

War News

Fate Of Red's Fleet In Baltic Doubtful

The great battle for Leningrad approached full fury today with the fate of Russia's second city of 2,000,000 population and of the Soviet fleet in the Baltic at stake.

In the Pacific, strained Japanese-American relations neared a possible showdown as United States tankers of aviation gasoline prepared to enter the Sea of Japan en route to Vladivostok. Major war developments included:

A smashing Russian assault south of Leningrad, led personally by Marshal Klement Voroshilov, was reported officially to have hurled the Germans back three miles from the almost encircled city. The Nazis were reported from 15 to 45 miles distant from Leningrad, with a steel ring slowly closing. On the central sector west of Moscow, a strong Russian counteroffensive was said to have swept the Nazis back 32 miles, inflicted huge casualties and recaptured 22 villages. The Ukrainian sector in the south was relatively quiet.

Four Spys Taken

New York.—The federal government, moving on two fronts to smash German spy activities in this country, indicted four more persons yesterday on charges of conspiring to send vital defense information to Germany, and immediately obtained guilty pleas from three of them, including an 18-year-old girl.

Simultaneously, 18 persons arrested in June in the government's nationwide roundup of spy suspects, went on trial in Brooklyn federal court after three others pleaded guilty to being unregistered agents of a foreign power. There was no connection, authorities said, between the quartet indicted yesterday and those who went on trial in Brooklyn.

Shortly after their indictment, Lucy Boehmler of New York city, blonde, blue-eyed and well dressed; Hans Pagel, 20, a Brooklyn, brewery employee who came here in 1931 from his native Wurster, Germany, and Frederick Edward Schlosser, 19, a native New Yorker, pleaded guilty.

Fuel Dealers Seek System of Priorities For Eastern Autos

Philadelphia.—Representatives of 100,000 gasoline dealers on the Atlantic seaboard called upon the government yesterday to establish a priorities system for motorists during the present gasoline shortage.

Promptly after organizing the Eastern States Conference of gasoline retailers, the delegates told Ralph K. Davies, acting petroleum co-ordinator, that such a step would "remove from the retailer unmerited blame in the eyes of the motoring public."

The 500 dealers from 16 states indicated they believed that ambulances, commodity trucks and others on imperative business should come first on a priority list of retail purchasers and pleasure motorists last.

All-Out Aid Urged By Labor Union

Camden, N. J., Sept. 2.—Without mention of recent isolationist utterances by John L. Lewis, a major unit of the congress of industrial organizations today formally resolved that the United States must give quick help to all nations resisting Hitlerism.

By a vote of 382 to 5, the convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America passed a resolution declaring that:

"This union approves the policy of the government in declaring that the defense of this country requires that all possible aid be given to Great Britain, the soviet union, China and other nations resisting Hitlerism, and urges the government to put this policy into effect with all possible speed and energy."

Enrollment in School Here 932

Enrollment in North Wilkesboro city schools, which began the term Monday, had reached 932 yesterday. It was learned today from Paul S. Cragan, superintendent. The total does not include the colored school.

The high school enrollment is 20 higher than last year and the total increase is in the eighth grade, where 127 have registered. The schools are progressing well and a successful term is anticipated.

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

City Council In A Busy Meeting On Tuesday, Sept. 2d

Several Matters Taken Up In Meeting Of Board For September

Several matters of public interest were handled by North Wilkesboro city council in September meeting. Mayor R. T. McNeil and all commissioners, J. R. Hix, Ralph Duncan, Hoyle Hutchens, R. G. Finley and A. F. Kilby, were present.

L. L. Carpenter, representing a number of citizens in Finley Park addition to the city, asked action of a petition for street improvement in Finley park and immediate action on location of the road in the center of the street. The matter was referred to the Street committee.

The town assumed liability for fire insurance on the Community House for a period of three years.

Attorney Eugene Trivette, representing the Parkway Bus company, presented a petition offering ten dollars per month for privilege of using streets for delivering passengers. The matter was tabled.

Nath Ford asked for use of the fairgrounds October 2, 3 and 4, to hold a colored fair. The privilege was granted for the sum of \$50.

The audit by Charles E. Hagaman was approved.

The board expressed appreciation for fine services rendered by I. H. McNeill, Jr., as clerk and treasurer for the past 4 1/2 years and extended good wishes as he leaves this week to enter service as a first lieutenant in the army. W. P. Kelly had previously been elected clerk and treasurer during a leave of absence of one year for Mr. McNeill.

D. O. Program Well Under Way

Nineteen Apply For Part Time Employment In Diversified Occupations

Diversified Occupations department of North Wilkesboro high school this week began its second year.

Prof. W. Bryan Collins is head of the department, which gives industrial arts instruction and actual experience in occupational work.

The department had a highly successful year last term and increased interest is being shown this year by students, parents and employers.

Twelve boys and seven girls have applied for work and school authorities hope to be able to place all applicants. The students will spend half the day in classrooms and the other half in employment in whatever trade they choose.

Local Firm Gets Liquidating Job

Ernest Littman Corporation, of this city, has secured the job of liquidating the plant of Story Furniture company in Elkin, which inventories about \$30,000.

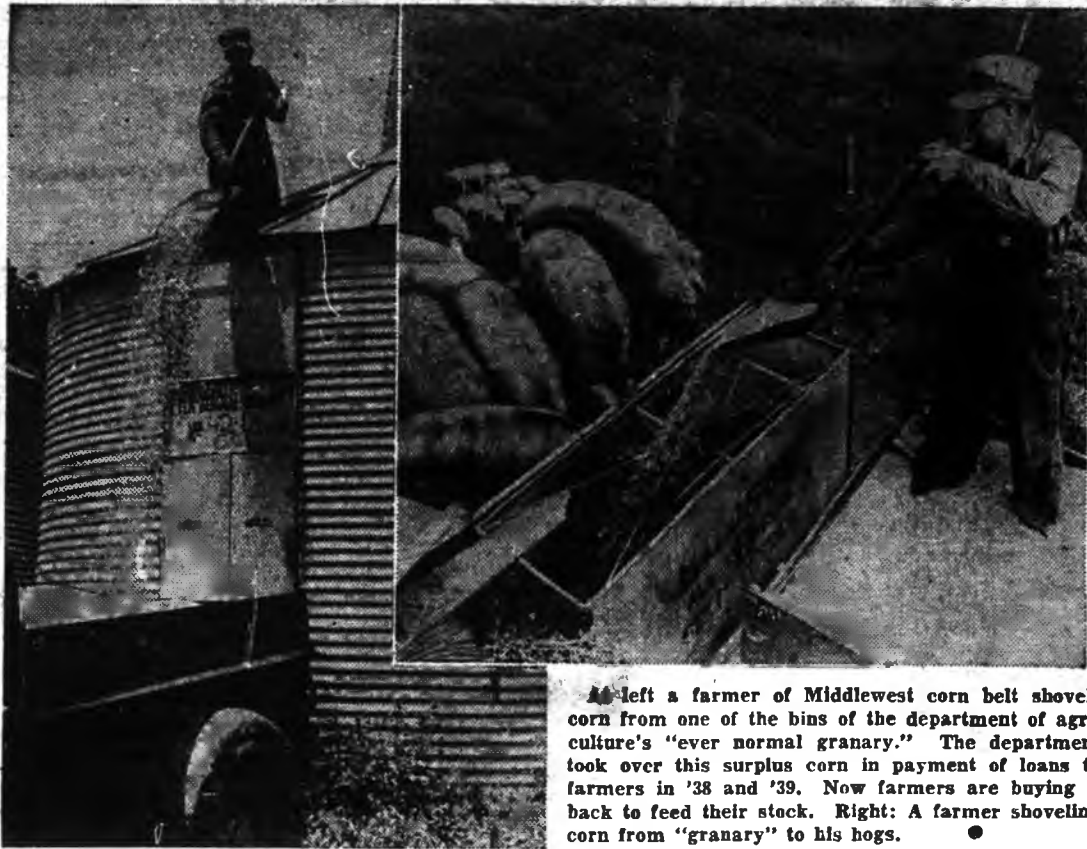
Machinery, belting, buildings and other items are included in the plant. The local firm deals in new and used woodworking machinery.

New Economic Defense Council



Members of the President's cabinet, and their representatives, hold an organization meeting in the office of Vice President Henry Wallace, forming an economic defense council. Seated, left to right, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Frank Knox, Henry Wallace, Henry Stimson. Standing: left to right, Francis Biddle, Jesse Jones, Dean G. Acheson and Claude E. Wickard.

Tapping 'Ever Normal Granary'



Left a farmer of Middlewest corn belt shovels corn from one of the bins of the department of agriculture's "ever normal granary." The department took over this surplus corn in payment of loans to farmers in '38 and '39. Now farmers are buying it back to feed their stock. Right: A farmer shoveling corn from "granary" to his hogs.

Orchards, Farms and Homes Have Excellent Products For Exhibits At Great Northwestern Fair Here

Freemont Man Is Winner Of Auto

John M. Davis, of Freemont, was winner of the new Ford car given away in connection with the 16th annual convale of Carolina Moose association held here Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Johnnie Booher Get Term In Pen

Convicted Of Taking \$1,600 From Service Station and Faking Robbery

Johnnie Booher, young man who came to Wilkes a few years ago from Indiana, was convicted in Davie court last week of larceny of \$1,600 from Webb Byers' service station 12 miles west of this city on highway 421 a few months ago.

His sentence was from 32 months to 5 years.

Booher's case was not reached during the August term of Wilkes court and because he was in jail his case was transferred to Davie for trial.

Booher did not take the stand and offered no testimony in his own behalf. The jury deliberated almost half a day before returning verdict of guilty.

The state offered evidence to show that Booher faked a robbery and hid the money outside in an oil can. He said three men attacked him and knocked him unconscious. Physicians from the Wilkes hospital said they found no injury to Booher sufficient to cause an unconsciousness and that various tests indicated there was nothing seriously wrong with Booher's physical condition. Three was a slight cut on his head.

Officers found the hidden money a few days after the alleged robbery.

County Agent and Home Agent Review Prospects For Exhibits At Fair

Wilkes has an excellent crop of fruit, field crops, poultry and cattle for exhibit at the Great Northwestern Fair to be held September 16-20, J. B. Snipes, county agent, said today.

The county agent said a meeting of department superintendents for the exhibit division of the northwestern exposition will be called soon to lay plans for the exhibits.

It was earned from Miss Elizabeth Williams that at least four special exhibits will be placed by the home demonstration club women. One will be by Gilreath club, another by Mulberry, one by the Curb Market and the fourth by the county council of clubs.

Each of the four special exhibits will deal with the subject of "Nutrition", Miss Williams said, because the subject is being stressed in home club work as a part of national defense.

She said there may be other clubs and groups who will place special exhibits at the fair. The prize money won will be used by the respective clubs who are trying to raise funds to finance school lunchrooms.

The county agent described field crops, fruit, poultry and cattle this year as being excellent and good exhibits should result.

N. C. S. E. S. Office Has Busy Month; Workers Wanted

72 Placed During August; List Of Types Of Workers Wanted Published

Local branch of the North Carolina State Employment Service and Unemployment Compensation had a busy month during August, according to figures on the report of B. G. Gentry, manager, today.

During the month the office placed 72 on jobs and handled 497 registrations and renewals of previous registrations.

Original claims filed for unemployment benefits totaled 125 and 862 continued claims were handled. A total of 2,623 personal calls were handled at the office during the month.

The office publishes weekly a list of the types of workers wanted locally and at other points.

Kills Big Rattler

M. L. Yates and Thad Yates, of Purluar Route 1, killed the biggest rattlesnake heard of in that section in years. While mowing hay Wednesday morning near the barn the big snake rolled out from under the mules' feet. It had eleven rattlers.

Questionnaires Failed To Reach Five Registrants

Questionnaires mailed by Local Board No. 2 to the following registrants failed to reach them. Information as to the present address or whereabouts of these parties will be greatly appreciated by the local board in order that these registrants may have an opportunity to receive and fill out their questionnaires, as it is not the desire of the Selective Service Officials to report any registrant as delinquent to the District Attorney except as a last resort.

Robert Lee Wells, James Frette, Haywood Graham McQueen, Earl Harrison Felts, Olen Lee Thomas Blackburn.

New 4-H Clubs To Be Organized In Wilkes County

Program Among Boys and Girls Enlarged To Contain 17 Clubs for Year

The 4-H club program in Wilkes county will be much enlarged for the coming year, J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county agent, said today.

Seven clubs were in operation last year and the number will be increased to 17. The county agent, Assistant Agent H. C. Colvard and Miss Elizabeth Williams, home agent, will give the 4-H club program much attention during the year.

Clubs are being organized in the following schools: Wilkesboro, Ronda, Roaring River, Mulberry, Mountain View, Millers Creek, Champion, Ferguson, Traphill, Clingman and Benham. The new ones will be Roaring River, Ferguson, Clingman and Benham.

"Poultry" will be the principal theme of 4-H club work in Wilkes this year. "Dairying" was last year's theme. The extension workers said subjects of prime importance to Wilkes agriculture are being stressed.

\$7,110 NYA Money To Wilkes Schools

Represents Sum To Be Spent By Agency For Student Employment

A total of \$7,110 has been allotted the public schools of Wilkes county by the National Youth Administration, State Administrator John A. Lang announced yesterday. Funds allocated will be used in carrying on the NYA student work program in the local schools during 1941-42.

The Wilkes county unit was allotted \$6,300, while the North Wilkesboro city schools were given \$810.

Total NYA school allotment for the state was \$315,631, going to 171 high school units.

Mr. Billie Crews and Mr. James Crews have resumed their teaching positions at Lake Wales and Aaburndale, Florida, respectively. Billie spent the summer here with their mother, Mrs. W. H. Crews and James attended summer sessions at University of Florida during part of the summer.

3 Marriage License

During the past week license to wed were issued by C. C. Siden, Wilkes register of deeds, to the following: Edward Bauguess and Dorothy Blevins, both of Ronda; Wm. A. Blackburn and Fannie Johnson, both of North Wilkesboro; Odell Eller and Veora Greene, both of Purluar.

Mow Your Weeds! And Beautify City

Mayor McNeil Makes Appeal In Interest Of Beautification This City

Mayor R. T. McNeil today issued a public appeal to people of North Wilkesboro and vicinity in the interest of beautification of the city and community. He asked that property owners and other residents keep unsightly weeds mowed. His statement follows:

It is urgently requested that citizens living in the corporate limits of North Wilkesboro, and especially on the highways and streets, keep weeds mowed in front of their property. By doing this it will beautify your property and make it more attractive to the traveling public. Your cooperation in this movement will be sincerely appreciated.

Cordially yours, R. T. McNeil, Mayor

E. C. Johnson Head Lions Club

Emmett C. Johnson will be elevated to the presidency of North Wilkesboro Lions Club in the meeting to be held Friday evening, 6:30, at Hotel Wilkes.

Mr. Johnson was elected first vice president and will be president to fill the unexpired term of I. H. McNeill, Jr., who on Friday will report for duty at Fort Bragg as a first lieutenant in the army.

J. Milton Craig, of Mount Holly, district Lions president, will address the club and install Mr. Johnson as president.

Sweep Channel for Downed R.A.F. Fighters



Scene in the Straits of Dover as the crew of a high-speed rescue launch makes routine inspection of one of the new R.A.F. booms which are moored at intervals in the English channel, as havens for downed air fighters. These steel chambers are fitted with warm bunks, provisions, medical supplies and a radio to flash word of their occupancy.

Draw Jurors For Session Of Court To Begin Sept. 29

Judge J. A. Rousseau Exchanges With Judge Sink and Will Preside Here

Wilkes county commissioners in September session this week drew jurors for the next term of Wilkes court and transacted other routine business matters.

All members of the board, composed of M. F. Asher, chairman, Max Foster and Vilas T. Walsh, were present for the meeting.

The next term of court, which will be for trial of civil cases, will convene on Monday, September 29.

Judge J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, will preside. Judge Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, on courts of this district for the last half of this year, exchanged with Judge Rousseau, who was originally scheduled to preside over a term in Greensboro.

Judge Rousseau has presided over courts of the 17th judicial district, which includes Wilkes, over one half-year period since his election in 1930. He has earned a good reputation as a jurist, as evidenced by the following editorial under heading of "An Excellent Judge" in the Winston-Salem Journal on July 3 on completion of a term of Forsyth county court:

"Judge J. A. Rousseau, who is completing a term of six months in the Forsyth judicial district this week, will leave Winston-Salem with the commendation of many lawyers and laymen ringing in his ears.

"Faced with a docket embracing many difficult criminal cases and actions of civil litigation, Judge Rousseau has conducted the court through several terms with discretion, rare good humor and judicial poise. Spectators have been impressed by Judge Rousseau's attitude. At no time has he demonstrated an exalted opinion of his own ability, but at all times he has evinced the highest respect for the responsible position he occupies.

"There has been no absence of proper decorum in the superior court here during his service on the bench, but stilted formality and over-preciseness have had no place in the courtroom. Lawyers, jurors, litigants and spectators have been made to feel at ease and all have been impressed by the genial personality and attitude of fairness displayed by the North Wilkesboro jurist.

"The fine impression made by Judge Rousseau by reason of his attitude and the accomplishments of the court, which included the clearing of a number of very troublesome cases from the dockets, is highly pleasing to his many friends in the city.

"The State is fortunate in having a man of Judge Rousseau's calibre on the superior court bench. The hope is that he may be assigned to hold court here on special assignments often before returning for a six-month period again under the rotation system."

List of juniors for the term to begin September 29 follows:

First Week
Philmore Adams, Reddies River; George Smith, Edwards; J. A. Elmore, Rock Creek; Luther H. Lowe, Brushy Mountain; A. E. Wingler, Mulberry; C. M. Eledge, Mulberry; E. M. Harrod, Rock Creek; Charlie Shumate, Walnut Grove; Rufus Sheets, David Roten, Jake Patrick and S. I. Dancy, Union; Richard M. Vannoy, Reddies River; Tom Osborne and John D. Wyatt, Union; DeWitt Bumgarner and F. J. Church, Reddies River; W. A. Benge, Jobs Cabin; D. H. Caudill, Mulberry; R. D. Hayes, Reddies River; A. E. Foster, Beaver Creek; L. B. Mathis, Antioch; Luther Moore, Wilkesboro; Joe Gambill, Reddies River; J. A. Cothern, Traphill; Elmer Holbrook, Walnut Grove.

Second Week
L. C. Minton, William H. Faw, L. R. Wheeling and George D. McLamery, Reddies River; D. F. Shepherd and Harold Pierce, Lewis Fork; Frank Bauguess, I. F. Foster, Leonard Brooks, D. W. Miller and J. C. Crabb, North Wilkesboro; Charlie T. Sexton, W. O. Blackburn and L. M. Wood, Edwards; Quinton Spicer and Walter Spicer, Traphill; Wm. A. Stroud, Harrison Speaks and Edmond Dancy, Wilkesboro; C. C. Brown, J. T. Hawkins and Isaac Hawkins, Rock Creek; Lonnie L. Moore, Brushy Mountain; R. L. Sale, New Castle.