

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

RALEIGH, Dec. 31.—Joseph Daniels, a dyed-in-the-wool newspaper editor though he is ambassador to Mexico, clipped papers today at his old editorial desk as he described relations between the United States and Mexico as "the best they have ever been." The 78-year-old editor-diplomat said he would return to his post within a month.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—American labor stood on the threshold of another new year facing the prospect of employment for millions in an industrial machine geared up for national defense, and hearing union leaders declare their support of the defense program. The absorption of from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 workers by industries producing war materials and the ordinary commodities for domestic consumption has been predicted by government statisticians for 1941.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt, it was reported tonight, proposes to center in William S. Knudsen all the actual powers of the new office of production management for defense which has been called the "supreme command" of the defense program. A tentative draft of an executive order which Mr. Roosevelt was said to be considering would make Knudsen the administrator of the program, and give to the other three members of a four-man council only advisory powers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The possibility of receiving payment in raw materials for some of the war implements that may be loaned or leased to Great Britain was raised today by President Roosevelt, as Congress squared away for a battle royal on the whole lease-lend program. At a press conference, Mr. Roosevelt said that rubber, tin and other commodities might prove acceptable repayment for American fighting machines sent to England and destroyed beyond repair by Nazi bombs. The principal problem just now, he indicated, was drafting legislation which would assure the return of the implements or their equivalent in other goods.

INTERNATIONAL

ATHENS, Jan. 1.—The Greek army pounced on enemy reinforcements and captured 500 prisoners in shodding Italians from heights near the key town of Kilsura, in central Albania, a spokesman declared tonight. The reinforcements, the spokesman said, had been rushed to the Kilsura sector to halt the Greek advance on that mountain junction of the road leading to Valona, Adriatic port now the main objective of the Greek offensive.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Adolf Hitler promised his fighting men and the people of the Reich today that 1941 will bring them total victory and, on a nod from his government, the German press released a torrent of caustic denunciations of President Roosevelt's fireside talk on helping the British. The explosive editorials were timed to coincide with two new year's messages from the Führer—one to the soldiers and the other to all the Nazi party members—and with others from Hitler's chief lieutenants.

Go Home
"Frequent water drinking," said the professor, "prevents becoming stiff in the joints."
"Yes," replied Johnny, "but some of the joints don't serve water."

Sheepish
First Steno: "What did the boss say when you asked him for a raise?"
Second Steno: "He was just like a lamb."
First Steno: "What did he say?"
Second Steno: "Baa."

1940 ROAD TOLL MAY EXCEED '39

More Than 900 Killed on N. C. Highways Through December 15

TOTAL OF 943 FOR 1939

"Only a reversal of past experience during the last two weeks of this month will prevent North Carolina's 1940 traffic death toll from exceeding the 1939 slaughter," Ronald Hocutt, director of the North Carolina highway safety division, declared this week.

Accident records received by the division show that more than 900 persons were killed on North Carolina streets and highways from January 1 through December 15, 1940. The state's 1939 traffic toll numbered 943 persons, which means that an average of two fatalities a day for the remainder of December would run the 1940 toll above that of last year. And past experience in the state has been that December, most dangerous month of the year, averages between three and four traffic fatalities a day.

Hocutt said he hoped all North Carolina motorists and pedestrians would heed Governor Hoyer's recent plea for greater caution and obedience to traffic laws during the remainder of this year.

"It is true," he said, "that there has been an increase in traffic fatalities in the nation as a whole this year, and it is also true that motor vehicle registrations and gasoline consumption have hit new peaks in North Carolina this year, but these factors do not mean that there is any more excuse for a bad accident record this year than there was last year; they only mean that there is more opportunity for accidents—and all who use our streets and highways have an alternative of rejecting that opportunity."

Marriage License Sales Pick Up

The Christmas holidays proved to be a boom for marriages throughout Yadkin county, according to the number of marriage licenses secured at the court house. Below is a list issued by Lon H. West, Register of Deeds.

- Clifton Reid Long, 21, of Longtown and Winston-Salem, to Zelma Steelman, 20, of Winston-Salem.
- John Raye Hoots, 22, to Gladys Eileen Gough, 21, both of Yadkinville.
- Laman C. Richardson, 33, to Carmen Frye, 33, both of Boonville.
- Graham W. Jester, 22, to Mary Elizabeth Black, 17, both of Lewisville.
- Charlie Lineberry, 25, of East Bend, to Martha Lineberry, 23, of Boonville.
- A. Benjamin Woodruff, 36, of Aonville, to Eva Armstrong, 20, of Jonesville.
- Homer Colason, 19, of Siloam, to Irene Hutchens, 20, of Boonville.
- Howard C. Spainhour, 70, to Margaret B. Brown, 43, both of Boonville.
- Charles Thomas Tullock, 18, to Elsie Mae Walls, 16, both of Elkin.
- Jesse Byrd, 24, to Ola Mae Holder, 21, both of North Wilkesboro.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Wagoner

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Shady Grove Baptist church for Mrs. Plutina Wagoner, 76, who died Sunday at the home of a son, Frank Wagoner, in Wilkes county, after a four-day illness. Rev. D. G. Reece conducted the services and burial followed in the church cemetery. She was a widow of the late Hiram Wagoner, well known citizen of near Boonville, who died several years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Frank Wagoner, of Benham, and Walter Wagoner, of Boonville; five daughters, Mrs. Will Wagoner, of New Hampton, Iowa; Mrs. Esther Ogden, of Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Grace Allen, of Sebret, Colo.; Mrs. Will Lineberry, of Jonesville, and Mrs. Jerry Nance, of Elkin; two sisters, Mrs. D. Groce, of Jonesville, and Mrs. Marvin Van Buren, of Benton, Kan., and one half sister, Mrs. Fannie Chappell, of Jonesville.

If being poor is a blessing why try to change the status?

Charged in Death



Gorrel R. Sheek

Gorrel R. Sheek, Former Yadkin Boy In Trouble

Gorrel R. Sheek, a native of Center, near here, will go on trial in Forsyth superior court at Winston-Salem next week on a charge of killing Frank James Moses, who he is accused of stabbing to death after the two had an argument over the affections of Sheek's girl friend, Myrtle Smith, of High Point. The killing occurred during the holidays in North Winston. Moses was a soldier on his way home at Morganton for Christmas.

Sheek is a son of the late Bob Sheek of Center and married Miss Eva Caudle, a daughter of the late Clingman Caudle of this county and Mrs. Lillie Caudle of Winston-Salem, both of good families. They have seven children. Sheek has been holding a good position with Hanes Hosiery Mill for several years.

The Smith girl testified that they had been drinking right much during the afternoon preceding the death of Moses. In the meantime another girl had joined the party, and after leaving a beer tavern the second girl got in the seat with Sheek and she joined the soldier in the back seat. This seems to have started the argument.

15 YEARS AGO

(News from The Ripple's Files of January, 1926)
Uncle Jesse Wooten, father of Grant Wooten, celebrated his 96th birthday last Saturday. He is still hearty and very active.
Miss Blanche Mackie left Friday for Jacksonville, Fla., where she will spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Basil Mackie. She will then go to Hollywood, Miami and other points in Florida for several days with her uncle, Mr. John H. Myers, before going to Macon, Ga., with Mr. and Mrs. Myers.

A quiet home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Texas Williams, six miles east of Yadkinville Sunday afternoon when Mrs. Williams became the bride of Dr. S. L. Russell. Dr. Russell has served two terms as county health officer.

Mrs. John A. Mason, 52, quietly passed away at her home here Saturday at 9 o'clock after an illness of one week with pneumonia. Mrs. Mason is survived by her husband, prominent Yadkinville mill man, and six children.

Postmaster W. E. Rutledge, who has served here for the past four years, was re-appointed by President Coolidge last week and has been confirmed by the Senate.
Mr. A. E. Hall is a recent addition to the legal profession in Yadkinville. We predict that Mr. Hall, who is widely known here, will have but little trouble in lining up a successful practice in Yadkin county.

Church to Sponsor Religious Picture

Dr. E. E. Gillespie, superintendent of the Synod Home Missions, will present a religious moving picture, "From the Mountain to the Sea," at the Yadkinville Presbyterian church, Monday evening, January 6, at 7:30.

Announcement of the picture is made by the Rev. O. V. Caudill, pastor, who states that along with depicting the work of the church, much of North Carolina's beautiful scenery is shown. The public is urged to see the picture.

Year's Traffic Toll in Nation Is Near 34,500

Chicago—The National Safety Council estimated yesterday that American traffic deaths would mount to at least 34,500 this year.

This figure was almost 2,000 higher than the total for 1939, when 32,600 persons were killed.

"With average increases of from 5 to 8 per cent, for every geographical region, the traffic death picture for the first 11 months (of 1940) was black in every part of the country," the council reported.

"The nation piled up a total of 30,980 traffic deaths in the first 11 months of this year—7 per cent. more than the 29,060 total for the same period last year.

"When the figures for December, usually the peak death month, are added in, it appears certain that the 1940 toll will be higher than any in the nation's history except the four years from 1934 to 1937."

The council fixed the death total for November at 3,570—3 per cent. more than the 3,310 killed in November, 1939.

Rural accidents can be blamed for the larger 1940 total, the council said. It reported the average increase in traffic deaths was 3 per cent. in cities, against 9 per cent. in rural areas. In November the cities cut their toll 4 per cent., while rural accidents went up 14 per cent.

"Only eight of 43 states have been able to show reductions in traffic deaths this year. Nebraska led with a 12 per cent. drop. Connecticut and South Dakota showed savings of life after a previously unfavorable record. North Carolina and Georgia dropped from the reduction list when the November figures were added," the report stated.

PILOT VIEW

Miss Maxine Williams has returned to Charlotte after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Paul Smith, who is stationed with the Marines in Parris Island, S. C., returned last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Williams had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Worth Rockett and son, Bobby, Misses Edith, Lois, and Grace Jester, and Della and Blanche Williams.

She Was Furious

Phyllis: "Yes, she was furious about the way in which the newspaper reported her marriage."

Mary: "Why, did it allude to her age?"

Phyllis: "Indirectly. It stated that 'Miss Moard and Mr. Hale were married, the latter being a well-known collector of antiques.'"

Champion Army Recruiter



New York, N. Y.—Called the champion recruiter of North America, this winsome young lady, Miss Elaine Basset, from Dallas, Tex., is the original of the Canadian "Join-The-Army" posters, where her face did such a good job that it now has been selected to perform a like service for Uncle Sam.

British Are Now Near Tobruk, Major Italian Base And Stronghold

Beleaguered Italians at Bardia Given No Respite from Shelling; Has Developed into a Test of Endurance for Imperial Attacking Forces and Trapped Italian Defenders

With the British Army in Libya—A British raid 70 miles inside Libya to within a few miles of Tobruk, major Italian base and stronghold of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's Terribili, was disclosed by the British army of the Nile today.

A British armored column spent an entire day observing the defenses thrown up around Tobruk, next British objective after Bardia, and found that an important airfield just south of Tobruk had been abandoned. Italian units encountered during the operations fled, surprised that the British had approached so near Tobruk.

The British meanwhile gave the beleaguered Italians at Bardia no respite from shelling by land and sea. Bardia's guns replied to British naval artillery but were unable to get its range.

The siege of Bardia has developed into a test of the endurance of the imperial attacking forces as well as that of the trapped Italian defenders. The Italian guns caused much less damage than did biting, blinding desert sandstorms.

A United Press correspondent crossed the battlefield in a cur-

tain of sand so thick that it would have been easy to wander into the Italian lines, as already some British troops have done. From the top of the escarpment overlooking Bardia the scene was of a great dust bowl. Despite the storm, the British continued to pour in reinforcements—tanks, guns, lorries, troops and supplies. Their movements added to the huge cloud of sand sweeping the plain below the escarpment.

The task of the British army before Bardia was emphasized with disclosure that 40 forts had defended the new shell-wrecked town. These outposts were linked by a continuous anti-tank ditch 16 feet wide and it in turn was guarded by mile after mile of thick, barbed wire barricade.

Women Certainly Don't Dress For Men

You think women dress to please men. Well, if you are right, then why is it that some women:

Wear flat-heeled shoes, tailored shirts and plain felt hats with mannish suits? (Men invariably hate such severe get-ups.)

Buy completely wild, completely crazy hats? Anything that makes the average male feel conspicuous usually infuriates him. (Being seen with a woman in an attention-getting hat generally makes him feel conspicuous.)

Who Likes Red Claws? Use scarlet nail polish? (Can you name more than one you ever heard say he liked it?)

Keep right on wearing girdles? (Just remember how many times your husband has said that you look better without one.)

Wear perfume only for dress-up occasions and then wear too much of it? (Men like perfume—but a little goes a long way.)

Are careless about tobacco stains on fingertips? (If you hold the cigarette up instead of down your fingers won't get stained.)

Tolerate chipped and cracked nail polish?

Prefer ultra-chic clothes to pretty ones?

Choose heels so high and slender that a graceful walk is quite out of the question?

Wear sports hats that won't stay on in a high wind?

Some Camouflage Their Figures
Cling to boxy jackets and other clothes that hide the natural lines of the figure? (The only figure a man thinks should be hidden behind loose folds of material is the bad figure.)

Wear black continually?
Reshape their mouths—with lipstick a quarter of an inch thick?
Do you still think women dress to please men?

HIGHEST

American egg production in November was the highest ever reported for that month with egg prices slightly ahead of November, 1939, prices, reports the U. S. Agricultural Marketing Service.

RECOMMENDS NARROW BED

More Plants Produced in Narrow Tobacco Bed, Says Dr. Luther Shaw

LOCATION IS IMPORTANT

Four good reasons for constructing a narrow tobacco plant bed are listed in pre-season recommendations to tobacco growers by Dr. Luther Shaw, plant pathologist of N. C. State College. He also suggests the importance of the proper location for the plant bed.

"If the tobacco bed is built narrow," Dr. Shaw said, "more plants are produced per square yard; the danger of trampling on plants while weeding or pulling is avoided; the plants can be watered more easily and uniformly; and fourth, and most important, narrow beds can be equipped and treated for blue mold with satisfactory results than wide ones."

The plant pathologist recommends that the plant bed be 5 feet 8 inches wide to allow the standard six-foot cover to fit snugly when the fumigation method is used to control blue mold. A pathway 18 inches to 2 feet wide should be left between adjacent beds.

"The benzol or paradichlorobenzene fumigation methods are the best for controlling blue mold," Dr. Shaw declared. "Copper-oxide spray is also satisfactory when applied in advance of the first appearance of the disease on the farm. The spray acts best as a preventative, while the fumigants will kill the mold after it has infected the plant bed."

The State College specialist also suggests that the plant bed be located convenient to a source of water, and preferably near the house, because constant attention is required during the development of the young plants. "It is also desirable," he says, "to locate the beds so that they will be protected as much as possible from strong winds."

CENTER

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Whitaker of High Point and Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Reavis and children visited Mrs. Janie Whitaker Sunday.

Miss Florence Haire of Winston-Salem spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Haire.

Miss Mae Sizemore of Jonesville spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allison Sizemore.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Whitaker and daughter, Rilla, spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. I. Y. Jester, of Jonesville.

Mrs. Maggie Allgood of Winston-Salem spent Christmas day with Mrs. I. L. Holcomb.

Mr. Odell Whitaker is out again after undergoing an appendicitis operation at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Weatherman of Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hutchens of Yadkinville spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Weatherman.

Miss Ann Holcomb of Jonesville spent the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Miss Icie Whitaker spent Christmas week in High Point. J. C. Holcomb is confined to his bed with the flu.

BOONVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Muncus and family, of Boonville, spent Christmas with relatives in High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Roby Wagoner, of St. Louis, Mo., spent the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wagoner, of Boonville. Early Friday morning Mrs. Wagoner was called to Asheville due to the illness of her mother, Mrs. Charles Parker. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Brown.

Mrs. Thurman Wagoner and little daughter, Annie Sue, of Jonesville, spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Avery Steelman, near Hamptonville.

Niggering

A little ducky was fishing in the river and hooked a nine-foot sturgeon which pulled him out of the boat. He turned loose the line, climbed back into the skiff, got down on his knees and offered the following prayer: "Good Lord, there's one thing this poor little nigger would love to know and that is, is this here nigger fishing, or is that there fish niggering?"

Happy New Year!



Three hundred and sixty-six days have rolled by into the eternal past since we entered 1940. While over half the world is at war we, in America, have been fortunate and still live in peace.

This is because more people in America believe in God and the Bible. They believe in building churches instead of destroying them; they believe in building larger schools and increasing the belief in Democracy of government. If other nations believed this way the world might be at peace today.

The Ripple feels it a privilege to serve the people of free America, and in this we are grateful to all of you who have made it possible for us to keep going, in fact going better than ever before, and as we enter another year we wish to thank each and everyone for whatever contributions you have made to this paper, and we extend the hope that the New Year of 1941 will bring you the greatest of joy, happiness and success.

We hope to serve you in 1941 as we have in the past and will do our best to please all.

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