# Late News Of State - Nation **Told Briefly**

coroner, said no inquest would be held, adding that Bush suffered a fracture of the skull, possibly broken neck and other injuries. Wash had been in ill health for some fime.

WILL SEE HITLER

Berlin, Feb. 27 .- The impression grew today that Adolf Hitlin Friday, a comprehensive exposoutheastern Europe as well as demands for return of her colonies. Arrangements for Welles' visit were confirmed by Alexander Kirk. American charge d'affaires. in a visit to the foreign office. According to present plans, Welles will go into a huddle Friday with Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, who is recovering from grippe, and probably will see Hitler Saturday.

**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. Ackland stipulated that an apse of the museum should become his tomb. His body has been buried temporarily in the family vault in Nashville. Fund For Wilkes Tenn. Ackland also left a collection of statues and other art ob- Opportunity Given For Peojects to the university. He formerly lived in Washington although his home was near Nashville, where the family estate, "Belmont." now is part of the Ward-Belmont school for girls.

BEARS CLEAR STREETS Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 27.hears enapped their

noonday crowds "like a London" in their cages at a theatre where they are billed for skating and hospital with claw wounds went Jack Phillips, 19-year-old truck driver, and Burt Smith, 33, a filling station attendant. To the shelter of stores and offices scurried 200 shoppers, workers and school children.

CANAL DEFENSES

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 necessary, throughout Central America and as far south as Ecuador, Columbia and Venezuela, he told reporters at a press conference aboard the cruiser Tuscaloosa after he had completed a thorough inspection of canal defenses and had started the homeward voyage to the United States. More planes and guns were needed, Mr. Roosevelt said, to allow a better opportunity to discover any attacking forceofther from the air or by seat a much longer distance from the canal than ever had been pro-\*Mded heretofore.

#### 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. meeting in the North Wilkesboro Methodist church at 10 o'clock. The provisional conference meeting for the Woman's Auxiliaries of the district will also be held in connection with this meeting, convening at 2 o'clock in the aft-

A plate lunch will be served at the noon hour by the local Woman's Auxiliary.

#### Miss Doughton Guest Women's Press Club

Washington, Feb. 27.-Miss Rebs Doughton of Laurel Springs, daughter of Representative Robert L. Doughton of the Ninth North Carolina district, was a rucet today at a luncheon given by the Women's National Press papers. b honoring Jeanette McDonstage and screen star.

# THE JOURNAL - PATRIOT

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C THURSDAY, FEB. 29, 1940 \$1.50 IN THE STATE \$100 OUT OF THE STATE VOL XXXIII, No. 49 Published Mondays and Thursdays.

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 ler would give Undersecretary of 105th Engineers, members of State Sumner Welles, due in Ber- Company A and invited guests to be held at Hotel Wilkes in this sition of Germany's claims to a city on Friday, March 8, 7:30 p. dominant position in central and m., Captain Ralph R. Reins, of Company A, said today.

Following the banquet at the hotel, officers and other guests will enjoy a dance at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse north of the city.

Captain Reins said that about 100 invitations had been sent out to officers of the 105th Engineers in addition to all members, of Company A here. A total attendance of between 125 and 150 is expected for the dinner. Replies to the invitations were asked not later than March 6.

# Williams Head Of 'Finland Fighting'

ple 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

men and cleared the streets of Inc." Mr. Williams is asking all in Wilkes County who can and bomb scare." Police stood ready feel that they want to contribute with shotgans as the 400-pound to the fund that is now being bears were captured and put back raised throughout the nation, to do so, all contributions to be given as outright gifts, without tight rope performances. To a restrictions as to their use, to the Republic of Finland, or its authorized agents in the United States, for the perchase of guns, airplanes, and other munitions for the defense of Finnish independence

Major-General John F. O'Ryan.! York City, remembered as the also made secretary. Aboard U. S. S. Lang at Sea. General in command of the 27th New York division during the necessary in the absence York-is national chairman.

Fighting Funds for Finland, Inc., proposes to raise, and the Atlantic and Pacific. Such a speedily, its first ten million dol- several days ago to accept a polong range program contemplates lars. If contributions come in sition with the extension service defense operations extending. if all over the country as they are in Raleigh, left today to take up now coming into the headquarters office for North Carolina, it should not be difficult. Over four thousand letters a day are now in New York.

Mr. Williams stated that this is a voluntary movement of persons who are eager to help the hard-pressed Republic and to get help there in time to be effective. The American people realize that International Law makes it very difficult for the Federal Covernment to assist Finland officially, but there is no reason why the American people, as individuals, should not be given an opportunity to express their sympathy for Finland in concrete form. It is the belief that the lize that the Finns are now fighting for all democratic institutions as well as their own.

No one in connection with the Fighting Funds for Finland, Inc.", receive any compensation for their services. There is no possession of Ashley, led to his overhead whatever connected arrest. with the state office, and private sources are paying for the small necessary overhead of the national headquarters.

Arrangements are being made for the local banks to accept contributions to "Fighting Funds for Finland, Inc." As county chairman, Mr. Williams would appreciate any contributions at once and he asks that they be tendered to the tellers of either of the local banks, who in turn will forward all funds received to the state headquarters in Durham each week.

Contributions to the fund may also be made through the news-

The local chairman will (Continued on page five)

# Tryon, Feb. 27.—Thomas E. Bush, 57, Polk county farmer was hilled early Monday morning when he crashed to the bottom of a 50-foot well at his home. The And Ball Will Be a 50-foot well at his home. The body was recovered by neighbors four hours John Z. Preston, or later. John Z. Preston, or later.

meeting Tuesday night at the city hall. Rev. Watt M. Cooper presidchapter is very active in the coun- Olive was secretary. ty along several lines of endeavor. The report of Blair Gwyn,

American Red Cross in monthly tee heads, was held at the city with 965 members, setting a new hall heard reports from commit- ed in the absence of J. H. Whick- read a letter from national headtee chairman indicating that the er, chairman, and Rev. Eugene

The meeting, which was at-treasurer, disclosed that the chap-

Wilkes county chapter of the tended by a number of committer for the year was credited high record, and the secretary quarters congratulating the chapter on such splendid increase in membership. The letter pointed

# Swedish Volunteers Aid Finland's Cause Leap Year



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

## Miller Is Elected Triple A Secetary

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

Wilkes County Agricultural Con- week. servation association in meeting | The store is open from nine a. Wednesday elected a secretary in m. to 12 and from one to four order that the office might re- each day except Saturday, when lina State Grange, will make three main open.

Lawrence Miller, chief clerk of one of the leading lawyers in New the Triple A organization, was

Election of a secretary became World War and former police county agent, who by virtue of commissioner of the city of New his office is secretary to the organization. Jesse Giles, assistant county agent who had been acting agent since Dan Holler resigned his duties as assistant county agent in Jackson county.

Election of Mr. Miller as secretary does not mean that he is reaching National Headquarters assuming any duties as county agent other than being secretary to the Triple A organization.

# **One Arrest For** Series Robberies

Oakwoods Man Held For Breaking Into Service Station Last Week

Wilkes officers disclosed today Oakwoods community, has been American people increasingly real arrested in connection with robbery of several service stations in Wilkes last week.

Officers said that a tire identified as being one taken from Midway Service station between the Wilkesboros, and found in the

Meanwhile officers are continuing the investigation to learn whether or not others were implicated in the series of breakins. Last week other places entered in addition to Midway Service station included Baity's on highway 115 and two establishments at Millers Creek. In each instance quantities of merchandise were reported missing.

2 Marriage License

Only two license to wed were issued by Register of Deeds Old were to J. H. Brown and Savannah Clary, both of North Wilkesboro, and Richard Minton, of Wilkesboro star route and Recle Prevette, of Wilkesboro route 1. dollar to Finnish Relief.

### 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 County committee of the place is now open six days each

the store opens at nine and closes at one p. m.

### 4-H Council Will Plan For Recreation

Miss Harriet McGoogan, Wilkes home demonstration agent, said the farm fraternity to Wilkes are today that a meeting of the always welcome. When Mr. Caldwill be held in her office in the Carolina as a Grange organizer courthouse at Wilkesboro Satur-ihis first work was in Wilkes counday morning, March 2, ten o'- ty, where he assisted in organizaclock.

The purpose of the meeting is the state in 1929. to plan a recreational meeting to be held in April and officers of to attend.

#### 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 memthat John Ashley, resident of the bers of both organizations, and to the many friends of these organizations in the Wilkesboros and throughout the county, to be present and enjoy the evening with them. Gentlemen will be charged an admission of fifty cents, while the ladies will be admitted free. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

#### Funds Received To Aid Finnish Cause

Since Monday two contributions have been received at The Journay-Patriot office to aid Fin-

Pat M. Williams, of this city, today donated five dollars, which en the post of Parkway Fire J. B. Williams is chairman for the central office from which the county.

Previously this week Noah Wiles during the past week. They Michael, of Summit, contributed one dollar to Finnish Relief, Inc., of which A. S. Cassel is county chairman.

"A Friend" today gave one (Continued on page four)

# (Continued on page 4) 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 Baity, of North Wilkesboro route 3.

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.

It is interesting to note that two local people have birthdays today for the first time in four years, Joe Pearson and Mrs. Ed Caudill. "You can't grow old very fast with a birthday every four years," Mr. Pearson

Doubtless there are many others in the county who today celebrated their quadrennial anniversaries.

# HeadState Grange Is Coming Friday wilkes.

Will Address Kiwanians, Grange Workers And Pomona Grange

Harry B. Caldwell, of Greenscounty Friday.

At noon he will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club. \$75,000 has been set for North assistant. At three o'clock he will hold a Grange workers' conference at people of Wilkes will as usual do the courthouse in Wilkesboro and Meeting In April at 7:30 p. m. he will address the ing paid by individuals and 100 transaction of business relating Wilkes Pomona Grange.

Visits of the State Master of Wilkes county 4-H club council well came from Ohio to North tion of the first county Grange in

# all clubs in the county are asked Changes Made In Parkway Rangers delivered to him in person at North Wilkeshore. If more con-

Roanoke; Coombs Has Succeeded Campbell

n ranger assignments on the the earliest possible date. Blue Ridge Parkway, as shown by the following article which Food Budget Course appeared in the current issue of

Blue Ridge Parkway News: Having in mind the opening of 140 miles of Parkway between Roanoke and Blowing Rock in the spring, Assistant Superintendent Sam Weems, who will be directly in charge of operating the Parkway, has announced a shift of headquarters for a number of the Parkway rangers.

Ranger Bernard T. Campbell who formerly was at Wilkesboro, North Carolina, has been moved to the central office at Roanoke. Virginia. From here he will have charge of the Parkway between Shenandoah National Park and Roanoke. Campbell is a forester by training and has also been givduring forest fire season he can better control fire protection and fire fighting activities.

Ranger Campbell's place on

New Dictator



Virtual dictator of Paraguay is President Gen. Jose Felix Estigarribs, who decreed that he was assuming all political power for such time as he deemed necessary to insure order, peace and prosperity to the nation.

## Cassel Chairman Finnish Relief For The County

Will Name Township Chairman In Drive To Get **Funds For Sufferers** 

cal citizen, has been appointed Wilkes county chairman for Fin- on November 11. Another is the nish Relief. Inc., to raise funds to aid civilians and war sufferers in Finland. His appointment was in Somers township a few weeks received from W. T. Bost, of Ra- ago. leigh, state director. Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus is hairman for North Carolina.

Mr. Cassel said today that he will immediately form a county organization with a chairman in Giles Begins Work organization with a chairman in each township, and asks that in Jackson County schools, teachers, lodges, civic in Jackson County clubs, churches and other organizations assist in every way possible to put the drive over in

This fund has no military motive, Mr. Cassel asid, and the money will be used for relief of war victims and the disaster

stricken people behind the lines. never been known to shirk their and I feel assured that they will His transfer leaves W.lkes not shirk this time. A quota of Carolina and I feel sure that a county farm agent or assistant. their part. All expenses are becents of every dollar given will to the soil program and the Triple be used for Finnish relief," Mr. Cassel said.

Five weeks have been alloted for the drive but promptness is asked because the Finns need help and need it now, he explained. Factories are being asked to raise contributions among employes at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Cassel requested that checks be made payable to "Finnish Relief Fund" and mailed or North Wilkesboro. If more convenient, the contribution may be Campbell Is Transferred To mailed or carried to offices of local newspapers. All funds collected will be forwarded at once to avoid any delay and in order that Some changes have been made relief may reach the suffering at

### To Be On Tuesday At The Courthouse

Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension nutritionist, will be in Wilkes Tuesday to conduct a school on the subject of food budgets.

At two o'clock Miss Thomas will give a course and demonstration on "Home Gardens" to the garden project leaders of all clubs in the office of the home agent. The project leaders will report before the various clubs in their March meetings.

### Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

he requested to go to the "Fin- Chief, which is one of the reasons of the Wilkes county post of the that his government was considland Fighting Fund," of which it was necessary to move him to American Legion will be held in ering the placing of orders here the Legion-Auxiliary club rooms for artillery projectiles. He Friday evening, March 1st, at he could not indicate the amount 7:30 o'clock.

A full attendance of the memsections from the North Carolina quested that members be on time State line south to Boone and in order that all business matters bought 44 warplanes less, watch Blowing Rock will be taken by may be completed before the already have left the United equare dance.

# March Court To Convene Monday, 2 Weeks Session

Murder Cases Calendared For Second Week: About 150 Cases Pending

When the March term Wilkes superior court convenes in Wilkesboro Monday, March 4, with Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, on the bench it will betin 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 intoxscated 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. Sixteen cases have charges of violation of the prohibition law. Five are charged with abandonment, 3 with embezzlement, 2 with arson, 4 with non-support, 2 with bastardy, \$ with larceny, 3 drunkenness, and 3 with prostitution and adultery.

There are seven homicide cases pending trial and five are calendared for the second week.

Among the seven is the first degree charge against George A. Sam Cassel, prominent lo- Byrd for the fatal shooting of S. M. Burchette in Burchette's home case of Andrew Gregory, charged with the murder of his mother

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

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 ac-"I feel that the people of cept work with the extension Wilkes county are in sympathy service in Raleigh, has been boro, master of the North Caro- with the Finns. The people have transferred to Jackson county, where he will begin his duties as public appearances in Wilkes duty in aiding people in dire need assistant county agent tomor ow. without a county farm agent or

> However, the office of the county agent remains open 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 pointment 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 posttion 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 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.

Finns May Buy Shells Washington, Feb. 26 .- A Fin-The regular monthly meeting nish legation official said today of money involved. He added that Finland already had placed order bership is desired and it is re- totalling \$1,100,000 for infantry cartridges. Finland, he said, has

States.