

War News

Reds Acknowledge German Advances

Moscow.—The Red army acknowledged German gains in the puches toward Moscow and Leningrad last night, but as for the vital Ukraine sector acknowledged only that fierce fighting was raging at Bel Tserkov, 50 miles south of Kiev.

Smolensk, a gutted provincial city 230 miles west of here, was abandoned "a few days ago," the Soviet information bureau communique said. (The Germans claimed its capture in mid-July and said Nazi troops had fought their way beyond to Vyazma, only 130 miles west of Moscow.)

Russian troops also battled the Germans at Staraya Russa, near the southern shores of Lake Ilmen, still 140 miles south of Leningrad and 40 miles east of Soltsi.

The Finnish drive from the north still was held in the Kakkisalmi region, 75 miles from Leningrad, the Russians said.

Destruction of 43 Nazi planes Tuesday was claimed to a Soviet loss of 35 aircraft, and a Red submarine was credited with sinking a 15,000-ton German tanker in the Baltic.

R.A.F. Bombs Berlin, Other German Cities

London.—Masses of bombers—roof-scraping Blenheims and high altitude American-made Fortress planes—fanned out through disorganized German fighter defense and bombed Berlin and a dozen other German and German-held cities in a continuing day and night offensive.

The bombers pounded Berlin for two hours, starting many fires which were visible for great distances, the air ministry news service stated, and they reached the Krupp Arms Works at Essen and there started "a tremendous fire half a mile long."

Despite extremely unfavorable weather some of the attackers flew beyond Berlin to Stettin on the Baltic coast.

Wellingtons, Manchesteres, Stirlings and Halifaxes also were among the planes which darted through breaks in the clouds to spot buildings and railway stations.

U. S. To Take Martinique, Nazis Charge

Vichy.—The Petaing government was warned in Nazi dispatches last night that the United States and Britain are ready to answer the French pledge of "closer bonds" with the axis by seizing Martinique and other French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

The German-dominated newspaper in Paris, quoting information from Stockholm, alleged that Britain and the United States are "nearly agreed" on a broad program of countering France's move toward fuller collaboration with Adolf Hitler.

The British and Americans, according to this unconfirmed report, will take "immediate military and political measures" in both the Atlantic and Pacific if France acts in concert with the axis, including:

1. Joint occupation of Freetown on the West African coast just south of strategic Dakar to "put pressure" on the French.
2. Occupation by United States of all French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.
3. A break in American-French diplomatic relations and U. S. recognition of General Charles de Gaulle's "Free French" regime.
4. Severe financial sanctions against France in event diplomatic relations with Vichy are now broken off.

2 Marriage License

License to wed were issued during the past week by C. C. Sidden, Wilkes register of deeds, to two couples. Fred Johnson, of Baltimore, Md., and Mildred D. Myers, of Hays; Claud Royal, of Mecklenburg and Johnnie Bare, of Wagoner.

Real Estate Now Being Advertised To Be Sold On Monday, September 1

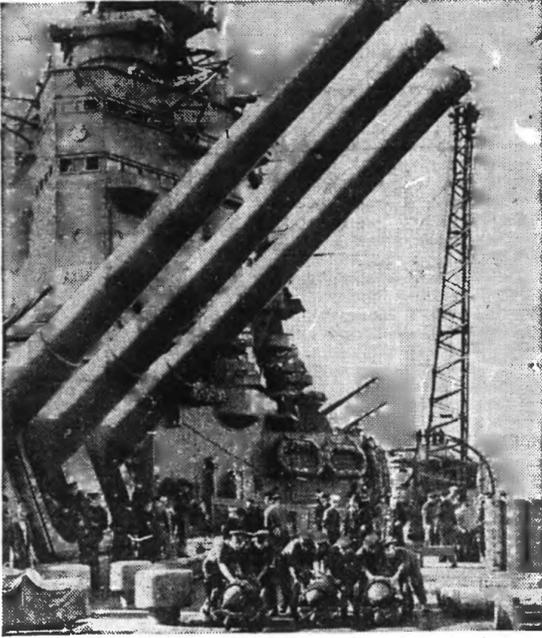
Attention of all taxpayers who have not paid their 1940 taxes to Wilkes county is called to the fact that real estate for 1940 taxes is now being advertised for sale on September 1.

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

Food for the Big Barkers



Sixteen-inch shells for her guns are trundled down the deck of H.M.S. Nelson, British battleship. Men doing the trundling and handling their dangerous loads with all the aplomb of veterans are members of the South African division of the royal naval volunteer reserve, who are serving their annual training stint with the British fleet.

Million Bushels Apples In Brushies' Orchards

Wilkes And Alexander Fruit Growers Hear State Experts At Big Field Day And Picnic Wednesday

Prospects for a million-bushel apple crop in Wilkes and Alexander counties this year added to the pleasure and optimistic attitude of the 100 or more Brushy Mountains fruit growers who attended the annual field day and picnic of their Fruit Growers Association yesterday.

With Delicious and Bonum varieties of apples already russeted, the fruit growers are preparing for the harvest and marketing season which will begin within the next two weeks.

In a discussion of marketing, Matheson agreed with local growers that the market outlook is optimistic, and prices higher than the 70 cents per bushel paid for the average apples last year are to be expected this year.

Arranged Meeting J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county farm agent, arranged for the meeting in co-operation with George Hobson, Alexander county farm agent; Miss Elizabeth Williams, Wilkes home agent; Mrs. Agnes Watts, Alexander home agent; and H. C. Colvard, assistant farm agent in Wilkes.

All Who Pay 1940 County Taxes This Month Will Save Additional Costs

By paying during this month the additional costs will be saved. Attention is also called to the fact that the sheriff has been ordered to garnish wages and to sell personal property in order to collect taxes from persons who have no real estate listed for taxation.

Another item of interest to county taxpayers is the fact that the law provides a one per cent discount to all taxpayers who pay their taxes for 1941. Payment now can be made to the county

Park Service Office Here Disbanded; Seek WPA Project

Landscaping and Park Development Work May Be Resumed Under WPA

The National Park Service office here in charge of landscaping and park development along the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina is being disbanded and the work will be resumed through the district WPA office, it was learned here today from J. H. Armfield, who has been in charge of the office here for the past several months.

Park service officials in Roanoke, Va., said recently that the ERA funds by which the work had been in progress are practically exhausted and that WPA projects will be set up in North Carolina and Virginia to resume the work.

Mr. Armfield said here that the park service will maintain a small office in the maintenance buildings at Bluff Park near Laurel Springs. However, the office which had been located on the second floor of the Tomlinson Department Store building here has been disbanded, effective this week.

The office was in charge of landscaping along the parkway in North Carolina and was in charge of development of wayside parks and recreation areas along the parkway.

Says Sheriff Not the Custodian of the Courthouse

Raleigh News and Observer Comments On Ruling By the Attorney General

In answer to a question by Wilkes Sheriff C. T. Doughton, the office of Attorney General of North Carolina stated in a recent ruling that the sheriff is not the custodian of the county courthouse, which is a responsibility of the county commissioners.

"Under The Dome" column in the Raleigh News and Observer Sunday carried the following comment relative to the ruling: "NO CONTROL—Ever so often the office of the Attorney General releases a digest of recent legal opinions, sometimes interesting and sometimes very uninteresting. Once in a great while there is a spark of intense interest."

"Heading last week's list was this sober notice: 'Courthouses: Control: County Commissioners or Sheriff (C. T. Doughton, 5-7-41). It is a responsibility of the county commissioners to provide for the care and upkeep of the county courthouse and to employ janitors. The sheriff is not the custodian of the building by virtue of his office.'"

"Although it didn't sound very important, that notice was a reiteration of the eternal struggle of Democrats versus Republicans in the few western counties that still divide their loyalty."

"Sheriff C. T. Doughton is the first Democratic sheriff to be elected in Wilkes County. He is the son of Representative R. L. Doughton, chairman of the powerful House committee on ways and means. Sheriff Doughton stands almost alone among officials in the predominantly Republican county, and he doesn't like the way the majority party does things in Wilkes. So he wrote to the Attorney General hoping to get a ruling that would permit him to fire the 'untrustworthy' custodians and caretakers and hire some new ones, probably Democrats."

"The Attorney General's ruling was a polite way of saying 'no,' that the Republican board of county commissioners still controls the county courthouse and its care, whether it be good or bad."

To Begin Revival At Union Church

Revival services will begin at Union Methodist church west of this city on Sunday evening. Rev. Dwight Mullis, of Jonesville, will assist the pastor, Dr. J. C. Stokes and will preach each evening, eight o'clock. A vacation Bible school will be conducted with sessions each morning.

Johnson And Faw Sentenced; Shepherd Trial Is In Progress

SLAYER GETS 29 TO 30 YEARS



Lewis Johnson, left, was sentenced in Wilkes court this week to 29 to 30 years for the murder of Crommie Hutchison after he pleaded guilty to second degree murder. He is shown here in custody of Oscar Felts, deputy sheriff, as he was being taken from the jail to the courtroom. (Photo by Dwight Nichols)

Sixth Homicide Case During the Term Under Way

Johnson Gets 29 to 30 Years For Murder Hutchison; Faw 18 to 19 Months

Wilkes superior court yesterday completed trial of the fifth homicide case during the current term and started the sixth.

Jury after a few minutes deliberation convicted Charlie Faw of manslaughter for the death of Hamp Eller near Reddies River on highway 16 July 6. Evidence had been produced tending to show that Faw was responsible, either by a blow or through an automobile accident, for the broken neck which caused Eller's death.

Judge Hoyle Sink sentenced Faw to 18 to 19 months in the penitentiary and gave him the same sentence on charges of driving drunk, the latter sentence concurrent with the first.

The case of Ambrose Shepherd, prominent farmer of the Reddies River community, for the fatal shooting of George Johnson at the Shepherd home was called and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall announced that the state was seeking a verdict of second degree murder or manslaughter.

Sallie Walker was the star witness for the state. She said she was at the Shepherd home on the night of the shooting. Johnson was shot in the front of the Shepherd home and call for Shepherd, who was seated on the porch. Shepherd went to the car, she said, and in a few minutes Johnson got out of the car and she heard him threaten to kill Shepherd. She said Johnson took off Shepherd's glasses and struck him, and then picked up two rocks.

At that instant, she said, Shepherd went toward his house and she went to Johnson and asked him to leave, which he agreed to do, and was preparing to enter his car when Shepherd came from the house with a gun and shot Johnson near the car.

Shepherd entered the house and asked that an ambulance be called because he had "shot a man in self defense."

Fred Wyatt testified that he arrived on the scene after the shooting and found Johnson helpless in the road. He said that Shepherd was seated on his porch and offered no assistance.

Dr. F. C. Hubbard, of the Wilkes hospital, testified that a bullet entered Johnson's neck and so injured the spinal cord that total paralysis and death resulted.

Shepherd went on the stand today in his own behalf. He testified that at the time he shot Johnson that Johnson was advancing on him with two rocks and that he shot Johnson until he fell in order to save his own life.

Many witnesses, including some of the county's most prominent citizens, testified that Shepherd's character was good.

The case is expected to reach the jury late today.

Solicitor Hall said that cases in which defendants are being held in jail will be called on completion of the Shepherd trial.

In Court Tuesday

Lewis Johnson was sentenced in Wilkes court Tuesday to 29 to 30 years in state prison for the murder of Crommie Hutchison in the Joyces community June 1 this year.

Judge Hoyle Sink pronounced sentence after Johnson, through his attorney, F. J. McDuffie, entered a plea of guilty to second degree murder. Judge Sink said in his order accepting the plea that he was assuming the responsibility for acceptance of the plea by the court and that he was relieving the solicitor and private prosecution of any responsibility in the matter.

The plea was entered soon after court opened and a number of witnesses testified before Judge Sink before he passed sentence.

Immediately after completion of the case, which started Monday with empanelling the jury for a first degree trial, the court began trial of the fifth homicide case this term.

Gibbs New Manager Of Penney Store; McCartney Head Big Salisbury Store

New Manager Comes From Maryville, Tenn.; J. R. McCartney Gets Promotion

R. E. Gibbs today succeeded J. R. McCartney as manager of the J. C. Penney company store in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Gibbs is a native of Burlington, where he was associated with the J. C. Penney company store there for four and one-half years. During the past three and one-half years he was assistant manager of the company's large store at Maryville, Tennessee.

Mr. Gibbs comes to North Wilkesboro well recommended and with a wide knowledge of merchandising, a factor which will assure customers of the store here of a continuation of the high quality merchandising services which have been rendered.

He and Mrs. Gibbs have moved to North Wilkesboro and are making their home in Forester apartments on C street. They are members of the Methodist church and have been active in church and civic affairs in the communities where they have resided.

Mr. McCartney came to North Wilkesboro two years ago from his home town of Gadsden, Alabama, where he was associated with the J. C. Penney company. During his stay here he has become one of the most popular business men of the city.

He is leaving to take the position as manager of the company's new store in Salisbury. The new store there is much larger and the change represents a well earned and valuable promotion.

Mr. McCartney has been one of the most active church and civic leaders in North Wilkesboro. He has been president of the Men's Brotherhood in the Methodist church, was a member and director of the Kiwanis club and a member and director of the North Wilkesboro Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He and Mrs. McCartney and two children will make their home in Salisbury.

Sept. 15 Deadline Securing Limestone

The County AAA Office warns all farmers who anticipate the purchase of limestone on the 1941 ACP Program to file their orders with their Community Committeeman or in the county office at once, as the 15th day of September is the last day that applications may be accepted in the county office and the material must be delivered on the farm by the 5th of October when the last carload of limestone will be delivered on the track at the local

\$150 Raised For Home At Oxford

Singing class of Oxford Orphanage renders program in North Wilkesboro. Singing class from the Masonic orphanage at Oxford gave a program Tuesday evening in the new lodge hall over Reins-Sturdivant.