

War News

British Driving West In Africa

Cairo.—The armored spearhead of Britain's army of the Nile carried its steamroller of mobile force across eastern Libya's frontier into Italian Tripolitania yesterday, sweeping a third of the distance from captured Benghazi to the great Fascist base of Tripoli.

Capture of six senior Italian generals, including the now famous Gen. Annibale (electric whistlers) Bergansoli who narrowly escaped capture at Bardia, and "many thousands of prisoners" was announced in yesterday's communique of the British Middle East command.

Advance units of British tanks, it was announced, have seized El Aghella, last town of Cyrenaica (eastern Libya) and 170 miles south of Benghazi on the Gulf of Sirte.

From El Aghella the British across the Tripolitanian frontier armored forces struck 10 miles into western Libya to maintain the pounding pace of Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell's drive toward Tripoli, 400 miles westward.

The capture of the six senior Fascist generals, including Bergansoli who was Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's second in command and commanding officer at Benghazi, brought to 18 the number of Benito Mussolini's generals who have fallen into the hands of the British since the start of Wavell's offensive on December 9.

Genoa Is Blasted By The British

London.—The British fleet, sweeping boldly up through the Ligurian Sea at dawn Sunday, smashed the great Italian port of Genoa with more than 300 tons of shells and perhaps saved Gen. Maxime Weygand's French army in Africa from an imminent German attack, it was stated officially last night.

Led by the huge battle cruiser Renown with its blazing 15-inch guns, Britain's Mediterranean fleet carried out its most daring assault of the war with the aid of swarming bombing planes from the aircraft carrier Ark Royal—and heaped vast destruction upon Italy's fourth largest city and naval base, according to the admiral.

Tons of bombs crashed from the British planes on oil refineries at nearby Leshorn and the vital railroad junction at Pisa while the British warships, hovering 10 or 15 miles offshore, blasted Genoa's picturesque port.

Winston Churchill said that the naval attack, without challenge from Italy's fleet which must have been nearby, was carried out "in shattering manner" against a base "from which perhaps a Nazi expedition might soon have sailed to attack Gen. Weygand in Algeria or Tunisia."

Churchill, in an empire-wide radio address, suggested that a German army moved across Brenner Pass to Genoa might have moved across the Mediterranean and attacked Weygand's formidable army of 450,000 troops in order to seize Bizerte and other key bases from which to aid the battered Italian forces fleeing from Britain's North African conquest.

Leading the dawn attack, the admiral said, were the 37,400-ton Renown with its 44 guns ranging up to 15 inches, the 35,000-ton battleship Malaya, also with 15-inch guns, the cruiser Sheffield and the 27,000-ton aircraft carrier Ark Royal.

Italian Bombers Hits Greek Towns

Athens.—Italian bombers raiding at least six cities and localities in Greece yesterday heavily damaged the historic church of St. Sophia in Salonika and killed 33 women and children in Ioannina, the ministry of home security reported late last night.

The bombers spread over Greece with the coming of better weather which intensified artillery and aerial activities on the Albanian front.

The church of St. Sophia, one of the best examples of Byzantine architecture, was hit squarely by one bomb, which damaged the balcony and destroyed the left aisle and part of the women's section. Another bomb fell in the church yard. Six bombs falling a short distance from the church damaged three nearby hospital buildings with splinters, reports from Ioannina said.

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Local Firms Are Low Bidders On Project Materials

Low Bids Approved In February Meeting Of City Commissioners

Local firms have been awarded contracts to supply materials for the water and sewer extension project to begin here within the next few days.

Bids were received by the city commissioners in their February meeting for the materials and in each instance North Wilkesboro firms had submitted the low bids, which were approved by the city council.

The city clerk, I. H. McNeill, Jr., was authorized to make application to the Local Government commission to sell \$22,000 in city bonds to finance the project, which will be carried out by the WPA. It was pointed out that actual expenditure of that amount may not be necessary and bonds will be issued only in the necessary amount.

The bonds may be issued without an election, in view of the fact that the amount is less than two-thirds of the total bonded indebtedness retired during the past year. The city retired \$35,000 in bonds last year and under the law is allowed to issue up to two thirds of that amount for necessary expenditures for improvements.

Jenkins Hardware company submitted the low bids for pipe in the amount of approximately \$3,000; S. V. Tomlinson's low bid for cement was about \$1,000 and brick about \$1,485; Lineberry Foundry secured the contract for manhole frames and C. C. Caudill was low bidder for necessary supplies of sand and gravel. Work on the project, which will extend water and sewer lines to several parts of the city and will include construction of a sewage disposal plant, will begin as soon as all details necessary as to right of way, etc., are cleared.

Moose Order Of Legion Planning Joint Frolic Here

Will Be Held On Saturday And Sunday, February 15 16; Program Outlined

A joint Frolic of Enoea Tarheel and Wenoca Legions, divisions of Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, will be held in North Wilkesboro on Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16, according to announcements made here today.

A. Jack Mount, membership director, said here today that the gathering will be one of the largest fraternal events ever held here and that members of the order are expected from many cities and towns of North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Registration will be at Hotel Wilkes on Saturday afternoon and a street parade of Legion and Moose will take place at seven p. m. From eight until midnight a dance will be held at the Woman's Clubhouse on Trogon street.

A fellowship breakfast will be the feature for nine o'clock on Sunday morning and members will attend Sunday school at 9:45. The banquet will be at one o'clock Sunday afternoon at Hotel Wilkes, at which a large number will be in attendance.

The Legion meeting, and an open meeting of Women of the Moose, will be held at 2:15.

Commenting on the frolic, the announcement said: "It is quite fitting that this frolic should be held in the town that will be hosts to the next Carolina Moose Association conclave on Labor Day, 1941, and the progressive spirit shown by the North Wilkesboro lodge merits the support of every Legionnaire in the association." W. H. Duhling, of North Wilkesboro, is president of the Carolina Moose association.

VALENTINE DANCE ON FEBRUARY 14TH

A Valentine dance will take place on Friday night, February 14, at the Community House in Wilkesboro under sponsorship of the Wilkesboro Woman's club. The dance will be from eight to twelve and admission will be 25 cents each.

Baptist Pastor



Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., newly elected pastor of the First Baptist church in this city, will arrive this week and will begin his pastorate on Sunday, February 16.

New Pastor First Baptist Church To Arrive This Week

Dr. John W. Kincheloe To Assume Duties At Church Here Next Sunday

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., who was recently called as pastor of the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro, will arrive here this week to assume his duties and will fill the pulpit on Sunday, February 16.

He and Mrs. Kincheloe are expected here some time this week to establish residence in the parsonage.

Dr. Kincheloe comes to North Wilkesboro highly recommended, and with a background of much training and wide experience. He received his B. A. degree from the University of Virginia, and his Th. M. and Ph. D. degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He will come to North Wilkesboro from Emporia, Va., where he has been pastor for six years. Prior to that time he was pastor for five years at Owensboro, Ky. Dr. Kincheloe has a reputation of being an able speaker and has preached in many revival and evangelistic services; and has addressed many civic and religious groups.

He is a son of Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Sr., pastor of the First Baptist church at Rocky Mount, last August he married Miss Barbara Farmer, daughter of Rev. J. W. Farmer, of Bluefield, W. Va. Mrs. Kincheloe is a graduate of Bessie Tift College at Forsyth, Georgia.

Dr. Kincheloe succeeds Rev. Eugene Olive as pastor of the First Baptist church here. He resigned last summer to accept the pastorate of Wake Forest Baptist church and is chaplain of Wake Forest College.

Poultry School For Wilkes And All Adjoining Counties To Be Monday

Regional poultry school for Wilkes and all adjoining counties will be held at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro on Monday, January 17. J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county agent, announced today.

Considering the prominent part the poultry industry has in rural life of these counties, a large attendance at the school is anticipated. Mr. Snipes said, and urged attendance of all poultry producers and others interested in that important branch of agriculture. The program has been planned to be interesting as well as educational.

In connection with the poultry school an egg show will be held with valuable prizes offered for the best dozen white eggs and best dozen brown eggs. Mr. Snipes said 100 baby chicks will be the first prize for a dozen eggs in each class; second prize will be 75 chicks and other prizes will be feed and other poultry supplies. Mr. Snipes emphasized that men and women are invited.

Leading poultry experts of State College and the extension service will discuss important poultry subjects as follows: C. F. Parrish—"Mistakes Made Last Year and How to Avoid Them This Year"; C. J. Maupin—"Im-

Scout Week Being Observed In City

Mrs. Mary V. Tobey To Address Chapter Eastern Star Here

Mrs. Mary V. Tobey, of Lincolnton, district deputy grand matron of the Tenth district of Order of the Eastern Star, will make her official visit to the O. E. S. chapter here on Thursday night, February 13, 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Tobey is a very entertaining speaker and will have an interesting message. A large attendance of members is especially desired.

Fruit Growers In Successful Meet; Officers Elected

Over Seventy-Five Fruit Growers Attend Meeting And Orchard School

On Friday morning, February 7, apple growers in the north-western part of North Carolina met at the Apple Research Laboratory at Killy's Gap on the Wilkesboro-Taylorsville road to attend the annual meeting of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers and an all day fruit school. Arrangements for the day had been made by Carl E. VanDeman, research horticulturist in charge of the Laboratory, H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist from Raleigh, Mrs. C. F. Bretholt, secretary of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers, J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county agent, and G. B. Hobson, Alexander county agent.

The program for the morning included a talk by Mr. Niswonger on new developments in spray materials and orchard management. Mr. VanDeman gave a report of the research work being conducted at the Apple Research Laboratory, which is a part of the North Carolina State Agricultural Experiment Station. The growers inspected the experimental controlled atmosphere cold storage room from the outside. Due to the nature of the experiment being conducted, the room will not be opened until March or early April at which time the public will be invited to inspect the room and the apples stored in it.

Mr. Hobson and Mr. Snipes explained how the soil conservation program can be of help to the fruit growers in improving their orchards. A moving picture in natural color brought out the advantages of growing and marketing only apples of the highest grade and quality.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for re-election: Clarence Fletcher, president; Roscoe Lowe, vice president; Mrs. C. F. Bretholt, secretary; and S. C. Stewart, member of the board of directors. The members voted to elect this (Continued on page five)

Appalachian Will Play Tuesday Night

The Appalachian high school basketball team will play North Wilkesboro high here on Tuesday night. There will be two games, the midgets will play at seven and the varsity game follows.

The Boone high school has one of the strongest high school basketball teams in western North Carolina and it is expected that many fans will attend. North Wilkesboro was beaten decisively by Boone at Boone recently.

Reach Climax With Father And Son Banquet On Friday

Special Service Held Sunday Night; Window Display On Scouting Interesting

Many activities are being carried on by local troops in observance of National Boy Scout Week February 7-13.

The week's observance will be climaxed Friday night by a Father and Son banquet, 7 o'clock, at the Woman's Club house on Trogon street. Attendance of more than 70, including Boy Scouts and their fathers, is expected for the banquet.

Banks Newman, a prominent Scout leader in Winston-Salem, will be the principal speaker. Others will be W. E. Vaughn-Lloyd, Scout Executive, and Tom Holder, also of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Vaughn-Lloyd was here on Friday, when he addressed the Kiwanis and Lions clubs and met with the Scout council.

On Sunday evening a special Scout service was held at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Aycock, and 30 Scouts from the two troops in this city were seated in a body. The pastor delivered an inspiring message.

Methodists Hold District Meeting Here Saturday

Eleven churches and fifty-two churches to the Elkin district of the Methodist Conference were represented here at a meeting held Saturday afternoon at the First Methodist church.

Rev. A. C. Gibbs, of Elkin, district superintendent, presided and Rev. D. B. Mullis, pastor of the Jonesville charge, served as secretary. The meeting will take the place of the second quarterly conferences usually held at each church, and the charges represented were Arrat, Brown Memorial, Dobson, Elkin, Jonesville, Millers Creek, Moravian Falls, North Wilkesboro, St. Paul, Trap Hill, and Wilkesboro.

Reports were received from the pastors of the various charges, and talks were made by Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church; Rev. L. B. Abernethy, superintendent of the Chatham Hospital at Elkin; Rev. M. B. Stokes, returned missionary from Korea; Miss Elizabeth Olive, Salisbury, director of the children's division of the conference board of education; Rev. H. F. Duncan, pastor of the Elkin Methodist church.

Child Is Killed On Highway 421

Hubert Watson, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson of Stony Fork, died at the Wilkes hospital last night from injuries received in a highway accident near the Wilkes-Watauga county line on highway 421 about two o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The child, according to reports rendered here, was hit by an automobile driven by Carl Kehou, of Beaufort, S. C. Further details concerning the accident were not immediately available here. In addition to his father and mother, the child is survived by one brother and five sisters. Funeral service will be held Tuesday morning, ten o'clock, at Stony Fork church and burial will be in Gay Creek church cemetery.

'U.S. Can Lick Japan'



C. B. Burmwood, pilot to Gen. Ching Kai-shek, says the U. S. can lick Japan in 90 days. Burmwood will return to China after visiting his mother in Chicago.

Blood Project Is Sponsored Here By Local Lions Club

Blood Of Score Or More Local People Will Be Classified For Future Use

The North Wilkesboro Lions Club is sponsoring a project which may save lives in periods of emergency.

The club is seeking the registration of a number of young men of the city whose blood would be available when necessary for emergency transfusions at the Wilkes hospital.

The volunteers will have their blood tested and classified and will be subject to immediate call when their specific types of blood are needed in emergency. Phillip Brame and Richard Deans are on the committee handling the project, which was discussed in the club meeting Friday night.

The meeting Friday night was especially interesting. In addition to a large attendance of members of the local club, 13 Lions from the Avery county club and 21 from the Lenoir club were visitors. The North Wilkesboro club received four new members—W. M. Carrington, Charles Day, Jr., C. H. Moore and Don E. Wadley. Frank Allen was in charge of the program. He presented W. E. Vaughn-Lloyd, of Winston-Salem, Scout executive, who made an inspiring discourse on the subject of "Anniversary of Scouting." He emphasized the value of Scout Training for boys and urged the club to give its support to the Scout program in the Wilkesboros.

Livestock Club To Be Organized

County Agent Calls Meeting Of All Livestock Producers Wednesday

Recognizing the need for greater livestock production in Wilkes county, J. B. Snipes, county agent, has called a meeting of livestock producers for the purpose of forming an organization of livestock producers in Wilkes.

The meeting will be held in Mr. Snipes' office in the county courthouse on Wednesday, February 12, two p. m.

F. R. Farnham, extension dairyman, will be in the county on that date and will meet with the livestock producers and address the group concerning problems in production and care of livestock and will also talk of the benefits of organization.

Mr. Snipes in his announcement of the meeting urged attendance of all who are interested in promoting the livestock branch of agriculture in Wilkes.

Mrs. E. M. Matthews Claimed By Death

Mrs. Justina Matthews, 42, wife of E. M. Matthews, of this city died Sunday morning. Funeral service was held this afternoon, two o'clock, at Forbush Friends church in Yadkin county with Rev. Charles H. Hutchens in charge.

Bill Introduced To Pay Jennings \$300 For Injury

Story's Bill Would Pay Officer For Injury In Performance Of His Duty

A bill introduced in the legislature Friday by Wilkes representative T. E. Story would pay to R. C. Jennings, deputy sheriff and jailor, the sum of \$300 for injuries sustained in the performance of his duty as an officer.

Deputy Jennings was seriously injured September 22, 1939, when he was shot by Silas Higgins, a man who was alleged to have attempted to hold up Miss Toby Turner on the Brushy Mountain road early one morning as she was on her way to this city.

When Mr. Jennings accosted Higgins and ordered him to halt he fired on the officer with a shotgun and a greater part of the load took effect in the officer's chest and shoulder. As a result he was badly injured and was a patient in the Wilkes hospital here for several days.

Higgins was known to be an eccentric and at times feeble minded. He was later adjudged insane.

The bill as introduced by Representative Story is house bill number 213 and is expected to be enacted into law without opposition.

According to provisions of the bill, payment of the \$300 to Mr. Jennings by the county is mandatory. The bill was referred to the Counties, Cities and Towns committee in the house.

It was the first bill introduced in the 1941 legislature by the Wilkes representative.

Four Are Hurt In Auto Crash West Of Elkin

Elkin.—An automobile wreck late Wednesday night on the Ronda road just west of Elkin city limits brought a family of four to the hospital here, one critically injured, demolished the new car in which the victims were traveling and damaged the sedan of another party which was sideswiped in the crash.

The injured were: Arvil Johnson, 29, operator of a service station in the Call community of Wilkes county who suffered skull fracture, brain concussion; Mrs. Johnson and their three children, only one of whom was injured sufficiently to be detained in the hospital.

Billy Cecil Johnson, six, suffered brain concussion, many bruises and flesh lacerations and Mrs. Johnson, her 11 daughter and the two-year old child she held in her arms during the trip, escaped with minor injuries.

The new machine was completely crushed into wreckage. It somersaulted over a steep embankment making half a dozen revolutions and clipping a limb from a tree 15 feet above ground before landing on the side in a ditch. Mrs. Johnson and the child in her arms were thrown from the car in the first somersault, spectators said and the six-year-old son was suspended head downward in the crashed door of the car when it stopped.

The machine sideswiped by the Johnson car was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Key, his daughter, Miss Marjorie Key, driver of the car; three grandchildren of the Keys, and another young woman, the party being en route to their home west of Elkin after a visit to another member of the family ill in a Statesville hospital. None of the Keys party suffered material injury.

Cragan Calls On School Authorities

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, was in Raleigh Friday and Saturday conferring with state school authorities relative to a number of school matters.

Among the places visited were the offices of the State School commission, the Department of Public Instruction, National Youth administration and state headquarters of Defense Training Classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Duncan left Friday to spend three weeks at Hot Springs, Arkansas.