

# Welles' Talk With Duce Believed To Have Had Results

**F. D. R.'s emissary confers with Mussolini and Count Ciano**

Rome, Feb. 24.—Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles' mission of inquiry in Europe appeared today to have met considerable initial success in conferences with Premier Mussolini and Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano.

Scepticism with which authoritative Italians originally greeted announcement of the American envoy's visit melted noticeably after his hour and a quarter talk with Ciano this morning and still more after he stayed with Mussolini an hour this afternoon.

Accompanied on both visits by United States Ambassador William Phillips, Welles made the most of his first day in Rome and

prepared to depart tomorrow at midnight for Berlin, the next objective on his swing through major European capitals surveying the war situation for President Roosevelt.

To See Pope

Another newly arrived American envoy, Myron C. Taylor, the President's personal representative to Pope Pius XII, prepared for his first audience with the pontiff tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. (4:30 a. m. E. S. T.).

Welles demonstrated his own satisfaction with his call on Ciano by breaking his vow of silence to observe that the meeting had been "very gratifying and helpful."

Ciano reported on it immediately to his father-in-law and the fascist press with one accord took a sudden interest in Welles' activities after virtually ignoring his visit.

# Interesting Items Summit Vicinity

**SUMMIT, Feb. 24.**—Mr. Lee J. Church and Mr. Marion Church attended meeting at Bridgeport Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church and nephew, Edwin, spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. Church's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Church.

Misses Mary Ann and Cordelia Frazier, of Purlair, spent the week-end with their aunt, Mrs. Veal Blankenship.

Mr. Pressley Church spent a short while in the home of Mr. Heg Blankenship, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mikeal and son, Bobby, Mrs. Martha Mikeal, Mr. and Mrs. Pressley Church and children, Mrs. Fannie Church and son, Johnson, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Church, Sunday.

Miss Helen Church spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coy Church.

Mrs. Martha Mikeal spent Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Church.

Mrs. Leah spent a short while with Mrs. Nina Church, Friday.

Messrs. Charlie Blankenship and Steve Church were visitors in the home of Mr. Spencer Blackburn, Saturday night.

# Last Ashes Civil War Veteran Dies

West Jefferson, Feb. 24.—Funeral service will be held Wednesday at Pleasant Hill Baptist church for Ieom Thompson, 92, last surviving Asho-county Confederate veteran, who died early this morning at his home at Grassy Creek following an attack of influenza.

Mr. Thompson, who was a native of Ashe county, was born March 13, 1847. He had been in good health until just before his death. For many years he was prominent in business and public affairs of the county. He served as a director of the First National bank for several years.

He could boast of a remarkable memory, and until his death could vividly recall the days of the Civil war.

# Invalid Shot By Own Grandson

Dunn, Feb. 24.—George T. Hodges, 74-year-old invalid farmer was fatally wounded when shot accidentally by his grandson at their home near Dunn last night, Charles Hodges, Jr., 14, told officers that he shot his grandfather accidentally when firing at someone who attempted to gain entrance into the home.

The aged man was shot about 10 o'clock and was taken to an Erwin hospital. Later he was removed to a Fayetteville hospital, where he died about 6 o'clock this morning.

Young Hodges, who made his home with his grandfather, said an unidentified person knocked on the door and demanded entrance. When refused admittance, the intruder hurled an object at the side of the house.

The boy said he got his pistol and fired out of the window and

# Wife Of Senator Nye To File Divorce Suit

Washington, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Gerald P. Nye, wife of the North Dakota senator, intends to seek a divorce.

She said today that the petition would be filed this week, but would not discuss details of her plans. Nye was out of the city.

Senator and Mrs. Nye have been living apart since last fall, she at the family residence here, and he at the home of his secretary, Gerald Mowius, former Fargo, N. D., newspaper man.

# Ramsey Is Named Keynote For The Democratic Meet

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—D. Hilden Ramsey, Asheville publisher, will deliver the keynote speech at the state Democratic convention here May 17, Governor Hoey announced today.

The governor said he had been informed of Ramsey's designation by R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, state Democratic chairman. Ramsey also will serve as temporary chairman of the convention, until a permanent chairman is elected.

# MATTRESS-MAKING

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will expand its surplus cotton distribution program, to include the furnishing of cotton to low-income families for use in home mattress-making.

**PECANS**

A large number of Amson County farm families are setting pecan trees this year both for shade and for nuts, reports Clarence Early, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

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# \$60,000,000 Crop Control Fund Is Voted By House

**Steps Are Taken To Keep Soil Conservation Checks Flowing**

Washington.—In response to a radiogram from President Roosevelt, the House voted Monday to make \$60,000,000 of next year's agriculture fund available immediately to keep crop control checks flowing to farmers.

Members of the House appropriations committee reported that the President had approved the transaction in order to replenish the regular \$500,000,000 benefit payment fund which has been depleted by increased farmer compliance with crop control plans.

A few minutes later they wrote the \$60,000,000 into a \$30,000,000 deficiency bill designed to meet emergency needs of various government agencies until July 1.

Bill Sent to Senate

Late in the day, the House passed the measure, which now goes to the Senate.

Committee members announced that an agreement had been reached with senators that an equal amount would be deducted from the 1941 farm appropriation bill pending before the Senate appropriations committee.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, asserting that the Agriculture Department had underestimated the number of farmers who currently would participate in the AAA programs, told the House committee that the transfer would not increase the total of \$1,000,000,000 that would be appropriated for the two years.

He predicted, however, that it would result in a small decrease in individual payments to farmers in 1941.

Wallace Warns Committee

While the House was considering the deficiency bill, Wallace told the Senate appropriations committee, which is studying the 1941 appropriation measure, that failure to include money for "parity" payments or the equivalent might interfere with control programs. Farm state legislators have talked of voting about \$200,000,000 for such payments.

**MUST BE**

Fair City Visitor—"What's that I smell?"

Farmer—"That's fertilizer, Miss."

Fair City Visitor—"For land's sake!"

Farmer—"Yes, ma'am."

# 'Mystery Maid' Of River Dies In Cabin Fire

Cassville, Mo., Feb. 24.—The "mystery maid of Roaring River" burned to death today.

Searchers found the body of the 88-year-old woman, Miss Jeanne Wallace, in the smouldering ruins of the cabin where she had lived alone for 50 years.

Her willingness to discuss the troubles of others brought many persons to her door.

Throughout the Ozark hill country tales of Miss Wallace spread until many believed she was gifted with a "second sight." They said she had guided them to lost livestock and shown other "powers" beyond normal.

But Miss Wallace once told an interviewer:

"You know I am not a fortune teller. I cannot peek into the future and never pretend to. My principal business is mending broken hearts and giving advice to folks who are so overwhelmed with trouble and sorrow that their own minds cannot see a way out. Always I point them to God and prayer. Those are the cures for just about all our troubles."

Miss Wallace, once a trained nurse in New York, came here for her health. She said she was born at sea, the daughter of a sea captain.

# Auto Deaths In State Increase

Raleigh.—North Carolinians started out in January as though they mean this year to top their 1939 traffic accident record, which showed a toll of 943 killed and 7,190 injured in the state.

Figures released by the Highway Safety Division reveal that 62 persons, 51 males and 11 females, met their death on North Carolina streets and highways last month, this figure representing a 7 per cent increase over the 58 fatalities recorded in January, 1939.

An unusual item of the January record is the severity of fatal accidents. Seventeen people were killed in six accidents during the month; four being killed in one accident, three being killed in each of three accidents, and two being killed in each of two accidents.

Six persons were killed in railroad crossing accidents in January, five of these fatalities occurring in Gastonia. Only 19 people were killed in crossing accidents in the state last year.

Forty-seven of the fatalities last month were in rural areas, and 15 were in cities. The 15 killed in cities included seven pedestrians, one bicyclist and seven occupants. Two children on sleds were in this number.

In rural areas, the 47 fatalities included 9 pedestrians and 38 occupants. One of these was a sled fatality.

The distribution of fatalities in cities over 10,000 population was as follows: Gastonia 5, Winston-Salem 3, Charlotte 2, Asheville 2, and Kinston, Raleigh and Rocky Mount, one each.

The January, 1940, fatality record was the fourth highest for January in ten years. Sunday, January 14, was the worst day in the month from a highway safety standpoint; 10 fatalities occurring on that one day, or an average of one fatality every two hours and twenty-four minutes.

# COURT CALENDAR WILKES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT MARCH TERM, 1940

- Hon. William H. Bobbitt, Judge Presiding
- MONDAY, MARCH 4**
- No. 4—State vs. Will Fleenor—Abandonment.
  - No. 8—State vs. Ed Thomas and Ettie Thomas Alexander—Embezzlement.
  - No. 9—State vs. C. H. Smithy—Embezzlement.
  - No. 10—State vs. Dean Bauguess and Major Richardson—Burning Barn.
  - No. 11—State vs. Dean Bauguess and Major Richardson—Arson.
  - No. 12—State vs. Dean Bauguess and Major Richardson—Larceny.
  - No. 13—State vs. W. R. Joyner—Abandonment.
  - No. 14—State vs. W. C. Casstevens—Abandonment.
  - No. 15—State vs. Harrison Anderson, Jr.—V. P. L.
  - No. 16—State vs. George Barlow—Non-support.
  - No. 17—State vs. Odell Synder—Bastardy.
  - No. 18—State vs. John S. Miller and M. E. Brookshire, V. P. L.
  - No. 19—State vs. Thomas Byrd—Bastardy.
  - No. 21—State vs. Willie Anderson—V. P. L.
  - No. 23—State vs. H. C. Holland—V. P. L.
  - No. 24—State vs. Koonce Prevette—Vio. Game Law.
  - No. 27—State vs. Fay Kennedy and Philmore Rhodes—V. P. L.
  - No. 28—State vs. Buford Roberts, alias James C. Catlett—C. C. W.
  - No. 29—State vs. John McNeill—Assault with intent to Rape.
  - No. 30—State vs. Ralph Freeman—Hit and Run.
  - No. 31—State vs. James F. Caudill—O. C. I.
  - No. 32—State vs. Amos V. Osborne—V. P. L.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 5**
- No. 33—State vs. Clyde Burrough and W. F. Foster—V. P. L.
  - No. 35—State vs. Rom Jennings—A. W. D. W.
  - No. 37—State vs. Jim McCarter—L. and R.
  - No. 38—State vs. Mallie Kirby—Non-support.
  - No. 39—State vs. Ira Rycroft—Drunkeness.
  - No. 40—State vs. Ira Rycroft and Fredrick Rycroft—Affray.
  - No. 41—State vs. Vaughn Myers—Drunkeness.
  - No. 42—State vs. Vaughn Myers—O. C. I.
  - No. 43—State vs. Lee Grinton—H. B. L. and R.
  - No. 44—State vs. Eury Nichols—O. C. I.
  - No. 45—State vs. Press M. Campbell—O. C. I.
  - No. 46—State vs. Press M. Campbell—Resisting Officer.
  - No. 47—State vs. Press Campbell—V. P. L.
  - No. 48—State vs. Seward (Seboy) Love—V. P. L.
  - No. 49—State vs. Seward (Seboy) Love—Assaulting Officer.
  - No. 50—State vs. Seward (Seboy) Love—V. P. L.
  - No. 51—State vs. James Lyang—Reckless Driving.
  - No. 52—State vs. James Elbert Pardue—Non-support.
  - No. 53—State vs. Ralph King—O. C. I.
  - No. 54—State vs. Elmer Ellis Fitzpatrick—V. P. L.
  - No. 55—State vs. Culus Roberts
  - No. 58—State vs. J. R. Vannoy—Assault on Female.
  - No. 59—State vs. Jessie G. Yates—Reckless Driving.
  - No. 60—State vs. Mack Huffman—Assault and Drunkeness.
  - No. 61—State vs. Warn Anderson—Assault.
  - No. 62—State vs. Coy Luffman—O. C. I.
  - No. 63—State vs. Ward Hester—O. C. I.
  - No. 64—State vs. Fred Glass—Assault with intent to Kill.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**
- No. 65—State vs. E. E. Bauguess—O. C. I.
  - No. 66—State vs. Fred Frazier—Reckless Driving and Hit and Run.
  - No. 67—State vs. Everett Parsons—Appeal.
  - No. 68—State vs. Wm. T. Bumgarner—Appeal.
  - No. 69—State vs. Lawson Parsons—Assault with Intent to Kill.
  - No. 70—State vs. John Porter and Arlie Lovette—Assault with Intent to Kill.
  - No. 71—State vs. Guy Johnson and Clark Chambers—V. P. L.
  - No. 72—State vs. W. D. Elledge—O. C. I.
  - No. 73—State vs. Steward Johnson—V. P. L.
  - No. 74—State vs. Jim Adams—O. C. I.
  - No. 75—State vs. Jim Day—O. C. I.
  - No. 76—State vs. James Sale—O. C. I.
  - No. 77—State vs. Paul Delph and Jim Waters—Vio. Fire Works Act.
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  - No. 79—State vs. Clarence G. Settlemyer—O. C. I.
  - No. 80—State vs. Clarence Settlemyer—Driving without License.
  - No. 81—State vs. Clarence G. Settlemyer and Frank James—V. P. L.
  - No. 82—State vs. W. J. (Jones) Miller—O. C. I.
  - No. 83—State vs. W. H. Parsons—Drunkeness.
  - No. 84—State vs. F. H. Parsons—Non-support.
  - No. 85—State vs. Charlie Adams—Disturbing Religious Congregation.
  - No. 87—State vs. Ed Johnson—Assault.
  - No. 88—State vs. York Crews—O. C. I.
  - No. 89—State vs. Charlie Adams—V. P. L.
  - No. 90—State vs. Hughy Anderson—Hit and Run.
  - No. 91—State vs. Hughy Anderson—Reckless Driving.
  - No. 92—State vs. Carl Church—Vio. Game Law.
  - No. 93—State vs. James A. Church—Vio. Game Law.
  - No. 94—State vs. Thurman Walker—V. P. L.
  - No. 95—State vs. Wm. Rousseau (col.)—H. B. L. and R.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 7**
- No. 96—State vs. R. F. (Rufe) Parker—Drunkeness.
  - No. 97—State vs. Arlee Lovette—Assault.
  - No. 98—State vs. Virginia Hayes—Vagrancy (appeal).
  - No. 99—State vs. Joe McNeill—Abandonment.
  - No. 100—State vs. Fred Frazier—Assault on Female.
  - No. 101—State vs. James McCarter—L. and R.
  - No. 102—State vs. Virgil Whitley—A. W. D. W.
  - No. 103—State vs. Grover Yates and Artie Yates—Disorderly House.
  - No. 105—State vs. John W. Cashion—Embezzlement.
  - No. 106—State vs. Tom Ernest Walsh, alias John Walsh—Non-support.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 8**
- No. 107—State vs. Ronza Wyatt—P. and A.
  - No. 108—State vs. Ronza Wyatt—P. and A.
  - No. 109—State vs. Mary V. Roberson—P. and A.
  - No. 110—State vs. Jesse Courten (col.) and Robert Helms—V. P. L.
  - No. 111—State vs. Robert Ellis Helms—O. C. I.
  - No. 112—State vs. Charles Richard Joines—O. C. I.
  - No. 113—State vs. Melvin Ezell Brookshire—V. P. L.
  - No. 114—State vs. Ralph Williams—Murder.
  - No. 115—State vs. Jafe Green—Assault.
  - No. 116—State vs. Reno Tulbert—Abandonment.
  - No. 117—State vs. C. R. Stanley—Worthless Check.
  - No. 118—State vs. Lee Shew—False Pretense.
  - No. 119—State vs. John Marler Wood—Vio. Motor Vehicle Law.
  - No. 120—State vs. Will Hinson—V. P. L.
  - No. 121—State vs. Hillery Patterson—O. C. I.
  - No. 122—State vs. Charlie Marton—Assault.
  - No. 123—State vs. Lee Williams—V. P. L.

- SECOND WEEK**
- MONDAY, MARCH 11**
- No. 22—State vs. Vestal Pardue and Eli Prevette—Manslaughter.
  - No. 26—State vs. Kelly Pipes—Manslaughter.
  - No. 34—State vs. H. A. Wendland—Manslaughter.
  - No. 36—State vs. Nathan Tharpe—Murder.
  - No. 57—State vs. Les Beshears—A. D. W. D.
  - No. 104—State vs. Andrew Gregory—Murder.
  - No. 86—State vs. George Byrd—Murder.
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