

War News

London, Jan. 26.—Free from German raiders for six nights, London went into the seventh tonight with the feeling commonly expressed that "Hitler is up to no good," possibly a grand slam attack.

There was virtually no aerial activity over Britain during daylight. A single Nazi plane dropped a bomb on the northeast coast without causing damage or casualties. The crew of the trawler Galvani shot down a Junkers-88 when the plane attacked it in the North sea off the Norfolk coast.

The admiralty communique, relating this latter occurrence, said the Galvani suffered no damage or casualties.

Many Londoners appeared worrying over the meaning of the absence of raids in the past week and most have their own private "explanations" for the lull—"the phoney peace" as some newspapers call it.

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 26.—British soldiers pushing deeper into Italian Eritrea are within 10 miles of the rail center of Agordat while, far to the north, British forces are fighting the Italians at Derna, Libya, it was reported tonight.

Military sources here said the British captured 100 prisoners in the latest thrust toward Agordat, making 700 prisoners reported taken in the 10-day campaign which has seen the Italians fall back over 100 miles in front of the British.

Agordat itself has little strategic importance but, as one of the chief cities of Italy's oldest colony, its fall would have considerable effect on the natives of Eritrea and Ethiopia who are growing bolder every mile the British advance.

The British were said to be moving rapidly. Military sources declared that with the Italians still retreating there were no obstacles to taking Agordat.

The British high command officially reported its forces have captured and pushed beyond Biscia, 20 miles west of Agordat. Its communique briefly said a "further 100 prisoners" were taken in the East African offensive, waged under "intensive support" from the R. A. F.

Athens, Jan. 26.—Greek troops have been ordered to launch a counter-attack against Italian forces which were launched at dawn today by plane-ferried troops of Premier Mussolini's new generalissimo in Albania to "strengthen the morale of his troops." It was reported tonight.

Dispatches from the front said the Greeks were pushing methodically onward into Albania north of Klisura.

Some of the troops used in the assault—one of the strongest yet launched by the Italians since the war began almost three months ago—have just arrived from Italy, ferried across the Adriatic sea by plane.

John K. Blackburn Enters Business In Waynesboro, Va.

John Kermit Blackburn, who has been in the clothing business here with his father, E. M. Blackburn, has purchased an interest in the Crutchfield Furniture company in Waynesboro, Va., and will devote his time to that business there, it was learned here today.

Mr. Blackburn is now in High Point at the furniture show with his new business partner, Douglas C. Crutchfield, and will proceed to Waynesboro, Va., after buying for a few days at the furniture exposition.

Openings For Pupils In Typing Classes

Second semester of commercial classes in North Wilkesboro high school began today. Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, said here.

There is room in the afternoon class for out-of-school people for several more who wish to study typing. Only a nominal monthly fee is charged and the remainder of the cost is paid by state and federal governments. Miss Lilyan Miller is teacher of the commercial classes for students and for out-of-school pupils. The afternoon class begins at three o'clock.

Snow Blankets Part Of Wilkes County

The first snow of the season fell in Wilkes Sunday afternoon. The western and northern parts of the county received about one inch of snow Sunday afternoon, which remained on the ground until today.

The mountain counties west and north of Wilkes received a snow ranging from one to three inches in depth.

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Draft Boards Make Ready To Fill Call For Men of County

Questionnaires Mailed To Another Hundred By Two Boards In The County

Wilkes county's two draft boards, who filled a call for 18 men on January 20, are making ready to fill the next call, which has not yet been received.

Wilkes board number one sent six men to Fort Bragg Monday, one of whom was a replacement for one turned down at Fort Bragg in December. However, two of the six were rejected at Fort Bragg and two replacements will be with the next quota.

One of the two turned down was Owdis Lloyd Johnson, of Oakwoods, who had order number 13 and the distinction of being the first conscript from board number one. The other man rejected was Arnold Bumgarner, of Wilkesboro route one, one of the four volunteers.

Of the 11 who went from Board area number two one was turned down, that being Edward Old Shumate. Twelve were supposed to go from this area but one of the conscripts, James Harvey Holler, of Joynes, failed to show up. He has been mailed a notice by the board to report here on Monday, January 27, and show cause why he did not report as ordered.

Board number one will send its first colored man January 30. He will be Edward Lee Cockerham, volunteer.

Board number one has three volunteers who have not been examined. They are Felix Lunsford, Raymond Earl Green and Bonnie Madison Lane. Last week questionnaires were sent to the following with order numbers 192 to 240:

- Berlie Marlow, James Winfield Nichols, Hubert M. This, James W. Martin, Charles W. Williams, Colvard, Vance Hodge, Malcolm Julius Barber, James Monroe Dowell, Roy L. Johnson Yates, William Turner Church, Carl William Clanton, Samuel Reid Ogilvie, William Aldrien Greene, Woodrow Huffman, Roy B. R. Carl Johnson Vannoy, Albert B. Carlton, Troy Cicero Foster, Owen Stephens, James Walter Sparks, Arlie Otto Bullis, Chester Triplett, Henry Timothy Anderson, John James Craig, Arthur Charles Steele, Clarence Andrew Redmon, Dwight L. Williams, Worth Edgar Houck, Elbert Edward Love, James Turner Edmondson, William Clegg Culler, James Elijah Howell, Croble Dolman Laws, Fred Millus Nichols, James Garvey Huffman, Roy Lee Oakley, Greely William Church, Woodrow Johnson, Clarence Daniel Pendergrass, Heg Hamilton Phillips, Ernest Lee Johnson, Dexter Lowe Nichols, Clarence Eugene Kelley, James Rayford Pierce, Herman Parks Wallace, Colman Tredway, Daniel Webster Henderson, Thomas Foote Davis, Walter Watt Connolly.

Wilkes draft board number two has two new volunteers, Andrew J. C. Bowers, of Moxley, and Vaukha Clinton Burchette, of Abshers.

Questionnaires were mailed Friday to the two new volunteers and to registrants with order numbers 351 to 400 as follows:

- Henry Lee Moore, Eck Geno Shumate, Frank Howard Lankford, William Allen Bynum, Oscar J. Felts, Charlie Blaine Brooks, Everett Perry, Richard Walter Gwyn, Jr., Boyd William Daniels, Tony Clifford White, Thomas Andrew Whittington, Granville Jones Kilby, Lester Gray Long, Ced Sheets, Jessie Lee Adams, Presley Elmore Adams, Hillary Earl Blevins, Homer Pearson Swalm, Claude Allen Brooks, Vernon Talmadge Mahaffey, Edmund McGrady, James Guy Kilby, Glenn George Byrd, Clate Washington Tucker, Romulus Cal Carlton, Bonnie McCoy Minton, James Reil Parsons, Howard Brown, Laurie Lee Powell, Jack Verlin Smoot, Travis Calvin Wyatt, Commie Lee Sales, Press Winkler, Ivery Edward Shumate, Clifton Ward Dillard, Ransome Glenn Johnson, Leander David Cothren, Brack William Bumgarner, Roland Harry Reavis, Thomas Hubert Becknell, Roy Lee Minton, Henry Carmon Carter, Simon Paul Hemric, Joseph Taylor Staley, Howard Taft Pruitt, Jesse Ambrose Dancy, Udy Clay Wood, Galthier Ford Howell, Franklin Bruce Combs, Revo Reece Jordan.

BEES PROVIDE INCOME FOR MOUNTAIN FAMILY



This apiary of 88 colonies of bees made sufficient honey for M. E. Woodruff to realize a cash profit of \$960 in 1940. Sale of honey provides the principal income for M. E. Woodruff and his large family, who live at Parsonville. (Photo by Dwight Nich ls.)

Fruit Growers To Small Apiary Yields \$960 Profit Meet February 7th For Mountain Family Last Year

Will Meet At Research Laboratory And At Moravian Falls On That Date

By J. B. SNIPES (County Agent)

Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, secretary and treasurer of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers, Carl E. Vandeman, apple research specialist, H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist, and the county agents of Alexander and Wilkes counties have planned to have an all day meeting of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers on Friday, February 7th.

At 10:00 o'clock a. m. the orchardists will assemble at Mr. Vandeman's Laboratory, located on the Taylorsville highway on the line between the two counties. At that time they will have a general lecture by an out-of-the-state horticulturist. After this lecture Mr. Vandeman will discuss the work that he is doing at the laboratory in regard to cold storage for apples.

At noon the fruit growers are invited to Moravian Falls, at which time Mrs. C. F. Bretholl will serve hot coffee and sandwiches in the community house.

Immediately after lunch, they will assemble at Mr. Holder's garage, in Moravian Falls. Mr. Blackwell, from the John Bean Manufacturing company, will conduct a demonstration on tearing down and assembling a sprayer. Spray materials will also be discussed by a specialist.

This meeting should prove both interesting and educational to all who attend.

GOOD JOKE

A passenger in an airplane was far up in the sky when the pilot began to laugh hysterically.

Passenger — "What's the joke?"

Pilot — "I'm thinking of what they'll say at the asylum when they find out I have escaped."

She Found It



Honeymooning in front of their one-room brush shanty is Pleas Hickman, 32, of Roan County, Tenn., and his bride, the former Geneva Powell, 17, of Rock Castle, Ky. The girl ran away from home a year ago in search of romance. She says she is "completely happy."

Escaped Long-Term Convict Caught Attempting To Steal W. H. McElwee's Automobile In Wilkesboro On Friday

Leo Pollard Apprehended By Attorney As He Was Trying To Start Auto

Leo Pollard, of Durham, a long term prisoner who escaped from a prison camp at Kenansville two weeks ago and who was captured in Wilkesboro Friday evening as he was attempting to make away with Attorney W. H. McElwee's car, has been given another 18 months, Wilkes officers said today.

The young attorney was crossing the street in front of Smith-e-y hotel in Wilkesboro Friday evening when he noticed that someone was in his car nearby and was trying to start the motor. He hastened to the car and a man crawled out from under the wheel. When asked by Mr. McElwee to explain why he was trying to start the car, he said that he thought it was a taxi and that he intended starting it in order to attract the attention of the driver if he was near.

He went on to say that he was from Washington, D. C., on his way to Fort Bragg to work. He had a suitcase in his hand.

Mr. McElwee told the man to wait a moment and left him in the street momentarily while he stepped inside of Newton's Drug store for Arlie Foster, Wilkesboro policeman who had stepped inside a few minutes before. When they walked out the man who was left in the street had proceeded up the street and was actually getting into a taxicab.

They accompanied him to the jail for a little investigation and there the suitcase he was carrying was opened. It contained ladies' clothing and a picture identified as being that of Miss Addie Casey, of Cycle, who teaches at Ferguson. Her brothers, Attorney A. H. Casey, and Dr. R. P. Casey, of this city, were called, and they recognized the suitcase as belonging to their sister. They proceeded to her home, fearing that she had been robbed, and found her all right. She did not know that her suitcase had been taken and it was believed that it had been stolen from her car when she stopped in Wilkesboro. A tweed coat, which the man was wearing, was identified as being Miss Casey's and had been taken from the suitcase.

Faced with these facts, Pollard, who previously had said that he had purchased the suitcase from a person of unknown identity and did not know what was in it, confessed that he was an escaped convict. He said he was sentenced five years ago in Durham to fifteen years for highway robbery and that he had served about five of the 15.

Officers checked his story and found it to be substantially correct. He was tried here Saturday afternoon for stealing the suitcase and was given an additional 18 months, to take effect on the expiration of the remainder of the long term imposed five years ago for highway robbery.

Pollard, a man of middle age, was turned over to the state highway prison camp here to await transfer by prison authorities.

Teacher: Why is our language called the Mother Tongue?
Pupil: Because father never gets a chance to use it.

Nazi Spy Radio



A girl examines the portable radio transmitter which was used by two German spies who slipped into England as refugees. They sent back military movements to Germany. The spies were executed in Fentonville prison.

Rebuilding Lines On Highway 421

Connecting Power Line Constructed In Order To Provide Better Service

Work of rebuilding Duke Power company lines from North Wilkesboro to a point two miles beyond Millers Creek is now in progress, Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the company, said today.

Before the rebuilding work was begun, a connecting line was built from the Ferguson line to a point near Congo at a cost of about \$2,000 in order to make a circuit and feed the lines along highways 421 and 16 from the other end while rebuilding is in progress, Mr. Gibbs said. This connection will make it possible for hundreds of homes to have service without interruptions.

He explained, however, that the line being rebuilt carries 6900 volts and that men are not allowed to handle the wire, while they are "hot" and it is necessary to have the current off at short distances where the work is in progress. Homes along the line being rebuilt may expect the current to be off from 8 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 5 p. m. from one to three days.

New and heavier poles are being used and the line is being rebuilt to insure a maximum of electric service with a minimum of interruptions in the future. The lines will be rebuilt along highway 421 to Millers Creek and from Millers Creek along highway 16 to Virgil Church's orchard.

Income Tax Man Coming Feb. 20-21

R. L. Clay, deputy collector of internal revenue from the office of C. H. Robertson, of Greensboro, was in North Wilkesboro Friday making arrangements for an appointment here next month to assist taxpayers in filing income tax returns.

Mr. Clay announced that he will be at the city hall here on February 20 and 21 for that purpose. He also explained that changes have been made in the income tax laws. A single person with an income of \$300 during the year must file a return and any couple who receive a total of \$2,000 must file a return.

NEXT

A comely colored girl had just been baptized in the river. As she came to the surface she cried, "Bless de Lawd, Iee saved! Loo' night I was in de ahms of Satan, but tonight Ah's in de ahms of de Lawd!" "Sistuh," came a baritone voice from the shore, "how is you fixed up for tomorrow evening?"

Lenoir Minister Five Schools Close Addresses Kiwanis Because Of Illness

"What Is God Doing In A Troubled World" Is Subject Of Address

Rev. Claude Moser, of Lenoir, delivered a most inspiring address Friday noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

R. W. Gwyn was program chairman for the day and he presented Rev. A. L. Aycock, who introduced the speaker. The subject of Rev. Moser's address was "What Is God Doing In A Troubled World?"

The speaker said that men often wonder why God does not intervene in a troubled world. He cannot intervene because he depends upon man and God stands today in the same relationship with the world as when Christ was crucified, he said.

The speaker explained that God is using sin to bring about His holy end and that such men as Hitler, Mussolini and the rulers of Japan are marked for eventual and certain ruin. His address was delivered very forcefully and was well received by the club.

President J. B. Carter announced that the board of directors will meet at Hotel Wilkes on Thursday evening, January 30, seven o'clock, and asked that committee reports and attendance be one hundred per cent.

Schools Here Are Re-Opened Today

North Wilkesboro schools reopened this morning after being closed since Tuesday because of a flu epidemic.

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, said attendance in the school in grades six through eleven was 93 per cent this morning, representing a big increase over last Tuesday when 208 were absent in the school. Absences were more numerous today in the primary grades than in the high school but bad weather conditions was considered a factor as well as illness.

The opinion was expressed that the flu epidemic has passed its peak and that the school attendance may be near normal within a few days.

Wilkesboro, Boomer, Moravian Falls, Lincoln Heights To Re-Open On 3rd

Three more Wilkes county schools closed Friday afternoon on account of the flu epidemic, which is paying Wilkes a belated visit.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent, said that Wilkesboro, Boomer and Lincoln Heights closed Friday until Monday, February 3. Moravian Falls closed Thursday and will not open until the 3rd. Mulberry closed Thursday but plans to re-open on Wednesday, January 29.

Absences Friday were reported far more numerous than on previous days, which school authorities considered an indication that the flu was spreading rapidly. Many cases of mumps and a few of chickenpox also contributed to the number of school absences.

REAL MAID

Mistress (to new maid): "When you wait on the guests at dinner, please don't spill anything."

Nora: "No, ma'am, I won't say a word."

Desert Fort Now in British Hands



Somewhere in Africa . . . These British soldiers are shown occupying the ruined Italian fort which was captured by the western forces of Great Britain while fighting Mussolini's army in Africa. A fierce shelling reduced the fort to so much rubble. This official photograph was approved by the British censors.