

# War News

## Big Victories For Machines Are Reported

Moscow.—Mammoth tank battles raged today along the approaches to Leningrad and on the central front before Moscow where stiffening Red army defenders reported destroying 135 tanks and routing a Nazi infantry division over a battlefield literally carpeted with German dead.

On the Leningrad front slow, heavy Soviet steel Behemoths were ramming, burning and shooting aside the Germans in a mighty defensive effort while on the central front forces of Soviet General Konev were declared continuing a counter-thrust through the debris of shattered German tanks and armored vehicles.

The early Monday morning communique said Soviet troops were heavily engaged along the entire front and were putting up particularly stubborn resistance in the Kakisalmi area on the shores of Lake Ladoga north of Leningrad; in the Smolensk and Gomel directions before Moscow; and in the direction of Dnieperopetrovsk.

The mention of Dnieperopetrovsk was first official admission that fighting had reached the vicinity of that great hydroelectric power and industrial center on the Dnieper River.

The Baltic Red fleet was reported to have sunk two enemy transports and in air fights Friday and Saturday the communique said 52 German and 39 Russian planes were destroyed.

## Encirclement Battle Rages, Nazis Report

Berlin.—A great encirclement battle was declared by DNB to be developing yesterday on the 150-mile sector between Kiev and Gomel and German dispatches told of increased civilian reinforcement of the Soviet Russian army.

Strong Soviet forces under Marshal Semeon Timoshenko, the news agency said, are being hemmed in between the left wing of Field Marshal General Karl Von Runstedt's southern army group and the right wing of Field Marshal General Fedor Von Bock's central army.

Machine-gunning of 24 trains, destruction of 500 cars and dispersal of 12 large Russian marching columns were reported by German fliers along the central front.

The developing Kiev-Gomel battle apparently was one phase of two widely-separated thrusts eastward reported by the German high command in the zones of encircled Leningrad and Kiev, which coincided with renewed pressure upon two bitterly contested centers of isolated resistance, Tallinn and Odessa.

## British Leader Says Grabbing Must Be Halted

London.—Prime Minister Churchill, describing Adolf Hitler as "surprised, startled and staggered" at the bloody cost of the German invasion of Russia, declared in a broadcast last night that Britain would join the United States in action against Japan, the Asiatic axis partner, if the Japanese persisted in aggression.

In the speech, his first public utterance since the historic conference with President Roosevelt in the Atlantic two weeks ago, it was implied that Germany was too involved upon the great plains of Russia to turn now to another sphere of war.

Churchill estimated that "perhaps a million and a half, perhaps two million" Germans had fallen in the 9-week campaign and said that the invaders were retaliating with literally "scores of thousands of executions" of Russian patriots.

"But Europe is not the only continent to be tormented and devastated by aggressions," he said. "For five long years Japanese military factions seeking to emulate the style of Hitler and Mussolini, taking all their posturing as if it were a new European revelation, have been invading and harrying 500,000,000 inhabitants of China."

## Part of Milling Co. Plant In Operation

Wilkes Milling company, which experienced a disastrous fire a few weeks ago, has reconstructed the two top floors of the plant. Part of the plant has resumed operation but it may be a few weeks before all the plant can be restored.

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## Large Class For Moose Lodge Will Be In Conclave

Mayor McNeil Heads Class To Be Initiated In Convention On Saturday

Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose here are closing their drives for membership prior to the Carolina's Moose convention to be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The large class for the lodge will be headed by Mayor R. T. McNeil and will be initiated in the convention session at 8:30 p. m. at Hotel Wilkes on Saturday, August 30.

The ritual will be put on by the Raleigh degree team, now state champions, and will be under the direction of A. Jack Mount, membership director.

In addition to the initiation, there will be a number of good speakers, including a large representation of Supreme Lodge officers here for the convention.

The class is forming rapidly with the small initiation fee and many are taking advantage of the opportunity to enroll in the lodge and to attend and take part in the big convention, which will continue until Monday midnight.

At the same hour on Saturday night a large class will be initiated into Women of the Moose at the lodge hall on C street.

Free movies are being shown each evening, eight o'clock, at the lodge hall on C street. The movies show interesting some of the benefits of Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

Meanwhile, other plans for the conclave are going forward rapidly and several hundred delegates are expected to attend.

## Improvements In Church Building

Interior of Wilkesboro Baptist Church Renovated; Lights Are Installed

During the past several days many improvements have been made on Wilkesboro Baptist church building.

The interior of the church has been renovated and redeccorated. Ceiling of the church was painted in light colors and the windows were newly decorated.

Beautiful fluorescent lighting has been installed and other improvements have been made, which were subjects of much favorable comment by members of the congregation Sunday.

The improvements, which cost several hundred dollars, have been paid for by the church and a dedication service is planned for the latter part of September. Rev. T. Sloan Guy, Jr., is pastor of the church.

## Two Plays Friday At Presbyterian

The Presbyterian young people will give two plays in the Religious Education Building at 8 o'clock on Friday evening, August 29. These plays are given in honor of the young people of the town, who are leaving soon this fall for school and college elsewhere.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. There is no charge.

Plant fall gardens now.

## At Civilian Defense School in Cape Cod



Two women students are shown demonstrating the "two-man-carry" with another student for a patient during a class session at the civilian school at Barnstable, Mass. The Barnstable high school building and grounds are used by the Massachusetts women's civilian defense committee for instruction of wardens, motor corps drivers, home nurses, etc.

## Pay Day for Dollar-a-Year Men



Here are some of the 262 dollar-a-year men in the defense program on their recent "pay day." Total of all payments was only \$128 to the 262 workers as many of them had not worked a full year and could not receive their "total" salary. Distributing checks above (center) is Edward Stettinius, priorities director.

## Restrictions Ordered On Installment Buying Effective On September 1st

Washington.—The Federal Reserve Board Thursday night issued formal regulations restricting installment buying after Sept. 1 in an effort to curb a trend toward inflation.

Acting under authority of a presidential executive order the board announced that after September 1 substantially larger down payments would be required and periods of credit limited to 18 months on 24 durable goods.

The regulations also apply to small loans and credit extended on modernization of private dwellings.

The regulations follow closely a tentative outline made public last week, but with the addition to the list household furniture, pianos and electric organs, sewing machines, phonographs, water pumps, attic ventilating fans, and musical instruments composed principally of metals.

The rules also call for down payments of one-third on new and used automobiles, aircraft, power-driven boats and their motors, outboard motors, and motorcycles.

Twenty Per Cent on Others

On other groups of articles affected such as mechanical refrigerators, washing machines, electric dishwashers, cooking stoves, vacuum cleaners, and radios, the minimum mandatory down payment was fixed at 20 per cent of the purchase price.

A down payment of 15 per cent will be necessary on furnaces, water heaters, plumbing, pumps, and 10 per cent on new household furniture, pianos, and household electric organs.

The board placed no limitation on down payments for credit modernization of homes but specified that such credit must mature within a period of 18 months.

Future Changes Expected

The board said there would be future changes in the regulations and some of the articles covered "as experience . . . is gained and as changing economic conditions indicate the need."

All business and persons carrying on credit transactions must obtain licenses after December 31, 1941, the board said. Until the end of this year, however, all persons engaged in credit business will operate under a general license and during the interval between September 1 and Decem-

ber 31 these businesses must register with the Federal Reserve Bank of their district specially prepared forms.

It said that administration of the installment buying regulations would be decentralized as far as possible through the 12 Federal Reserve banks and their 24 branches.

By making less liberal the terms for installment credit, the government hopes to reduce consumer demand for certain durable goods which are competing with production of articles needed for national defense.

## Graduate Defense Class Is Speaker At Kiwanis Meet

Bill Reynolds Tells Benefit of Training; N. C. Barefoot Is The Speaker

Bill Reynolds, local youth who completed a course in the national defense class conducted here during the spring, talked before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon, telling how the training secured in the class had enabled him to secure a good job.

The program was in charge of Wm. A. Stroud and he asked Paul S. Cragan, school superintendent, to present the speakers. Reynolds said that he obtained a job as an electric welder at Hoboken, N. J., beginning work under supervision at 35 cents per hour. Since then he has advanced to earn 90 cents per hour.

Next speaker was N. C. Barefoot, of the State Highway Safety Division. He explained his work, that of training school bus drivers. He had just completed a course for Wilkes drivers. He said that the course and instructions helped drivers to realize their responsibility and fitted them for the job. He said that Ohio was the only state with more school buses than North Carolina and that none of the states haul more children.

Guests at the meeting Friday were as follows: Charles Crutchfield and T. G. McLaughlin with P. W. Eshelman; Bill Reynolds with Paul S. Cragan; N. C. Barefoot with C. B. Eller. Visiting Kiwanians were: J. D. Holcomb, of Elkin; H. C. Townsend, Howard T. Walker, Frank Irving, Dr. Albea and Harry Ferguson, of Miami.

## County Schools To Open Aug. 27

All Except Mulberry And Few Small Schools Will Begin On Wednesday

Everything is in readiness for opening of schools in the Wilkes county system on Wednesday, August 27, it was learned today from the office of C. B. Eller, superintendent.

The county system, with the exception of Mulberry and a few small schools to open September 1, will open on Wednesday.

North Wilkesboro schools will open on September 1.

Mrs. J. C. McDiarmid, Miss Ellen Robinson and their brother, Captain Edmond Robinson, spent last week visiting relatives at Glasgow, Kentucky.

## Two Are Accidentally Killed Friday While Squirrel Hunting

Paul Shew, Age 14, Victim Accident In Call Community

Gun In Hands of Sylvester Benton, Age 15, Is Accidentally Discharged

Paul Shew, age 14, was accidentally killed Friday morning by Sylvester Benton, age 15, while squirrel hunting near their homes in the Call community.

Coroner I. M. Myers investigated the death and classed it as accidental.

Shew and Benton, with four other boys, were hunting when they stopped at an apple tree. Benton was picking up some apples when he accidentally touched the trigger of his .22-calibre repeating rifle.

The bullet entered Shew's abdomen in the region of the stomach. He was placed in a car to be carried to the Wilkes hospital but died on his way.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Shew. His parents, 11 brothers and sisters survive.

Funeral service was held at Fishing Creek Arbor church Saturday, four o'clock.

The squirrel season will not open until September 1. Homer Brookshire, Wilkes game protector, said action will be taken against the hunters for violation of the game laws.

## Photographers In Meeting on Sunday; Bluff Park Picnic

Northwestern district of the North Carolina Photographers Association enjoyed a picnic Sunday at Bluff Park with 35 present.

Mrs. Valeria Smith, of Salisbury, was elected chairman to succeed Ben Stimpson, of Statesville, who resigned. Johnnie Frisby, of Elizabeth City, president of the state organization, was present at the meeting.

A sumptuous picnic dinner was enjoyed. Group pictures in colors were made by Paul Harvel, Jr., of North Wilkesboro.

## Farmers Can Get Wheat Insurance

Few Trial Applications Will Be Accepted In Wilkes For Coming Year

The county AAA office has been advised that during the last week in August a few trial applications for wheat insurance will be accepted from this county. All farmers who grow as much as 10 acres or more will be permitted to insure their crops against the ravages of freezing, disease, fire, incursions of animals, and a number of other plagues that are not mentioned. The total cost of such insurance to wheat farmers is approximately 1-2 bushel of wheat per acre or its equivalent.

Any farmer who would like to insure the crop that is seeded in the fall of 1941 should make application in the AAA Office.

## They're in the U. S. Service Now



President Roosevelt has ordered all armed forces of the Philippines into the U. S. service. The order placed some 150,000 trained and semi-trained Filipinos under the command of Maj. Gen. George Grumert. Here Philippine scouts of Battery E, Ninety-first artillery, are shown loading a 10-inch gun during a coast defense drill on the island.

## In The State



John Lee Smith, prominent attorney of Throckmorton, Texas, and Supreme Vice Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, will visit three points in North Carolina this month during an official visitation to the southeast. He will be in Salisbury tonight, in Lenoir on Tuesday night and in Fayetteville on Thursday night. In each instance, lodges at the three places will be host to the lodges throughout their areas in order that the Supreme Vice Chancellor may be heard by large groups.

## Announce Faculty List City Schools

Several New Teachers In High School For Term To Begin Sept. 1st

Faculty list for North Wilkesboro city schools, which will open on September 1, was announced today.

Faculty members, as elected by the city board of education, are as follows: elementary—Mrs. Lucille Farmer, Miss Sallie Outlaw, Miss Muriel Coykendall, Miss Emma Eller, Mrs. Susie Williams, Miss Lucille Ivey, Miss Etta Turner, Miss Elizabeth Finley, Miss Rebecca Moseley, Miss Ruby Blackburn, Miss Kathryn Troutman, Miss Beatrice Pearson, Miss Lucille Young, Miss Nonie Gordon, Ray Cline and Miss Mabel Hendren.

High school—Robert G. Taylor, math and science; W. B. Collins, industrial arts; Miss Lilynn Miller, commercial; Ira L. Baker, English and French; Miss Evelyn Sharpe, home economics; Lawrence Cameron, math and band; Miss Neta Blackwelder, English and Latin; Miss Douglas Clonk, English; Miss Helen Virginia Hamrick, history; S. H. Franklin, science and coach; Miss Mary Parham, English.

Paul S. Cragan is superintendent, Miss Elsie Nichols is secretary and T. J. Haigwood is custodian of buildings.

Miss Louise Younce is the new public school music teacher. She is from Spencer. A graduate of W. C. U. N. C., she has had several years experience teaching.

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## Moravian Falls Man Is Killed In Alexander County

Fred Sloop Dies Instantly After Shot Hits A Vital Point In His Neck

Fred Sloop, age 29, citizen of Moravian Falls, was accidentally killed Friday morning while squirrel hunting in northern Alexander county by his brother-in-law, Lee Deal, age 16.

The two had been hunting in the woods near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Deal, parents of Mrs. Sloop and Lee Deal, when the accident occurred. Lee, thinking that Sloop had gone to the house, shot at what he thought was a squirrel. One shot which penetrated Sloop's neck 30 yards away was attributed as the cause of his near sudden death. Other shot hit him on his head.

The shooting was termed accidental and it is understood no action will be taken against Deal.

The accident victim is survived by his widow, his mother, Mrs. A. H. Sloop, of Moravian Falls, one brother, Paul Sloop, of Moravian Falls, and eight sisters: Mrs. Cal Johnson, Moravian Falls; Mrs. John Craig and Miss Beatrice Sloop, Burlington; Agnes, Irene, Ella Sue, Laura and Margaret Sloop, all of Moravian Falls.

Funeral was held at Mount Olive church in Alexander county Saturday, 2:30.

## Workers Council In Regular Meet

Ask Maximum Food Production In Fall Gardens; Want Cane Production

Wilkes County Workers Council, an organization of representatives of government agencies to promote the food and feed production program in Wilkes. In meeting last week decided to send letters to Wilkes farmers asking that they strive for maximum food production in fall gardens.

Letters were read from Secretary of Agriculture and extension authorities in the nation and state.

An activity of the council early next year will be encouragement of farmers to grow cane for a supply of syrup and molasses for home consumption. It was brought out in the meeting that only 19 per cent of North Carolina farmers grow cane.

## Dr. Stokes Wins the Singles Title

Won Easily Thursday Evening In Three Sets Over Ralph Crawford

Dr. J. C. Stokes, Wilkesboro Methodist minister, is 1941 tennis singles champion of Wilkes county.

Dr. Stokes won easily in three sets over Ralph Crawford in the championship match Thursday evening on the Pearson court in Wilkesboro. The scores were 6-4, 6-3 and 6-2.

Both had advanced to the finals in the tournament over strong opposition. Dr. Stokes in the semi-final match won over Albert Garwood in five sets and Crawford had a struggle to win over Mike Williams in five.

Stokes and Crawford are slightly favored to win the doubles championship. They have advanced to the finals, having defeated Pat and Mike Williams on Wednesday evening. Blair Gwyn and Albert Garwood are seeded number one spot to be opponents of Stokes and Crawford.

## Noah Haynes Dead

Funeral service was held this afternoon at Haymeadow church for Noah Haynes, former citizen of that community who died Sunday at the Wilkes county home. He is survived by three daughters.