

# War News

## Bombs Claim Heavy Tolls In Aerial Blitz

London.—A great German air armada dropped thousands of bombs over a broad area of London in a six-hour overnight raid, dealing death to uncounted numbers in the city's most thickly populated districts and reminding Londoners of last September's terrific raids. It was the heaviest raid of this year.

Rescue squads augmented by soldiers dug for hours to save people trapped in new ruins as London once more took its turn in the Luftwaffe's city-at-night raid tactics.

A hotel was partly wrecked and many homes in several areas were destroyed. Soldiers and rescue workers dug for victims trapped alive.

Anti-aircraft fire destroyed at least one raider, which fell in flames, adding to the glow of countless Nazi flares and the flames of bomb blasts and gunfire.

Observers said the attack, which began as soon as the stars came out and continued with increasing fury on past midnight, was a renewal of the concentrated and destructive assaults of last autumn.

The bombs broke a gas main in one district but the soldiers went on with their rescue work.

In some areas the planes returned time after time.

## Britons Fly U. S. Planes To Front

Belgrade, Yugoslavia.—Lines for the threatening battle of the Balkans drew taut last night with word that Britain is flying American-made warplanes to Greece and that both Greece and Turkey are massing more troops along Bulgarian frontier zones.

A well-informed Greek source said that, of a total army strength of 800,000, the Greeks would leave 300,000 men to fight the Italians in Albania and would throw 500,000 onto the northern front, where the British have brought up supplies to equip every reservist.

(Neutral observers were inclined to consider these figures for the Greek army somewhat too large, since the entire population of Greece is less than 7,000,000.)

At the same time, the Germans were said to be building up a striking force of 600,000 to 700,000 in Bulgaria and Rumania, and various Balkan sources have reported that 100,000 of a planned British force of 300,000 already are in Greece.

From Bucharest, capital of Nazi-dominated Rumania, came reports that many towns in Moldavia have been ordered to receive German troops soon. This squared with opinion of neutral military observers that Germany plans to build up an army of 25 divisions in Rumania.

## United States May Repair British Ships

Washington.—Secretary Knox reported yesterday that the navy was considering helping Great Britain fight the battle of the Atlantic by repairing in American navy yards some of the ships damaged by Nazi U-boats and bombers.

The first naval aid to Britain, however, probably will be the transfer of a number of "mosquito" craft, such as motor torpedo boats, submarine chasers and converted yachts, Knox said.

"Pretty fast production" is in immediate prospect, he added, for torpedo boats and other small vessels designed to combat undersea and surface marauders at close quarters.

## Appropriation Of 7 Billions Voted, 336-55

Washington.—By a vote of 336 to 55, the House approved the \$7,000,000,000 appropriation for help to England last night and sent it on to the Senate where the leadership has hopefully arranged for its passage by next Tuesday.

While the House was knocking down opposition amendments, leading Senate Democrats had drawn up plans for shoving the measure through the Senate committee stage this week, and bringing it to the floor on Monday.

So far as could be seen, opposition of the type which would delay action on the bill by extensive Senate speeches, had all but vanished, but, as always in the Senate, there was still a possibility of such speech-making. And Senator Nye (R), N. D., and Senator Taft (R), Ohio, each had several amendments to offer.

The appropriation bill would provide the financial sinews for the Lend-Lease law. It would make \$1,000,000,000 available

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## Important Series Farm Meetings Begin On Monday

### Food and Feed Supplies and Cotton Stamp Plan Will Be Discussed In Wilkes

A series of eleven community meetings on National Defense, emphasizing the Food, Feed, Cotton Stamp Plan and changes in the 1941 AAA Program, will be held throughout the county, beginning Monday, March 24, and continuing throughout the week. J. B. Snipes, Wilkes farm agent, said today.

All the agricultural agencies are cooperating in this National Defense Program stressing to the farmers the necessity of growing abundance of food and feed for the farm families and the livestock.

"Growing your food and feed supplies for home use is a safe and sound system of farming in normal times, and especially is it important in a time like this," Mr. Snipes said.

Below is a schedule of meetings and all farmers are urged to attend one or more of these meetings:

Monday, March 24, at 3:00 p. m. at Mt. Pleasant school; Monday, March 24, at 7:30 p. m. at Benham school.

Tuesday, March 25, at 3:00 p. m. at Hendren's Store at Gilreath; Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 p. m. at Mountain View school.

Wednesday, March 26, at 3:00 p. m. at Ferguson school; Wednesday, March 26, at 7:30 p. m. at Mulberry school.

Thursday, March 27, at 8:00 p. m. at Somers school; Thursday, March 27, at 7:30, at Clingman school.

Friday, March 28, at 3:00 p. m. at Boomer school; Friday, March 28, at 7:30 p. m. at Millers Creek school.

Saturday, March 29, at 10:00 a. m. at County Courthouse in Wilkesboro.

For the night meetings only due to the fact that there must be a dark room, a picture in technicolor on food farm practices will be shown. Some of these pictures were shown in this county and will be of special interest to Wilkes county farmers.

J. Alvin Probst, district AAA agent, plans to attend on Monday night.

## Lions Sponsoring 'Land of Liberty'

North Wilkesboro Lions club is sponsoring the showing of "Land of Liberty" today and tomorrow at Liberty Theatre.

The picture was made by combined personnel and facilities of all the Hollywood producers and contains 139 screen stars. It is one of the greatest film productions and is being shown throughout the country as a patriotic venture and without profit, all profit going to some patriotic cause.

The North Wilkesboro Lions Club here will receive profits from the picture and will apply the sum realized to construction of the Woodlawn community building. The club respectfully solicits the cooperation and patronage of the public in this undertaking.

## Holy Land Lecture At Moravian Falls

Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, pastor, will deliver a lecture on "The Holy Lands" at the 11 o'clock service at the Moravian Falls Baptist church on Sunday, March 23. Subject matter of the lecture was gained by Rev. Mr. Bumgarner on his tour of Palestine.

## Roaring River Minister Prepares Own Grave



"Here," points a workman, "is the grave Preacher Jordan dug for himself." Just beyond is the grave of Mrs. Jordan, who died

## 27 Wilkes Men To Enter Army Friday

### Too Big for Army



George Fischer, of New Falls, N. Y., who was rejected by the army because there was too much of him! George weighs 470 pounds and is 6 feet 4 inches tall!

## New Record High Public Assistance Grants This Month

### 55 Needy Aged Added To List Receiving Grants; Many On Wait List

Public assistance payments in Wilkes county this month exceeded previous grants by several hundreds of dollars, it was learned today from the welfare office, where the last of this month's checks had been mailed out.

Additional state funds were allotted the county, making it possible to add 65 to the list of needy aged receiving monthly grants. After that number were added many others who have been approved as eligible for grants still are on the waiting list.

Total payments this month to needy aged, dependent children and blind were \$8,488.

Needy aged who received grants averaging slightly over \$8 each numbered 691 and the amount was \$5,838.

Aid to dependent children payments in the amount of \$2,110 went to 159 families with 321 children.

Forty-two blind were granted \$540.

## Gasoline Grade Law Remains In North Carolina

The Senate Bill Number 93, which would have repealed law, is killed.

A bill introduced in the North Carolina legislature, but which was finally killed after an extensive legislative fight, would have repealed the gasoline grading law which has been in effect since 1937 in the state.

Some of the larger oil companies, through their agents, carried on an extensive campaign for repeal of the gasoline grading law, which requires that each pump dispensing gasoline bear a label telling what grade it contains.

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## Calls Received For 20 Additional Men To Report April 4

### Calls For Men Under Selective Service Act Speeded Up As Spring Comes

Twenty-seven Wilkes county men will leave here Friday morning for Fort Bragg, where they will be inducted into the army for a year of training.

Wilkes draft boards have also received calls for an additional number on April 4. The total for the county on that date will be 20 and they will go to Fort Jackson, S. C.

All seven of the men to go from Wilkes draft board number one Friday of this week are volunteers and five are brothers and cousins of the Osborne family of Wilkesboro route one. They were Bartie Osborne, James Dayton Osborne, John Garfield Osborne, Arlie Osborne and James Herley Minton. The other two volunteers to complete the quota are Charlie Fred Hall, of Wilkesboro route two, and Cecil Arthur Earp, of Boomer.

For the March 21 call Friday Wilkes draft board number two has six of the 20 listed as volunteers. They are Andrew J. C. Bowers, Woodrow Wilson Cooper, Tray Woods, Ivy Cephus Armes, Charles Ernest Grose and Charles Spurgeon (Jr.) Hudson. The remaining fourteen are conscripts: Albert Bentley Parsons, James Paul Burchett, Gwyn Jones Killip, Marcus Johnson Stebbins, Joe Wasley Spicer, and

Wheeling, Dallas Eugene Church, James Wellborn Kilby, Loyd Spicer, Homer Elledge, Tony Clifford White, Greenville Jones Kilby, Vernon Talmadge Mahaffey and Clate Washington Tucker. This number exhausts eligible men through local order number 374.

Wilkes draft board number one has one eligible white volunteer for the April 4 call. Board number one has furnished one negro volunteer, which filled the only colored call in Wilkes to date.

The number at the remaining sessions.

"Nutrition" was the topic discussed in the initial session of the class. At the Thursday night session "Aids and Appliances For Care of the Sick" will be the topic. Miss Norma Stevenson, of the Wilkes hospital staff, will lead the discussions and conduct actual demonstrations.

The class was formed to afford women an opportunity to train for national defense and is endorsed by the women's civic organizations of North Wilkesboro.

The guard will meet at the new city hall on Monday nights for the remainder of this month but after April 1 will be located on the second floor of the Polindexter building on Main Street, former location of the city hall.

## Ask Registration Jobless Veterans

A complete registration of all unemployed war veterans is asked by the North Carolina State Employment Service. It was learned here today from B. G. Gentry, manager of the local branch.

R. C. Godwin, veteran placement representative in North Carolina, in a communication to Mr. Gentry urged complete registration of all unemployed veterans by the end of this month.

Mr. Gentry said that veterans are registered on a special, colored card and are given preference in placements when other qualifications are equal.

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## 'Four of a Kind'



Mrs. Peter Lauley, 42-year-old farm wife and mother of Leitchfield, Ky., shown in the city hospital at Ibserville with the quadruplets born to her at Leitchfield. The babes, which were rushed to Louisville, are (left to right): John, 5 1/2 pounds; Mildred, 4 pounds; Martine, 4 pounds, and Beula, 5 pounds.

## Women's Defense Home Guard Men Class Opened In North Wilkesboro Drill On Monday

### Twenty-Three Attend Opening Session Monday Night; Others Are Invited

Twenty-three women of North Wilkesboro and vicinity attended the first women's national defense class session held at North Wilkesboro high school Monday night under direction of Miss Evelyn Sharpe, vocational home economics instructor and teacher of the class.

The class will meet each Monday and Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock, for one hour until April 3. It was announced today that

authorized strength of the company can be accepted, Captain Pearson said. Others wishing to enlist are asked to be at the city hall on Monday evening, seven o'clock, when the next drill will be held. Membership now is near the point when the company can be recognized by state guard authorities, after which the federal government will issue equipment and the state will supply uniforms.

The company's membership was divided in the initial drill on Monday night and the recruits performed excellently under direction of First Lieutenant Malcolm Wyatt and Second Lieutenant John Wells.

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## North Wilkesboro Election Is Called; Candidates File

### Mayor McNeil Candidate for Another Term; 5 Candidates For Board File

Resolutions calling a municipal election for North Wilkesboro to be held on May 6 and a primary to be held on April 21, were ordered published today by the Wilkes county board of elections, under whose authority the primary and election will be held.

It was also learned from W. H. McElwee, chairman of the county board of elections, that Mayor R. T. McNeil had filed notice of candidacy for mayor again, and that two incumbents, Ralph Duncan and H. M. Hutchens, had filed for re-election as members of the board of five commissioners.

New candidates for members of the board of commissioners are J. R. Hix, now chairman of the city school board and whose term will expire this year, R. G. Finley and A. F. Kilby.

The election will be for naming a mayor, five commissioners and two members of the school board whose terms expire. Terms of J. R. Hix and E. E. Eller on the school board expire this year.

E. C. Johnson and Dr. J. S. Deans have filed for school board.

The board of elections has appointed J. M. Anderson registrar and Monroe Eller and J. B. Norris judges for the election.

Registration books will be open at Insurance Service and Credit Corporation office on Saturday, April 29, Saturday, April 5, and Saturday, April 12.

The primary and election will be held at the city hall. All candidates must file notice of candidacy, accompanied by a fee of

Resolution calling the primary and election is published in full elsewhere in this newspaper.

## Mountain View Girl Is Winner District Contest

### Miss Dessie Hanks Will Represent Five Counties In Legion Area Contest

Miss Dessie Hanks, who represented Wilkes county, won the district oratorical contest put on by the American Legion and will participate in the area contest to be held in Statesville on March 27.

Miss Hanks, a junior in Mountain View high school, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Hanks, of Dehart. She is sixteen years of age.

The contest for the 15th district, composed of five counties, was held at Hotel Wilkes here Saturday night and Miss Hanks was declared winner by the judges. She previously had won the right to participate in the district contest by winning over entries from North Wilkesboro and Ronda schools in the county contest held here several days ago.

Subject of orations in the Legion's oratorical contest is "The Constitution and Its Benefits."

Speakers representing four districts will take part in the area contest at Statesville.

## Home Of Widow Is Robbed During Her Funeral Hour

If the person who broke into the home of Mrs. E. N. Vannoy in the Reddies River section of Wilkes Friday afternoon would reveal his identity surely the age-old argument about who is the world's meanest man could be settled.

The homebreaking and robbery occurred while funeral services were being held for Mrs. Vannoy, a widow, at Reddies River church.

Reports reaching here said that the thief took a revolver and about a thousand pennies from the home of the dead widow.

And that is not all that happened during the funeral services. Attempts were made to break into the homes of two of her sons in the same community while they were attending their mother's funeral.

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