

War News

Nazis Reported Within 60 Miles Of Salonika

Sofia. — German mechanized forces, sweeping down 175 miles across Nazi-occupied Bulgaria, early today reached the vicinity of the Greek frontier to enforce a "peace ultimatum" which Adolf Hitler is reported to have served on the Greeks.

Authoritative quarters said the German "Panzer" vanguard was drawing into positions along Greece's mountainous northern border barely 60 miles from strategic Salonika at the top of the Aegean.

The arrival of the German forces there, presumably at the Struma Valley passes, followed reports in Nazi quarters that Hitler has warned the Greeks that unless they submit to peace with Italy within a few days they will "suffer the consequences."

An authoritative observer declared that "if the Greeks refuse to make peace they are finished." However, he pointed out that the presence of German troops in Bulgaria removes the reason the Greeks reportedly heretofore have requested the British not to land troops in Greece—danger of provoking German action.

Asserting that Greece has been given a last chance to make peace, this source said that the highest Greek diplomatic sources declare that Greece does not intend to agree to peace or surrender but will fight all comers.

British Forces Take Strategic Pass At Cheren

Cairo. — British soldiers closing in on Italian forces making a strong stand at Cheren. Italian Eritrea, have captured an "important pass" covering the approach to that vital junction point. British general headquarters announced yesterday.

The Royal Air Force aided the besiegers of Cheren by attacking "enemy positions" in the neighborhood. The R. A. F. said in an accompanying communique.

Cheren is the key to Asmara, capital of Italy's oldest colony and 42 miles from the scene of the fighting.

Peace Is Predicted Between Greece And Italy

Belgrade. — Reliable Yugoslav quarters, predicting an early enforced peace between Greece and Italy, said early today that Yugoslavia probably will follow Bulgaria in joining the tri-power alliance to escape "encirclement" by the axis.

Yugoslavia, last of the Balkans to cling to strict neutrality in the struggle between Britain and the axis in Southeastern Europe, appeared to be drawing rapidly nearer to decision as to the course of her international relations.

(The German radio, heard in London, reported that Yugoslav Premier Dragisha Cvetkovitch had cut short a week-end holiday at his country home near Nish, hurried to Belgrade by airplane and conferred at length with Prince Regent Paul.)

Ask Brown's Ford Bridge Be Replaced

Would Be Movable Type Which Would Be Used Elsewhere If Dam Built

J. Gordon Hackett, highway commissioner, said here today that he has asked that the Yadkin bridge at Brown's Ford site in the Adley community west of Wilkesboro be replaced.

It is one of two bridges destroyed in the August, 1940 flood, which have not been replaced on the Yadkin. The other is the Marley Ford bridge.

Action had not been taken on the Brown's Ford bridge earlier because it is in the region which would be in the water area of a flood control dam.

Commissioner Hackett said that he had asked for a removable type bridge at Brown's Ford site which could be removed in case a flood control dam is constructed and such a bridge could be used elsewhere.

The Curtis bridge across the Yadkin on the country road between the west end of Wilkesboro and Cricket was replaced several days ago. It is about one mile below the proposed flood control dam site.

Can you tell me the quickest to Main street my boy? asked the driver of the ramshackle old car. The boy looked the car over carefully. "Sure," he replied. "Take a street car."

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Triple A Plans Talked Friday In Wilkesboro Meet

Cotton Stamp Plan And Importance Food And Feed Discussed At Meeting

Representatives of the state Organization of the Triple A, the extension service and several other agencies interested in agriculture gathered in Wilkesboro Friday to discuss the double-barreled Triple A program for the year.

The cotton stamp plan and provisions for paying farmers who grow and conserve adequate food supplies were given special attention at the meeting. It was suggested that township meetings be held soon in order to acquaint farmers with the opportunities afforded by various provisions of the Triple A program for the year.

J. A. Avery, of the extension service, conducted the meeting. Other agencies represented included Soil Conservation Service, Farm Security administration state and county Triple A organizations, County Health department, WPA luncheon and food project, the county agricultural agent, apple research specialist, State Employment service, and National Youth administration.

Civil Service Is Seeking Skilled Men For Jobs

Representative Of Civil Service At Postoffice Here Today And Tomorrow

E. D. Coleman, Representative of the Fourth Civil Service District, will be at the Post office building on March 3 to March 4 from the hours of 12:30 to 6:00.

He states that the need for workers in National Defense positions is very urgent. The sign "Men Wanted" which is displayed in every first and second class post office in America refers to Uncle Sam's need for thousands of workers in many trade positions, such as machinists, instrument makers, tool makers, lens grinders, machine adjusters, set-up men, gauge checkers, tool designers and ship fitters. Men are needed for these positions at Fordford Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and at Navy Yards and Arsenals all over the United States. Aircraft electricians, aircraft engine mechanics and other aircraft workers are also needed at Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio, and Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. Such workers are being put to work in these establishments immediately if they meet the requirements for the position.

Complete information as to the positions available and the places to which applications may be made is posted each week in the lobby of the local post office and may be obtained from Frank T. Connor, Secretary of the Local Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners.

Winning Ski Jump



Torger Tolle of the Norway Ski club soars to victory in the F. D. Roosevelt ski tourney at Bear Mountain, N. Y. His poorest leap was 165 feet. His best was 180 feet, which beat by 9 inches the mark he established two years ago.

Begin Building New Bridge Here

Representatives Bowers Construction Company Arrive To Start New Structure

Representatives of Bowers Construction company, of Raleigh, have arrived here and are making preparations to begin construction of the Lower Yadkin Bridge in this city.

The Raleigh firm was awarded contracts for the structure a few weeks ago by the State Highway and Public Works Commission. The firm has been engaged in construction of bridges on the Yadkin at Crutchfield and between Winston-Salem and Mocksville.

The bridge here will be a concrete structure and will be located about 100 yards upstream from the present temporary bridge, which state highway forces laid across the river on piers of the old steel bridge which was destroyed in the August, 1940, flood.

North end of the new bridge will be level with the railroad tracks and will intersect with east Main street where the approach from highway 268 enters the street. A fill will be constructed on the south side of the river between the state highway machine shop and prison camp property near the river.

The bridge is on the "short cut" road which leads from the eastern end of North Wilkesboro to highway 421 about two miles east of Wilkesboro. The highway division machine shop and prison camp are located on the road directly across the river from the eastern part of this city.

Proposal Cold Storage Plant Interests People

Committee Wants Names of Persons Who Could Use Lockers in Plant

The committee appointed by the Wilkesboro Grange to investigate demand for construction and maintenance of a cold storage plant here has found that many people are interested in the proposal.

The committee, composed of C. F. Bretholt, County Agent J. B. Snipes and Carl E. VanDeman, desires to contact all persons who would be interested in renting lockers.

Information on the approximate number of lockers which would be used to determine the size and cost of a plant. The committee is now investigating means of financing construction and is expected to make a report to the Grange in meeting early next month.

In order to acquaint people with the advantages of a cold storage plant, which may be used for storing family foods, commercial foods, eggs, meats and apples, the committee furnishes the following information:

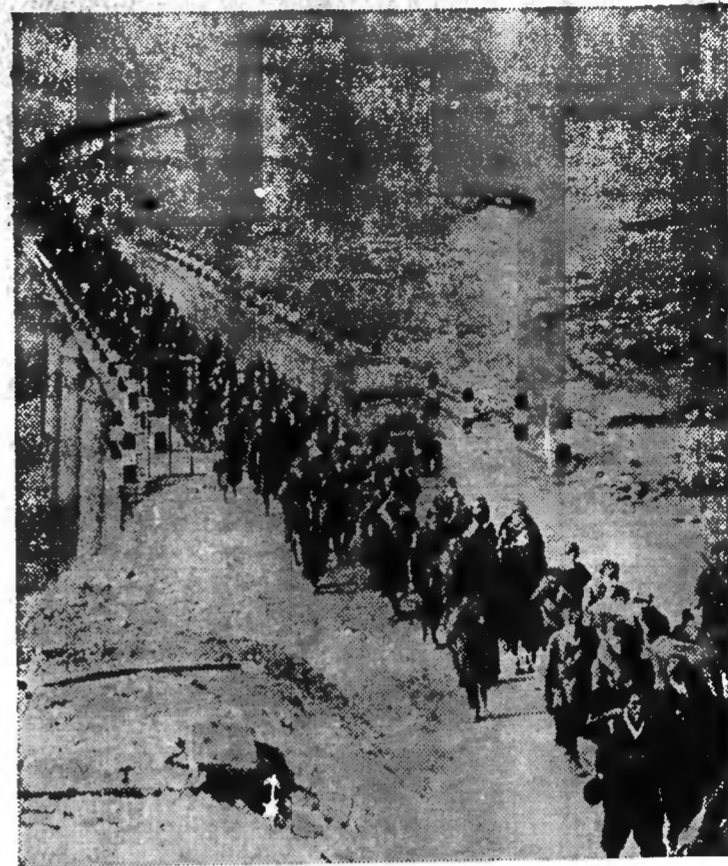
Briefly, locker storage consists of a refrigerating plant with chilling rooms, a quick freezing room, and finally, a number of individuals for the storage of their meats and vegetables for long periods at low safe temperatures.

Economy and Variety

For the family, locker storage makes possible all the variety and economy of diet that quick freezing has already brought to urban dwellers through the medium of quick frozen foods. It means that small fruits, most vegetables, all meats can be a part of the family's regular diet all the year round at moderate cost—corn on the cob at Christmas, strawberries in January, green peas, garden fresh in February, a wide variety of meats at low cost—these are the benefits that locker storage offers you. It means the abolition of slow and laborious meat curing methods, freeing the householder of his dependence on the season for his killing time; he can kill when his stock is at its best without long feeding periods that wait on the season; he can do away with cans, jars, long hours over hot stoves at the summer's hottest season—and still have a wider variety and more garden-fresh foods than any (Continued on page four)

Location In Wilkes Considered For Site Proposed Defense Plant

Never-Ending Stream of Italian Prisoners Flood Control Dam And Defense Plant Considered Jointly



A seemingly never-ending stream of Italian prisoners is here shown pouring over a bridge following the capture of an important base during the British sweep west through Libya, which was climaxed by the capture of Bengazi, an Italian stronghold. In all, the British captured 100,000 Italians, it was claimed.

War Department Maintains Secrecy Relative To Location In Western N. C.

News from the nation's capital that a site in Wilkes is being considered for location of a defense industry has created considerable interest here.

Nothing definite has been learned because of the policy of secrecy on the part of the War Department relative to sites for defense industries until final decision has been reached, but a news dispatch did say that the war department is giving consideration to the proposal advanced here that a flood control dam and defense industry be constructed in one project on the Yadkin about two miles west of Wilkesboro.

There are several reasons for hope that the proposal will receive due consideration. Flood control on rivers is under way the war department, which also has authority to locate defense industries.

War Department engineers have already made extensive surveys of the Yadkin Valley and selected a practical location for a flood control dam at the home of the late Mack Moore near Wilkesboro. The department is familiar with the topography of the surrounding country, transportation facilities and other factors which would enter into selection of sites for defense industries.

Major Wilkinson, of the Charleston, S. C., office of the War Department, said that a few months ago that if a high dam were constructed it could be used for flood control and for water power development. It is now pointed out that sufficient power could be generated to operate some type of defense industry.

News releases from Washington also indicated that two other proposed sites in western North Carolina—one in the vicinity of Old Fort and one farther west—are being considered.

The site board for munitions plants makes selection of locations. Factors determining the location include the following: Facilities for early production; space, sites must be reasonably safe for long-range bombing operations; disposal of refuse and by-products; geographical distribution of plants; labor supplies; and avoidance of congested areas.

N.C.S.E.S. Office Has New Service

People May Call Employment Service For House Cleaners and Workers

North Wilkesboro branch of the State Employment Service has inaugurated a new service to the public and to persons seeking work.

Persons available for house cleaning work and for yard work and miscellaneous duties about homes are being registered at the employment service and are subject to call by any person desiring that type of work done.

The employment service has asked that anyone desiring persons to help with house cleaning or yard work call the office between 8:30 and 9:30 a. m. daily. This service, although with all other services by the office, is without charge to the public or the registered workers.

The employment service office has nothing to do with wages to be paid, that being left entirely up to the employer and employe.

W. Scott Beshears Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Sunday, two p. m. at Big Ivey Baptist Church for W. Scott Beshears, age 86, who died Friday at his home in the Walsh community. Rev. Edd O. Miller conducted the service.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters: M. F. Beshears, Chicago; G. C. and J. L. Beshears, Portland, Oregon; Odell Beshears, Walsh; H. C. Beshears and Mrs. Ella Redding, Yadkinville; Mrs. Laura Church, Concord.

211 Workers Are Referred To Jobs

Local branch of the North Carolina State Employment Service sent 211 workers to jobs in territories served by other branches during February, figures released today by B. G. Gentry showed.

There were only 13 local placements during the month but the larger number were sent to other branches, particularly Fort Bragg and Holly Ridge defense construction posts.

During the month there were 416 new registrations and 285 renewals of previous registrations for work. The month ended with an active file of 1,343 registrants.

March Court Is Convened Today

Wm. H. Duhling Foreman Of Grand Jury, Many Cases Awaiting Trial

March term of Wilkes superior court for trial of criminal cases convened in Wilkesboro this morning and will continue for two weeks.

Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, delivered an instructive charge to the grand jury, outlining the various duties of that branch of the court. Wm. H. Duhling, a North Wilkesboro business man, was appointed grand jury foreman.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, is prosecutor. Late magistrates' reports, appeals and cases originating during the past few weeks have swelled the trial court docket to over 175 cases. Trials of major interest will take place during the second week of the term.

ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR HOME GUARD HERE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

An officer of the Home Guard company to be organized here will be at the city hall Friday, four until nine p. m., to accept applications. It is hoped that many good men will make application at that time. Several have already been received.

Wilkes Retains Sunny Reputation Despite Snow On All Sides County

King winter gave the country a blanket of white ranging in depth from one to ten inches Friday, but Wilkes lived up to its sunny reputation without snow.

Clouds gathered quickly Thursday afternoon and snow fell beautifully here for more than an hour but the temperature was so high that it melted as it fell. Since that time the sun shone brilliantly although northwest winds from snow clad mountains brought chilling temperatures. On Friday and Saturday there

was snow on every side of Wilkes but the greater part of the county had no snow and remained in the sunshine. Wilkes was the only place within 200 miles which did not have some snow.

Snow clad mountains were visible from here in several directions. The Blue Ridge on the north and west was covered and the Brushies on the south were very pretty in white. Local people had the privilege of seeing snow without having to wade in it.

MITCHELL COLLEGE A CAPELLA CHOIR TO SING HERE SUNDAY, MARCH 9th



The Mitchell College A Cappella Choir, which is in its ninth year of service, will sing Sunday, March 9, 8 p. m., in a union service at the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro. The choir has enjoyed much recognition

for the work done in this field of religious music. The group numbered sixty eight voices at the beginning of the year but it has been carefully trimmed down to its present membership of fifty. Its appearance here will be

under sponsorship of churches of North Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro schools. A freewill offering will be taken to defray expenses. The program to be rendered here follows: We Adore Thee, Palestrina;

Bread of Life (1940) Isaac-Christiansen; A Morning Prayer (Finlandia), Sibelius; When Gained Darkness, Christiansen; Solo Selected; Cherish in Song, Tchaikovsky; Lullaby on Christmas Eve, Christiansen;

Daydream of Eternity; Christiansen; Lost in the Night; Christiansen; Solo Selected; A Prayer, Barnes; Deep Within, Christiansen; So Soberly, and Soberly, Charles; Hallelujah Amen, Handel; Benediction.