

## War News

Yugoslav Guerilla  
Troops Take  
Heavy Toll

London.—British forces have smashed and hurled back German "panzer" forces near the eastern bastion of the Anglo-Greek front below Salonika while Yugoslav troops in fierce guerrilla assaults took a heavy toll of the invaders south of Belgrade, it was reported last night.

The Greek radio jubilantly announced that "the prospects are excellent," with the new British-Greek line from the Adriatic to the Aegean "absolutely safe" as the week-old Balkan conflict enters what the Greeks called its second phase.

The slashing counter-attacks of the Yugoslavs, entrapping one entire Nazi armored column 38 miles south of Belgrade, was credited with slicing the Germans' thin lines of communication and staying off a full force German attack down through Monastir Gorge upon the left flank of the British Greek line.

Pope Urges Nations  
Not To Use Gas

Vatican City.—Pope Pius XII in a sorrowful and despairing Easter message to the world yesterday pleaded with the belligerent nations, in apparent reference to the threatened use of poison gas, to refrain from bringing "still more homicidal instruments" into the slaughter.

The pontiff held out "little hope that a just peace will be attained soon" and begged that kindness be shown to prisoners and the people of occupied and trampled nations.

Vatican sources said yesterday's papal address was at least ten minutes shorter than had been planned by the pontiff because the pope regretfully "toned down" his peace appeal as result of the Yugoslav developments which, he believed, made a stronger and more direct appeal inopportune.

Russia And Japan  
Have Signed Pact

Moscow.—Soviet Russia and Japan, long-time duelling powers of the Far East, joined in a neutrality pact yesterday that may be as portentous as the non-aggression accord between Berlin and Moscow in 1939 which preceded the German invasion of Poland.

In a four-point pact, each agreed to remain neutral throughout any period during which either of the signatories is the "object of military action on the part of one or several powers."

The pact, so it says, "guarantees peaceful and friendly relations" between the two powers. The astounding character of the pact was emphasized in an accompanying joint declaration pledging the Soviet to respect the territorial integrity of Japan's puppet state, Manchoukuo, something to which the Soviet never before agreed.

Almost as revolutionary was Japan's parallel pledge to respect the status of the Moscow-dominated Outer Mongolian Peoples Republic.

U. S. Observers See  
Threat In East

Washington.—Announcement of the Russo-Japanese neutrality treaty exploded official Washington's Easter Sunday calm yesterday and sent United States foreign policy experts and diplomats into a study of the full implications of the pact in relation with the world situation.

The two interpretations that found most favor among observers were that the pact represented:

- 1.—A diplomatic setback for Germany in her Balkan drive.
- 2.—A threat to the Anglo-American position in the Far East.

Many thought that the treaty likewise virtually sounded the death knell of the anti-communism front.

Axis Armored  
Forces Drive  
Into Egypt

Cairo.—German and Italian armored forces yesterday swept across the Libyan frontier and into Egypt in a furious drive that virtually wiped out Britain's North African conquest and threatened the "lifeline" of Britain's Balkan army as well as the Suez Canal.

It was admitted that the Italian "panzer" forces, after a five-mile dash of the only weeks, had taken the port of Bardia and stormed across the frontier to battle the British in the Egyptian Sollum area.

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Large Attendance  
At Local Churches  
On Easter Sunday

"Go To Church" Campaign to Continue Through the Month; Getting Results

Easter Sunday was the second Sunday of the Current "Go To Church" movement being sponsored here by civic and fraternal organizations and overflowed crowds were present at some of the church services.

Morning services at churches in the Wilkesboro were exceptionally well attended and increases were reported for evening services.

The Easter theme was predominant in Sunday school and church services and in many churches special Easter music was an added feature of the programs.

The "Go To Church" movement continues throughout the month of April with special efforts being put forth to secure larger attendance at services on each succeeding Sunday.

Efforts to secure larger church attendance include various forms of publicity, house-to-house canvass and personal solicitation.

Jaycees To Meet  
Tuesday Night

Young Men Wanting To Be Charter Members Asked To Be At Meeting

Junior Chamber of Commerce which was started here last week with formation of a temporary organization will meet on Tuesday night, 7:30, at the city hall.

At the meeting committees on constitution and membership will make their reports and the club will decide on a date for application of a charter from the state and national Junior Chambers.

W. O. Absher, who was elected temporary chairman to serve during the organization period, appointed Fred Hubbard, Jr., and Barney Arthur with him on a committee to draw up a constitution for the North Wilkesboro Jaycees.

The chairman appointed a membership committee composed of Richard Johnston, James Ed Caudill and Hadley Hayes to accept memberships and to report at the meeting Tuesday night. It was suggested that each one present secure two or more additional members to report to the membership committee.

Wilkes Farmers  
Get \$37,604 Cash

2,888 Checks Received To Date; About 600 Are Yet To Be Received Here

Wilkes county farmers to date have received \$37,604 in cash for compliance with the farm program in 1940, it was learned today from the county Triple A office.

This amount does not include the lime, superphosphate, seeds and other materials secured by the farmers as grants of aid on the program.

A total of 2,888 checks have been received and distributed and this leaves about 600 which have not arrived so far. Checks are received by the office from Washington frequently and farmers to whom the vouchers are payable are notified by mail when their checks arrive.

Mrs. Nancy Vaughn  
Funeral Saturday

Last rites were held Saturday at Pleasant Grove church for Mrs. Nancy Vaughn, age 87, who died Thursday at her home in that community. Rev. R. R. Crater conducted the service.

She was the widow of the late J. B. Vaughn and is survived by four daughters: Mrs. E. H. Smith, Mrs. Lelia Chambers, Miss Nellie Vaughn and Mrs. Martha Johnson, all of Ronda.

## Concrete Cut With A Handsaw



Raleigh, April 12.—A new development in concrete, made with North Carolina vermiculite as the aggregate instead of sand, will be on display in the Department of Ceramic Engineering at State College April 18 as one of the scores of exhibits in the annual students' Engineers Fair. The vermiculite concrete can be cut with an ordinary handsaw, and nails can be driven into it as in a board. Shown here demonstrating the new material is William A. Scholes, ceramic research engineer at the college, who is conducting experiments with the concrete for the Tennessee Valley Authority. He is hopeful that it will come into widespread use in low-cost prefabricated houses. The concrete has high heat and sound insulation values. Deposits of vermiculite, a type of mica, are in Buncombe, Macon, Avery, Yancy, Jackson, Transylvania and Clay counties.

\$20,000 Bonds To  
Be Issued Here

For Financing Water and Sewer Project To Be Started Here Soon

City commissioners in session Tuesday night with Mayor R. T. McNeil authorized the issuance of \$20,000 in bonds to finance the WPA project calling for extension of water and sewer systems in North Wilkesboro.

The project, it was learned today, will get under way some time this month. The board, composed of Ralph Duncan, W. K. Sturdivant, Hoyle Hutchens, J. B. Carter and Gordon Finley, appropriated \$120 for half the cost of drill uniforms for the Home Guard. The other half of the cost was appropriated by the Wilkes county commissioners in meeting this month.

Plumbing-Heating  
Company Opened

The Hadley Plumbing and Heating company, with Jack Hadley as manager, has opened for business in the Hutchens building on Gordon Avenue in this city.

The firm will maintain a regular plumbing service and do plumbing and heating contracting. Sale and installation of water systems will also be featured.

Mr. Hadley has several years experience in plumbing and heating business and is well qualified to head the new firm. Estimates on any size or type of plumbing and heating job will be gladly given.

## 3 Marriage Licenses

Licenses to wed were issued last week by C. C. Siddon, Wilkes register of deeds, to three couples: Harold Johnson and Texie Bengel, both of North Wilkesboro; Robert Dameron and Grace Sanders, both of Triphill; Lloyd Pardue, of Moravian Falls, and Helen Blevins, of Wilkesboro.

Van Spears Funeral  
Conducted on Friday

Funeral services were held at Stony Hill church Friday for Van Spears, age 23, who died Thursday at his home near Parsonville. Surviving are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spears; two brothers, Claude Spears, of Laurel Springs, Junior Spears, of Parsonville; and three sisters, Mrs. Blye Hamby, Mrs. Clara Triplett and Miss Gretel Spears, all of Parsonville.

Jim Davis Fatally Shot  
In Wilkesboro Today

This Is Clean-Up Week In This City

People of North Wilkesboro are reminded that annual "Clean-Up" week begins today and will continue through Saturday.

Last week Mayor R. T. McNeil proclaimed the week beginning today as "Clean-Up Week" and urged full cooperation on the part of all the people of North Wilkesboro.

Evidence Work  
For Crippled Is  
Shown To Club

Children With Physical Defects Corrected Are Paraded At Club Meeting

Program Friday for the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club meeting showed very impressively the efforts of the club in rehabilitation of crippled children, which is one of the club's principal projects.

Dr. F. C. Hubbard was program chairman and he presented Mrs. Bertha Bell, public health nurse, who in turn presented children whose physical defects have been corrected or are in process of correction. The children were:

Ruth Barnett, who had been corrected for curvature of the spine; Thomas Eller, wearing cast to correct curvature of the spine; Nancy Billings, baby wearing cast to correct club foot; Jerry Brooks, corrected hare-lip; Elsie Wiles, baby with double hare-lip, going to hospital for correction; Blanche Love, corrected feet; Fanny Elledge, corrected infection; Dorothy Wyatt, corrected osteo; Mary Wilson, corrected feet.

Mrs. Bell explained the work which had been accomplished with crippled children. The Kiwanis club pays cost of cripple clinics at the hospital here and furnishes transportation to the state orthopedic hospital at Gastonia.

James T. Barnes, of Raleigh, who is in charge of directing state orthopedic work, and John W. Blackman, member of the state department of rehabilitation, also spoke of the work being conducted here and throughout the state.

Prior to the program J. B. Williams said reports to date on raising money through sale of Easter seals and other activities for benefit of cripples. The amount at that time was \$356 with the the schools reports yet to be received.

Junior Initiation  
For Tuesday Night

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior order will have an interesting meeting Tuesday night, at which time initiation work will be carried out. All members, and especially the degree team, are urged to be present.

Mrs. Mack Parker  
Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Minnie B. Glass Parker, age 59, wife of Mack Parker, of near this city, died at her home Saturday and funeral was held this morning, 11 o'clock, at Edgewood Baptist church.

Surviving are her husband and five children: Mrs. L. S. Church, Ronda; Mrs. W. E. Herndon, War, W. Va.; Mrs. V. L. Billings, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. J. Valter, Salisbury; John V. Parker, North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Hill Cox Is  
Claimed By Death

Mrs. Viola Childers Cox, age 30, was buried Sunday after funeral service was held at Fairplains church with Rev. Ed Hayes in charge. She died Friday.

Surviving are her husband, Hill Cox, of North Wilkesboro; two sons, Joe and Jimmie Lee Cox; two daughters, Elizabeth and Ruby Jean Cox; one brother, Bob Childers, of High Point; three sisters, Mrs. Izora Rose, of Elkin, Miss Mandy Childers, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Beatie Frazier, of State Road.

Convert grain into milk.

Eleven White And  
Five Colored Are  
Inducted In Army

Whites Left Friday For Fort Jackson; Five Colored Today To Ft. Bragg

Eleven Wilkes county men left by bus here Friday for Fort Jackson, S. C., for a year of training under provisions of the selective service act.

Four were from Wilkes draft board number one. They were: George Wellborn, of Ronda, leader, Lester Harris, Arvil Johnson and Robert Childers.

Wilkes draft board number two sent seven. They were: Claude Bowers, leader, Everett Herman Wood, Paul Sexton, Edgar Tramsou, Varnie Richardson, Jack Dillon Marsh and Ernest Russel Harris. The board was asked to send nine but one of those selected, Grady Odell Church, was deferred, and examination of the other had not been completed in time.

Wilkes board number one sent three colored and Wilkes board number two sent two colored to Fort Bragg today. Selectees from board number one for the colored call were William Henry Harris, James Edward Harris and William Herman Jones. From board number two were James Dwight Waugh and Lester Carson.

Mountain View  
Commencement

Dr. Kincheloe and Dr. Blackwell Will Be The Commencement Speakers

The Mountain View high school commencement finals will begin, this year, with the Baccalaureate Sermon, which will be held in the school auditorium on Sunday afternoon, April 27th, at 2:30 p. m. Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church at North Wilkesboro, will deliver the sermon. Special music will also be a feature.

The finals will close on Tuesday night, April 29, at which time the graduating exercises for the Senior Class will be held. This program will be featured by Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, President of Mars Hill College, who will deliver the Commencement address. Approximately 30 seniors will graduate this year.

The operetta, "Little Red Riding Hood," was presented by the elementary school on Thursday night, April 10th to a large audience. About 200 grade children were in the cast. It was featured by tuneful music, graceful dances and colorful costumes.

The seventh grade graduating exercises will be held on Monday night, April 28, at 7:30. This will be for graduates of the district schools as well as the central schools.

The senior class will present their annual play, "The Ghost of Roaring Pine," on Friday night, April 18, in the school auditorium.

Following is a summary of Spring events.

April 10, Operetta, "Little Red Riding Hood," Elementary school.

April 18, Senior class play at eight p. m.

April 27, Baccalaureate Sermon, 2:30 p. m.

April 28, Graduating exercises of 7th grade, 7:30 p. m.

April 29, Graduating exercises of Senior Class, 8:00 p. m.

Miss Desdie Hanks won the privilege of being chief Marshall for commencement at Mountain View school, this year. This honor is awarded to the student in the Junior class who makes the highest scholastic average during the year. Miss Hanks not only has distinguished herself in scholarship but also has won honors in public speaking, having been district champion in the American Legion contest held recently.

The other Junior Marshalls for Commencement who are elected by the class from a list of honor students are Charles Younce and Mary Lee Felts.

The Sophomore class marshalls are Wayne Elledge and Ena Wiles.

Miss Billie Waugh Johnson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, of this city, spent the Easter season here. She is a student of the University of North Carolina which is located at Chapel Hill.

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Wilkesboro, the growing  
trading center of North-  
western North Carolina.