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War News

SS Regiment, Hitler's Most Prized Troop, Is Reported 'Wiped Out'

Moscow.—The Russina army, hurling the Germans back on the defensive, was said officially today to be inflicting huge casualties on the Nazis around the Smolensk gateway to Moscow where a regiment of Adolf Hitler's prize "SS" troops has been wiped out.

Its hopes of achieving a "blitz-seizure" of Russia's great cities shattered, the German war machine was described in official quarters as reeling back in various sectors under "the first powerful counter-blows" of a Soviet drive that promises victory.

The Red army is throwing "inexhaustible" masses of men, planes and tanks into the titanic struggle and is overpowering the Germans at vital points along the long battlefront, the official Communist party organ, Pravda said.

Today's communique describing Wednesday's fighting told of "especially stubborn" resistance that is wrecking German units on the vital Smolensk front, 230 miles west of Moscow, and around Zhitomir to the west of Kiev.

"Victory awaits. . . . The much-advertised blitzkrieg has failed," proclaimed Pravda.

Lets Nippon Know Patience Is Strained

Washington. — Acting swiftly and in a manner to show that its patience was sorely tried, the United States called Japan to account yesterday for a new attack on an American gunboat in China and indicated the incident would not pass with a perfunctory diplomatic exchange.

The 370-ton gunboat Tutuila of the Yangtse River patrol was damaged by bombs which narrowly missed the United States embassy during a Japansese raid on the Chinese capital of Chungking. No casualties resulted but the navy said the stern superstructure of the small craft was damaged slightly.

Soon after the news reached Washington, President Roosevelt discussed the bombing with Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state. Apparently in answer to a summons from Welles, the Japanese ambassador, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, called at the State Department.

Emerging from his brief conference with the ambassador, Welles announced at his press conference that representations had been made to the Japanese government.

He declined to say whether he had admitted personally a severe rebuke to the ambassador, as he did last week in denouncing Japan's move to take over military and naval bases in French Indo-China.

Fall Of Leningrad Near, Nazis Hint

Berlin.—Germans reported early today that more than 2,000 Russians had been slain in one day's fighting about a bridgehead on the Leningrad front and declared Russia's second city now is in a precarious position.

The Nazi armies in this sector, the informants said, are fighting their way to "a fast approaching important decision."

East of Smolensk on the central front the Germans are smashing at encircled Russian forces and causing "very bloody losses" among them, informed sources declared.

The Russians were said by the Germans to be throwing whatever troops are available into the fight in the hope of relieving hard-pressed units, but "their destructions is proceeding," it was stated.

On one sector of the Smolensk front, in two days of fighting, the Russians lost 230 tanks which the official news agency DNB declared was more than half of one month's production of the Soviet tank industry.

Raid Large Still and Get Two Men

Deputies Destroy Large Outfit In Boomer Section Tuesday Afternoon

Deputies sheriff on Tuesday cut one of the largest illicit stills destroyed in Wilkes in many months.

Deputies Oscar Felts, Homer Brookshire, Barney Sparks and Ed Eller raided the still, which was in operation, and arrested George Ferguson, of Wilkesboro, and Guy Church, of Purlear route one, at the still.

Over 6,000 gallons of mash ready for distillation were destroyed, along with about 50 gallons of liquor and 40 five-gallon cans.

Wilkes Schools Will Begin Term On August 27th

Opening Date Will Provide for Completing Half Term Before Christmas

Schools of the Wilkes system are scheduled to open on Wednesday, August 27, according to news received from the office of C. B. Eller, superintendent.

The uniform opening date is planned in order that the schools may complete half the term before Christmas.

Teacher allotment, which contains four teachers more than last year for the county system, has been received.

Supt. Eller said that nine new school buses have been allotted the county system as replacement for old buses.

War Department Report On Yadkin Be Ready In 1942

Major General Schley, Chief of Engineers, Sets Date As January 31, 1942

According to a letter by Major General J. L. Schley, chief of engineers in the War Department, the department's report on flood control in the Yadkin valley will not be ready for congress until January 31, 1942.

The following is the text of a letter by Major General Schley to Senator Robert R. Reynolds and forwarded by Senator Reynolds to F. C. Forester, of North Wilkesboro:

"I am in receipt of your letter of May 6, 1941, in which you express your interest in flood control along the Yadkin River in Wilkes and Surry Counties, N. C., and request that you be advised of the Department's flood control activities in that area.

"The Department does not have at the present time the necessary Congressional authorization for the construction of flood control works along the Yadkin River in Wilkes and Surry counties, N. C. I am pleased to advice you, however, that it is now investigating the Yadkin-Peedee River Basin, N. C. and S. C., in the interests of navigation, flood control, hydro-electric power, and other water uses of that basin under the authority of several directives from Congress. Colonel Jarvis J. Bain, the Division Engineer, South Atlantic Division, and Colonel William B. Ladue, the District Engineer at Charleston, S. C., are now making the necessary field surveys and their report combining all authorized investigations is now scheduled for submission to this office on or about January 31, 1942. Immediately upon its receipt by the Department the report will be reviewed by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors as required by law prior to its submission to Congress with the recommendations of the Department. After the submission of the report to Congress, further action by the Department regarding any projects which may be recommended therein will depend upon the authorization of such projects by Congress and the appropriation of the necessary funds for undertaking the work proposed.

"I shall be pleased to notify you immediately upon the receipt of this report on the Yadkin-Peedee Rivers, and to give you or your secretary access thereto at any time that you may find convenient to call, subject to the usual understanding that the data contained in the report will not be made public prior to its transmission to Congress by the Secretary of War.

"In order that Colonel Bain and Colonel Ladue may know of your interest in flood control along the Yadkin River in North Carolina, I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to them for their information and consideration in connection with the preparation of the pending report."

F. C. Forester, P. E. Brown and a number of others here have been interested in flood control along the Yadkin since 1933 and on several occasions have contacted Senator Reynolds and other officials in efforts to secure flood control measures.

Do the best you can with what you've got where you are.

MANY PIECES OF ALUMINUM GIVEN AT SHOWS

Much aluminum for national defense was given as admission to two shows given by the theatres here. At right is shown W. J. Allen, proprietor of Allen Theatre, as he inspected the pile of aluminum accumulated in admissions to a show given by his theatre Sunday afternoon. More than 1,000 pieces were in the collection. Below is shown part of the large crowd which gathered in front of Liberty Theatre Friday morning before the doors opened for the special aluminum show. There was a capacity crowd, all of whom gave aluminum in lieu of cash admission charges. Th theatres donated their full facilities in behalf of the aluminum collection drive for national defense. (Photos by Dwight Nichols).

Home Chair Co. Plant Damaged By Fire Wednesday

Finishing Department Of Factory Damaged By Fire and Water At Night

Fire and water late Wednesday night did considerable damage to the Home Chair company plant at Ronda.

The fire was thought to have started from an oil lantern about 11 p. m. Fire departments of North Wilkesboro and Elkin were sent to the fire and it was under control in a short time.

The finishing room of the plant was badly damaged. However, company officials expressed hope that the plant can resume full operation without serious delay.

Urges Planting Of Fall Gardens

County Agent Makes Suggestions To Reduce Food Costs For Farmers

J. B. Snipes, Wilkes farm agent, today released the following article relative to planting of fall vegetables:

"This is the time of year to put in your seed for a fall garden. We need to keep sowing and planting in order to have some of the necessary vegetables until frost to help reduce food costs.

"You might plant additional snap beans, because they will be ready for use within 40 to 65 days. At this time you might also seed mustard, spinach, turnips, leaf lettuce and rape, which will furnish us some good greens for this fall. It is a little late, but you might take a chance on planting roasting-ear corn and setting a few cabbage and collard plants.

"If you will use regular garden fertilizer which is 5-7-5, this will hasten maturity of your vegetables."

Duke Power Co. Begins New Line

Duke Power company has begun construction of a rural line extension nine and one-half miles from Traphill to Abshers in the northern part of the county, Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North Wilkesboro branch, said today.

The extension will make electric service available to approximately 50 families, Mr. Gibbs said.

'Unlimited Army'

Arrow indicates Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, as he appeared before senate military affairs committee asking congress to authorize a draft army of unlimited size. He spoke of the "grave national peril."

John N. Wright Funeral Tuesday

Following an illness of sometime, Mr. John N. Wright, well known resident of the county, passed away at the home of his son, Mr. E. R. Wright in Wilkesboro, Monday morning, July 28.

Mr. Wright was born at Millers Creek on May 3rd, 1874, the son of the late Joseph and Mary Forcum Wright, and at the time of his death he was 67 years, 2 months, and 24 days of age.

Early in life, Mr. Wright joined Friendship Methodist church near Millers Creek, where he kept his membership until death. He was a loyal and active member of the church, and was one of the progressive citizens of the county in which he resided.

Mr. Wright was married to Mrs. Octavia Absher and to this union one son, Mr. E. Ray Wright, was born. Mrs. Wright preceded him several years ago.

Other survivors are one brother, Mr. W. E. Wright, of Roxboro; two sisters, Mrs. Roby J. Bullis, of Sanford; Mrs. W. T. Webster, of Statesville; and a step-son, Mr. C. H. Absher, of Bluefield, W. Va.

Mr. Wright was a splendid farmer and business man, and

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Public Assistance Grants For Month Totaled $8,586.00

692 Needy Aged Get $5,941; Dependent Children $2,127; Blind $518

Public assistance payments in Wilkes county for the month of July totaled $8,586, Charles McNeill, superintendent of welfare, said today.

Of that amount $5,941 went to 692 needy aged who received old age assistance.

Aid to dependent children grants went to 162 families with 315 dependent children. The amount was $2,127.

Giant Rattler Is Brought to Town

Eugene Reavis Brings In Big Reptile Caught By Dog Near His Home

Eugene Reavis, citizen of the Brushy mountain section of Wilkes, furnished a free street show on Ninth street Tuesday.

He brought to town in the back of his automobile a giant rattlesnake about five feet in length.

As soon as it became known that a big rattler was on Ninth street people flocked to see it. It was not a dead snake but was very much alive.

And there is an interesting story in connection with his bringing the big reptile to town. It was the fourth rattler which had been caught by his collie dog, "Spot."

All the four rattlers caught by "Spot" were in the neighborhood of the Reavis home. The first three taken by the dog were of medium size and had 6, 7 and 9 rattles.

The one brought to town must have been the "daddy of them all" but it was impossible to count the rattles because "Spot" had made away with all but three rattles in the fight with the snake.

Mr. Reavis and his sons, Coolidge and E. C., Jr., saw "Spot" in the bushes and the little dog was barking. They rushed to the scene just as the dog attacked the snake and held the dog off while they prepared a cord "halter" to loop around the snake's head and brought it in alive.

Cripple Clinic 7th

Next clinic for cripples will be held at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday, August 7. A specialist will examine all crippled and deformed people without cost and give advice relative to treatment.

Say Prospects Good For Dam Construction

Local Citizens Confer In Capital With U. S. Officials

Major General In War Dept. Says Report Will Not Be Ready Until 1942

A delegation representing the Wilkes Unit of the Western North Carolina Industrial Council recently returned from Washington, D. C., where they conferred with Senator Josiah W. Bailey and other government officials relative to construction of a flood control dam on the Yadkin near Wilkesboro.

John R. Prevette, chairman of the council, said that the delegation was assured that prospects were good for construction of the dam, but urged that people in the Yadkin valley not let up in their efforts to secure the necessary flood control facilities.

Senator Bailey is receiving the support of Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Representative W. O. Burgin, of this district, and Representative R. L. Doughton, of the Ninth district, in efforts to secure flood control.

In a recent letter to Mr. Prevette, Representative Doughton again expressed his intention to do everything in his power to secure the project. He also enclosed a letter from Major General J. L. Schley, War Department chief of engineers, to him and Representative Burgin. The text of the letter follows:

"Reference is made to your conference with me in this office on July 16, 1941, at which time you both expressed your great interest in the improvement of the Yadkin-Peedee River, North Carolina.

"In 1933 after extensive surveys this Department made a voluminous report on the Yadkin-Peedee River in North Carolina which was published as House Document No. 68, 73rd Congress, First Session. This document describes and shows on its plates a large proposed reservoir near Wilkesboro as well as a number of other reservoirs. "Potential Water Power Sites as summarized from Reports by the Corps of Engineers to the Congress," in which economic justifiabilities, power possibilities and other data are recorded.

"In accordance with an item of the Flood Control Act approved June 22, 1936, which authorized the continuation of surveys, studies and reports on the above described proposed projects additional surveys are now being made which will bring up to date the cost estimates and other data of the previous reports. It is expected that the studies now being made will be completed on or about January 31, 1942.

"As you were informed during the conference in this office, it has been found advisable to combine the reports on the several authorized investigations of the Yadkin-Peedee Basin into one comprehensive report. The combined report of the Division and District Engineers was substantially completed when in August of 1940 a major flood occurred in the Yadkin-Peedee Basin. The report was therefore deferred in order that the reporting officers might profit from the experience gained in this flood, and it is now scheduled to reach this office on or about January 31, 1942. As you know, immediately upon the receipt of that report in this office it will be reviewed by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors as required by law prior to its submission to Congress with the recommendations of the Department. After the report has been transmitted to Congress further action by this Department on any project which may be recommended therein will depend upon the authorization of those projects by Congress and the appropriation of the necessary funds for the work proposed.

"You may be assured that the Department is fully aware of the flood control and allied problems in the vicinity of the Wilkesboro Dam and elsewhere throughout the Yadkin-Peedee River System and that every effort consistent with the necessity for sound engineering analysis, study, and re-

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Fish In Service

Representative J. Hamilton Fish, of New York state, as he completed 30 days active service at Fort Bragg and said "The United States Army is the best in the world." He is colonel in the army reserves.

August Court To Begin On Monday; Blackstock Judge

Eight Homicide Cases Calendared For Trial During Two Weeks of Court

August term of Wilkes court will open in Wilkesboro Monday with Judge Clarence Blackstock, of Asheville, on the bench.

Judge Blackstock, recently appointed by Governor J. M. Broughton, will be presiding over his first court. He was assigned to Wilkes for the first week, replacing Judge Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, regular 17th district jurist for the second half of this calendar year. Judge Sink, who will have important matters to hear elsewhere next week, will preside over the second week of Wilkes court.

Eight homicide cases are calendared for trial. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall said that Everett Wiles, charged with the murder of Constable Nath Wyatt nine years ago, and Lewis Johnson, for the murder of Crommie Hutchison this year, will be first degree cases.

The trial of Wiles is scheduled to begin Tuesday of the first week and the Johnson trial will follow.

Double Funeral Service Is Held

Elliot Williams and Wife Died Sunday At Their Home Near City

Double funeral service was held Monday afternoon at Cross Road cemetery for Elliot Williams, 60, and his wife, Mrs. Susie Elizabeth Williams, both of whom died Sunday.

Mrs. Williams died Sunday morning at their home west of this city in Reddies River township. A few hours later in the day her husband died. She died of a sudden attack but he had been ill for some time.

There are no surviving children. He leaves three brothers, E. V. and Albert Williams, of North Wilkesboro, and Avery Williams, of West Jefferson.

Mrs. Williams is survived by two brothers, Luke Rhoades, of North Wilkesboro route one, and Gentry R. Rhoades, of Schoolfield, Va., and three sisters, Mrs. Sallie Gant, Mrs. Rebecca Ragsdale and Mrs. Glenn Miller, of North Wilkesboro route one.

SEEMS TO BE A CATCH IN IS

Adv. in a St. Louis newspaper: PERSONAL — Sallie, come home, and forgive for the children's sake. Will you sign so I can sell 50 feet?