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London.—Low-flying daylight attacks on troops in trenches near the beach along the German-occupied French coast were reported by the air ministry today along with night bombing raids on the harbors of Brest, Le Havre and Lorient and targets in Italy and Germany.

Flares and bomb bursts were said to have been sighted at the three Nazi-occupied ports. German airdromes at Vanhes, Chartres, Evreux and Morlaix also were reported attacked last night. Flares were set and some planes on the ground hit, a communique said.

Shipping and ground defenses were assaulted in the daylight raid yesterday, the fourth in succession by British bombers and fighters, and informed sources said they were designed to hamper preparations for the nightly Nazi assaults on Britain.

The British Press Association commented that "it is significant that, since the first daylight raids upon the airdromes nearest our shores, the enemy's night attacks have been briefer duration."

The entrenched troops were understood to be stationed in defense lines around emplacements of large guns used to bombard the Dover coast and ship convoys in the channel.

Cairo.—Big British field guns which helped crack Italian resistance at Bardia joined the ring of cannon pounding the defenses of the beleaguered Libyan seaport of Tobruk today.

Other British forces reported cutting off the important Fascist outpost at Giarrabub Oasis.

The guns were pulled 70 miles across the sand from captured Bardia to increase the fire power being brought to bear on Tobruk's outer fortifications, including the garrison's vital wells.

Rome.—Gen. Ubaldo Soddu, made commander-in-chief of the Italian forces in Albania only nine weeks ago, has resigned "for reasons of health, and will be succeeded by Gen. Ugo Cavallero, chief of the general staff, it was announced today.

Cavallero, who succeeded Marshal Pietro Badoglio as chief of staff in the shake-up of December 8, will retain that post.

Penalty On 1940 Taxes After 1st

C. T. Doughton, sheriff and tax collector of Wilkes county, has called attention to the fact that a penalty of one per cent will be added to all county taxes for 1940 not paid on or before February 1.

The law provides that the penalty be added and taxpayers are urged to pay during the remainder of this month or on February 1 and save the amount of the penalty.

Presbytery Will Meet On Tuesday

Representatives of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church are planning to attend the meeting of the Winston-Salem Presbytery to be held at Mocksville on Tuesday, January 14, 10 a. m.

Rev. P. J. Garrison, Jr., retiring moderator, will open the session and preach the sermon. At the meeting Dr. J. R. Cunningham will ask that pastoral relations between him and the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem be dissolved in order that he might accept the presidency of Davidson college.

Nine Moose In Bristol Sunday

Class From Lodge Here Takes Second Legion Degree In Tennessee

Nine members of the North Wilkesboro Lodge of Loyal Order of Moose went to Bristol, Tennessee, Sunday to receive the second degree of the order "Legion" of the Moose.

Headed by Membership Director A. Jack Mount, the members who took the degree were C. Jack Swafford, Frank Crow, Charles E. Brown, E. B. Dearman, R. Glenn Cox, T. M. Shoemaker, Maurice Walsh, S. T. Anderson, Carr Dancy and Claude Key. They reported that the meeting was very interesting and was well enjoyed.

The lodge here held a meeting tonight, at which time Charles A. Kirby, regional director, was a special guest. Important plans for future activities were discussed.

THREE KILLED IN THIS AUTOMOBILE



Here is a picture of what was left of an automobile in which three met instant death shortly after midnight Saturday morning when the car collided with a coal truck 14 miles west of this city on highway 421. The dead were James T. Allen and two colored men, Roy Tugman and Nelson Witherspoon, all of Ferguson. (Winston-Salem Journal photo by Paul Harvel, Jr.)

Three Killed Instantly In Collision

One White And 2 Colored Killed On Highway 421

Automobile And Coal Truck Crash 14 Miles West Of North Wilkesboro

Three young men, one white and two colored, met instant death at 12:15 Saturday morning when their car and a coal truck collided on highway 421.

The victims were: James T. Allen, 20, a son of the late Allen of Ferguson; Roy Tugman and a Witherspoon youth, son of "Pete" Witherspoon, all of Ferguson. Tugman and Witherspoon were colored.

Ralph A. Miller, driver of the truck, was shaken up but not badly hurt. The truck, which was loaded with coal on its way from Sworce Creek, Va., to this city, was the property of M. C. Woodie, of North Wilkesboro.

Coroner I. M. Myers investigated the accident and viewed the scene of the wreck, after which he deemed a formal inquest unnecessary and absolved the truck driver of any blame in the accident.

Miller told the coroner that the car came upon his truck around the curve at great rate of speed, hit the truck's left front fender and knocked the left rear wheel from under the truck. The coroner said the position of the truck corroborated Miller's statement that he was on his right side of the highway coming toward North Wilkesboro when hit by the car, which was said to have

been the property of the Witherspoon negro. The truck in the position it stopped when hit occupied only six feet of the highway pavement and the distance from the truck bed as it rested on the pavement to the other side of the pavement was 15 feet. Coroner Myers said. The car was badly demolished.

Funeral services for the wreck victims were held today. The accident occurred less than 50 yards from the spot where Miss Wilhelmina Triplett and Mrs. Hubert Canter were killed in an automobile-bus collision a few years ago.

Local Bank Shows Gain During Year

Stockholders Meeting Bank Of North Wilkesboro To Be Held On Thursday

The Bank of North Wilkesboro, which has experienced continued growth and good business during the past year, will have its annual stockholders meeting at the bank on Thursday, January 16.

Report of the condition of the bank at the close of business on December 31 showed a very healthful financial condition with deposits of \$1,856,051.43 and total resources of \$2,123,449.65. These figures represent a substantial increase over a year ago.

J. R. Hix is president of the bank and the other officers are: W. D. Halfacre, vice president; S. V. Tomlinson, vice president; R. W. Gwyn, cashier; W. W. Starr, J. C. McNeill and W. B. Gwyn, assistant cashiers.

The Bank of North Wilkesboro is the largest single unit bank in this section of the state.

Commissioners To Aid In Bang's Disease Control

Sign Contract With State For Eradication Cattle Disease In Wilkes

Wilkes county board of commissioners in adjourned meeting last week signed a contract with the state for eradication of Bang's disease among cattle in the county. The contract specified that the work will not be at any cost to the county except one helper.

The commissioners also agreed to raise rent for NYA quarters from \$10 to \$15 per month in order that 20 additional workers may be employed.

Mrs. Lawrence Miller, NYA supervisor, said a larger house will be rented for the NYA home-making project and at least 20 additional girls can be employed.

Alleghany Man Burned To Death

Charlie Edwards, middle-aged citizen of Alleghany county, died at eight o'clock this morning in the Wilkes hospital here from burns received last night at his home near Sparta.

Relatives said that Edwards was smoking in bed when his bed caught fire and he was fatally burned before any aid could be rendered. His body was severely burned and no hope was held for his recovery.

The body was taken to Sparta

Six Wilkes Men Enlist In Army; Recruiters Here

Spectacular Army Films Are Shown To Large Crowd At City Hall Friday

U. S. Army recruiting officers here Friday and Saturday enlisted six Wilkes men for three years each in the armed forces.

The recruits, who were taken to Charlotte for examination, were: Arthur H. Rush, Robert H. Pardue and George S. Love, of North Wilkesboro, and Charles Earp, of Boomer, who will be in the 8th division, field artillery at Fort Jackson, S. C.; John Fred Myers, of North Wilkesboro, to 22nd infantry at Fort McClellan, Ala.; and Don Holland, to Fort Moultrie, S. C.

Sergeant Wm. D. Montgomery and Sergeant Ernest A. Rohr, of Charlotte branch of the recruiting service, spent the entire week in northwestern North Carolina counties taking applications of recruits and showing two spectacular army films, "Service With the Colors" and "The Army on Wheels."

The recruiting station was set up at the city hall here Friday and Saturday and many young men of Wilkes and adjoining counties were interviewed. The movies were shown to a large crowd at the city hall on Friday night.

Insurance Agency Building & Loan Offices Are Moved

Offices of the North Wilkesboro Insurance Agency and the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association moved today from the Bank of North Wilkesboro building on Ninth street to quarters formerly occupied by the Wilkes building on the same street. J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer of both firms, said today that important announcement relative to future policy of the insurance business will be made next week.

O. F. Eller Is Taken By Death

Widely Known Wholesale Merchant Succumbs Friday; Funeral Sunday

Funeral service for O. F. Eller, prominent wholesale merchant who dropped dead here Friday night, was held Sunday afternoon, two o'clock, at Arbor Grove Methodist church near Millers Creek.

Prior to the service at the church, a brief service was held at one o'clock at the home of a son, Z. O. Eller in this city, where he had made his home during the past few months.

Mr. Eller had been in failing health for several years but on (Continued on page eight)

First Baptist Selects Pastor

His Excellency



Governor J. M. Broughton, who was inaugurated governor of North Carolina in Raleigh Friday in the presence of the largest crowd ever gathered in the state capital. Several Wilkes people were in the throng who welcomed the governor into the state's highest office.

Conservation Of Soil To Be Talked At Four Meetings

County Agent And Soil Conservationist Edwards To Conduct Meetings

County Agent J. B. Snipes and Soil Conservationist, P. W. Edwards, have arranged four meetings which should prove helpful to farmers.

Slides on crop rotation, terracing, meadow strips, forestry thinning, and other practices will be shown and discussed. E. H. Meacham, Extension Soil Conservationist of State College, will be along to help out in the meetings. All farmers are given a special invitation to attend one or all meetings. The time and place of the meetings are as follows:

Monday, January 20, at 2:00 p. m., W. W. Gambill's store at Dockery; Monday, January 20, at 7:00 p. m., at Benham school; Tuesday, January 21, 2:00 p. m., Morris Hendren store at Gilreath; Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 p. m., Roaring River high school.

Brotherhood Will Meet Tuesday Night

The Methodist Brotherhood will hold its January meeting at the church Tuesday evening, 6:30 o'clock. A splendid program has been arranged and a large attendance is desired.

J. W. Kincheloe Called As Pastor Of Baptists Here

Young Minister Highly Recommended; To Begin Duties In February

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., of Emporia, Va., has been called pastor of the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, the pulpit committee announced today.

Dr. Kincheloe is a son of Rev. John K. Kincheloe, pastor of the First Baptist church at Rocky Mount.

He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where he received Ph. D. and Th. D. degrees. He has 12 years experience in pastoral work and for the past six years has been pastor of two Baptist churches at Emporia, Va.

He is 34 years of age. His wife was formerly Miss Barbara Farmer, a daughter of a Baptist minister in Bluefield, W. Va. They have no children.

The pulpit committee said that Dr. Kincheloe is highly recommended and has a splendid record in the ministry.

He will begin his duties as pastor here on Sunday, February 16.

Dr. Kincheloe will succeed Rev. Eugene Olive, who resigned last summer after seven years here to accept pastorate of the Baptist church at Wake Forest and to do special work for Wake Forest College. Since Rev. Mr. Olive left early in the fall to assume his duties at Wake Forest, the church has been filled by supply ministers.

Oldest Resident In This City Dies

Mrs. Mary Ward Succumbs Sunday At Home Of Her Daughter, Mrs. Lippard

Funeral service was held today at Mount Pleasant church near Tobaccoville for North Wilkesboro's oldest resident, Mrs. Mary R. Ward, who died Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Lippard, in this city.

Mrs. Ward, who reached the age of 97 on October 27, 1940, retained her good health until recently, when she was taken ill. She was the widow of the late Samuel Ward, of Donnah, who died 19 years ago. Since that time she had made her home here.

The survivors are: Mrs. Lippard and S. M. D. Ward, of this city; Rev. R. E. Ward, of Old Fort; John A. Ward, of Washington, D. C.; Luther A. Ward, of Spartanburg, S. C.

DUKE POWER COMPANY'S NEW OFFICE IN THIS CITY



Formal opening of Duke Power company's new office at 367 Ninth street will be held on Thursday, January 16th, three to 9:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to the formal opening for inspection of the new offices, showroom, demonstration room and other departments designed to increase efficiency to customers.

Duke Power Company Expands; Over 74 Miles Lines Added During Last Year

Number Of Rural Customer Increased By 22 Per Cent In Wilkes Last Year

The Duke Power Company whose North Wilkesboro office will observe its formal opening Thursday afternoon and night in new quarters on Ninth Street continued its expansion program in Wilkes during the past year at an accelerated pace.

In 1927 the Duke Power Company purchased the municipal power plant in North Wilkesboro and since that time the system has been continually expanded.

There were only 773 customers when the Duke Power Company then the Southern Public Utilities Company, entered into business here; now there are approximately 3,300 residential customers, not including any type of business establishments. It is interesting to note that a large percentage of these customers are on the rural lines of the North Wilkesboro system.

As early as 1927 the Duke Power Company began construction of lines in communities adjacent to North Wilkesboro and construction is still active to serve (Continued on page five)

Local Manager



Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company, has announced that the formal opening of the new Duke Power offices here will be on Thursday afternoon and night. Everybody is invited.