

## LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

### STATE

**RALEIGH** — Governor-elect J. Melville Broughton announced Sunday that he would ask the 1941 General Assembly to allow construction of federal low-cost housing projects in rural sections of the state.

**RALEIGH, Jan. 7.**—Odus M. Mull, of Cleveland county, tonight was assured of election as speaker of the house when his opponent for the office, George Uzzell, of Rowan, nominated him immediately after the Democrats had been called to order for their caucus. On Uzzell's motion, the nomination of Mull, 59-year-old lawyer, farmer and textile mill operator of Shelby, was made unanimous.

**CHAPEL HILL, Jan. 7.**—William C. Bullitt, former American ambassador to France, declared tonight "we know that the surest way to defeat the axis powers is for us to go to war in support of Great Britain, Greece and China" but that the American people "at this moment" prefer to take the risk of a totalitarian victory "rather than go to war." To diminish that risk, Bullitt told the International Relations club of the University of North Carolina, the United States must give those nations "what they need—not what we think we can comfortably spare." He listed "merchant ships, war vessels, airplanes, guns, munitions, steel, wheat—all that we give will be used in defense of our own security."

### NATIONAL

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.**—British authorities have agreed to relax the blockade, reliable sources said tonight, to permit the American Red Cross to send some condensed milk to unoccupied France and wheat to Spain. The amount of supplies to be sent was not disclosed, but the Red Cross was reported to have planned to send a shipment of wheat to Spain. The shipments to unoccupied France, it was understood, would include condensed milk and vitamin products intended to relieve suffering among French children.

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.**—To hasten the production of war materials for both the United States and Great Britain, President Roosevelt today formally established the new four-man "office of production management" with broad authority, including the power to take over any industrial plants considered non-cooperative. As working heads of the new agency, he appointed William S. Knudsen, former chairman of general motors, and Sidney Hillman, C. I. O. vice president. Both were members of the old advisory defense commission. Knudsen will be director general and Hillman associate director general and they will act, Mr. Roosevelt said, as a team or partnership in wielding the tremendous powers at their disposal. Secretaries Stimson and Knox of the war and navy departments, respectively, are members ex-officio.

### INTERNATIONAL

**ATHENS, Jan. 7.**—A squadron of Greek destroyers has churned into the Adriatic, penetrated by night into the Albanian gulf of Valona and shelled the Italian-held city with 60 rounds without even so much as sighting Italian war-craft, the Greek marine ministry announced tonight.

**SOFIA, BULGARIA.**—The nation calmly passed the deadline for a predicted German invasion today. When no invaders were seen by midday, the average person dismissed the whole thing as another Balkan rumor that had fizzled. Diplomatic quarters were curious, however, as to who started the rumor and why, and why Germany should invade friendly Bulgaria at this time anyhow, since she could not advance on into Turkey or Greece now because of floods along the south Bulgarian border.

## 17 BILLIONS IS DEMANDED BY ROOSEVELT

Serves Notice Also That He Will Ask For More in the Near Future

IS AN ALL TIME HIGH

Washington, Jan. 8.—President Roosevelt today laid before Congress a \$17,485,528,049 budget "for the total defense of our democracy."

He served notice that he soon will ask still more billions to provide munitions for Britain and other countries battling the axis.

Informed legislators talked in terms of \$3,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000 for helping Britain over a long period. Any such sum would push the budget far past \$20,000,000,000.

But today's budget was all for America—an America in which the President said "democracy as a way of life is at stake."

The figures he presented for the 1942 fiscal year, beginning this July 1, shattered precedents in almost every category.

Projected spending hit within a billion dollars of the 1918-19 all-time high when the nation actually was at war.

## 1940 Is Termed The Screwiest Year on Books

New York — 1940 was the screwiest year on record—

And anybody who wants to contest that will have to produce a daffier diorama of dizzy doings than the following—the 10 screwiest incidents of the year:

1. The grand prize goes to the case of the Savannah, Ga., firemen who got to a blaze five weeks late. A broken fire alarm, repaired after five weeks out of commission, rang out the last signal before it broke—and four companies responded.

2. A Chicago man was bitten by his own false teeth—he fell off a bench and the bogus bicuspids bounced out of his mouth and snapped on his forehead.

3. A Greenville, S. C., landlord filed a complaint that a tenant had threatened to kill him—and a few days later withdrew the complaint because "he says he'll kill me if I don't."

4. The town of Natick, Mass., appropriated \$50 to make a street bumper — so people wouldn't drive so fast.

5. With the temperature at 20 below, a Sioux City, Iowa, man walked six blocks in his sleep—barefoot.

6. A sailor on a U. S. submarine wrote ashore for instructions on how to build a barn.

7. A movie projectionist in Hundred, W. Va., got so tired of a double feature that he just turned it off 15 minutes before the end.

8. A Purcell, Okla., man's electric meter started running backwards, and he ended up with the electric company owing him money.

9. In a drunkenness case in Memphis, the judge ruled that the defendant was sober, and that the plaintiff and one of the lawyers were drunk.

10. And a Hickory, N. C., chair factory got a long letter complaining about a piece being missing from a shipment, and ending: "P. S. We just found the missing piece."

And the screwy news 1940 Hall of Fame:

Absent-minded professor of the year: The Seattle solon who gave a lecture on "Memory" and discovered that he was speaking on the wrong date—to the wrong audience!

Sleeper of the year: The Philadelphia, Pa., man who dozed peacefully as the car he was driving hit (1) a bridge, (2) a tree, (3) a sidewalk, and (4) a house.

Theft of the year: At El Centro, Calif.: Four railroad cars, three miles of track, and a 10-ton locomotive.

Animal of the year: The mathematical mouse of Ahooskie, N. C., who built his nest out of punch-board slips—inside an adding machine.

Happy New Year, and a screwy one!

### HOGS

The downsizing in hog production which began in the spring of 1940 continued through the fall and will continue at least through the spring, reports the U. S. Agricultural Marketing Service.

## Off to Raleigh Tuesday



MILES F. SHORE

HOVEY NORMAN

Miles F. Shore, left above, Senator for the 24th Senatorial district composed of Yadkin, Wilkes and Davie counties, and Hovey Norman, right, Yadkin county representative, left Tuesday for Raleigh to attend the sessions of the General Assembly which open there today.

## Nazis Call Roosevelt "War Prolonger No. 1"

Berlin — German newspapers angrily denounced President Roosevelt's aid-to-Britain congressional message today and the Hamburger Fremdenblatt called him "war prolonger No. 1 and war profiteer No. 1."

First to comment on the message, after receiving like other newspapers instructions on its attitude, the Hamburger Fremdenblatt said:

"The message was a pile of historical falsifications, irrespons-

ble invective and unqualified spitefulness.

"It lifted the mask ruthlessly from war prolonger number one and war profiteer number one—Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Informed German sources disclosed that inspired comment on which newspapers all over the country would base their editorials, would call the President's message "provocative, and marked arrogance which could hardly be exceeded."

## WILL BROWN DIES MONDAY

Apparently Has Heart Attack While Chopping Wood Near His Home

IS FOUND BY NEIGHBOR

William A. Brown, 78, died suddenly Monday afternoon at his home near Boonville, presumably from a heart attack. Mr. Brown had been engaged in chopping wood near his home and his body was found soon after he expired by a neighbor. Since the death of his wife a few years ago he had resided alone. He operated a small farm and had been engaged in the saw mill business for many years. A native of Virginia, he had resided in Yadkin county since boyhood.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Boonville Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. T. S. Draughon of Crutchfield and Rev. R. L. Speer, of Center.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. W. H. Sneed, Rusk; Mrs. J. C. Patton and Mrs. Stella Vanhoy, Jonesville, and Mrs. L. T. Desern, Boonville, and one son, Rufus A. Brown, of Sumpter, Oregon; 18 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. Betty Davis, Galax, Va.; Mrs. Jennie Coffey, Shulls Mills; Mrs. Mary Childress, Brim; Mrs. Addie Tickle, Mott Airy and Mrs. Mattie Jones, Huntington, West Va.; and three brothers, George Brown, Alberta, Va.; Bud Brown, Sylvastus, Va.; and Peter Brown, Mount Airy.

## Crop Loans Are Now Available

W. R. James, field supervisor, was in Yadkinville this week making arrangements for an early launching of loans for 1941.

He stated Mrs. Della Logan had agreed to take applications for Yadkin farmers in Howard Logan's store, which is located on the west side of the square. Interest on the loans, he said, is four per cent.

Mr. James also stated that over twenty-three million dollars had been loaned to the farmers of North Carolina, and that North Carolina leads the United States in percentage of collections of loans. He further stated that Yadkin county was one of the leading counties of the State in the percentage of collection of crop loans.

## YADKIN TO HOLD BIRTHDAY BALL

Dances Here and in East Bend for Funds to Curb Infantile Paralysis

ANGELL AGAIN CH'M'N

Yadkinville will have a President's Birthday Ball again this year, it was announced by Guy Angell, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis campaign to raise funds in Yadkin county.

Although no definite arrangements have been made yet, there will probably be two dances held, one at Yadkinville high school gymnasium, and one at the East Bend gymnasium. Popular orchestras from Winston-Salem will play for the events. Half of the money raised will be turned into the national fund, and the other half will remain in the county.

Mr. Angell has chosen the following committees to serve for the two balls:

Committee on Arrangements: Bill Rutledge, chairman; Ned Hood and Charlie Huff, assistants.

Publicity Committee: Mrs. Kate Mackie Waynick and Mr. W. E. Rutledge.

Decorating Committee: Dorothy Logan, chairman, with Mrs. Thad Anderson and Troy Matthews.

The sale of tickets is in charge of Hugh West, Mary Kelly, Mrs. Ray Graham, of Yadkinville, and Miss Grace Hayes, of Boonville.

Mr. Fred C. Hobson, Supt. of County Schools, is in charge of the local "March of Dimes" campaign, held annually together with the President's Birthday.

## Board of Health Will Meet Monday

The Yadkin county Board of Health will meet in the court house here next Monday morning at 9:30, it was learned Monday, for the purpose of electing a county health officer and attending to other matters.

The board is composed of Ray T. Moore, chairman of the county commissioners, Fred Hobson, superintendent of schools, W. E. Dobbins, mayor of Yadkinville, Dr. J. G. Marler, Dr. L. S. Hall and Dr. Hackett Harding.

It is not known who the new county physician will be but it was stated here that Dr. Spencer Bell of Brooks Cross Roads had made application for the position and was a likely choice.

## Future Farmers of Yadkinville Meet

The Yadkinville chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its regular meeting Friday morning in the agricultural building at Yadkinville high school.

Members discussed means of improving the grounds around the building, making up books of the United States Department of Agriculture, bulletins, and more recognition for boys with good projects. Bernard Whitaker, acting president, had charge of the meetings.

## Yadkin Draft Quota Filled by Volunteers

The full number of Yadkin county draftees, 13, ordered to go from Yadkin county to the army training camps Jan. 20 by the local draft board, has been filled by volunteers, according to members of the board.

Two negroes have also volunteered but cannot be sent with the bunch of soldiers.

## Annual Christmas Party Given By T. L. Hayes at Boonville

Several hundred dollars worth of prizes and awards were made by T. L. Hayes Company, of Boonville, at their annual Christmas party which lasted the greater part of the day on December 25th. Mr. Hayes himself, who is also part owner of Hayes & Brown, new Yadkinville store, supervised the drawing, in which seventy persons received prizes and trade allowances.

Rev. T. S. Draughon had charge of the proceedings, assisted by Rev. E. C. Norman and Rev. Charles H. Hutchens. A list of the winners, together with the prizes, appear below:

First prize, an electric washing machine, went to Ina Stimpson; 2nd, a \$49.00 radio, Harvey Wilson; 3rd, \$39.00 radio, Mrs. Della Patton; 4th, \$29.00 radio, Mrs.

Bill Martin; 5th, 3-piece bed room suite, Mrs. Thelmore Alberty; 6th, 3-piece living room suite, Leak Caudle; 7th, choice of man's suit, Zola Grey Caudle; 8th, man's suit, value \$19.00, Mrs. Leslie Rhinehardt; 9th, choice of lady's coat, Mrs. Raleigh Eads; 10th, ladies' coat, value \$12.50, Hubert Castevens; 11th, lady's dress, value \$3.50, Mrs. Elsie Martin; 12th, lady's dress, value \$1.50, Thad Calloway.

The following persons received congoletum rugs, ranging in size from 9x12 to 6x9: Mrs. Ray Norman, Mrs. Ernest Wall, Calvin Fletcher, Mrs. Willena Amburn, John E. Moxley, Lucy Belle Matthews, and Alton Key.

Fifty trade allowances were

## Tobruk Trap Drawn Tighter As British Continue To Advance

### Legion Candidate



R. L. (Roy) McMillan (above), prominent Raleigh attorney and civic leader, has been endorsed by his own post and other posts in the state for election as commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion. A native of Scotland county, McMillan has been active in Legion circles since 1919. He has served as post commander, department vice commander and chairman of various post, district and department committees. The department will elect its commander at the state convention in New Bern next June.

## Proper Beds for Kudzu Is Urged

Failure to prepare the right kind of plant bed is often responsible for poor stands of kudzu, according to Ned A. Hood, of the local Soil Conservation office.

"To insure a good survival, kudzu should be planted on a well-prepared, firm plant bed," he said. "Under no conditions should the seedlings be planted in beds where the soil is in a loose, spongy condition."

"When preparing plant beds, space rows about 25 feet apart. Open a deep furrow along each row and apply two tons of manure and 200 pounds of superphosphate per acre in the furrows. Cover this furrow by plowing enough furrows to it to form a broad flat bed. Harrow or drag these beds down until they are approximately flat.

"It is best to prepare the beds in the fall or early winter so that the ground may be well settled before time for kudzu to be planted. Where the beds have yet to be prepared, it is important to harrow, roll or otherwise firm the ground to produce the firm seedbed so important to the successful establishment of kudzu.

"Plantings along large gullies or roadbanks should be made in well-prepared highly-fertilized rows parallel to the gullies or roadbanks. Rows should be far enough from the gully to allow cultivation of plants with a plow. In areas where the preparation of a plant bed is impossible, plant in well-prepared hills.

"The success obtained with kudzu is usually measured by the care with which the seedlings are planted. With many there is the mistaken idea that kudzu will take root and grow no matter how poorly it is planted. That is wrong. Kudzu responds to plant bed preparation and fertilization as much or perhaps more than any other farm crop.

## Funeral Is Held For David Wells

Funeral services were held Friday morning at Turner's Creek Baptist church, near Courtney, for David R. Wells, 68, who died at his home near Courtney Wednesday. His death was unexpected. Burial was in the family plot of the church cemetery. Mr. Wells was a native of the Courtney section and had spent his life there.

Surviving are the widow; one son, Alphonso, of Yadkinville, Route 2; two daughters, Mrs. Nevie Myers, of the home place, and Mrs. Annie People, of Mocksville, Route 2; one brother, Billie Wells, of near Courtney, and six grandchildren.

## ITALIAN FORCES CAN NOT LEAVE OR ENTER BASE

Tanks and Armored Cars Sounding Weak Spots

GENERAL IS CAPTURED

Was Commander of 1st Division of Blackshirt Militia, "Mussolini's Pride"

BRITISH MOVE RAPIDLY

London—British forces are now west of Tobruk, next objective in the British empire lightning offensive in Libya, and are cutting off the fortress as they did Bardia, 60 miles to the east, military authorities announced today.

It was now impossible, informants said, for any large body of Italian troops either to leave Tobruk or to enter it, as reinforcements, without a battle—a battle for which, it was indicated, the empire forces are eager.

Military authorities said that one of the Italian generals captured in the Bardia attack was General Antonelli, commander of the 1st division of Italian Fascist Blackshirt militia, "Mussolini's pride." He was one of three Fascist Blackshirt generals, it was asserted, who deserted his men and left regular army officers to make the last stand. With him, it was said, were captured a number of high staff officers of the 23rd Italian Army Corps, which was made up of the first and second Blackshirt divisions.

It was reported that Britain's lightning advance across Libya from Bardia might compel Italy to abandon its great Tobruk base with little more than a gesture of defense and stake everything on a stand farther west.

Tanks, armored cars and reconnaissance planes already were sounding out weak spots in the 25-mile perimeter of desert forts ringing Tobruk. The main Tobruk airport, El Adem, 15 miles south of the city, had fallen and thousands of fresh British Empire troops were moving on the area by truck.

Military experts expressed belief that the Italians might find it advisable to make no real stand at all in the Tobruk area but to leave a suicide defense force like that at Bardia and concentrate its entire strength at some selected point to the west—Derna, Benghazi, or, as some suggested, even at Tripoli in extreme western Libya near the French Tunisia border.

The main British Empire army, including artillery, was moving rapidly to the plateau commanding Tobruk town, it was reported here.

There had been talk of a big Italian stand at Tobruk, possibly with the aid of German airplanes. But today experts expressed belief that Tobruk might

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## Reynolds Named Treasurer of National Committee

Washington, Jan. 4 — Chairman Edward J. Flynn announced today a reorganization of the Democratic national committee's administrative machinery which he said was necessitated by the national Hatch "clean politics" law and similar state laws.

Flynn said that Oliver A. Quayle, Jr., had become general manager of the national committee "under contract and at an increase in salary" and that he would be succeeded as committee treasurer by Richard J. Reynolds, Jr., of Winston-Salem, N. C. Flynn identified Reynolds as a member of "the Reynolds tobacco family and a North Carolina Democrat who was active in the last campaign." He declined to say what salary either would receive, or what Quayle's salary had been.