

War News

British and Italians In Great Sea Battle

Rome, Sept. 28. — Italy and Britain are engaged in another of their great running battles between air and seapower in the western Mediterranean, the Italian high command announced succinctly today.

The Italian air force was said to be attacking "a large enemy naval formation sailing from Gibraltar" — probably a convoy under heavy warship guard. From the communique it appeared to be still too early for the Italians to list any results of the gigantic duel.

The first concise word of the battle came in a communique which acknowledged that Britain's own air force, apparently on one of its broadest offensives, had struck at not less than seven Italian cities in Libya, Sicily and Sardinia.

Reds Fiercely Resist Nazis Hammer Fleet

A German attempt to wipe out the Russian Baltic fleet and fierce Russian naval resistance to the attacks were reported today in dispatches from the warring capitals.

Five German ships, including a cruiser, a destroyer, two transports and a tanker, have been sunk and two more destroyers damaged by soviet naval forces and short batteries in farflung engagements in Arctic waters and the Baltic and Black seas, the soviet information bureau announced early today.

These officially reported successes at sea were coupled with accounts from the land front that the red army had captured ten more villages in a drive from Yalva toward Smolensk and that nazis siege forces were hurled from three lines of trenches by red army counterattacks.

Ship Arming Is Expected Soon

Washington, Sept. 28. — Informed legislators predicted today that President Roosevelt would ask congress for discretionary power to arm merchant ships and to send them into belated ports, rather than seeking outright repeal of the neutrality act.

If such a course were followed, the neutrality act's prohibitions against the arming of ships or their entering combat zones technically would be left standing unless the President found it necessary to put them aside.

A final decision on what will be asked is expected to be reached at a conference between the President and legislative leaders Tuesday with a formal message going to congress Wednesday or Thursday.

First Army's War Games Open Friday

Camden, S. C., Sept. 28. — Simulated warfare of the First Army designed to involve eventually 500,000 men and all types of equipment, will formally begin Friday at Monroe, N. C., when Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, commander, addresses more than 12,000 officers and non-commissioned officers.

Gov. J. M. Broughton, of North Carolina, and Gov. Burnet R. Maybank, of South Carolina, will accompany General Drum from Camden, S. C., after a luncheon. Other high ranking army officers will be in the party.

As those plans went forward, thousands of soldiers bivouacked in this area and other thousands from up and down the seaboard moved toward their positions, somewhere in the 16 counties of the Carolinas in which the gigantic maneuvers will be held.

Newkirk Ferrying Planes Over Ocean

Ed Newkirk, who spent several years in North Wilkesboro and furnished breath-taking thrills by his flying stunts about the North Wilkesboro airport, is now ferrying bombers across the Atlantic, according to unofficial reports here.

Newkirk was one of the outstanding aviators ever to fly a plane at North Wilkesboro and one of the most highly skilled and daring. Few stunts were considered too dangerous or daring—such as flying under bridges, etc.

After leaving North Wilkesboro he spent some time as instructor at a flying school in California and was later in the army air corps.

A local gal is going to marry an X-ray specialist. A neighbor said "What can he see in her?"

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Dairy Plant Prospects Bright, Local Men Say

Hold Conference With Member Of Coble Dairy Co.

Plant Could Purchase Half Million Dollars Worth Of Milk Here

Prospects for obtaining a Coble Dairy Products plant for the Wilkesboros are good, it was learned here today from prominent business men interested in the proposal made recently by the company, which has home office in Lexington.

The company proposed to erect a modern plant here and purchase unlimited quantities of milk provided the community would furnish \$45,000 for a site and building.

Several local citizens interested in the proposal conferred here last week with Frank Rupp, of Salisbury, a representative of the company, and stated that other conferences will be held soon preparatory to taking decisive action.

Meanwhile, option has been secured on a part of the W. M. Duncan farm just east of Wilkesboro as a site for the plant, which is expected to meet the approval of the company and meet all requirements.

The Coble Dairy company has a milk receiving station in North Wilkesboro and has been paying out about \$16,000 monthly to farmers for milk at highest market prices.

Company officials expressed the opinion that with a plant here a half million dollars worth of milk can be purchased annually throughout this immediate section of the state.

Agricultural authorities strongly favor obtaining the plant, pointing out that Wilkes is wonderfully situated to become a dairying center.

11 Left Today To Enlist In Marine Corps At Raleigh

Recruiting Officers Here During Week Interview Many Young Men

Marine Corps recruiting officers left here today with 11 recruits after a week's stay in North Wilkesboro.

Sergeants Peter A. Arnov and George E. Griffin accepted applications from the following and carried them to Raleigh for complete examination: Donald Wilson Craven, age 22, North Wilkesboro; Joseph Beckley James, 21, Wilkesboro; Oscar Stanley Miles, 21, Piney Creek; William Alvis Minton, 17, Wilkesboro; Carl Clinton Dyer, 18, Purlear; Virgil Eugene Ashley, 17, Oakwoods; Jesse Mack Combs, 18, Sparta; Raymond Franklin Woodruff, 17, Elkin; Robert Guy Brooks, 17, Purlear; York Eugene Dyer, 21, Purlear; Willie Carroll, 22, Champion.

Two of the above had already (Continued on page four)

Rescued Yankee Fliers Land in British Port



Five American fliers who were en route to England to fly for the R.A.F. and who were rescued when their ship was torpedoed. Four other Americans were drowned. The rescued men, who landed at a British port, are, left to right: Norman Echor of Kansas City, Tom Griffin of Mississippi, Jack Gilliland of Kansas, James Jordan of San Francisco and Rivers Grove of Georgia.

Makes Score



Pat Williams, Jr., of this city, Davidson end, caught a pass Saturday night in Greensboro to score a touchdown enabling Davidson to tie the State 6-6 in a major football upset.

Williams Scores Daylight Saving Tying Touchdown

Local Boy Snags Pass To Bring About Major Upset In Football Game

North Wilkesboro football fans were talking today, not so much of the scores of Saturday games, but of the fact that North Wilkesboro has a player on a Big Five team.

That player is Pat Williams, Jr., end on Davidson Wildcats team, who scored the touchdown that tied Saturday's work.

Williams snagged a pass throw by Dave Spencer into the end zone in the final quarter to tie the State, which had scored previously in the game.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Williams, Sr., of this city. He attended North Wilkesboro high school and McCallie's school in Chattanooga, Tenn., before entering Davidson last year. Throughout his school career he has been a leader in athletics.

Term Of Wilkes Court Convenes

Judge J. A. Rousseau, Of This City, Presiding Over Two-Weeks Term Here

Wilkes superior court convened today for a two-weeks term with Judge J. A. Rousseau on the bench.

Judge Rousseau, of this city, exchanged courts with Judge Hoyle S. Sink, of Greensboro. Judge Sink will preside over a Guilford county term in Greensboro.

In the Wilkes court beginning today civil cases will be tried during the two weeks. Many cases are pending and a full calendar has been made for each day of the term.

Leadership Meet Of N.C.E.A. Will Be Here Tuesday

Secretary And Field Secretary of State Organization To Speak Here

Leadership conference of nine school systems in northwestern North Carolina will be held in North Wilkesboro school auditorium Tuesday, September 30, 3:30 o'clock.

County and city school systems included in the conference area are Surry, Mount Airy, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Appalachian State Teachers College, Yadkin, Wilkes and North Wilkesboro.

Officers of the North Carolina Education Association who will conduct the conference will be Fred W. Greene, secretary, and Miss Mary Langston, field secretary.

Superintendents, principals and three teachers from each school are asked to attend the conference. Main feature of the meeting will be planning of work for units of the North Carolina Education Association for the coming year.

The general meeting will open at 3:30 and committee meetings will begin at 4:30.

Daylight Saving Time Goes Out

Daylight saving time went out Sunday with more confusion here than accompanied its inception.

For one thing, the time of its going out was moved up from Sunday night to Sunday morning, two o'clock, and many were under the impression that daylight saving time was to be in effect throughout Sunday.

Church services had previously been announced for daylight saving time in some instances. Baptist and Methodist had services on daylight saving time and in the Presbyterian on eastern standard time.

In Wilkesboro one church operated on first time and the other on slow time. One church was through Sunday school as the other began.

At one North Wilkesboro church some members of the congregation who were under the impression that the time of church service would be on eastern standard time arrived less than five minutes before services were over.

The general opinion as expressed by many working people were that they were glad the daylight saving time was over because they would get to sleep later. One young man said he was not turning his watch back an hour Sunday because he wanted the pleasure of doing that on Monday morning before he got out of bed. He said he was going to wake up by daylight saving time, turn his watch back one hour and snooze another 60 minutes just for the fun of it.

Joynes, Absher Line Completed

Electric Service Made Available To About 50 Families In Nine Miles

Duke Power company has completed a nine-mile rural power line extension from Traphill to Abshers, Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the company, said today.

The extension makes electricity available to about 50 families in the communities along the route. Work was started on the line some time ago.

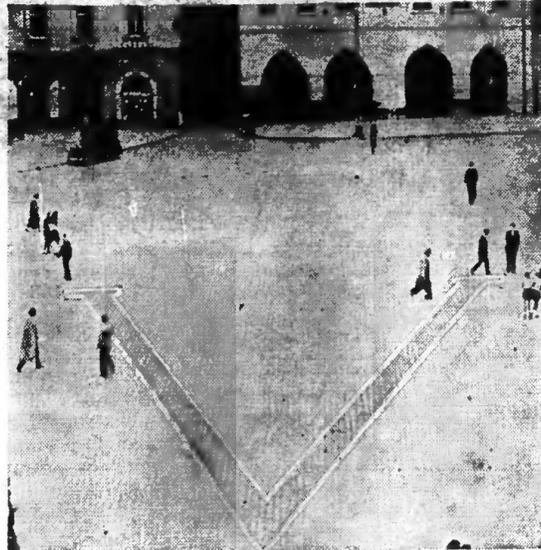
Lack of materials is expected to greatly curtail rural line construction. Many lines in this territory were constructed with cables of aluminum wire around a strand of steel and the aluminum shortage will not permit further manufacture of that type of wire. There is also a shortage of copper, which will affect construction lines.

DRY

Bean crops in the New Hanover county area have been sharply reduced because of continued dry weather, the third period of unfavorable crop weather in North Carolina this year.

New Excise Taxes Will Go Into Effect Oct. 1st

But This 'V' Is for Sieg



Attempting to steal the thunder of "Col. V. Britton," who is the sparkplug of the British "V for Victory" crusade, the Germans release this photo to a skeptical world. It shows a great "v" inscribed in a public square in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The V stands for Victoria, an ancient German word for victory, long superseded by the familiar "sieg" of modern Germany.

Horse Show Will The Northwestern Be Held Oct 11th Singers Meet To At the Fairgrounds Be Held October 5

Event Sponsored By Wilkesboro Methodists; Committees Appointed

Arrangements are being rapidly completed for a horse show to be held at the fairgrounds October 11, at the fairgrounds.

The event will be sponsored by the Wilkesboro Methodist church. Committees have been appointed by the sponsors and the show is expected to contain the best horses in this part of the state.

P. W. Edwards is general manager for the show, which will begin at two p. m. and Mrs. A. R. Gray, Sr., is general chairman.

The program committee is headed by James Cranor and the other members are Lawrence Miller and T. S. Kenery. The Prize and Ribbon committee is composed of J. T. Prevette, William Barber and W. A. McNeill.

On the publicity committee are Mrs. N. O. Smoak, chairman, Julius C. Hubbard, Ray Erwin, Mrs. Claude Doughton and Howard Pharr.

Mrs. W. T. Long is chairman of the advertising committee and the other members are Miss Frank Somers, Mrs. Roy Reese, Mrs. Lucille Norman, Mrs. Aileen Phipps Jones, Mrs. Carlyle Jordan and Miss Willie Guthrie.

After the horse show the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church will serve a supper at the fairgrounds. Mrs. B. S. Call is chairman of the Food Committee and the other members are: Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Mrs. C. Y. Miller, Mrs. C. H. Hulcher, Mrs. N. B. Smithey, Mrs. J. L. Garwood, Mrs. J. W. White, Mrs. J. E. Culler, Mrs. B. C. Bialock and Mrs. Kate Miller.

Girl Scouts will sell programs and Boy Scouts will sell soft drinks.

McNiel, Doughton To See Fight, World Series

W. A. McNiel and Sheriff C. T. Doughton left today for New York City, where they will see the Louis-Nova championship fight tonight and the World Series in baseball beginning Wednesday between the New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers.

Mr. McNiel caught a plane for New York in Winston-Salem. Sheriff Doughton, accompanied by his brother, Mr. Hort Doughton, of Statesville, also traveled part of the way by plane.

All new recruits in the U. S. Navy and Naval Reserve receive an elementary training in the use of all types of regulation Navy small arms — rifles, machine guns, automatic pistols. Assembling arms by sense of touch is included in this training.

Ten Per Cent To Be Added To Price Of Many Articles

Cosmetics, Furs, Jewelry, Tires, Electrical Appliances, Telegrams, Etc.

The new tax bill passed to raise three or four billions in defense revenue will go into effect Wednesday, October 1, and Mr. John Q. Public will be paying many new taxes.

Probably the first taxes to be felt will be the ten per cent excise taxes to be added to retail prices on all jewelry, furs, cosmetics, toilet preparations, electrical appliances, tires and other specified items.

The customer will pay this ten per cent tax direct to the merchant, who will in no instance be allowed to make it appear that he is absorbing the tax.

First positive information about what articles will be taxed ten per cent came to the city from J. C. Penney's New York offices to R. E. Gibbs, manager of the Penney company's store here.

Beginning Wednesday, ten per cent will be added to every sale of any kind of cosmetics, toilet preparations for women and men, toilet accessories, all kinds of jewelry, watches, clocks, cameras, silverware, fur coats, fur collars, fur gloves, etc. Soaps, dentifrices and antiseptics will be exempt from the tax.

It is also understood that the tax will be added according to the new federal tax bill to electrical appliances, refrigerators, washing machines, radios, heaters, tires and tubes, price of telegrams, long distance telephone calls.

A duplicate of which is retained by the merchant. It must be listed as a separate item and be ten per cent of the retail price paid by the buyer. Merchants must keep a record of total daily sales of merchandise to which the tax is added.

McBride, Sidden Hurt In Accident

Walter McBride Badly Hurt When Truck Overturns; C. R. Sidden Injured

Walter McBride, prominent citizen of the Joynes community, is in critical condition at the Wilkes hospital as the result of injuries sustained Friday afternoon when a truck in which he was riding overturned on highway 18 ten miles north of this city.

C. R. Sidden, well known citizen of the same community who was with McBride, received less serious injuries and returned to his home after treatment.

McBride has been in a state of unconsciousness and semi-consciousness and the full extent of his injuries had not been determined today.

Banquet of Legion And Auxiliary 3rd

Fish Fry and Dance At Legion Auxiliary Clubhouse To Be Friday Night

Wilkes post of the American Legion and unity of the Auxiliary will have their joint banquet meeting Friday evening, October 3, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

There will be a fish fry and an oyster stew for those who do not like fish. Plates will be fifty cents per person, the announcement said.

An enjoyable occasion is anticipated. All ex-service men and ladies who are eligible for membership in the Auxiliary are visited as well as members of the two organizations.

After the dinner both round and square dancing will be enjoyed.

There are 25 different types of ships on which a U. S. Navy man may sail.

Annual Singers' Convention Will Be Held In Three Wilkesboro Buildings

The Northwestern Carolina Singers convention will be held in Wilkesboro Sunday afternoon, October 6, at the fairgrounds.

It will be held in the high school auditorium with J. A. Gilliam in charge, at the Baptist church with W. A. Stroud in charge, and at the Methodist church with F. J. McDuffie in charge.

It is a semi-annual convention which meets regularly at the same place on the first Sunday afternoon in May and the first Sunday afternoon in October.

Quartets and groups from out of the county which have been invited and are expected to attend, are: Kingsport male quartet from radio station WKPT, Kingsport, Tenn.; Melody Boys, WHKY, Hickory; H. Henjah Quartet, WHKY, Hickory; Central Carolina, from WMFR, High Point; and Moore Quartet, WSTP, Salisbury, and many others.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this fine convention as around 2000 to 2500 can be seated comfortably in the three buildings.

North Wilkesboro Cadet Completes Basic Air Course

Cochran Field, Ga. — Richard B. Johnson, North Wilkesboro, graduated Friday from Cochran Field, air corps basic flying school near Macon, Ga. Eighty-two other aviation cadets moved on to advanced flying schools with Johnson.

Study British Needs



Maj. Gen. George Brett (left), army air corps chief, and Col. C. Haynes, noted army pilot, will tour Africa, the Near East and Mediterranean to study British air force needs. Data obtained will speed U. S. aid to the democracies.