

# War News

## Nazis Report Reds Retreat After Losing Large Sea Base

Berlin—The Soviet army of the Ukraine was reported falling back rapidly to the banks of the Dnieper River today after losing the strategic Black Sea naval base of Nikolaev to German and Hungarian forces in "hard fighting."  
German troops were said by the high command to be in ceaseless pursuit of the retreating Red forces, describing as "more and more disintegrating," and informed German quarters said the region around Kherson near the mouth of the Dnieper River was directly threatened.  
An official news agency dispatch reported heavy fighting in progress around Odessa, major Black Sea port 70 miles southwest of Nikolaev. No details were available, but apparently strong Soviet forces are defending the reportedly encircled city while the Red navy attempts to evacuate troops and heavy equipment across the Black Sea.

## Reds Confirm Nazi Capture of Nikolaev

Moscow—Battering their way close to the Dnieper River, powerful German forces have captured Nikolaev, Black Sea naval base, and Krivoi Rog, in the heart of the Ukrainian iron mines 220 miles southeast of Kiev, a Russian communique admitted today.  
The Red army gave up both towns after stubborn battles, said the communique covering Sunday's operations. The Russians succeeded in blowing up the naval dockyards at Nikolaev before abandoning the town, it reported.  
Loss of Nikolaev, at the head of the Bug River estuary, gives control of that river to the Germans and puts them only 40 miles from the Lower Dnieper.  
At Krivoi Rog, approximately 100 miles northeast of Nikolaev, the Germans are about 50 miles west of the Dnieper.  
Fighting raged throughout Sunday along the entire 1,800-mile front from the Arctic to the Black Sea.

## Hopkins May Direct Plans To Speed Aid For Russians

Washington—Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal lend-lease co-ordinator, probably will be given the task of speeding war materials to the Soviet Union but not under the lend-lease program, reliable quarters said last night.  
Hopkins lunched with Lord Beaverbrook, British supply minister, immediately on returning to the Capital, with Mr. Roosevelt from the historic sea rendezvous with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Presumably they discussed coordination of American and British aid to the embattled Red army.  
There appeared to be no doubt of the administration's firm intention to follow up to the letter the pledges of aid made by the President and Churchill in their joint letter to Soviet Premier Josef Stalin. Planes, guns, military ordnance and explosive materials will be offered the Red army on an immediate delivery basis, informed sources said.

## NYA Office Not To Receive Applications Friday This Week

NYA office in the Wilkes courthouse will not be open for work applications as usual on Friday, August 22, Mrs. Maude S. Miller, interviewer, said today.  
Instead, the office will receive applications on Monday, August 25. After that date, however, the office will be open for applications as usual on each Friday.  
Alexander county has been added to the territory served by Mrs. Miller as interviewer. Other counties in her territory are Wilkes, Alleghany and Ashe.

## Mt. Pisgah Church Has Good Revival

A very successful revival closed Saturday at Mt. Pisgah church. There were 25 added to the church by baptism.  
The pastor, Rev. R. C. Weisner, of Olin, was assisted by Rev. S. J. Watta, of Boomer.

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## J. B. Williams Named President Of Kiwanis Club

### Officers Elected For Next Calendar Year and Delegates Are Named

J. B. Williams, prominent insurance and building and loan executive, has been elected president of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club for next year.



J. B. WILLIAMS

Other officers for next year, which were named in the luncheon meeting Friday noon, were: A. F. Kilby, vice president; T. E. Story, treasurer; Dr. E. N. Phillips, Cecil Adamson, Paul S. Cragan, J. R. Hix and C. B. Eller, directors. The officers will also be members of the board of directors.

The coming year are elected prior to the conventions. Delegates to the Carolinas district convention to be held at Myrtle Beach September 7, 8 and 9 will be A. F. Kilby and T. E. Story. Alternates will be J. B. Carter and E. G. Finley.

W. D. Halfacre was elected as a director for the remainder of this year to fill the unexpired term of J. R. McCartney, who has moved to Salisbury.

Rev. A. L. Aycock was program chairman Friday and he presented his own program. He spoke on the subject of "The Joyous, Happy and Full Life." He stressed the need and the importance of men to preach good will.

The club voted approval of the recent action of the city council asking that a better bus station be provided for the city.

The secretary distributed letters asking cooperation of the club in arrangements for the Carolinas Moose Convention which will open August 30.

## Sourwood Honey Much In Demand

### S. V. Tomlinson, Wholesaler, Wants 5,000 Pounds; Much Being Sold

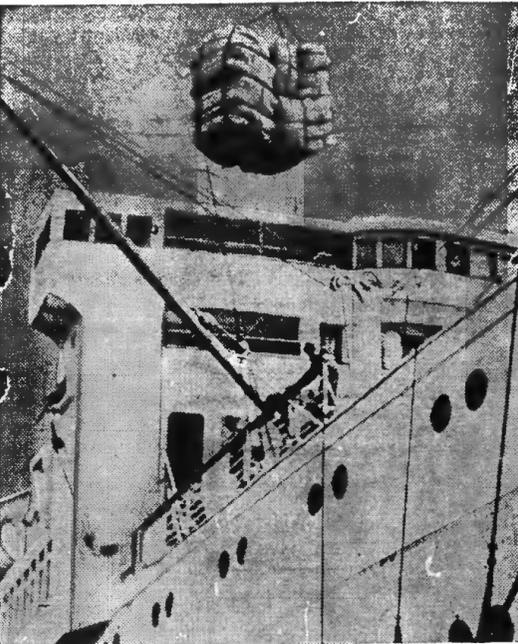
Sourwood honey, a delicacy with a flavor and quality all its own and which is produced only on the eastern slopes of the southern Appalachians, is much in demand this year and bee keepers are receiving a substantial income from its sale.  
Extent of the demand for sourwood honey was evidenced by the advertisement of S. V. Tomlinson, prominent local wholesaler, that he wanted to purchase 5,000 pounds of sourwood honey this season. Already Mr. Tomlinson has received a substantial amount and much more is expected.

Meanwhile, private sales of sourwood honey are gaining in volume and prospects are that bee keepers will sell record breaking quantities in Wilkes and adjoining counties this year at higher prices than have been received in many years.

## Grange In Meeting On Tuesday Night

Wilkesboro Grange held an interesting meeting Tuesday night at the community house.  
Mrs. C. F. Bretholm directed an interesting program on the subject of "Citizenship." Arrangements were made for mowing the Community House grounds, which was done Friday afternoon.  
Next meeting of the Grange will be held on September 2.

## Unloading Silk From Japanese Ship



In this soundphoto longshoremen are shown unloading silk from the Tatuta Maru, Japanese merchantman, at San Francisco, Calif. The cargo, valued at \$2,500,000, is being shipped by rail to New Jersey, where it will be stored pending the outcome of libel suits filed against NYK Lines, owners of the Tatuta.

## Buildings For Fair Here Have Been Completed

### New Grandstand, Stage and Concession Buildings For Fair to Open Sept. 16

Construction of a grandstand, stage and new concessions buildings on the fairgrounds here has been completed in preparation for the Great Northwestern Fair to open on September 16 for a five-day exposition.

W. A. McNeil, general manager of the fair, said that plans for the big gala event for northwestern North Carolina are progressing well and that a successful fair is anticipated.

The old grandstand and other buildings on the grounds were destroyed in the flood of August 14, 1940. The fair was held last year without buildings.

Premium list for the 1941 fair have already been mailed to 1,500 former exhibitors and others interested may secure lists from the secretary of the fair in this city.

Many thrilling stage acts will be presented before the grandstand.  
A new feature of the fair this year will be a horse show, which will be under direction of T. S. Kenerly, of this city. Mr. Kenerly has not announced details of the show but promises a major attraction.

Marks Shows and rides will occupy the midway. It is one of the largest carnivals on the road and will fill all available space for that department of the fair.

Ample space will be provided for exhibits in every department. The fair here will be one of few to have fireworks. The fireworks were ordered and made up before manufacture of fireworks was stopped because of the need of materials in defense work.

## Pay 1940 Taxes And Save Costs

### Real Estate Being Advertised For Sale For 1940 Taxes; To Be Sold On 1st

Attention is again called to the fact that real estate listed by persons who have not paid their Wilkes County taxes for the year 1940 is being advertised and will be sold for 1940 taxes if the taxes are not paid by September 1, which will be the date of sale.

Many who have not paid their taxes for the year 1940 may save by making settlement now before the date of sale, after which there will be additional costs.

During the past week many have paid and it is expected that many others will pay their 1940 taxes before the lands are sold and additional costs are added.

E. L. Parham of Rt. 5, Oxford, has three acres of Sudan grass averaging more than six feet in height, reports C. V. Morgan, county agent of the N. C. State College.

## Silver Jubilee Campfires Sunday, Aug. 24, at Parks

### On Monday, August 25, the National Park Service created by the twenty-fifth anniversary of the quarter-century has seen many of the most beautiful scenic features of our Nation brought under public ownership as National Parks, and the Anniversary will be marked by celebrations in many of the 191 federal park areas throughout the Nation.

The seven-year old Blue Ridge Parkway, though young in comparison with such venerables as the Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Mt. Ranier Parks, is a large and fast growing member of the family, and on the Parkway we will light Jubilee Campfires at 7:30 (Eastern Standard Time) on Sunday night, August 24, at Rocky Knob Park in Virginia and at the Bluff Park in North Carolina. The Park Service has always believed that its uniformed personnel, the Park Rangers, are the key men of its organization, and the campfire programs will be in charge of the Parkway Rangers. Short talks describing the national park system will be given by the Rangers who will speak informally also of their interesting experiences in this and other parts of the country. Group singing about the campfire will be a principal feature of the evening's program.

The fire at the Bluff Park will be lit in the vicinity of the meadow picnic area, and at Rocky Knob the visitors will gather at the new playfield area near the picnic grounds where the several campfires were held last year. "Everyone is invited to join us on the eve of our 25th birthday." Announcement by the parkway said.

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All jail cases were tried except a larceny charge against Johnnie Booher, who was charged with taking a robbery of over \$1,600 at Webb Byers' service station 12 miles west of this city on highway 421 three months ago. His attorney, F. J. McDuffie, said the case may be heard in court at Mocksville this week if bond is not arranged.

Bond was arranged for Wiley Greene and Laney Woods, who were in jail and whose case ended in a mistrial.

North Wilkesboro Bus Line Hearing Held At Raleigh

Raleigh—The Utilities commission conducted a hearing last week on application of the Parkway Transportation Company and the Wilkes Transportation Company to carry passengers on routes in the North Wilkesboro area.

Routes involved are North Wilkesboro to Ronda via Roaring River, North Wilkesboro to Millers Creek and North Wilkesboro to Moravian Falls via Wilkesboro. The Parkway company is seeking to lease franchises of the Atlantic Greyhound Company. Wilkes Transportation is seeking new franchises over the routes.

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## Six Homicide Cases Are Tried During Court Term

### Ambrose Shepherd Gets 3 To 5 Years for Johnson Death

#### Court Adjourned On Friday; Submission Taken In Criminal Assault Case

August term of Wilkes superior court, featured by trial of six homicide cases, adjourned on Friday afternoon.

Least of the record breaking number of death cases tried was that of Ambrose Shepherd, prominent Reddies River community farmer who was sentenced to from three to five years in the state penitentiary for the fatal shooting of George Johnson at the Shepherd home a few weeks ago.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall did not ask the death penalty in the Shepherd case, but asked a verdict of second degree murder or manslaughter. The jury after short deliberation returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. The defendant through his counsel filed notice of appeal to the supreme court.

Shepherd in his testimony said that he shot Johnson in defense of his own life when Johnson was advancing on him with a rock in each hand. He said he started shooting and continued to shoot until Johnson fell.

Previously Sallie Walker, an eye witness, had testified that Johnson had stopped his car in front of the Shepherd home and called to Shepherd, quarreled with Shepherd, pulled off his glasses, threatened his life and picked up two rocks. It was then, she said, that Shepherd went into his house, got his gun and went back to the road and shot Johnson as he was preparing to leave the scene.

The last case tried, in which Wiley Greene and Laney Woods were indicted for stealing meat and for theft of an axe, ended in a mistrial when the jury failed to agree on the axe stealing charge after acquitting the defendants of stealing meat.

Frank Reynolds, of North Wilkesboro, was ordered by Judge Hoyle Sink to serve a 5 to 7 year sentence imposed in August, 1939, and which was suspended.

Two negroes charged with theft of a small truck load of sugar from S. V. Tomlinson's store here received penitentiary sentences. Bill Tidline, who pleaded guilty, was given eight months, and Marshall Dowell, who was convicted by the jury, 18 months.

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All Selective Service registrants who have been deferred from military service today were urged by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, to offer their full assistance to State and local civilian defense agencies.

Many young men have been granted deferment because of their occupations, because they have dependents or because they are not physically capable of undergoing service in the armed forces, the General said. Nevertheless, he added, they are qualified to perform some work in connection with civilian defense activities and should offer their services to existing agencies or those which are being organized.

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### A Fast One



Streamlined San Diego, one of the speediest cruisers ever built for the navy, launched at the Bethlehem Steel company's Fore river plant, Quincy, Mass. Bearing some resemblance to a destroyer, the new light cruiser has no raised forecastle.

## Deferred Men Are Urged To Aid In National Defense

### State Director of Selective Service Points Out Patriotic Duty of Men

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## Women of Moose And Lodge Will Plan Convention

### Women Of Moose Meet Tonight and Men Meet Tuesday to Complete Plans

North Wilkesboro lodge number 243 of Loyal Order of Moose will meet on Tuesday night, August 19, in the lodge hall on C street to lay final plans for the annual convocation of Carolina Moose Association to be held here August 30, 31 and September 1.

Regional Director Charles A. Kirby will be present at the meeting to assist in making arrangements for the convocation, which is expected to be the largest convention ever held in North Wilkesboro.

Wm. H. Duhling, of this city, is president of the Carolina Moose association and several hundred delegates are expected here from lodges in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.

Women Meet Tonight  
Women of the Moose will meet tonight to lay final plans for their activities in the convocation and a large attendance is requested. Regional Director Kirby will be present at the meeting.

## E. E. Eller Produce Company Moving

### Now Located In Three-Story Warehouse Building On Forester Avenue

one of northwestern North Carolina's best known firms, has moved its location in this city from the corner of Tenth and D streets to the Phillips three-story warehouse building on Forester Avenue.

At the new location, which affords ample space to house the plant, the firm will continue to handle all kinds of poultry, eggs, butter and dried fruits, rendering the same high class service which has characterized the firm throughout its 35 years in business in North Wilkesboro.

E. E. Eller is head of the firm, which for many years has been known as one of the outstanding cash markets for poultry and produce throughout the south.

Numerous customers of the firm are asked to remember the change in location and all who have poultry, eggs and produce to sell are invited to call at the company's plant on Forester Avenue.

## Two From Wilkes Get Patrol Jobs

### Dwight Horton and S. M. Carter Get Appointments Following Examination

Two Wilkes county men were among the 29 new highway patrolmen announced Saturday by T. Boddie Ward, of the state department of motor vehicles.

They were C. Dwight Horton, of North Wilkesboro, and S. M. Carter, of Ronda. Horton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Horton, of this city. His father is a member of the police force here.

The 29 were selected from competition in which many applicants failed to make the grade. It is expected that they will begin work on September 1 and their first assignments will be to work with veteran patrolmen.

## Local Men Lose Plane In Flames

### Charles Day, Jr., Cecil Bumgarner and Woodruff Wallace Lose \$1,000 Plane

One of the 15 planes which were destroyed in a fire at the Winston-Salem airport Wednesday night belonged to Charles Day, Jr., Cecil Bumgarner and Woodruff Wallace, of this city. Their plane had been taken there for repairs prior to the fire.

The plane, a Cub monoplane, was estimated to be worth about