

War News

Britain Bombed Berlin Bombed

London.—Lighting up their targets with parachute flares, German bombers made two attacks on London last night and early today after falling in a massive assault upon the southeast coast in one of the fiercest air battles of the entire war.

Striking in their fifth assault on this bomb-scarred metropolis of 8,000,000 in 48 hours, German planes swept in from "hell's corner" on the Dover coast at 12:30 a. m. after a small-scale bombing of the London area two hours earlier.

Three Nazi planes swooped down over one district of the capital and unloaded their racks of bombs as anti-aircraft guns blazed into action and searchlight batteries groped for them in the blackness.

In another district, a lone raider came winging over and bombs began exploding. Anti-aircraft shells bloomed in the sky but the drone of the bomber's motor still could be heard as it headed toward the coast.

Berlin.—British bombers attacked Berlin in two waves early today, zooming over Adolf Hitler's new chancellory and other government buildings in the heart of the capital while anti-aircraft guns blazed furiously and heavy bomb explosions echoed through the streets.

The British raiders, in their first real attack on Berlin since the start of the war, swept through a barrage that appeared to have brought every anti-aircraft gun in Berlin into action in ear-splitting fury.

Guns along Unter Den Linden and atop ministries in the Wilhelmstrasse battled the attackers as they swept out of the overcast night with such a din that any noise of falling bombs was lost when the attack and counter-attack reached its pitch.

Former Teacher

Mrs. Pearl Hartley Gets Degree From A. S. T. C. With Highest Honors

Mrs. Pearl Hartley, for eleven years a member of the Wilkesboro high school faculty, (Mrs. Hartley resigned as a member of the school faculty last summer) graduated from A. S. T. C., Boone, last week, with highest honors. Mrs. Hartley finished her work on her A. B. degree and made the highest grade of the 94 teachers completing their summer school courses.

Mrs. Hartley was teacher of the seventh grade in the Wilkesboro high school up until the time of tendering her resignation last summer.

The following news dispatch was sent out from Boone last week:

Appalachian State Teachers college concluded its 15th annual summer school today with the graduation of 94 students in 19 combination fields.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, State high school inspector of Raleigh, delivered the commencement address. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president, had the assistance of J. D. Rankin, Dean, and Herman R. Eggers, registrar, in conferring the degree. Dr. James E. Hillman, also of the Department of Education, was present.

Pearl Story Hartley of Boone led the class in scholastic achievement, graduating with the highest mark in Summa cum laude. Others graduating with highest honors included Estelle Pace of Saluda, M. B. Dun of Kannapolis, and Rachel David Alley of Mount Airy.

L. W. Crowell of Winston-Salem, Jessie Mae Dwight of Southern Pines, Sibly Ayers of Newland, and Ruth Warden Halsey of Pineville were accorded cum laude rating, all registering above a "B" average.

Telegraph Service Is Fully Restored

Telegraph wire service was fully restored here on Thursday evening last week after lines had been repaired along the Yadkin to Winston-Salem.

However, telegraph service had been maintained since the flood and until Thursday by messengers between North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem.

Meeting Veterans Of Foreign Wars

All members Veterans Foreign Wars Post No. 1142, are asked to meet in the regular meetings, in the municipal building in Wilkesboro, Tuesday night, August 27th, 7 o'clock.

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Miss Williams Begins Duties Of Home Agent

Miss Elizabeth Williams' Appointment As Home Agent Is Announced

Miss Elizabeth Williams has assumed her duties as home demonstration agent in Wilkes county, succeeding Miss Harriet McGoogan, who was home agent for the past few years, and who resigned recently to make her home in Raleigh.

The appointment of Miss Williams as home agent was announced from the office of the Wilkes county board of commissioners. She began work on August 16.

Miss Williams is a native of Macon, Ga. She attended Teachers College at Athens, Ga., University of Georgia, studied home economics at the University of Tennessee, received a B. S. degree from Mercer, majoring in home economics, social education and home management.

She taught home economics for three years in South Carolina, taught in Georgia schools, was employed for ten years as a home demonstration agent, worked one year with the extension service in North Carolina and for ten months preceding her coming to Wilkes was employed by the Farm Security Administration. She is well qualified by training and experience to carry on the program of home demonstration work in Wilkes.

The recent flood disaster has multiplied the duties of the home agent and Miss Williams has spent much time during the past few days in different sections of the county.

Miss Williams, former county agent in Wilkes, and they are making their home in Raleigh, where he has a position with the North Carolina extension service.

School Buildings And Equipment Conditioned Here

Everything Placed In Readiness For Opening Of School Sept. 2nd

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, said today that buildings and equipment have been placed in good condition for opening of schools on September 2.

Furniture in the white schools buildings has been renovated and repaired. The old band room has been converted into a library for grades one through five of the elementary department. The storage room in the elementary building has been enlarged and made into quarters for band instruction. The time to be devoted to band instruction will be doubled this year, permitting more children to take the instruction.

A group floor room in the high school building has been equipped with tools and machinery for the newly added industrial arts department. A ground floor room of the high schools building formerly occupied by a section of the third grade has been equipped for music instruction and a full time music teacher has been employed to offer music instruction to all children from grade 1 through 11.

The entire heating system has been overhauled and additional radiation surface has been made available for ground floor rooms.

A new outside door has been constructed on the east side of the elementary school building in order to make athletic dressing rooms more readily accessible. At the present time the buildings are being thoroughly cleaned in preparation for school opening.

A new roof has been placed on the colored school building and the interior has been painted.

Annual Reunion Of Cheek's Sunday

The Annual Cheek's reunion will be held on Sunday, September 8, at the home of J. W. Cheeks, 7 miles north of Roaring River, at Shepherd's Cross Roads. All relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the day together. There will be singing and a sermon at 11 a. m.

Major Reins



Ralph R. Reins, for many years captain in the National Guard, has been promoted to the rank of major in command of three companies, North Wilkesboro, Salisbury and Morganton.

Reins Promoted To Major Rank National Guard

Local Man Gets Commission to High Post; Company A Returns to City

Ralph R. Reins, captain in command of Company A of the National Guard here for the past several years, has been promoted to the rank of major.

The commission appointing Captain Reins as major was made by Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, of the North Carolina National Guard, on August 13.

Major Reins, who has long been recognized in military circles as a commanding officer of unusual ability, will be in command of three companies of the 105th Engineers: company A, of North Wilkesboro; company C, of Salisbury; and company B, of Morganton.

Major Reins succeeds Major Preson C. Phillips, of Durham, who resigned.

First Lieutenant E. P. Robinson succeeds Captain Reins in command of company A here.

Company A returned early Sunday morning from Alexandria, La., where it participated in war maneuvers with other companies of the National Guard and detachments of the regular army. The company's numerical strength in camp was 67 men, nine having been discharged at their own choice because of dependents.

The officers and men are anticipating being called out for a year's training, beginning about September 15, in accordance with authority given President Roosevelt to call out the guard for more extensive training.

In spite of the fact that the flood here August 14 destroyed the grandstand and armory which was used for the main exhibit hall, the Great Northwestern Fair will be held on the fairgrounds here September 10-14 as scheduled, according to announcement by fair officials.

No part of the exposition will be curtailed because of the flood, fair officials said, and every effort will be put forth to make it the most outstanding fair ever held here.

The fairgrounds fence is being rebuilt and the fair will operate without a grandstand. The acts contracted as grandstand shows will be performed on the stage and the single gate admission will enable the spectators to see the grandstand acts without extra cost.

Tents will be erected to house the exhibits and \$2,000 will be given in premiums as originally planned. In fact, all departments of the fair will be carried out according to original contract and previous announcements, fair officials said.

Marks Shows will fill the mid-way with a large aggregation of rides and shows and a gorgeous display of fireworks will climax each night's performance. "Sultide" Hayes will put on a thrilling and reckless automobile wrecking show on Thursday and Saturday afternoons as an added attraction to the regular fair programs.

Home Clubs Will Meet Wednesday

County-Wide Meeting To Be Held At Office Of Home Demonstration Agent

All members of the home demonstration clubs and Curb Market sellers are asked by Miss Elizabeth Williams, Wilkes home demonstration agent, to meet in her office in the Wilkes court-house on Wednesday afternoon, August 28, two o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting, Miss Williams said, is to make plans for much of the work to be done during the fall. Miss Anamerle Arant, district home agent, will be present at the meeting and aid in the discussions. Mrs. F. T. Moore, of Ronda, president of the county council of home demonstration clubs, will preside.

Mrs. A. H. Roberts and Miss Helen Roberts, of Roaring River, spent Monday in North Wilkesboro shopping.

Industrial Employes Resuming Work Here

Named On Group



Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, has been appointed on the Public Relations committee of the North Carolina Education Association. The committee is one of the most important in the organization.

Fewer Jobless As Operations Being Resumed

Flood Damaged Firms Using Men In Salvaging Operations In This City

Many industrial employes temporarily thrown out of work because of the disastrous flood here on August 14 are now employed, it was learned today by a survey of industrial plants here.

The employment service office here reported that only a small number have registered for employment and that industries are doing all in their power to alleviate the unemployment situation.

A considerable portion of the employes of the International shoe company tannery, which lost its main plant by fire in the flood, is being used in salvage operations about the plant. The plant normally employed about 150 men.

Forest Furniture company, which is operating two shifts daily, has given employment to many who had been working at Home Chair company which burned in the flood on August 14.

Meanwhile employes of Oak Furniture company and American Furniture company, which were forced to temporarily suspend operations because of flood damage, have been employed in clean-up and salvage operations in preparation for resumption of operations as soon as possible, probably within the next few days.

P. E. Brown's lumber plant is expected to resume operations this week. Meanwhile, the entire force of about 70 men have been employed in salvage operations while the plant has not been in operation since the flood.

Fair Attractions To Be Presented By Original Plans

Flood Will Not Interfere With Plans For North-

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Army Engineers Here for Survey Of Flood Losses

Engineers Who Made Survey for Flood Control Dam Visit City

Two engineers from the office of Major Reading Wilkinson, regional army flood control engineer, of Charleston, S. C., were in North Wilkesboro today making a preliminary survey of the August 14 flood in the Yadkin Valley.

The engineers here today were A. L. Brunson and George E. Campsen, the latter being the engineer who made a preliminary survey for a flood control dam on the Yadkin two years ago.

They said their purpose here today was to get a general report on flood damage, which would be followed by a more extensive survey soon.

Two years ago the preliminary survey for a flood control dam was made and a logical location for such structure was found near the home of Mack Moore about one mile west of Wilkesboro.

Interest in securing a flood control dam has reached a new high pitch here during the past ten days since the disastrous flood which caused an estimated damage of about two million dollars in North Wilkesboro and total damage in the county of more than five million.

Highway 16 to Jeffersons Open

Bridge Placed Across New River In Record Time After Flood

An eight-ton bridge has been laid across New River on highway 16 between Jefferson and Glendale Springs in Ashe county and that important highway between North Wilkesboro and the Jeffersons was opened Saturday for the first time since the flood August 14.

Highway Division Engineer Z. V. Stewart said that the bridge has a limit of eight tons but is safe and of sufficient strength to accommodate usual traffic.

Highway 16 now becomes the logical route from North Wilkesboro westward, detouring over 16 by way of the Jeffersons to Boone and points west. Until the bridge was opened today on New River traffic from this city to Boone was being detoured by Lenoir and Blowing Rock.

Highway 421 in western Wilkes was tremendously damaged by slides and flood waters of Lewis Fork Creek, being severed 21 places over a distance of eight miles. Highway engineers estimated that it may cost upwards of \$150,000 to place the magnificent highway in good condition as it was before the flood.

Urge Treatment Water Supplies

Sanitarians Making Survey Of Flood Dangers To Health In County

Health authorities in Wilkes are recommending that water supplies flooded in the recent flood in Wilkes be treated with chlorinated lime as a safeguard to health.

H. B. Howie, sanitarian with the county health department, and J. C. Bost, representative of the state board of health, have been making a survey in Wilkes during the past ten days relative to water supplies, pit privies and disinfectant of homes in the flooded areas.

In addition to recommendation that water supplies be chlorinated, they ask that in cases where privies were destroyed that the pits be filled and that human waste be buried until privies can be constructed.

Anyone wishing to receive instruction relative to treatment of water supplies should call at the health office, they said, where a special pamphlet on that subject is available.

Mr. Edd Smith, of Ronda, spent Saturday in the Wilkesboro looking after business matters.

North Wilkesboro Schools Get High Rating For Year

Placed On List Standard Elementary School With Numbered One Rating

Notice was received from the state department of instruction today that North Wilkesboro Elementary School has again been placed on the list of standard elementary school for 1940-41. Number 1 rating was given the school, which for several years has enjoyed an enviable reputation in North Carolina.

Factors which determine this rating are: teacher qualifications, building and equipment, course of study, administration and organization, methods of instruction, length of term and achievement of pupils.

The letter accompanying the accreditation complimented the board of education on the excellent report for the school term 1939-40.

North Wilkesboro schools as a unit have also retained their membership in the Southern Association of Accredited Secondary Schools and Colleges.

Benefit Party At Moravian Falls

A benefit party will be given at the Moravian Falls community house on Tuesday night, 7:30 o'clock. Rook, bingo, Chinese checkers, bridge and other games will be played. Refreshments will be served free to all who attend and admission charge will be 25 cents each. Proceeds will go into the community house building fund and everybody is invited to attend.

Ear Corn Shaped Like Man's Hand

Roland Jones, of Ronda, recently discovered an unusual freak in the form of an ear of corn which grew in the shape of a hand. Even the features of fingers are quite distinct on the ear, which is considered very unusual. The freak ear is on display at The Journal-Patriot office.