

War News

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Axil Parley Deals With U. S. Plans

Rome, May 14.—A Japanese-German-Italian conference which some observers believed dealt primarily with the prospect of United States involvement in the war through convoys for Britain was reported reliably tonight to have been held here within the past few days.

France Accepts Nazi Terms; Action Seen

Vichy, France, May 14.—The French government approved today the Hitler-Darlan collaboration terms in a formal gesture considered by diplomatic circles to be more than anything else a warning to the United States to stay out of the war.

Hitler Aide Wanted To See British Duke

London, Thursday, May 15.—Rudolf Hess broke away from Germany as a hopeful missioner of peace, it became known today with the British disclosure that his unauthorized flight out of the reich was aimed at a rendezvous in Scotland with his old English sports acquaintance, the Duke of Hamilton.

Knudsen Says 'No' to Change In Priorities

Washington—William S. Knudsen was reported today to be determined to quit as director of the office of production management if his hands were tied in the matter of priorities.

Change Office Hours For Social Security Office In This City

Mrs. Leola M. Byerly, who is in charge of the social security field office here for Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, has announced change in office hours here.

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Red Cross Course In Charlotte Soon

Attention has been called here by Red Cross leaders to announcement of a Red Cross "Training For National Defense Program" to be held in Charlotte May 19, 20 and 21. It is expected that several from the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross will attend the course.

Wilkes Man Is Fatally Hurt In Auto Accident

Ephraim Harris Dies In A Statesville Hospital; Funeral Is Held Today

Funeral service was held this afternoon for Ephraim Harris, citizen of the Cricket community who died Tuesday afternoon of injuries received in an automobile accident Saturday night.

Harris was in an automobile with Jeter Crysel, also of Cricket, when the accident occurred on a highway near Statesville. The car is said to have crashed into a bridge. Both men were carried to a Statesville hospital. Harris' face was badly crushed.

Crysel, after his injuries were treated, proceeded Sunday to Fayetteville, where he was working, but returned to his home Tuesday night. He has severe head and chest injuries and is confined to his home.

Harris was a World War veteran. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Viola Woods Harris, and four children: Robert Lee, Sevon, Annie Lou and Bill Harris.

School Principals For All Districts Elected For Term

C. B. Eller, Wilkes county superintendent of schools, said today that all district principals in Wilkes county have been re-elected for another term.

County Superintendent Announces Re-Election By District Committees

The principals and their districts are as follows: Wm. T. Long, Wilkesboro; R. V. Day, Millers Creek; P. W. Greer, Mount Pleasant; Grady Miller, Mulberry; Ralph Miller, Mountain View; W. V. Nix, Traphill; E. R. Spruill, Ronda; C. P. Farmer, Roaring River; O. M. Profit, Ferguson; J. R. Edelin, Lincoln Heights.

"Boy Preacher" To Conduct Revival Campaign In City

Charles Andrew Keys, Jr., better known as "The Boy Preacher" or "Sledgehammer" Charlie, was in this city this week laying plans for an evangelistic campaign here.

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Judge Hayes To Preside; Many Cases of Liquor Law Violations Calendared

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Vaccination Of Children Required By Laws Of State

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer, again called attention today to the law which requires that children be vaccinated against smallpox before entering school. Although there have been no smallpox cases in Wilkes in several years, there is danger of an epidemic of the once dreaded disease unless the vaccination law is obeyed.

He also mentioned the law which requires that parents have children immunized against diphtheria when they reach the age of six months.

Record Number On NYA Projects

County Supervisor Says 261 At Work; Agricultural Projects Begun

Mrs. Lawrence Miller, NYA supervisor in Wilkes county, said today that 261 boys and girls are employed on NYA projects in Wilkes county, this representing a new high of NYA employment in Wilkes.

Mrs. Miller said that an agricultural project has been started on the county home farm and that 20 boys have been assigned to work there. In addition to production of food and feed for that county institution, the boys will be trained according to latest approved methods in agriculture.

While quotas on major projects now in operation in the county are practically filled, a limited number may be placed in resident centers, Mrs. Miller said, and asked that young people interested call at the NYA office in the county courthouse for additional information.

Brevard College Choir Coming 18th

Concert Choir Will Present Concert At Methodist Church Sunday Night

Brevard, May 12.—The Brevard College Concert Choir, under the direction of John M. Hawkins, will present a concert at the First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro, on Sunday evening, May 18, at eight o'clock. This will be one of a series of appearances this outstanding North Carolina college group is to make in Eastern America this spring.

The choir was organized in its present form less than two years ago by Mr. Hawkins, who is one of the youngest college music directors in the nation. He is only 25. Practically all of the thirty-three members of the choir came from the hill country of the Blue Ridge Mountains and have heretofore had little or no training in the musical field. Their average age is eighteen years.

Young Hawkins, only two years out of Westminster Choir College at Princeton and himself a native of the Southern Mountains, came to Brevard with the fervent desire to develop the latent talent that he knew lay smoldering in the mountain youth. The success of the choir is extraordinary. To witness: Nine days after their first rehearsal they were called upon for a concert engagement in a small mountain resort city. Critics lauded their ability, and a short while later they were engaged for a concert at Asheville, North Carolina, leading tourist city of the South. Their popularity there gained for them wide recognition, and calls from over the Southland came in.

Mr. Hawkins attributes his unusual success with the young mountain choristers, in large part, to a physical practice of concentration in rhythm, known as Eurythmics. He is the only proponent of this theory of practice in the entire Southland. The system itself was originated by Emile Jacques Dalcroze of Geneva, Switzerland.

Other concert appearances of the choir this week include Presbyterian church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C.; First Baptist church, Washington, D. C.; Edenton Street Methodist church, Raleigh, High Point College, High Point; First Presbyterian church, Greenville.

Plans are being made to schedule an appearance in some Winston-Salem church on Sunday morning, May 18.

4-H Enrollment

The 4-H Club enrollment for 1940 in the United States was the largest in the history of the organization with a total of 1,426,297 boys and girls listed as members.

GROWING FEED ON FARM



This Wilkes farmer is already started on the Food and Feed production drive now so much in evidence in North Carolina in co-operation with national defense. J. M. German, of Boomer, who was settled five years ago as a master farmer, is shown at left with Wilkes County Agent J. B. Snipes as they inspect German's seven-acre plot of alfalfa just ready for the mowing machine. The county agent said the field will yield two tons of feed per acre for each of the four cuttings if the season is favorable, making a total of 56 tons of feed from the field this season. German's dairy herd now numbers 53 but he expects to produce a sample feed on his farm. He has hay and grain now left over from last year's crop. (Photo by Dwight Nichols).

'In the Army Now' Two Per Cent Is Interest Rate On Newest City Bonds

Richmond Firm Purchased \$20,000 Water and Sewer Bonds Of City Tuesday

The Local Government Commission in Raleigh Tuesday sold \$20,000 in North Wilkesboro water and sewer bonds to F. W. Graigie and company, of Richmond, Va., for two per cent interest and a premium of \$31.60.

The extremely low interest rate is evidence of the splendid financial condition of North Wilkesboro, which has always met its obligations promptly and has never defaulted in any payment. Bonded indebtedness of North Wilkesboro has been decreasing over a period of several years.

The funds from Tuesday's sale of bond will be used to finance the water and sewer project now under way to extend lines to several points in the city which are not served at present and to erect a modern sewage disposal plant.

Coggin Praises D. O. Program

State Supervisor Compliments Vocational Education In This City

Students of the Diversified Occupations department of North Wilkesboro high school entertained their employers and school officials at a banquet Wednesday night at the school.

George W. Coggin, state supervisor of Trade and Industrial education, was the feature speaker. He dealt with growth and progress of industrial education and highly complimented North Wilkesboro schools for the excellent department which was established and is so well operating here now. He said that few towns of less than 10,000 population in the state offered such a splendid program of vocational education.

Toastmaster at the banquet was D. T. Bush, Jr., student chairman of the Diversified Occupations department. He presented Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, who introduced the speaker.

Guests included Major R. T. McNeil and members of the city board of commissioners, Chairman D. J. Carter and members of the city board of education, Chairman A. F. Kibby and members of the advisory board of the vocational education department. C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools.

Students were Grace Dean Hall, Rufus Miller, Harrison Absher, Jack Seckler, Johnnie Johnston, D. T. Bush, Jr., John Tagman, Bruce Kibby, Jack Brookshire and Mable Johnson.

Employers represented were Reins-Sturdivant funeral home, Forester-Prevette Insurance agency, Mae's School of Beauty Culture, Auto Parts Co., Yadkin Valley Motor company, Carolina Mirror Corporation, Motor Service Sales and Service, J. R. Dillard, Dick's Service station.

W. B. Collins reviewed achievements of the Industrial Arts and Diversified Occupations department for the year. Dinner was served by girls of the home economics department under direction of Miss Evelyn C. A. instructor.

T. B. Clinic For Adults July 14th

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer, said today that July 14 has been set as the date of the beginning of an adult tuberculosis clinic for Wilkes county.

The clinic will be handled according to plans followed previously and examination of all suspects will be by a state clinician without cost to the patients. Those who desire examinations will make appointment with the health officer before the clinic begins.

Organization Of City School Board

Local Board of Education Holds Organization Meeting On Monday Evening

North Wilkesboro board of education met on Monday evening for organization meeting.

The board is composed of the following members: D. J. Carter, J. B. McCoy, J. B. Williams, E. C. Johnson, W. E. Jones, Dr. J. S. Deans. Two of the members are beginning their first term. Dr. J. S. Deans and E. C. Johnson were elected in place of J. R. Hix and E. E. Eller, who were not candidates for another term.

D. J. Carter was elected chairman. He succeeds J. R. Hix, retiring member who was elected on the city board of commissioners. J. B. McCoy was named vice chairman and Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, is secretary.

The chairman appointed committees among the members as follows: Finance—J. B. Williams, J. B. McCoy and E. C. Johnson. Buildings and Grounds—W. E. Jones, E. C. Johnson and Dr. J. S. Deans. Teachers—J. B. McCoy, Dr. J. S. Deans and J. B. Williams. Superintendent Cragan was re-elected for a two-year term several days ago.

Moose Arrange Conclave Plans

Regional Director Addresses North Wilkesboro Lodge; Plans Are Made

Charles A. Kirby, regional director of Loyal Order of Moose, said here today that plans for the annual conclave of the Carolina Moose association here August 30, 31 and September 1 are shaping up well.

Kirby is spending this week here laying final plans for the convention, which is expected to be the most successful in the history of the order in the state.

He addressed a well attended meeting of North Wilkesboro lodge on Tuesday night and found the membership enthusiastic about plans for entertaining the many convention delegates.

Various committees were appointed to serve in connection with convention arrangements.

Food and Feed Meetings Soon

Six Meetings Will Be Held In County Next Week To Stress Production

The Wilkes County Workers' Council, an organization of agencies formed to carry the Food and Feed Program to the individual farms, has announced a schedule of meetings to be held next week.

At the meeting the importance of producing food and feed requirements on the farm in the interest of national defense will be stressed and if possible a motion picture will be shown on that subject. The public has a cordial invitation to attend the meetings, which will be held at eight p. m. on the following dates:

Monday, May 19, at county courthouse in Wilkesboro; Tuesday at Union church in Somers township; Wednesday at Mount Pleasant school; Thursday at Millers Creek school; Friday at Mulberry school; Saturday at Benham school.

Highway Offices Moving Today To Lenoir Location

Eighth Division Highway Offices Will Be In Building Near Postoffice

Eighth division offices of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works commission are moving today to Lenoir.

Quarters for the division offices were prepared in the Fidelity Insurance building near the Lenoir postoffice and the task of moving office equipment, records, etc., began this morning.

Decision to move the offices from North Wilkesboro to Lenoir was made in a recent meeting of the new highway commission in order that V. D. Guire, Lenoir manufacturer appointed on the commission, might be in constant touch with the division office.

Guire succeeded J. Gordon Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, who has been on the commission for the eighth division for the past four years.

No changes are contemplated in the office personnel, according to information received here, and the office officials and employes are planning to make their homes in Lenoir. Zeb V. Stewart is division engineer.

It is understood that the division garage and machine shops which were erected here four years ago will not be moved.

Markers Tell Of Historic Spots

Birthplace Of General Gordon and Place of Stoneman's Raid Marked

Appropriate markers have been erected recently at two points of historical interest near here.

Just a few hundred yards west of this city a marker has been erected calling attention to the birthplace of Brigadier General James B. Gordon, which stands on a hill north of highway 421. General Gordon was mortally wounded in battle for the Confederacy near Richmond, Va., on May 12, 1864.

The birthplace of General Gordon is one of the oldest houses in western North Carolina and remains in a good state of preservation.

The other marker erected near here recently is on the courthouse lawn in Wilkesboro. It calls attention to occupation of Wilkesboro by Stoneman's U. S. Cavalry on March 29, 1865.

J. Gordon Hackett, probably the best informed authority on Wilkes county history, had the markers erected.

Seven Local Men Join The Marines

Recruiting Officer Here For Two Weeks Contacts Many Young Men

Seven young men have enlisted in the U. S. Marine corps here during the past few days and it is expected that others will enlist Friday.

Sergeant C. M. Harris, of the Raleigh office of the Marine corps recruiting service, has been here since May 5 accepting applications for enlistment and will leave Friday morning with all accepted for examination.

On Thursday of last week he sent three to the Raleigh office for examination and all were accepted. They were Joe Leonard Revis, of Pores Knob; Jeter Earl Byrd, of Ronda; and Effner Esley Eller, of North Wilkesboro.

On Tuesday this week he sent four to Raleigh. They were: Don Smoot, of North Wilkesboro route one; Renzie Harrold, of Hays; Talmadge Dillard, of Hays; and Conley Milam, of North Wilkesboro.

All were sent to Parris Island, S. C., for a brief period of training before assignment to some ship, service school or Marine post for active duty.

Sergeant Harris has headquarters at the city hall here. All young men interested in the Marines are invited to interview him. He plans to have a temporary recruiting office in Lumberton during the next two weeks and may return here for an additional period after his stay at Lumberton.