

# War News

## Attack On Finnish Border Repulsed

Moscow.—Russian troops have repulsed a gigantic German-Finnish offensive extending the entire length of the Russian-Finnish border and have cut off advance German tank columns in the direction of Minsk. A Soviet war communique reported early today.

The communique, reviewing the eight days of operations, admitted the loss of five important Polish and Lithuanian cities—Bialystok, Grodno, Brest-Litovsk, Vilna and Kaunas.

It claimed, however, that the Red troops and air force had successfully smashed German plans for a "lightning" invasion that would capture Kiev, capital of the vital Ukraine and Smolensk, 250 miles southwest of Moscow, within a week.

Attacking the German high command communique of Sunday as "boastful humbug," the Russian communique claimed that the Germans had lost 2,500 tanks, about 1,500 airplanes and more than 30,000 prisoners.

The communique disclosed that the Germans and Finns opened a new 700-mile front from the Barents Sea, at the northern tip of Finland, south to the Gulf of Finland.

## Berlin Reports Successes

Berlin.—One German mechanized column was reported early today to be charging headlong beyond Minsk into the heart of White Russia and toward Moscow some 400 miles distant while another pounded past Luck on the way to Kiev, capital of the fertile Ukraine.

Military experts here were broaching the question whether the Red army had enough strength left to prevent the German advance from becoming a rout.

The claims that Minsk, capital of White Russia, had been skirted and Luck left behind in the twin drives skirting northern and southern ends of the Pripiet marches followed the high command's release of the long-awaited series of communiqués on astounding German successes in the week-old war.

The communiqués said German panzer divisions had smashed through the Baltic front to the Minsk-Moscow road, surrounded two entire Russian armies, and plunged through Russian-occupied Poland to the Ukrainian frontier.

The operations were said to have cost Russia 4,107 planes, 233 tanks, more than 40,000 captured men and vast quantities of war booty.

## Year's Draft Quota Is Set By Roosevelt

Hyde Park, N. Y.—The temporary White House gave a clear indication yesterday that selectees would be kept in military training only a year, then be permitted to re-enter private life.

A presidential executive order, signed Saturday and released yesterday, set at 900,000 the number of men who may be inducted into the land forces of the United States in the year starting Tuesday, July 1. This is the maximum permitted under the selective service law.

William D. Hassett, the President's secretary, informed reporters that the War Department expected to ask the selective system for new inductees "as the training period of men inducted during the current fiscal year expires."

## Stores To Close On July Fourth

Following the usual custom, stores and other business houses in North Wilkesboro will be closed on July Fourth, a national holiday.

The holiday for Friday, July fourth, it is understood, will not affect the half holiday adopted by stores for Wednesday afternoon and those which have been closing on Wednesday afternoons will be closed on Wednesday afternoon this week as usual.

## Revival Under Way At Moravian Falls

A series of revival services began on Sunday morning at Moravian Falls Methodist church.

The pastor, Rev. J. M. Green, is being assisted by Rev. A. C. [Name], presiding elder, who will do the preaching.

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

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For mutual advantage do your buying in North Wilkesboro, the trading center of Northwestern North Carolina.

## WPA Offices Here Move On Tuesday To Winston-Salem

### Three District Offices In The State Abolished In WPA Reorganization

A WPA curtailment program now in effect throughout the nation comes close home tomorrow with the removal of the district WPA offices here to Winston-Salem.

The nine districts in the state will be reduced to six, resulting in the merger of the seventh district here with the sixth with offices in Winston-Salem into the fourth district of 17 counties and with district office in Winston-Salem.

C. M. Crutchfield, of this city, head of district seven, will head the new district with offices in Winston-Salem. The change takes place Tuesday, July 1.

The district office here has been operating with a personnel of 27, many of whom will be retained on the personnel of the Winston-Salem district office.

A county office will be maintained here. George Forester, county supervisor, R. C. Fawcett, construction engineer, Miss Ila Holman, assistant district supervisor of the Community Service Program, and one social worker will be retained here.

Counties in the larger district will be Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson, Surry, Yadkin, Davie, Rowan, Alleghany, Wilkes, Iredell, Alexander, Caldwell, Watauga and Ashe counties. The district will include all the counties formerly served from the office here except Avery.

North Wilkesboro, Albemarle and Smithfield are the three towns in the state to lose district offices.

## Kiwanians Hear Of Convention

### Delegates Report On Kiwanis International Convention Held In Atlanta

Reports of the Kiwanis International convention held in Atlanta were features of the Kiwanis program Friday noon.

Cecil Adamson was program chairman and he presented Miss Lois Scroggs, D. J. Carter and Paul Cragan for reports.

Miss Lois Scroggs reported she was impressed with bigness of Kiwanis International. She enjoyed the visits to the big stores of Atlanta, the teas given in honor of the wives of Kiwanis, the luncheon at the East Lake Country Club, the Barbecue and all else connected with the convention.

Dan J. Carter gave a summary report of the entire program, beginning with the registration and going through to the election of officers. He summarized the speeches of the International President and other outstanding speakers. He reported that our own Ex-Governor Clyde Hoey made the outstanding speech of the convention.

Paul Cragan, spoke on highlights of the convention. He was impressed with the courtesy of the people of Atlanta, the uniform goodness of the food in all the eating places, the number of crates of Coca-Cola drunk from day to day by the convention, the publicity given by the press was phenomenal, from this he had prepared a large scrap book of clippings about the convention. He was impressed by the brochure used by the delegates from the different parts of our country. He stated every division excelled in some one or more things. The Carolina district excelled in three things as follows: 1. the attractiveness of its ladies, 2. the number of delegates present, and 3. the outstanding speaker in the person of Clyde R. Hoey. The representatives from a number of the districts were highly and colorfully decorated with hats, high boots, white boots, arm bands, canes, pilgrims aprons, etc.

In the business session prior to the program summaries of committee reports from the directors' meeting on Thursday night were read by T. E. Story, secretary.

It was announced that the next luncheon meeting will be at 12:05 Thursday instead of Friday of this week.

## A STREET SCENE IN WILKESBORO—THIRD OF A CENTURY AGO



Here is an interesting picture of a scene in Wilkesboro, capital of "The State Of Wilkes", taken about a third of a century ago. Place of the picture was the intersection of Main street and looking north along the street on the east side of the courthouse with the Tory Oak in the background. R. L. England, auctioneer who is yet a tire in the real estate business, is shown standing on a hack and is announcing the sale of the Benbow farm west

of Wilkesboro, which is now the Mack Moore farm. Mr. Benbow is shown in a buggy and is holding a map of the lands to be sold. The late J. R. Henderson, father of J. R. and J. B. Henderson, of Wilkesboro, is driver of the hack on which the auctioneer is standing. The Wilkesboro band of that date is on a wagon in the middle of the picture. N. O. Smoak and J. B. Henderson were leading the band

Some of those at various places in the picture included N. B. Smithey (wearing white vest), the late B. S. Call, J. T. Hubbard, father of T. S. Hubbard, Sewell Webster on pony, Wm. A. Stroud, W. E. Minton, the late L. M. Pharr, father of R. B. and W. E. Pharr, F. C. (Tom) Forester, and others who could be identified by older residents. This is a reproduction of an old photograph kept by R. L. England.

## Tal J. Pearson Opens Store Here

Tal J. Pearson, who has been in business here for several years and is a widely known merchant, has opened a wholesale store in one of the Pearson Brothers buildings on Tenth street.

The new store, which is now open for business, will carry a full and complete line of groceries, flour, feeds, etc., at lowest prices consistent with prevailing market conditions.

## Mr. Pearson Invites His Former Customers To Visit His Place Of Business

Mr. Pearson invites his many former customers to visit his place of business, inspect the new lines of merchandise and consult him about their merchant's needs. All patronage will be appreciated.

## Health Offices Close On Friday and Saturday

The county health offices in the courthouse will be closed on both Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th.

## Banks Will Close July Fourth, Fifth

Both banks here will be closed on Thursday and Friday, July 4th and 5th. It was announced today.

Advance notice is given in order that no inconvenience may result.

Governor's Proclamation "Whereas, July 4, 1941, a State and National holiday, falls on Friday; and "Whereas, a request has been (Continued on page eight)

## Eldridge Speaks At District Meet of Masons Held Here

### State Grand Master Says Masonry Will Be Revived In Conquered Countries

Masons of the 33rd district gathered in North Wilkesboro Thursday afternoon and night for a district meeting.

John W. Nichols, district deputy grand master, presided. In the afternoon an officers conference was held under direction of John H. Anderson, of Raleigh, grand secretary. Dr. C. P. Eldridge, of Raleigh, most worshipful grand master, was also present.

A general meeting of Masons of the district was held in the evening in the new lodge hall in the Reins-Sturdivant building. Grand Master Eldridge was the principal speaker. He spoke very interestingly of the principles of Masonry and pointed out how Hitler in Europe has closed all Masonic lodges in conquered countries. "What is bad for Hitler must be good for the people," he said.

He predicted that Masonry would be revived in Europe and that it would survive, grow and continue to be a very beneficial organization. Officers present for the afternoon conference were given a banquet dinner by the district deputy grand master and ladies of the Eastern Star assisted in serving.

Practically all lodges were represented in the district meeting, which was described as being very successful. Among the visitors was Prof. Carr Wright, of Boone, district deputy grand master of the 40th district, and a Mr. Redmon, of Snow Hill.

## Employment Office Closes Fourth, Fifth

The North Wilkesboro branch office of the North Carolina Employment Service will be closed on both Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th.

Claimants required to report on either Friday or Saturday are asked to report on Monday, July 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd F. Gardner had as their guests last week-end, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kinzer and son, W. R. Jr., of Mt. Airy.

## 36 Wilkes Men To Enter Service On July Eighteenth

### Board Number One To Furnish 15 and Board Number Two 21 In July

Wilkes county will furnish the army 36 men through the selective service act in July, it was learned today from the two draft boards.

Board number one with headquarters in Wilkesboro will send 15 to Fort Bragg on July 18.

Board number two, which has office in the city hall building here, will send 21 on the same date to Fort Bragg.

This represents the largest single call from Wilkes but it is understood that there will not be other calls during July.

The draft boards will be busily engaged with the second registration Tuesday but the task of sending out questionnaires is continuing to progress. Both boards have long since passed the halfway mark in local order numbers with mailing of questionnaires, a number of which are being mailed almost daily.

Men who have reached the age of 21 since the first registration October 16, 1940, will register with their respective draft boards on Tuesday, July 1.

## Women Of Moose Organized Here

### Chapter Instituted On Sunday Afternoon; Officers For Year Are Named

A new chapter was admitted into the Order of the Loyal Order of Moose on Sunday when the Women of the Moose chapter number 476 was instituted here with a large class for the institution.

The institution was conducted by May Sanderson, of the Academy of Friendship, Charlotte, who took the place of Mrs. Goldie Smith, grand dean, who was unable to attend on account of illness.

Mrs. Sanderson was assisted by Graduate Regent Mrs. Bessie Lineberry and Senior Regent Mrs. F. Pearl Smith, all of Charlotte.

After institution and initiation the following officers were selected to serve during the following year: Mrs. Jane Mount, graduate regent; Mrs. Vera Gaddy, senior regent; Mrs. Annie Bess Hudson, junior regent; Mrs. Clara Cashion, chaplain; Miss Vivian Kerbaugh, recorder; Mrs. Gladys Shaw, of Lenoir, treasurer; Mrs. Bessie Clo Kerbaugh, guide; Mrs. Faye Hayes, assistant guide; Mrs. Lorraine Cook, sentinel; Mrs. Pearl Buchanan, arguer.

The meeting was carried out in a most excellent manner and closed with a buffet lunch and social period.

Meetings of the new organization will be held on the second and fourth Fridays each month.

## Moose Picnic And Weiner Roast July 1

North Wilkesboro lodge of Loyal Order of Moose will hold its first annual picnic and weiner roast at Pine Ridge picnic grounds on highway 16 and 18 near Moravian Falls Tuesday, July 1, seven p. m.

All members and their families, also the women's chapter and their friends and families, are cordially invited to attend. Those who do not have means of transportation are asked to be at the Moose Hall on C street at 6:30 p. m.

## Garages To Close Friday, Saturday

In order to give workmen a brief holiday vacation, 12 garages and auto parts dealers will be closed on both Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th.

The firms who today issued the double holiday closing notice were Yadkin Valley Motor company, Motor Service Sales company, Gaddy Motor company, Auto Parts company, Wilkes Motor Supply, Landis Tire and Parts company, Barber's Garage, Wilkes Auto Sales, Bill Johnson Garage, Williams Motor company, Tull Motor company.

Wrecker service will be maintained as usual at all times.

Next Cripple clinic will be held at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday, July 19.

## WILKES KING OF HEALTH ACTIVE FARMER



J. E. Smith, Jr., of Ronda, King of Health in the county's contest among 4-H clubs, is a most active club member, as these pictures show. Above is shown the 15-year-old boy with his father and County Agent J. B. Snipes as they inspect the corn project being carried out by J. E., Jr. The corn is of very uniform growth, Wilkes County White variety and with a favorable season will yield about 80 bushels. At the time of this picture drought had retarded growth of the corn to some extent. Below is shown the county agent and the club member as they inspect his broiler project. Some of the 450 broiler just ready for market are shown in this interior view of the brooding house. J. E., Jr., said he expected to make a net profit of \$40 from the chickens.—(Photos by Dwight Nichols)