

War News

Italian, Danish And Nazi Vessels Seized Some Are Sabotaged

Washington, March 30.—The United States took over 36 Danish ships in nine American ports tonight a few hours after 30 Italian and German vessels aggregating 178,030 tons had been taken into custody. Treasury department officials, in announcing the action, said that some evidence of sabotage had been uncovered, and the Danish vessels were taken over under a world war espionage statute which furnished the authority for the action against the axis ships.

Washington, March 30.—The government took over 178,300 tons of axis shipping today, represented by 28 Italian and two German vessels taking refuge in American waters, and it was learned authoritatively that some Danish ships also might be taken into custody.

Coast guardsmen boarded the vessels, hauled down their colors and hoisted the stars and stripes in some cases, and removed the regular crews after naval intelligence had uncovered a systematic plan to sabotage their machinery.

Axis Nationals Flee In Great Hurry From Yugoslavian Sectors

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, March 30.—Axis nationals by the thousands began the evacuation of all Yugoslavia today, leaving by special train, river boat and automobile, as German press dispatches said Yugoslavia had hinted that she may occupy Albania if Germany starts a march into Greece.

(The German radio announced that Yugoslavia had closed the entire German-Yugoslav frontier except for one crossing between Maribor and Spielfeld.)

Germans and Italians began leaving not only Serbia, but also the more friendly provinces of Croatia and Slovenia, in a movement which was expected to be completed Monday.

3 Italian Cruisers, 2 Destroyers Destroyed In Great Battle

London, March 30.—Britain's fleet, finally getting an Italian force within range of its big guns, sank five more fascist warships in its greatest naval triumph of the war, but again came to dreaded blows with France, a former ally, the admiralty announced tonight.

Three of the Italian ships claimed by the admiralty were 10,000-ton cruisers—the sister ships Flume, Ploa and Zara—and two were the destroyers Vincenzo Gioberto and Mestrale.

Veterans Foreign Wars Will Elect Officers Thursday

At the regular meeting of the Blue Ridge Mountain post, V. F. W., at the club rooms next Thursday night, April 3rd, will be held the annual election of officers for the following year. All members of this organization are expected to be present for this election. All officers of the post will be elected, and there will be reports from three committees to come before this meeting, so you are expected to be there at seven thirty, o'clock, p. m., the announcement said.

Plan For Storage Plant Is Received

Plant Of Size and Type Needed Here Would Cost \$31,000, Estimates Say

Committee of the Wilkesboro Grange working on the proposal to construct a cold storage plant here have received a set of proposed plans for the type of plant wanted here.

The committee was well pleased with cost estimates on a plant to contain 400 individual lockers and ample space for mass storage of apples, poultry, eggs, etc.

Such a plant, according to estimates, would cost about \$31,000, which is considerably below previous and unofficial estimates.

The movement to erect a storage plant has been progressing with members of the committee making a survey of the number who would use lockers. Any who have not been contacted and who would rent lockers to advantage are asked to see or write any member of the committee, which is composed of J. B. Snipes, county agent, Carl E. Vandeman, orchard specialist, and C. F. Brethold, well known orchardist.

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NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., MONDAY, MAR. 31st, 1941

\$1.50 In the State — \$2.00 Out of State

For many advantages do your buying in North Wilkesboro, the growing trading center of North-western North Carolina.

20 Wilkes Men To Leave Friday For Fort Jackson

Wilkesboro Draft Board No. One To Furnish 8 and Number Two 12

Wilkes draft boards have selected men to fill the call on Friday, April 4th.

Wilkes board number one, which will furnish eight, has three volunteers: Henry Timothy Anderson, Otten Otis Craig and Ernest Guy Walker. The eight conscripts will be Only Ray Campbell, Guy Bumgarner, Steve Anderson, Charlie James Combs and Charlie Franklin Gambill.

Wilkes draft board number two will furnish twelve on April 4. They are: Woodrow Wilson Cooper, Richard Gray Collins, Presley Elmore Adams, James Carl Barlow, Romulus Col Carlton, Irredell Theodore Watkins, Lee Roy Transou, James Lex Meadows, Ulysses Grant Lawrence, George M. Yale, Von Alonzo Myers and John Talmadge Patterson.

Calls are now being received at ten-day intervals instead of monthly, draft board officials said, and Wilkes draft board number one will furnish four and board number two will furnish nine on April 11.

The Wilkes boards have also received calls for colored men on April 14. Wilkes board number one will furnish two and board number two will furnish three colored men on that date.

Men in the April 4 and 11 calls will be inducted at Fort Jackson, S. C. The colored men will report at Fort Bragg.

S. S. Association Formed Sunday

C. B. Eller Superintendent, Mrs. Gilbert Foster Secretary Of Association

Churches of Brushy Mountain Baptist association organized a Sunday school association in a meeting held Sunday afternoon at New Hope Baptist church near Purlear.

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, was in charge of the meeting. Seventeen churches were represented.

C. B. Eller, superintendent of the Wilkes school system, was elected president of the Sunday school association and Mrs. Valeria Belle Foster was named secretary. They, with T. E. Story, moderator of the Brushy Mountain association, will complete the organization.

Devotional Sunday afternoon was conducted by Rev. A. W. Eller, pastor of New Hope church. Principal speaker of the meeting was Rev. E. F. Sullivan, of Hickory. Others who spoke were T. E. Story, Dr. Kincheloe and A. H. Casey.

The next meeting of the association will be held on Sunday, June 29, two o'clock, at Pleasant Home Baptist church near Millers Creek.

NO FUEL
Romeo: Juliet, dearest, I am burning with love for you.
Juliet: Come now, Romeo, don't make a fuel of yourself.

ORCHARDISTS AND SPECIALISTS VIEW EXPERIMENT RESULTS



A group of the leading apple growers of the Brushy Mountain section are shown above inspecting the results of a unique storage experiment of the Brushy Mountain Apple Research Laboratory on Highway 16, between Wilkesboro and Taylorsville. The apples were removed from an air-tight storage room Friday, after five months under controlled atmospheric conditions. Standing around the apple crates are, left to right: Clarence Fletcher of North Wilkesboro, Route 3; Perry Lowe of Poreas Knob; W. H. Waugh of North Wilkesboro;

Dean Colvard, superintendent of the Mountain Branch Experiment Station at Swannanoa; I. J. Broyhill of Boomer; W. W. Ross, horticulture foreman at the Swannanoa test farm; E. P. Lewe of Poreas Knob; and Prof. M. E. Gardner, head of the horticulture department at N. C. State College. Seated, on the left, is D. E. Davis of Poreas Knob, and on the right, Carl E. Vandeman, associate horticulturist of the N. C. Experiment Station who is in charge of the Brushy Mountains Laboratory.

North Wilkesboro School Accredited 19th Year In Row

Certificate Of Membership In Southern Association Again Received Here

For the 19th consecutive year retained its membership in the Southern Association of Accredited Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, said today he had received the membership certificate for the school for another year. To be eligible for membership a school must maintain a full nine-months term and must meet certain high standards for its faculty, curriculum and extracurricular activities.

North Wilkesboro is one of only five high schools in North Carolina with a record of 19 consecutive years membership in the Southern Association. A graduate of North Wilkesboro high school may enter any college in the south without taking entrance examination, because of its membership in the association.

S. S. Convention

Announcement is made of the Stone Mountain Sunday school association meeting to be held at Mountain View school on Sunday, April 6, two p. m. Every church in the association is asked to be well represented and all pastors, Sunday school superintendents, teachers and others interested are urged to attend. A complete program will appear in Thursday's issue of The Journal-Patriot.

HE GOT TEN DOLLARS FOR THIS BUT NOW, HIS HAT IS TOO BIG



J. C. MILLER, MINUS HIS HAIR

Would you sell your hair for ten dollars? That, in effect, is what J. C. Miller a North Wilkesboro barber, did.

Young men about town raised a discussion about how Miller would look without his hair, which had already turned to silver. They asked him how about shaving it off in order that their curiosity might be satisfied and he declined but reconsidered when they made up a purse of ten dollars cash to give him if he would voluntarily become bald for a spell.

He took up their proposition and they couldn't and didn't

want to back down. So a dozen or more of the contributors gathered in the shop to see the job well done by a fellow barber in Miller's Dixie Barber shop on Ninth street and the operation was acclaimed a success, as the above picture will show. A news photographer was called in to record the result on film.

His young daughter just out of school walked into the shop that afternoon and calmly scrutinized her father's temporarily bald head. He remarked that his hat wouldn't fit because it was too big and she advised: "Don't worry about that. When you get through with you your hat will be too little."

That is what the boys who raised the purse had hoped for but he showed up at the shop next day without any marks of foul play. They are somewhat disappointed and feel they have been gyped. After all, Miller's hair was not so dense and it had become almost white anyway.

Specialists Are Elated At Results New Type Storage

Controlled Air Storage In Research Laboratory All That Could Be Desired

Two hundred bushels of apples which have had their "breathing" controlled for the past five months were removed from an air-tight storage compartment at the Brushy Mountains Apple Research Laboratory Friday, and a score or more of the leading orchardists of this section were left almost breathless by the luscious flavor, color and firmness of the fruit.

The apple storage test is the only one of its kind ever conducted in the South.

Professor M. E. Gardner, head of the horticulture department at N. C. State College, attended the "apple opening" and he helped Carl E. Vandeman, associate horticulturist in charge of the (Continued on page eight)

"Go To Church" Movement Is On

Window Posters and Personal Invitation Cards Being Used In City

The movement sponsored here by civic and fraternal organizations to increase church attendance during April is progressing splendidly, leaders said today.

Window posters and cards with personal invitations to attend church during the month of April will be used extensively in publicizing the "Go To Church" movement and many organizations and business firms are giving the movement a maximum of cooperation. The campaign will be carried to every home in North Wilkesboro and the sponsoring organizations are asking that every community in the county extend the campaign to make it county-wide during the month.

Junior Chamber of Commerce to Be Formed Here

Organization Meeting To Be Held At City Hall Friday Night at 7:30

A move to organize a Junior Chamber of Commerce for North Wilkesboro was launched here Saturday by representatives of the Lenoir Junior Chamber of Commerce, who contacted a number of interested young business leaders and completed arrangements for an organization meeting at the City Hall here Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Thomas Broughton, former president of the Lenoir Junior Chamber of Commerce and member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, spent several hours in North Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon completing arrangements for the organizational meeting Friday.

A large delegation from Lenoir will attend the meeting and present the Junior Chamber of Commerce movement to interested young local business and civic leaders.

Every young North Wilkesboro man between the ages of 21 and 35 is invited to attend the organization meeting and hear the movement explained fully by representatives of the Lenoir group.

"Of all the organizations which young men may join, there is only one exclusively for young men," Mr. Broughton declared here Saturday. "The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce is unique in the organization field because it confines active membership to business and professional men of a restricted age classification."

"The Junior Chamber of Commerce is a civic service organization for young men between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive. It is dedicated to two purposes: (1) Improvement and development of the community. (2) Improvement and development of its individual members to train them for business advancement and civic leadership."

In Lenoir, the Junior Chamber of Commerce has been one of the city's most active civic groups. The organization raised \$3,000 on one occasion to send the Lenoir High School Band to New York for North Carolina Day at the World's Fair and in 1940 raised \$2,000 to send the band to West Palm Beach, Fla., where it won the regional-national band contest with a rating of one plus highest rating in the entire nation for high school bands.

It has also sponsored the beautification of the Morganton highway by the planting of trees and flowering shrubs at a cost of \$20,000.

At the present time, the group is seeking the construction of a modern airport for Lenoir and the location of a state park in Caldwell county among many other objectives.

"The Junior Chamber of Commerce," Mr. Broughton said, "is not a social club, although it has its banquets, parties, and social events. It is not a Chamber of Commerce in the usual sense of (Continued on page eight)

Wilkesboro Has 2 Out For Mayor

J. F. Jordan and L. B. Dula File; Five Candidates For Board

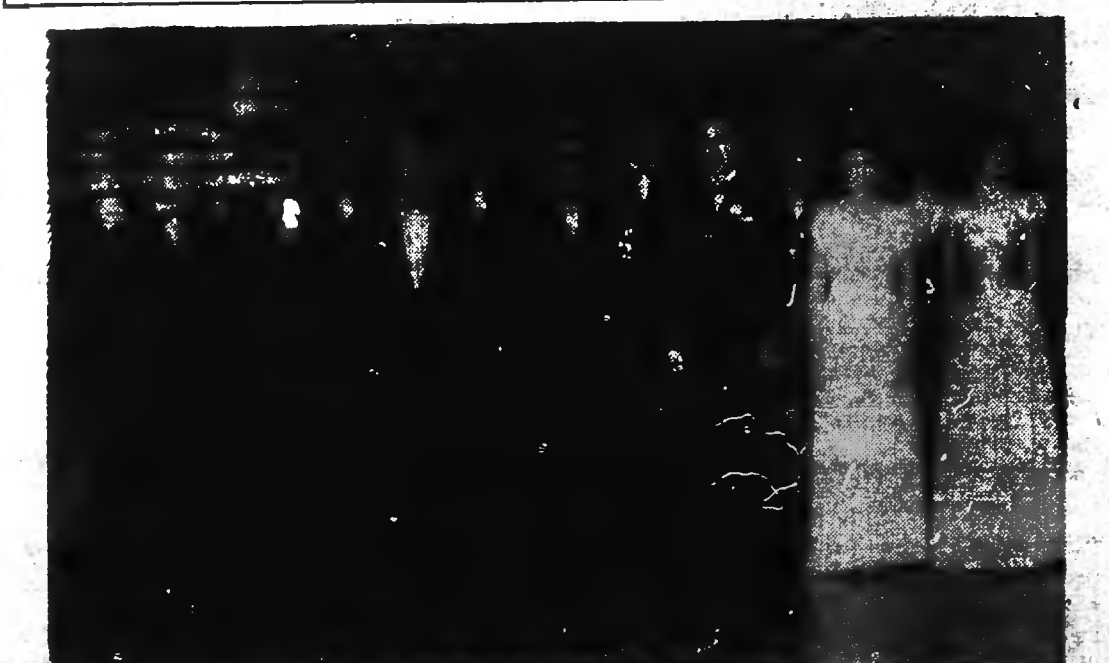
A contest was assured for Wilkesboro's municipal primary today when two candidate filed for mayor. They are J. F. Jordan, present mayor, and L. B. Dula, new candidate.

Five have filed notices of candidacy for commissioners. They are W. E. Smythe, Dr. G. T. Mitchell, James Lowe, Wm. A. Stroud and Sherman T. Colvard.

Deadline for filing notices of candidacy will be Tuesday evening, six o'clock. J. R. Henderson, town clerk and registrar for the primary and election, receives the notices of candidacy and fees.

The primary date is April 7. Registration books for registrations prior to the primary closed Saturday night. Mr. Henderson said that 118 new registrations were made while the books were open. The election date is May 6.

ORCHESTRA FOR POLICE AND FIREMEN'S BALL



Wiley Kyser and his orchestra, of Winston-Salem, will furnish music for the Police and Firemen's benefit ball to be held at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse on Friday night,

April 4. Plans for the dance are going forward splendidly and are receiving excellent support from the public. An enjoyable evening is assured all who attend. (Town City Photo)

Small, 11-Year-Old Boy Drives Truck From Boone To North Wilkesboro

Lad Left At Home By Himself Becomes Lonesome And Decides To Visit Brother Here; Was His First Driving On Highway

Lee Greene, age 11 and small for his age, did the miraculous Sunday afternoon. He drove a pickup from Laxton in Watauga county to North Wilkesboro. It was his first time driving on a highway and it was a solo trip.

His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Greene, were away from home visiting a son at Fort Jackson, S. C. Lee was left at home with an older brother, who

left some time during the day. Lee was lonesome all by himself at the home and there stood the pickup with the keys conveniently in the switch. He had driven it a little about the farm but he had never been on a highway. But it would be easier, he said to himself, to drive on nice, smooth pavement.

He had a brother working in (Continued on page eight)