

War News

London.—Great Britain lashed back fiercely at Germany by land and sea last night and early today, her navy repeatedly hitting Nazi preparations to invade England and her anti-aircraft forces throwing up a tremendous barrage which dulled the edge of the fifth successive Nazi massed aerial assault on London.

Firing began at dusk in both theatres of action—on the coast and over London. Official secrecy cloaked the navy's success but in London it became apparent as dawn neared that the British change of aerial defense had confined the German air raid to scattered bombings and apparently little damage.

(Berlin announced British night fliers in a 92-minute air raid early today dropped numerous incendiary bombs on Berlin and caused one factory fire.

(Authorities stated the fire which started in a north side factory was extinguished with comparatively little loss.

(Other bombs fell in the famed Tiergarten Park in mid-Berlin.

(The Tiergarten is several blocks from Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's official residence.)

Instead of waiting to spot the attacking bombers with searchlights, the anti-aircraft defenses of London opened at full cry when the first night raiders appeared and kept going at an unprecedented rate.

One Nazi bomber was brought down in London itself and its crew captured. Another bomber was shot down south of London.

The air ministry said at least 90 German planes had been destroyed yesterday at a cost of 17 British craft.

British Beat the Offensive

German dive-bombers and long-range guns combined in a heavy bombardment of the English coast to protect Nazi ships maneuvering in the channel in apparent preparation for the hourly-expected attempt to invade Britain predicted yesterday by Prime Minister Churchill—but the British beat the offensive to the punch.

The admiralty officially announced that light British naval forces had begun "strong and repeated offensive action" against Nazi shipping movements and ports, which were "vital to Germany in the event of an attempt to invade England."

The admiralty barred further (Continued on page eight)

Governor Lifts Death Sentence On Wilkes Negro

Raleigh.—Governor Hoey yesterday commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence imposed on Eugene Vannoy, 27-year-old negro, following his conviction on a charge of raping a negro woman in Wilkes county last August.

The commutation statement, released by Paroles Commissioner Edwin Gill, said recommendations of the clemency had come from Trial Judge Allen H. Gwyn, Trial Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, the 12 jurors, Sheriff C. T. Doughton of Wilkes county and his chief deputy, Oscar Fells.

Judge Gwyn wrote that while the evidence was "legally sufficient upon which to predicate judgment for the capital offense," there were certain phases "not so satisfactory as they might have been."

Gill's statement said a psychiatrist who examined Vannoy concluded he was a "mental defective."

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Major Wilkinson Discusses Flood Control

Great Northwestern Fair Having Successful Exhibition Here As Thousands See The Attractions

Company A To Mobilize Monday

Company A of the National Guard will mobilize here on Monday, September 16, in preparation for a year's training at Camp Jackson.

Federal Money Being Used To Repair No. 421

Three Shovels And Large Fleet Of Trucks Used On Repair Project

Zeb V. Stewart, highway division engineer, said today that an application for federal emergency aid to repair highway 421 between Millers Creek and Deep Gap had been approved by the federal bureau of roads.

Three shovels and a fleet of large trucks are busily engaged in reconstructing parts of the magnificent highway destroyed in the flood the night of August 13. However, engineers estimate that the damage was so great that the road cannot be opened before November 1.

Five bridges on Lewis Fork creek were washed out in the torrent and slides obliterated parts of the highway and caused heavy damage at many points on the east slope of the Blue Ridge near Deep Gap.

During the time the road is being repaired traffic between North Wilkesboro and Boone is being detoured by Lenoir and Blowing Rock or by the Jeffersons.

Many men, some of whom suffered heavy losses in the flood, are being employed on the highway.

Young G. O. P. To Organize Monday

Chairman Triplett Announces Meeting To Be Held At The Courthouse

An organization meeting of Wilkes Young Republican clubs will be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Monday night, September 16, according to an announcement today by A. A. Triplett, county chairman of Young Republicans.

Mr. Triplett stated that officers will be elected and organization of the clubs in preparation for the campaign will be perfected. The meeting will begin at 7:30 and all are invited to attend.

Robert H. McNeill, Republican candidate for governor, will address the meeting.

Exhibits Receive High Praise From Experts And Fair Visitors

The Great Northwestern Fair opened its annual five-day exposition Tuesday with school children's day and large crowds have been in attendance each night.

All departments of the fair, which are being carried out despite destruction of buildings by the flood, have won high praise from visitors and it is expected that larger crowds will attend the remaining days and nights of the exposition, which will close Saturday night.

The exhibit tents are well filled with exhibits which in many respects overshadow collections at former fairs here.

Especially praise has been heaped on the apple exhibit, in which the \$100 first prize went to D. E. Davis and the second to Nathan Davis, of Pores Knob. H. R. Niswonger, state horticulturist who judged the apples, said that the quality is better this year than last and that the apple exhibit, and those in other departments, are a distinct credit to the fair and the entire county.

The livestock tent is well filled with dairy and beef specimens. Morrisons of Doughton's dairy are again showing some of their highly prized herd, including the cow for six years grand champion at the North Carolina State fair. Archie Mathis is showing his jersey heifer, which was junior grand champion of the state last year. Jesse, Robert and Glenn Hutchison, sons of Ruffin Hutchison, of Moores, have an exhibit some exceptionally beautiful baby beef, which is also going to the state fair this year.

M. F. Barker, of Roaring River, won the \$50 prize for best general farm and live-at-home display, which has received numerous favorable comments at the fair.

Moravian Falls home demonstration club won first prize for best community exhibit with a beautiful rock garden exhibit.

Free Attractions

The free acts at this year's Great Northwestern Fair are the best in its history is the verdict of Fair patrons. The acts are among the highest salaried in show business and were expertly selected by Fair Manager W. A. McNeill. The free acts are presented twice daily, afternoon and evening and no admission is charged to see them.

The world famous Piletti Troupe is the outstanding head-line feature attraction, presenting death defying stunts high in mid-air upon a slender steel cable, without the protection of a safety net. One of the trio is a dainty girl gymnast who stands on the shoulders of her male partner, high in the air, defying death and holding the audience speechless with amazement.

The John Robinson Elephants (Continued on page eight)

Britain's 'Rock' Under a Double Threat



An aerial view of Gibraltar, Britain's mighty fortress at the entrance to the Mediterranean, one of the key points of the European chessboard. Great Britain may be forced to defend Gibraltar against both Mussolini and Gen. Francisco Franco, who has been urged to repay Spain's debt to the Rome-Berlin axis by cooperating in any axis operation against the "Rock."

Conferred Today With Officials And Others Here

Comprehensive Survey Of Flood Damage Now Being Made On Yadkin

Major Says Three Years May Elapse Before Dam Can Be Constructed

Major Reading Wilkinson, head of the war department's engineering office in Charleston, S. C., told a meeting of officials, industrialists and others here today that there are three feasible plans for flood control in the Yadkin Valley.

The three plans he said were: dam for flood control only; a high dam which could be used for flood control and for development of power; small dams on tributaries for flood control only.

Major Wilkinson said that he has placed a field party here under George Campson, engineer from his office, to make a comprehensive report of the flood damage on August 14, which will be submitted with a report from J. E. Gates, representative of the department of agriculture who is making a survey of agricultural losses in the valley.

The report of the Charleston office will go to the division engineer at Richmond, Va., and then to the board of engineers of the Rivers and Harbors department at Washington, D. C. His report will be submitted to the Secretary of War and the next step would be authorization by the Rivers and Harbors bill. The bill then prior to actual construction of flood control facilities would be an appropriation by congress.

Construction, Major Wilkinson estimated, would take about one and one-half years, making the entire process of obtaining a flood control dam extend over a period of about three years.

Highway Commissioner J. G. Hackett presided over the meeting. Among those making impromptu talks were J. B. Snipes, county agent; P. E. Brown, lumber manufacturer; A. H. Casey, county attorney; A. B. Johnston, manufacturer; and S. V. Tomlinson, merchant.

A preliminary survey for a flood control dam one mile west of Wilkesboro was made by army department engineers two years ago, but no action was taken by congress.

Major Wilkinson expressed the opinion while here on August 17 that a flood control dam as proposed would have prevented the destructive flood in the Yadkin Valley on August 14.

Major Wilkinson made a personal tour of inspection of the valley from Ferguson 15 miles west of Wilkesboro to Cheraw, S. C. following the flood.

Mrs. W. H. Gibbs, of Detroit, Michigan, is here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Stokes Hunt.

Democrats Will Organize Clubs Tuesday Night

All Invited To Fish Fry A Legion and Auxiliary Building In City

Democrats of Wilkes county will meet here on Tuesday night, September 17, seven o'clock, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse to organize Young Democrats Club for Wilkes county and leaders are asking attendance from every precinct in the county.

All Schools Will Be In Operation Monday, Sept. 16

County Superintendent Announces Opening Of Remaining Schools

All of Wilkes county's schools will be in operation on Monday, September 16. C. B. Eller, county superintendent of public instruction, said today.

Schools which have not opened on account of damage to roads and bridges by the flood August 14 will open Monday, September 16, Mr. Eller said. Those schools are Mount Pleasant, Ferguson, Congo and Maple Springs.

Work is in progress on a bridge across the Yadkin at Ferguson and will be opened for traffic this week-end. Foot bridges are being erected across the river at Roaring River and Ronda to accommodate school children.

Many of the schools opened on September 2 and others on September 9.

Without exception, enrollment at the central schools, including Wilkesboro, Millers Creek, Mountain View, Traphill, Ronda and Roaring River, has been larger than last year, Mr. Eller said.

Reading the ads get you more or less money; try it.

Robt. H. McNeill To Speak Monday Night In Wilkes

Republican Candidate For Governor To Deliver Address At Courthouse

Robert H. McNeill, Republican candidate for governor, will deliver a campaign address on Monday night, 7:30 at the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

Announcement of the speaking was made by A. A. Triplett, county chairman of Republican clubs, who also announced that the organization of Young Republicans will be carried out at the meeting and the public is cordially invited.

This being the native county of the Republican candidate for governor, it is expected that a large crowd will be present to hear his address, Mr. Triplett said.

Mr. McNeill is a nationally prominent attorney and a speaker with an enviable reputation who can intelligently discuss the issues of the campaign, party leaders here pointed out in discussion of the meeting and his address Monday night.

Dokies Will Meet On Friday Evening

North Wilkesboro Dokies club will meet on Friday evening, 6:30 o'clock, at J. B. Carter's "Dogwood Hill" on the Brushwood.

An interesting program has been planned for the evening and all members are asked to be present.

BLACKBERRIES SOURCE OF INCOME FOR MANY PEOPLE

Harvesting, preservation and marketing of a commodity which grows wild and without cultivation have become a profitable industry in Wilkes county.

Blackberries is the crop and the man at the head of the blackberry canning industry is S. V. Tomlinson, wholesaler, banker, manufacturer and farmer. Although the canning enterprise is one of his minor interests, it is one in which he is deeply interested because it adds to the wealth of the people of his county.

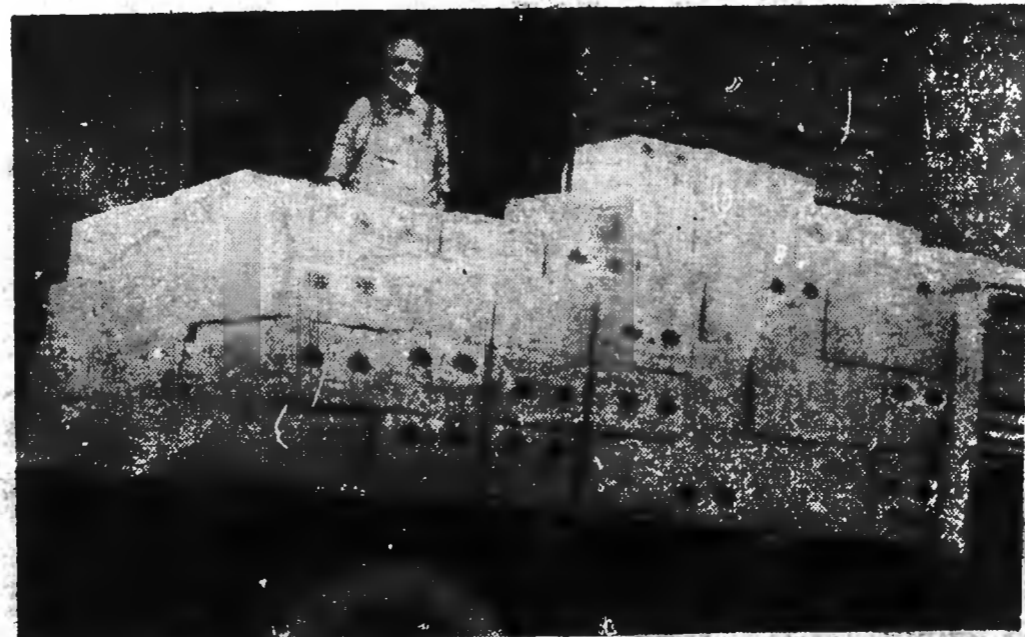
Each year Mr. Tomlinson ships from 10,000 to 20,000 cases of canned blackberries. Farmers in Wilkes and adjacent counties can the berries and sell them for cash to Mr. Tomlinson. He furnishes the cans and equipment on a contract basis and none of the many families who yearly go into the canning business have to put up any capital.

The berries grow wild in fence corners, along branch banks in fact almost any place where the berries will follow them in rows, and are plentiful in quantity.

Those who have eaten wild blackberries rightfully insist that cultivation of the berries destroys that something in the flavor that makes the difference between a delicacy or just another food.

Fertile Soil It is a mistaken idea, says Mr. Tomlinson, that growth of blackberry briars denotes poor land. On the other hand, land which will produce blackberries in abundance is fertile and would produce corn, wheat, or any other crop adapted to the climatic conditions.

It was about 1915 that the canning industry began to take notice of wild blackberries which grow more profusely in Wilkes than at any place in the country. The berries had been used for generations for home use and canners decided that the berries should be canned and allow everybody an opportunity to enjoy their delicious wholesomeness. When canned blackberries first went on the market about 25 years ago the demand was so great that some dealers went into the contract-canning business in



J. H. Leckie, S. V. Tomlinson's canning superintendent, is shown here loading a carload of canned blackberries consigned to a jobber in St. Louis, Mo. More than 10,000 cases of Wilkes county blackberries were shipped by Mr. Tomlinson to 24 states last year and provided a summer income for many rural people. (Staff photo by Dwight Nichols).

North Wilkesboro and numerous homes had large canners every July during the berry season.

But in the period just after the first World War prices went too high with the public do without the rather than pay prices.

All the dealers except quit the blackberry business because they had a flourish Tomlinson count that the business and for years financed business in Wilkes.

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canned by the farmers. There was a big crop of berries two years ago and he sold 20,000 cases to jobbers in 24 different states. Last year and this year the berry crop has not been so abundant