subjects. She was assisted in the demonstrations by students of the home economics department of the North Wilkesboro high school.

Delicious foods were prepared right before the audience and each step was explained in order that those present might be able to learn how to get the same good results.

Several valuable prizes were given away at both sessions.

Students of Miss Evelyn Sharpe's classes in home economics were among the number attending Friday's session.

Sponsors of the school appreciate the assistance and cooperation of Reins-Sturdivant funeral home and the home economics department of the city high school.

## Public Programs At City Schools

### Public Invited To Five Public Programs Prior To Christmas Holidays

A series of public programs have been announced to be held this week in North Wilkesboro city schools prior to adjournment Thursday afternoon for the holidays.

The first of these will be an assembly program by students of Miss Emma Eller's second grade Tuesday at one o'clock. Fifth grade students under direction of Miss Kathryn Troutman will give an assembly program at 8:45 on Wednesday morning.

The dramatic club under supervision of Miss Esther Lee-Coff will present a program at the high school assembly Wednesday, 1:40 p. m.

The home economics department Tea and Gift exhibit will be shown Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Forty-six second-year home economics girls under direction of Miss Evelyn Sharpe, instructor, have made 75 gifts which will be on display.

The final program of the Christmas season will be by the glee club on Thursday morning, 9:30.

The public has a cordial invitation to all the programs.

## Banquet Is Given In Honor Of Supt. Eller On Thursday

### 160 Teachers Present And Give Useful Gift To Head Of School System

One of the outstanding occasions enjoyed by the teaching profession of Wilkes County was the banquet given in honor of County Superintendent C. B. Eller on his birthday, December 14.

More than 160 Wilkes county teachers gathered at the North Wilkesboro Legion Hut at 6:30 o'clock to begin a celebration which is considered a forward step in the social and professional outlook of Wilkes county teachers.

The purpose of the meeting was unknown to Superintendent Eller until all the guests had assembled and taken their places at the banquet table. At a given signal a host of voices broke forth singing "Happy Birthday to You, Mr. Eller, Happy Birthday to You."

From then on there was not a dull moment in the entire program. One enjoyable feature after another was presented to the teachers. The program consisted of quartets, solos, dances, and other features. Professor Gregory conducted a Professor Quiz program, the questions being taken from interesting facts about Wilkes county. After the dinner,

birthday gift to the guest of honor. He was not reluctant in giving praise to the work Mr. Eller has done in the county since he became county superintendent seven years ago. He said, although Mr. Eller was a young man and had come from one of the best families of Wilkes county, that he had reached his high position as head of the Wilkes county school through his own merits and upon his own qualifications. He presented Mr. Eller with a large Gladstone bag which was a present to him from the members of the Wilkes county teaching profession.

In receiving the gift from the teachers of Wilkes county, Mr. Eller said, "I have said that I thought I had the best group of teachers in the state. Now I know I have. All I can say is that I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

After the presentation of the birthday gift, Attorney A. H. Casey presented the speaker of the evening, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teacher's College, Boone. Dr. Dougherty gave an inspirational address upon "Educational Advancements in North Carolina."

Dr. Dougherty praised North Carolina's program of education for all the children throughout the state on an equal basis. The delicious two-course dinner was served by the Wilkesboro Woman's club.

## Program Tuesday Wilkesboro School

A program of Christmas music will be given at the Wilkesboro school auditorium Tuesday, December 19, 7:30 o'clock. Christmas music will be rendered under direction of Miss Ruth Wright, public school music teacher. The public has a most cordial invitation to attend and no admission will be charged.

## Street Project In City Progressing

WPA workmen are making progress on the street improvement project now under way in this city.

Work has begun on grading and surfacing a half block on Eighth street between the new city hall and A street and also on grading the north end of Tenth street.

The project calls for improvement of a number of streets in the city, including the alley between Ninth and A streets. It also provides for crushed stone surfacing of several dirt streets in the eastern part of the city.