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War Rumors Persist With German-Russian Status Still Puzzle

London, June 15.—The status of German- Soviet Russian relations was still in the forefront of diplomatic conjecture tonight but there was an inclination in some quarters to regard reports of German troop movements as "obviously" Nazi-inspired—a screen for a surprise move, probably against Britain.

By this reasoning the most authoritative report of German troop movements, that is, concentrations in eastern and northeastern Germany facing Russia, which was circulated by Russia's official news agency, Tass, would represent propaganda collaboration between Moscow and Berlin.

(An unconfirmed report that Russia has declared general mobilization and cancelled all army leaves was related tonight by Martin Agronsky, National Broadcasting company correspondent in Turkey, during his regular broadcast from Ankara.)

Berlin Says U-Boat Bag Is Bigger Than That of World War

Berlin, June 15.—Nearly 300,000 tons of British and British- used shipping have been sent to the bottom in the first two weeks of June, bringing ship losses to nearly 12,000,000 tons in 21 months of warfare. D. N. E., official German news agency, said tonight.

The agency said the figures did not include ships sunk by mines. The nearly 12,000,000 tons sunk so far, said D. N. E., more than equalled the record made by U-boats during the entire world war.

(According to Encyclopaedia Britannica 11,189,000 tons of shipping were sent to the bottom in the world war.)

The agency said Britain was now in a much weaker merchant marine position than in the worst world war year, 1917.

English Forces Five Miles of Damascus

London, June 15.—British and French troops from the key defenses of Damascus at Kisseou today and in an encircling movement advanced to within five miles on two sides of the Syrian capital. British reports from the Levant stated tonight.

At the same time a column advancing up the central front captured Jezzine and forced French troops in the coastal city of Sidon, 10 miles to the west, to fall back to within 12 miles of Beirut, the Lebanon capital and chief port.

The advances were made despite reports indicating the axis is attempting to throw both sea and air forces into the battle to support the faltering French.

Air War Intensified Over Mediterranean

Rome, June 15.—Sharply intensified air warfare in the eastern Mediterranean was reported by the Italian high command today with accounts of new axis assaults upon Britain's Alexandria naval base and British-held Tobruk in Libya and RAF raids on German and Italian positions in North Africa and the Dodecanese.

The German high command reported further that Luftwaffe units, aiding the French defenders of Syria and Lebanon, scored a direct hit on a heavy British cruiser near Beirut, Lebanese capital.

A "successful" attack Friday on Cyprus, British island bastion guarding the sea route to Syria, also was reported by the Germans. Advances from Nicosia, capital of Cyprus, said there was no damage and only one casualty in this second air raid of the war on Cyprus.

Retaliatory Action Is Ordered By Rome

Rome, June 15.—The Italian government announced today that it had taken suitable retaliatory measures, including the ordering of a registration of United States property in Italy, following President Roosevelt's blocking of Italian and German credits in America.

Some observers pointed out that the Italian action might even be the prelude to a diplomatic break in relations with the United States which at least one Rome newspaper seemed to suggest.

Although the official communication referred only to registration of United States property in Italy, it was thought in American circles that this would be interpreted to mean the property of all American citizens. The only United States government property in Italy is the embassy which enjoys extraterritorial privileges.

Farm Payments to Wilkes Farmers For 1940 \$57,550

Greater Part of Amount Has Been Received And Distributed To Farmers

Government payments to Wilkes county farmers for compliance with the agricultural conservation program in 1940 will have amounted to approximately \$57,500, it was learned today from the Wilkes Triple A office.

Of this amount \$16,000 was in the form of lime, phosphate and seeds advanced as a "grant of aid" and the remainder was in cash payments.

To date the office has received and distributed 3,340 vouchers totaling \$56,504. In addition about one hundred checks estimated at about \$1,000 are yet to be received.

Report On Yadkin Flood Subject To Be Ready Oct. 1st

Letter From War Department Official Read Before Kiwanis Club Friday

Extensive report of the engineers studying flood damage and feasible means of flood control on the Yadkin River will be available by October 1.

That was the information contained in a letter from Lieut. Col. Reading Wilkinson, of the War Department, to J. R. Prevette, who had charge of the Kiwanis club program Friday noon.

The letter, as read by Mr. Prevette to the club, stated that the disastrous flood in August last year had given stimulus to plans already under way and added much work to the preliminary report which has been gathered prior to that time.

The remainder of the program consisted of a talk by A. V. Nolan, member of the Millers Creek school faculty. He explained a course, purpose of which was to acquaint students with many vocations and professions. He said that the students showed much interest in the course.

At the meeting O. F. McCrary, of Raleigh, district extension agent, was a guest of J. B. Snipes; G. W. Smith was a guest of C. B. Eller; Paul Vestal was a guest of J. C. Reins and A. V. Nolan was a guest of J. R. Prevette.

106 Are Sent From Wilkes to Army By Two Draft Boards

Board Number One Has Furnished 39 and Number Two 57 To U. S. Army

The two draft boards in Wilkes have furnished 106 men under the selective service act, it was learned here today from draft board officials.

Draft board number one has furnished 39 and board number two, which has a larger number of registrants, has sent 67.

Wilkes board number one sent three men on Thursday. They were: Silas W. Johnson, of Wilkesboro; James Lester Baldwin, of Congo; and James William Hugh Kilby, of Millers Creek. The quota was five but two failed to meet requirements after being selected.

Board number one has mailed questionnaires to men with local order numbers through 1250 and board number two has mailed through local order number 1800.

"Swing Out" To Be Given Two Nights Wilkesboro School

Miss Helen M. Dyer, director of "Swing Out," which is to be sponsored by Wilkesboro Methodist church, arrived Thursday by train from Tate, Georgia, where she completed a very successful show.

"Swing Out," a thrilling comedy-drama with local talent as members of the cast, will be presented in the school auditorium in Wilkesboro Thursday and Friday, June 26 and 27.

Already committees are enthusiastically at work and an excellent production is expected.

ALL THIS AND COTTON, TOO



This North Carolina farm woman inspects the many cotton articles which will be available under the AAA surplus cotton stamp plan to cotton farmers in stores throughout the state this year. Farmers who curtail cotton acreage will be paid at the rate of 10 cents a pound, on the basis of normal yield, with stamps good for purchases of any and all new cotton goods made in this country. The farmer eats his own wheat on the farm, now he may wear his own cotton, and that without cost to him. More than 70,000 North Carolina cotton farmers will receive \$2,000,000 in stamps and there will be sheets and shirts, socks and skirts, towels and trousers, handkerchiefs and hand-cloths a-plenty for the farm family. Cotton prices already have felt the stimulus of the reduced acreage and price experts predict markets will hold strong throughout the year.

Foster and Gettys Only Two Weeks Released Under Offer Of Morrison Bonds \$2400 Each Pen Free; Act Now

Youths Indicted For Burglary Will Face Trial At August Term of Court

J. D. Gettys, Jr., and Zne Foster, North Wilkesboro school students who were jailed six weeks ago on a charge of first degree burglary, Friday were released under bonds of \$2,400 each for appearance at the August term of Wilkes court.

After their arrest the boys confessed to entering many homes and places of business in North Wilkesboro and several rural communities in various parts of Wilkes.

They were arrested shortly after one had entered the home of Gilbert Foster at Millers Creek, at which time Foster was in the home. Their confessions cleared up more than a score of breaking and entering cases which had been a puzzle to local police and the county officers for months.

First Baptist Services Begin

Pastor Being Assisted By Father, Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, Sr., For Ten Days

A series of evangelistic services began tonight at the First Baptist church in this city and will continue with services each evening at eight o'clock except Saturday through Wednesday, June 25.

The pastor, Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., is being assisted by his father, Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Sr., pastor of the Rocky Mount First Baptist church, in the meeting.

Special music will be rendered throughout the services by the adult and children choirs under direction of Mrs. A. F. Kilby. No service will be held on Saturday evening but two services will be held on Sunday, at 11 a. m. and eight p. m.

A cordial invitation is extended all to attend all the services.

Wilkes Pair Held On Liquor Charge

Greensboro.—Manley Richardson, 30, and Paul Anderson Ashley, 26, of Wilkes county, and Taylor Harris, 29, Greensboro Negro, were jailed here early Thursday on federal liquor law violation charges after Greensboro police investigated a parked automobile and found 15 five-gallon cans of bootleg liquor aboard.

Men 21 Since Oct. 16th Must Register On July 1st, 1941

Men Required To Register Must Appear Before Local Draft Board July 1st

Every man in the State of North Carolina who has attained the 21st anniversary of the day of his birth since October 16, 1940 (with a few exceptions noted below), must register with his local Selective Service board on July 1, State Director J. Van B. Metts stated today.

Men required to register in this second registration are those who were born on or between October 17, 1919, and July 1, 1920.

Aliens, as well as American citizens, who become 21 years of age before midnight July 1, 1941, must register. Director Metts emphasized. He also pointed out that aliens between the ages of 21 and 36 years, who have come to the United States since the first registration on October 16, 1940 and have not yet registered, must register on July 1.

Special arrangements will be made by local boards to register men who cannot appear before the local board because of illness or incapacity. Men subject to registration who are inmates of asylums, jails, penitentiaries, or other similar institutions on July 1 will be registered by the warden on the day they leave the institution.

Men subject to registration on July 1 who are away from home and cannot, except at great expense and inconvenience, return to their own local boards to register, may appear before the nearest local board and will be registered there. Such men should be cautioned, however, to give their permanent addresses when registering. General Metts said.

Men who are required to register on July 1 and fail to do so will subject themselves to severe penalties, including imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both fine and imprisonment. General Metts emphasized.

The only men within the age limits who are not required to register are the following:

Commissioned officers, warrant officers, pay clerks, and enlisted men of the Regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Public Health Service, the federally recognized active National Guard, the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Regular Army Reserve, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, the Naval Reserve, and the Marine Corps Reserve; cadets, United States Military Academy; midshipmen, United States Naval Academy; cadets, United States Coast Guard Academy; men who have been accepted for admittance (commencing with the academic year next succeeding such acceptance) to the United States Military Academy as cadets, to the United States Naval Academy as midshipmen, or to the United States Coast Guard Academy as cadets, but only during the continuance of such acceptance; cadets of the advanced course, senior division, Reserve Officers' Training Corps or Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps; members of the Coast Guard Reserve other than temporary members; technical attaches of foreign embassies and legations, consuls general, consuls, vice consuls, and consular agents of foreign countries, residing in the United States, who are not citizens of the United States, and who have not declared their intention to become citizens of the United States.

The offer applies to new and old subscribers alike and pens will be mailed to those who mail their subscriptions. Those who have previously received pens may get others with other new or renewal subscriptions before the offer ends.

Have you received your pen? Is your subscription paid well in advance? If not bring or send your subscription at the regular rate of \$1.50 in North Carolina or \$2.00 per year outside of the state and get your pen today! Tell your neighbors who do not receive The Journal-Patriot that by subscribing now they can get a beautiful, high quality pen free. Thanks.

Beamans Leave Xanthia, Greece

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Beaman Visit His Sister Here After Long, Exciting Journey

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Beaman, residents of Xanthia, Greece, until February 20, spent the weekend in North Wilkesboro with Mr. Beaman's sister, Mrs. C. G. Dav.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaman had a most interesting and exciting trip back to America from Greece. They went by plane to Bombay, India, and the trip was fraught with intermittent delays. From India they traveled by ship around the Cape of Good Hope, across the Atlantic and up the coast of South America. They arrived in North Carolina on May 20, exactly three months after leaving Greece. They traveled 16,000 miles coming home.

In Greece Mr. Beaman was in charge of the Ligeti-Myers Tobacco company buying office.

Private Albert Dancy, 20, of the 15th Field Artillery, San Antonio, Texas, who is a nephew of Glenn Dancy, deputy collector of internal revenue and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dancy of Hays, Wilkes county, had his choice of going to West Point or Annapolis, it was learned here yesterday.

Young Dancy is one of the few men ever accorded this honor. He received his appointments to both the military and naval academies. After pondering for some time, he decided to stick to the army and will report to West Point on July 1. He has been with the 15th artillery for the past two years.

Miss Elaine Beaman, of Marion, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Vernon Kiser.

Head Of Legion



Andrew F. Kilby, who has been elected commander of Wilkes Legion post number 125 for the coming year. Officers will be installed the first Friday in July.

Kilby Will Head Wilkes Legion For Next Year

Officers Elected Will Take Office On First Friday Evening In July

A. F. Kilby, prominent local citizen and for many years a leader in the American Legion, is the newly elected commander of Wilkes post number 125 of the Legion.

He succeeds L. M. Nelson, commander for the past two years and who is also vice commander of the 15th district.

Other officers elected with Mr. Kilby and who will be installed on the first Friday night in July are as follows: Dr. M. G. Edwards, assistant commander; Charles Leckie, A. C. Siddens, C. L. Comer, Dallas Triplett and Walter M. Morrison, vice commanders; Ed D. Daney, adjutant; W. C. Grier, service officer; A. H. Casey, guardianship officer; Charles Porter, sergeant at arms; W. P. Kelly, historian; J. B. Bason, athletic officer; J. B. Carter, child welfare chairman; Gordon Finley, Americanism officer; J. B. McCoy, employment officer; Dr. J. G. Bentley, graves registration officer; T. A. Finley, chaplain.

The Wilkes post now has a membership of 76 ex-service men and is a most active civic organization. Leaders in the Legion invite the membership of all ex-service men in the county in order that the post may accomplish a maximum of public service.

Wheat Allotment Cards To Go Out After June 16th

Every Farmer Must Have Allotment Or Pay Penalty of 49 Cents Per Bushel

Lawrence Miller, secretary of the Wilkes Triple A, said today that his office will begin to issue wheat allotment cards on June 17.

He emphasized that any wheat grower who produced wheat this year must have an allotment or pay a penalty of 49 cents per bushels.

The allotment cards must be produced when wheat is threshed for toll, tolled for milling, sold or traded. In other words, wheat cannot be used commercially in any form without an allotment.

There are only a small number of wheat farmers in Wilkes who produce sufficient wheat to reach the quantity prescribed for penalties if allotment is received, but without an allotment, which may be secured at the Triple A office, all wheat will be subject to penalty.

Initiation Juniors Here Tuesday Night

A large attendance is asked at the meeting of North Wilkesboro council of Jr. O. U. A. M. on Tuesday night, 7:30, when a group of candidates will be initiated. Members of the degree team are especially asked to be present.

The council continues very active with members being initiated at practically every meeting.

George Johnson, Local Resident, Is Fatally Shot

Ambrose Shepherd Held For Death of Johnson Saturday at Shepherd Home

George T. Johnson, 34, died at 5:30 Sunday morning in the Wilkes hospital from two bullet wounds inflicted Saturday evening by Ambrose Shepherd at the Shepherd home in the Reddies River community twelve miles northwest of here.

Johnson was hit twice, once in the neck and once in the abdomen. The bullet in his neck penetrated his spinal column.

Shepherd was quoted as saying that Johnson went to his home in a car, called him from the house and assaulted him. He further said Johnson followed him to the house and when he came out continued the assault as he began shooting. Shepherd, a prominent farmer of the Reddies River community, came to Wilkesboro and surrendered to officers who placed him in jail.

Hearing will be held Wednesday, ten a. m., in the courthouse before Magistrate R. C. Jennings.

Johnson was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson, tenants on the Shepherd farm, where he was reared. For the past few years he lived near North Wilkesboro and was employed as a truck driver by local firms.

Funeral services were held today, two o'clock, at Reddies River church with Rev. Edd O. Miller in charge of the service.

Johnson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, his father and mother, three brothers, James, Will and Arthur Johnson, and two sisters, Mrs. Ray Bumgarner and Miss Sarah Johnson.

Bicycle Load Of Liquor Captured

Highway Patrol Sergeant Arrests Willie Johnson Charge Transportation

Sunday was the first time that any Wilkes bootleggers had been caught using bicycles.

Willie Johnson, 26-year-old resident of near Wilkesboro, was captured after a chase and was arrested on charges of transporting and concealing liquor.

State Highway Patrol Sergeant Carlyle Ingle had been asked to be on the lookout for a bicycle which had been stolen and when he saw Johnson's bicycle he decided to look at it more closely.

A big tray on the front of the bicycle was filled with what looked like onions. But underneath the layer of onions were five one-half gallon fruit jars filled with white liquor.

Johnson was arrested on charges of transporting and his bicycle was confiscated.

District Meet Of Masons Here 26th

Officers Conference At Four P. M. and District Meeting Masons At Eight

J. W. Nichols, district deputy grand master of the Masonic lodge today announced that a meeting of Wilkesboro district number 33 will be held with North Wilkesboro lodge number 407 on June 26.

An officers conference will be held at four p. m. and officers of all lodges in the district are asked to attend. Supper will be served free to those attending the officers' conference.

At eight p. m. will be a meeting to which all Masons in the district are invited. A most interesting program has been planned for the occasion.

Stores Will Close On Wednesday P.M.

Attention of the public is again called to the fact that stores here will be closed on Wednesday afternoon after one o'clock according to an agreement which became effective last Wednesday and continues through August.

The 21 stores closing include the department stores and a majority of other stores with the exception of grocery and drug stores. Barber shops and shoe repair shops will also be closed on Wednesday afternoons throughout the summer.