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PLUNGES INTO WELL Tryon, Feb. 27.—Thomas E. Bush, 57, Polk county farmer was killed early Monday morning when he crashed to the bottom of a 50-foot well at his home.

WILL SEE HITLER Berlin, Feb. 27.—The impression grew today that Adolf Hitler would give Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, due in Berlin Friday, a comprehensive exposition of Germany's claims to a dominant position in central and southeastern Europe as well as demands for return of her colonies.

DUKE GETS \$300,000 Washington, Feb. 27.—Duke university was bequeathed \$300,000 for an art museum in the will of William Hayes Ackland, filed today.

BEARS CLEAR STREETS Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 27.—Men and boys snatched their rifles and cleared the streets of noontime crowds "like a London bomb scare."

CANAL DEFENSES Aboard U. S. S. Lang at Sea, Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt said today that doubling the present number of planes and guns defending the Panama Canal was necessary for the long range defense of the vital link between the Atlantic and Pacific.

District Missionary Institute On March 5 The Elkin district Missionary Institute, which was scheduled for January 26th, and postponed because of bad weather, will be held here Tuesday March 5th.

Miss Doughton Guest Women's Press Club Washington, Feb. 27.—Miss Reba Doughton of Laurel Springs, daughter of Representative Robert L. Doughton of the Ninth North Carolina district, was a guest today at a luncheon given by the Women's National Press Club honoring Jeanette McDonald, stage and screen star.

Military Banquet And Ball Will Be Held On March 8th

Metts Asked To Address Banquet Of 105th Engineers In This City

Adjutant General Van B. Metts, of the North Carolina National Guard, has been invited to address a banquet of officers of the 105th Engineers, members of Company A and invited guests to be held at Hotel Wilkes in this city on Friday, March 8, 7:30 p. m.

Williams Head Of 'Finland Fighting' Fund For Wilkes

Opportunity Given For People To Aid Finland In War With Russia

J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association, and the North Wilkesboro Insurance Agency, was appointed county chairman for Wilkes county by George Watts Hill, state "Fighting Funds for Finland, Inc."

Miller Is Elected Triple A Secretary

Lawrence Miller, chief clerk of the Triple A organization, was also made secretary. Election of a secretary became necessary in the absence of a county agent, who by virtue of his office is secretary to the organization.

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Red Cross Active In Wilkes County; Aid For War Refugees Is Planned

Wilkes county chapter of the American Red Cross in monthly meeting Tuesday night at the city hall heard reports from committee chairman indicating that the chapter is very active in the county along several lines of endeavor.

tended by a number of committee heads, was held at the city hall. Rev. Watt M. Cooper presided in the absence of J. H. Whicker, chairman, and Rev. Eugene Olive was secretary.

ter for the year was credited with 965 members, setting a new high record, and the secretary read a letter from national headquarters congratulating the chapter on such splendid increase in membership.

Swedish Volunteers Aid Finland's Cause



Well-protected Swedish volunteers man an anti-aircraft gun in northern Finland, somewhere near the Petsamo area, where fighting was recently resumed. A recent blizzard that swept down from the Arctic brought a temperature of more than 34 degrees below zero to north Finland.

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Office Of County Agent Remains Open For Triple "A" Business Matters

County committee of the Wilkes County Agricultural Conservation association in meeting Wednesday elected a secretary in order that the office might remain open. Lawrence Miller, chief clerk of the Triple A organization, was also made secretary.

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Commodities Store On Cherry Street Is Open 6 Days Week

Miss Jack Hart, supervising clerk in the Surplus Commodities store room now located in the Scott Cheese factory building on Cherry street, said today that the place is now open six days each week.

4-H Council Will Plan For Recreation Meeting In April

Miss Harriet McGoogan, Wilkes home demonstration agent, said today that a meeting of the Wilkes county 4-H club council will be held in her office in the courthouse at Wilkesboro Saturday morning, March 2, ten o'clock.

Square Dance To Be Friday Night

The Wilkes county post of the American Legion will give an old fashioned square dance at the Legion-Auxiliary club rooms Friday night at 8:30. The Legion and the Legion Auxiliary extend a cordial invitation to all members of both organizations, and to the many friends of these organizations in the Wilkesboro and throughout the county, to be present and enjoy the evening with them.

Funds Received To Aid Finnish Cause

Since Monday two contributions have been received at The Journal-Patriot office to aid Finland. Pat M. Williams, of this city, today donated five dollars, which he requested to go to the "Finland Fighting Fund," of which J. B. Williams is chairman for the county.

Leap Year Birthdays

Checking news sources here, The Journal-Patriot reporters learned that one Leap Year baby was born today before this newspaper went to press.

A son was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Balty, of North Wilkesboro route 8.

A daughter was born today to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Duncan. Mother and child are patients in a Statesville hospital.

As has been the custom every four years when February 29 rolls around, the Leap Year babies will receive a number of gifts from business houses, among them being Dick's Service Station, which almost invariably gives five dollars.

HeadState Grange Is Coming Friday

Will Address Kiwanians, Grange Workers And Pomona Grange

Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, master of the North Carolina State Grange, will make three public appearances in Wilkes county Friday. At noon he will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club. At three o'clock he will hold a Grange workers' conference at the courthouse in Wilkesboro and at 7:30 p. m. he will address the Wilkes Pomona Grange.

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New Dictator



Cassel Chairman Finnish Relief For The County

Will Name Township Chairman In Drive To Get Funds For Sufferers

A. Sam Cassel, prominent local citizen, has been appointed Wilkes county chairman for Finnish Relief, Inc., to raise funds to aid civilians and war sufferers in Finland.

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Food Budget Course To Be On Tuesday At The Courthouse

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Finns May Buy Shells

Washington, Feb. 26.—A Finnish legation official said today that his government was considering the placing of orders here for artillery projectiles. He said he could not indicate the amount of money involved. He added that Finland already had placed orders totalling \$1,100,000 for infantry cartridges. Finland, he said, has bought 44 warplanes here, which already have left the United States.

March Court To Convene Monday, 2 Weeks Session

Murder Cases Calendars For Second Week; About 150 Cases Pending

When the March term of Wilkes superior court convenes in Wilkesboro Monday, March 4, with Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, on the bench it will begin work on a docket of about 150 cases.

The docket contains about the usual number of new cases with misdemeanors being charged in a majority of those calendared.

A study of the docket reveals that operating car while intoxicated heads the list in charges appearing in the docket with 17, replacing the various larceny charges for first place, there being only five cases in which larceny, receiving and breaking and entering is charged.

Among the seven is the first degree charge against George Byrd for the fatal shooting of S. M. Burchette in Burchette's home on November 11. Another is the case of Andrew Gregory, charged with the murder of his mother in Somers township a few weeks ago.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, will prosecute the docket.

Giles Begins Work In Jackson County

Office Of Wilkes County Agent Now Vacant; Expect Appointment Soon

Jesse Giles, acting county agent in Wilkes since Dan Holler resigned several days ago to accept work with the extension service in Raleigh, has been transferred to Jackson county, where he will begin his duties as assistant county agent tomorrow.

His transfer leaves Wilkes without a county farm agent or assistant.

However, the office of the county agent remains open for transaction of business relating to the soil program and the Triple A and is in charge of Lawrence Miller, secretary and clerk to the Wilkes County Agricultural Conservation association.

The absence of a county agent in Wilkes is presumably a result of a long controversy over appointment of a county agent, which has been between the board of county commissioners and authorities of the state extension service.

The present board of commissioners early last year made an appointment to succeed Dan F. Holler but the appointment was rejected in Raleigh, with the extension service taking the position that Mr. Holler had been doing a good job and should not be removed from office.

A second appointment by the commissioners met the same fate and a third appointment, L. F. Brumfield, former agent in Yadkin county, was never passed on by the extension service, according to a statement by a member of the board of commissioners.

The first two appointments by the commissioners, Edward Freas, of Traphill, and Howard Colvard, of Reddies River, were rejected because they had no experience in extension work, according to a statement by O. F. McCrary district agent.

The county agent subject is expected to be considered by the commissioners in their meeting Monday, March 4.