

War News

Nazis Report Soviet Army Falling Apart

Berlin.—A new triple-pronged German offensive "decisive for the world's future" was reported early today striking toward Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev following official boasts that the Red army is falling apart after losing more than 4,000,000 men in the past 46 days.

Soviets Claim Positions Mold Against Drives

Moscow.—Mentioning for the first time in days the German-Finnish attempt to smash into Leningrad from the north across the Karelian Isthmus, Soviet Russia reported early today that the Red army was fighting stubbornly against the invaders in the Kakisalmi sector, about 75 miles north of Leningrad.

The same war report, issued by the Soviet information bureau, told of continued bitter battles in the familiar Smolensk and Bel Tserkov sectors of the center and south, where official Soviet accounts have told of counter-attacks holding up the Nazi advance.

Only in those areas and in the Estonian sector, where the Germans are trying to put the squeeze on Leningrad from the southwest, was there major fighting, the Russian communique said.

Kakisalmi is a Lake Ladoga port which the Russians gained in the 1939-40 war with Finland.

With this new development on a front hitherto comparatively quiescent, official accounts portrayed the Red Army as counter-attacking in sustained fashion on the central and southern approaches to Moscow and Kiev in a deepening battle of movement on a 450-mile front.

Action Designed To Forestall Japs

Washington.—The United States and Great Britain, in parallel representations, have urged Thailand (Siam) to take a firm stand against Japanese demands for military bases and have promised Thailand war supplies in event of an attack by Japan, a responsible source revealed last night.

The disclosure came soon after the United States, hinting at new economic reprisals, warned Japan to stay out of Thailand—potential powder keg of the Far East. The warning, echoing a similar pronouncement by Britain, was contained in a press conference statement by Secretary of State Cordell Hull who declared that any Japanese thrust into Thai territory would be a matter of increasing concern to the United States.

Hull, asked at his press conference whether he has had any conversations with or made any representations to Thailand, replied obliquely that he was not able to go into any details now because nothing very definite has been decided.

The United Press source said, however, that representations already have been made for the purpose of encouraging Thailand

Mr. s. Jennings Is Claimed By Death

Last Rites Held Wednesday For Mrs. Sallie Jennings, Who Died Tuesday

Mrs. Sallie Brown Jennings, age 83, member of a widely known Wilkes family, died at two a. m. Tuesday at her home in the Pores Knob community. She had been ill for several months.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, two p. m. at Walnut Grove Baptist church. The body lay in state for one-half hour prior to the service. Interment was in the church cemetery. The pastor, Rev. E. C. Shoe, of Taylorsville, was assisted by Rev. C. C. Holland, of Hickory, a former pastor.

She was the widow of the late Leander C. Jennings and is survived by three sons, W. Andrew Rom C. and Floyd M. Jennings, all of Pores Knob, and three daughters, Mrs. C. W. Carlton, of Williamson, W. Va., Mrs. John G. Kenerly, of Mooresville, and Miss Maude Jennings, of Greensboro. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Bentley, of Pores Knob, and Mrs. Laura Pennell, of Moravian Falls, 20 grand children and nine great-grand children.

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Everett Wiles Is Now On Trial

North Wilkesboro Schools Will Open On September 1st

Buildings Renovated and Cleaned and Supplies In Readiness for Opening

At a meeting of North Wilkesboro board of education Monday, September 1, was set as the opening date of the 1941-42 school term.

Paul S. Cragon, superintendent, reported that during the summer months all needed repairs to school furniture and equipment have been made and that the buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and renovated.

Complete supplies of newly adopted textbooks are on hand and all worn books have been replaced. Instructional supplies for the new year are on hand and in readiness for the beginning of work.

Both the elementary and high school continue to hold highest ratings with the accrediting agencies. The state department recognizes the elementary school as fully accredited and the high school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools for the nineteenth consecutive year.

Lewis Johnson To Go On Trial For His Life Monday

State Will Ask First Degree Verdict For Death Of Crommie Hutchison

Lewis Johnson will go on trial for his life in Wilkes court Monday, August 11, for the death of a neighbor, Crommie Hutchison, in the Joynes community a few weeks ago.

According to evidence at the preliminary hearing, the men had some trouble previous to the shooting, Johnson, witnesses said, was behind an outbuilding when he fired the shot which killed Hutchison.

Johnson will be arraigned in court this week and a special venire will be summoned to report on Monday morning, according to an announcement by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall.

Judge Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, will preside over the second week of court, which will include the first degree trial of Johnson.

Solicitor Hall will prosecute the case and Attorney F. J. McDuffie will be Johnson's counsel.

PEDESTRIAN, 105, KILLED BY AUTO

Oakland, Cal.—Despite his 105 years, Dr. S. J. Von Hirsch was an enthusiastic walker. So he arose early, dressed, picked up his cane, stepped into the street—and was killed by an automobile.

The Marines Have Landed



This photograph was made at Jacksonville, N. C., during marine maneuvers—first time—between army-navy and marines on beach landing practice. Transports unloaded armored cars and troops carrying equipment, etc. Photo shows marines going over the side of transport to landing boats.

Commissioners Ask For New Bus Station

Marriage Licenses

Four license to wed were issued during the past week by Wilkes Register of Deeds C. C. Sidden. Two of the couples were: Ernest D. Luffman and Naomi Brown, both of Ronda; Philo F. Phillips and Josephine McGuire, both of Walsh. Two couples requested no publicity.

Air And Ground Rodeo on Sunday

A group of widely known performers will put on an air and ground rodeo Sunday afternoon, 2:30, at the North Wilkesboro airport.

The show will feature some of the most thrilling stunts ever exhibited, including motorcycle crash through plate glass, death drag through fire, a parachute jump by Miss Jean Whisnant and many other outstanding attractions, including stunts by Tony Kivette, of Chicago.

Admission charges will be made and August 17 has been set as date for the show in case of rain Sunday.

The show is under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club.

Commissioner Utilities Asked to Order Change

Clerk Ordered To Proceed According to Law to Collect Taxes For 1940

Commissioners of North Wilkesboro in August meeting passed a resolution petitioning the Utilities Commission to pass an order instructing the Greyhound Bus company "to make provisions to lease or build a suitable and safe terminal without delay" in North Wilkesboro.

The resolution, as unanimously passed, set out that traffic in North Wilkesboro has been increasing, that streets are narrow and steep, that the present bus station is situated on a steep street and with no facilities other than streets for parking, that the buses take needed parking room on the streets and that parking the buses on the incline is dangerous.

The resolution asked that the commission take action on the matter without delay. It also asked (Continued on page eight)

State Is Asking the Death Penalty For Murder Of Wyatt

Harvey Money, Eye Witness To Shooting Of Wyatt, Is State's Star Witness

Harvey Money in Wilkes court yesterday quoted Everett Wiles as saying "D—n you, I'll kill you" and said that he saw Nathan Wyatt, constable, fall dead from a bullet from Wiles' gun on March 24, 1932.

Wiles, who recently completed seven years for counterfeiting, is on trial for his life for the killing of Wyatt, who was at the Wiles home to execute a search warrant for property Wiles is alleged to have stolen.

Money, a resident of the Jonesville section of Yadkin county, was the state's star witness in the trial yesterday. The jury was completed at 11:30 a. m. The jurors are: W. H. Canter, Lonnie Jones, C. W. Goforth, Spencer Harrold, W. H. Ferguson, J. H. Crawford. (Continued on page eight)

Maggie Wyatt Is Put On Probation For Death of Three

Mother Whose Children Perished In Flames Enters Plea In Court

Maggie Wyatt, unmarried mother of three children who perished when her home near Daylo burned in April this year, entered a plea of involuntary manslaughter in Wilkes court Tuesday.

Judge Clarence E. Blackstock gave her a one-year sentence, which was suspended and she was placed on probation.

Neighbors said that Maggie Wyatt had tied the children to the walls of her mountain home by ropes before leaving to go to the store and postoffice two miles away. While away the building burned and neither of the children, ages one, two and four, was able to escape.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall said that the act of tying the children was a violation of the law, resulting in the manslaughter charge against the mother.

One other of the nine homicide cases on the Wilkes court docket was disposed of Tuesday. J. C. Drum submitted a plea of involuntary manslaughter during process of trial for the knife killing of Bristol Mathis at Ronda several months ago. There was evidence that Drum was acting in self defense.

Drum was given a two-year sentence, which was suspended and he was placed on probation with the condition that he pay the costs for which the county was liable. (Continued on page eight)

Speaks Tonight



Basil L. Whitner, of Gastonia, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, will address the North Wilkesboro Jaycees in meeting at 7:30 this evening at Hotel Wilkes. He is a member of the legislature from Gaston county and is widely known as a civic leader and speaker.

Sept. 16-20 Dates Fair This Year

Great Northwestern Fair, which will include many new features, will open a five-day exposition on the fairgrounds here September 16, W. A. McNeil, general manager, said today.

Premium lists offering a large sum for excellence in products of homes, farms and orchards are off the press and are being mailed rapidly to a list of former exhibitors. McNeil said.

One of the new features for the fair this year will be a horse show, which will be in charge of T. S. Kenerly, of North Wilkesboro. Mr. Kenerly will work out the details for this attraction soon, Mr. McNeil said.

Marks Shows, one of the largest carnival aggregations on the road, will again play the midway. Mr. McNeil has just returned from reviewing the midway attractions at another town and was enthusiastic in his praises of the new midway shows and rides.

A revue, acrobatic and comedian acts have been secured for presentation on the stage in front of the grandstand. Workmen have almost completed work on a new grandstand and stage, which will replace the structures destroyed in the Yadkin flood August 14, 1940.

The fair here will be one of the few in the entire country to have fireworks this year. The fireworks were purchased for the 1941 exposition about a year ago and were already made up before manufacture of fireworks was discontinued because materials were needed in defense industries.

Thirty-Three Men From Wilkes Will Leave On Monday

13 From Board One and 20 From Board Two Will Go To Ft. Bragg 11th

Thirty-three Wilkes men have been notified to report here on Monday, August 11, where they will leave for induction in the U. S. Army at Fort Bragg. Thirteen will be from board number 1 and 20 from board number 2.

Board number 1 had 14 slated to go but one appealed to the President of the United States on his classification. Cyrus B. Whittington, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Whittington, of Purlear, asked that he be placed in class three because of dependents after his questionnaire had been returned with no dependency claim. His appeal was denied by the draft board and the district board of appeals, after which he appealed to President Roosevelt.

In the 13 to leave Monday board number one has five volunteers. They are Howard Russell Segraves, Joseph Dwight Ferguson, Chadlee Lee Pennell, Charles James Everette and Russell Deane Anderson, Carlos Johnson Stout, Vernon Stokes Woods, Lillard Lunsford, Dachie Albert Marlow, Odell Clarence Bentley, Robert Byers and Verlin Blankenship are conscripts.

Board number 2 has one volunteer, John Eugene Bengt. Conscripts are Charles Roby Spicer, Garvey Reese Cheek, Elbert Burton Wishon, Reginald Pickens Jackson, Jr., Charlie Clay Bauguess, Willard Finley Higgins, Morris Shumate, Crom Glen Sparks, Roy Madison Wooten, Bruce Adrian Phillips, Samuel Quentin Byrd, John Starling Mastin, William Hale Jones, Richard Lee Johnston, Bruce Charlie Felts, Earl Johnson Gambill, James Lee Frazier, Jackson McNeil Verner and Fred Farrington.

Oxford Class To Visit This City

Orphanage Class To Render Concert At Lodge Hall On Tuesday Night

The Oxford orphanage singing class will give a concert Tuesday, August 12, at 9:00 p. m. daylight saving time, in the new lodge hall over Reins-Sturdivant Funeral home. The program will consist of songs, recitations, pageants, and patriotic drills.

The singing class has been coming to North Wilkesboro for many years, and concerts have always been enjoyed by all who attend. "Come and bring a friend," the announcement said.

Women Of Moose Meet Friday Night

Women of the Moose will hold their regular meeting August 8th, at 8 p. m. at the Moose Hall. All members are urged to be present and please report.

Camera Highlights In The Everett Wiles Murder Case



Everett Wiles, now on trial for his life in Wilkes court for the killing of Nathan Wyatt, Rock Creek constable, at the home of Wiles on March 24, 1932. The above is a reproduction of a prison picture of Everett made when he was serving a term in a midwestern state.

S. M. Shumate, former deputy, pointing out to Vernon Kizer, of The Journal-Patriot, where he found the body of Constable Wyatt on the premises of the Wiles home. Shumate heard the shot which killed the officer but had left the scene while chasing a man with liquor.



George Holland, Wilkes deputy who was fired upon by Wiles as he was trying to apprehend Wiles for the murder of Wyatt. Holland and Wiles exchanged three shots each at about 75 yards but neither was hit.

The home of Mrs. Janie Wiles, mother of Everett. Six men were seated on the ground when Officers Shumate and Wyatt, with Jim Nicholson in Shumate's car, arrived on the scene to execute a search warrant for an automobile motor which Everett was alleged to have stolen from Nicholson. Harvey Money, of Yadkin county, one of the men, was the state's star witness during the trial this week.

Trial of Wiles began Tuesday afternoon. The jury was completed Wednesday morning and since that time the state has been offering testimony in an effort to secure conviction of first degree murder. (Photo by Dwight Nichols)

