

War News

RAIN, SNOW CURTAIN RED FRONT LINES

The bitter Russian winter closing down on the eastern front and stubborn Soviet resistance appeared Wednesday virtually to have halted the German advance on Moscow and along the Azov seashore.

Heavy fighting had by no means ceased, but its tempo had slowed and no important German gains were reported. From the standpoint of position, on the Moscow sector the lines have been almost stationary for three days. Nazi and Soviet front dispatches agreed that snowstorms, bitterly cold winds and, farther south, driving rains were sweeping the long front and impending military operations.

Competent German sources themselves indicated that although furious fighting continued for Moscow, no sensational developments could be expected from that quarter any time soon. The possibility began to appear that winter might virtually immobilize the front with Moscow—and Leningrad—still firmly in Russian hands.

Nazi Take "Breathing Spell"

Fragmentary front reports from both sides gave this picture:

1. Nazi military commentators said that axis forces assaulting the Donets basin in the south had slowed down for a "breathing spell" and that driving snowstorms and freezing nights were impeding panzer operations against Moscow. Armored divisions were reported advancing slowly, however, from the Kalinin and Tula regions north and south of Moscow in an effort eventually to close a giant pincer on the city. Minor, indecisive clashes were reported before Leningrad and at the entrance to the Crimean Peninsula.

2. The Russians reported that in addition to beating off a gigantic tank assault on Moscow's defenses and stalling the German drive on the city, they had stopped dead the Nazi sweep along the Sea of Azov towards the oil port of Baku. Heavy rain and howling winds were reported all along the front, through which tanks and armored cars charged desperately only to be destroyed. The official newspaper, Pravda, however, admitted without identifying sectors that "in some sectors our troops retreated to new line". The Germans were reported landing from Giant transport planes, parachutists, light tanks, armored cars and field guns behind the Russian lines—and effort to isolate Soviet units, destroy communications and create panic.

Japanese Say U. S. Reaches Ever Nearer

Japan, — The Japanese press charged with the growing wrath today that the United States was seeking Siberian bases for use against Japan, and warned that "Siberia belongs to Asia."

Most outspoken was the newspaper Hochi, which said the U. S. was pushing her military bases toward Japan step by step and asked whether the nation should keep quiet in the face of British-American attempts to "enslave a great number of Asiatics in Siberia as well as its enormous natural resources."

A Hochi article by Denzo Hiratake said American supplies were being unloaded at northern Siberian ports whence transportation to the European front would be impossible.

Supplies Now Go In Arctic To Archangel

Washington, D. C.—The Soviet port of Vladivostok will be abandoned after October 28 as the main funnel for American war aid supplies to Russia, the maritime commission announced last night, and it was understood that future shipments would be routed to Archangel in the Arctic.

The commission said the change is being made because of "constantly increasing volume of shipments essential to Russia's defense efforts." A spokesman said that future shipments, which will be made through the port of Boston, Mass., would be able to "make greater use of the facilities of various ports and prevent possible congestion."

Football Team To Be Idle On Friday

North Wilkesboro high school football team, happy over a 6-0 victory over Taylorsville last week does not have a game this week but will play China Grove here on Friday, October 31

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Engineers Are Examining Two Flood Dam Sites

George E. Campsen, assistant engineer of the Charleston, S. C., flood control office in charge of a party of field engineers surveying prospective flood control dam sites on the Yadkin, said today that several weeks will be required to complete the field work.

The latest work accomplished on two prospective sites was seismographic examination of bedrock and he expressed the opinion that either of two proposed dam sites are practical for construction of an adequate flood control dam.

Two sites are being examined by the engineers, Campsen said. One is the Mack Moore farm site one mile west of Wilkesboro, which had generally been conceded as the site selected, and another is near Goshen three miles further up the river.

Speaking of the two sites, Campsen said either is practical and that it may be that the upper site has some advantages in rock formation and in the fact that much good land below would be saved for agricultural purposes. He said either site would be adequate for flood control in the Yadkin valley.

The next work to be accomplished will be drilling of bedrock for samples for thorough examination and analysis. However, he said he was convinced from previous examination that a dam could be constructed on either site.

Navy Day MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th

Monday, the twenty-seventh of October, the Nation and the Navy join in celebrating Navy Day. This commemorative date, the anniversary of the first bill providing for the construction of government warships and also the anniversary of the birth of our first "Big Navy" president, Theodore Roosevelt, has been observed annually since 1922.

On Navy Day, the city and county schools will hold appropriate exercises in observance of the occasion. Radio talks relating to the Navy will be broadcast over local and national networks. Citizens are urged to observe the day by the proper display of flags.

On October 27, 1773, the first Naval Bill was submitted to the Continental Congress and provided for the construction and fitting of thirteen ships of war. These ships formed the nucleus of our present day Navy.

October 27 is doubly appropriate as Navy Day since it marks the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, who, while President, demonstrated in a practical way to the American people that the Navy is a potent factor for the promotion of peace.

In commemorating this day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, has said, "From the very beginning of our national life, the Navy has always been, and justly deserves to be, an object of special pride to the American People. Its record is indeed one to inspire such sentiments. I am glad to say both Congress and the country understand what we are doing in building up the Navy and about its use. The Navy is not only the first line of defense, but the most important line of defense."

Wilkes Farmers Will Easily Meet Goals for 'Food for Defense' in '42

Farmers of Wilkes county will have no difficulty in meeting goals for their part in national defense if they continue their program of progress, J. B. Snipes, county agent, said following the district meeting Tuesday in Wilkesboro.

Already production of food and feed in Wilkes has been stressed and production of food, poultry, eggs, hogs and feed is on the upgrade, the county agent said.

The suggested minimum goals for Wilkes calls for a four per cent increase in milk production and an increase of three per cent, 270, in number of milk cows. The anticipated progress in dairying will carry the county far beyond those figures, especially if a dairy products plant is located here.

The 11 per cent increase in egg production in Wilkes, already the outstanding poultry producing

Refunding Bonds Sold For County At Lower Interest

\$52,000 Worth Of County Obligations Average About Two Per Cent Lower

Wilkes county refunding bonds sold Tuesday by the Local Government commission were at interest rates averaging about two per cent lower than the original obligations.

Barcus, Kindred and company, of Chicago, bought \$37,000 worth of road and bridge bonds and \$15,000 of school refunding bonds. Of that amount \$10,000 will be at three per cent and the remainder at three and one-quarter per cent.

The bonds were sold to retire old bonds which were bearing interest from four and three-quarters to six per cent. The bonds were issued during the high interest period about 20 years ago.

The board of county commissioners has been investigating the possibilities of refunding all of the county's bonded debt which has option of prior payment.

Navy Recruiters Coming Saturday

Navy recruiting officers F. A. Yarbrough and J. L. Brown, of the Salisbury navy recruiting office, will be in North Wilkesboro at the city hall on Saturday, October 25, for the purpose of enlisting applicants in the naval service.

All those who have made in inquiry about the navy in response to advertising and all other men between ages of 17 and 49, inclusive, who are interested in learning, earning and service to their country all at the same time are urged to be on hand Saturday and talk with the navy recruiting officers.

Colored men may now enlist because there are a number of vacancies.

Some of the many training schools now available in the navy are: aviation mechanical, radio, signals, clerical, metal smiths, machinist, electrical, carpentry.

In addition, a worthwhile and profitable program is available for college men.

The officers here Saturday will accept enlistments for the regular navy and the naval reserve. Those who enlist in the naval reserve will be released from active service at the end of the present national emergency while those who enlist in the regular navy will be for regular term of enlistment.

Public Assistance Totals \$8,534.50

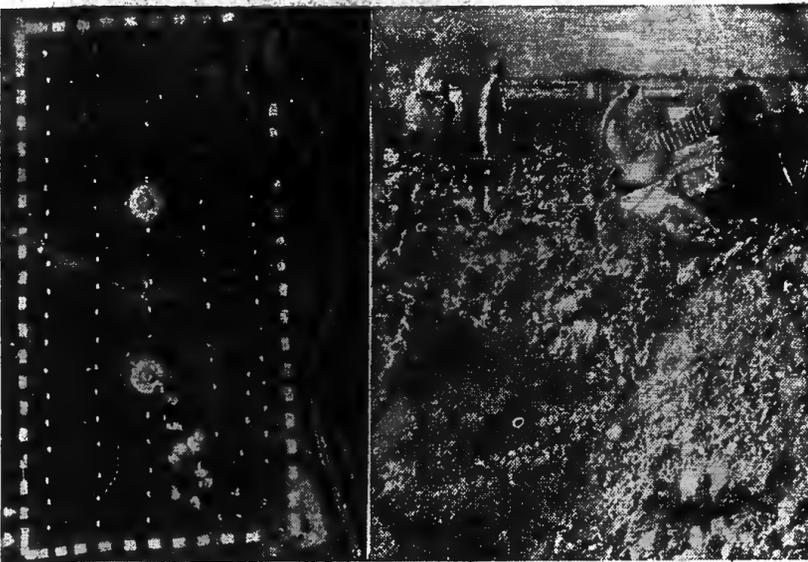
Over 1,000 People Benefit Directly From Grants For This Month

Public assistance payments which went out from the Wilkes welfare office this month to needy aged, dependent children and needy blind totaled \$8,534.50, according to statistics released by the welfare office.

Greater part of the total, \$5,869.50, went to 698 needy aged over 65, while 155 families with 302 dependent children received \$2,113. Forty-four blind received \$552.

Ten Counties Plan Food Production

Army Tests New Bombsight With Real Bombs



Left: View from a flying fortress, 15,000 feet up, of a target area at Barksdale Field, La. The dashes which make up the oblong mark "troop concentrations"; the dots within the area are obsolete tanks. Picture at right was made after the flying fortress and 12 army bombers using the new army bombsight had tossed 12 tons of bombs in 10 minutes. Almost every over-age tank was put out of action.

Citizens' Meeting On Monday Night In The City Hall

Needs Of Boy Scouts To Be Discussed; Judge Hastings Heads Movement

A meeting of citizens of North Wilkesboro is called for Monday night, October 27th, in the City Hall for making a survey of the needs of the Boy Scouts in this community. All public spirited citizens from North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro are invited to attend.

Judge G. H. Hastings of Winston-Salem, General Chairman of a Citizens Committee in this district, is heading this movement and meetings are scheduled for the various communities in the Winston-Salem District. It is understood that Herbert Stuckey, Deputy Regional Executive, will be present and probably W. E. Vaughn-Lloyd, Scout Executive of Winston-Salem, will also address the meeting.

Mayor R. T. McNeil and P. W. Eshelman, District Scout Commissioner, are urging every one interested in Scout work to be present at the above meeting.

Mrs. Ruby Moore Gets \$15 Award

Throng Attends "Appreciation Day" Celebration Here Wednesday

Mrs. Ruby Moore, wife of B. Moore, this city, was awarded fifteen dollars Wednesday afternoon at the "Appreciation Day" celebration for being selected "goodwill ambassador" for the week.

On next Wednesday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, another "appreciation day" celebration will be held and another cash award will be made from the treasure chest, which has grown to \$175.

Those who did not receive an award because they were not present yesterday were Mrs. W. G. Shepherd, of Daylo, \$15; Fred C. Baldwin, of Haw River, \$75; Noah Hayes, \$30.

In addition to the award for selection as goodwill ambassador, four "appreciation day" merchants gave extra prizes. Ervins' Men's Shop gave a tie, Crest stores bedroom slippers, Red Cross Pharmacy, a bottle of lotion and Grey Brothers a smoking stand.

The "appreciation day" celebration was enlivened by performance by the North Wilkesboro high school band.

A record crowd estimated at 1,000 attended the event, which was held on the lot next to the city hall.

Sailors in Uncle Sam's Navy who are performing "night watch" receive an extra meal every night while on duty. It consists of many sandwiches and a beverage.

Would You Like To Learn To Fly?

People in North Wilkesboro or any surrounding territory will have this opportunity offered them beginning Sunday, October 26, Hopkins Flying Service, of Reidsville, N. C., will have training planes and a licensed instructor stationed at North Wilkesboro Airport for the purpose of teaching those to fly who would like to learn. Prices are very reasonable and anyone who would like to take this course is asked to get in touch with Charles Day Jr., at Rhodes-Day Furniture Company, or go out to the North Wilkesboro Airport and get in touch with Mr. Hopkins.

"Also we will have planes for passenger service, so come out and get a birds-eye view of your town and country-side from the air", management of the flying school said.

Girl Scout Week To Begin Sunday

Union Service Will Be Held Sunday Morning At First Baptist Church

In celebration of Girl Scout Week, which begins October 26, a union service will be held at the First Baptist church in this city Sunday morning, 11 o'clock.

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor, will have charge and will deliver the message on the subject, "Be Prepared."

The public is cordially invited to attend and all parents and relatives of Girls Scouts are urgently requested to be present. Boy Scouts will be ushers at the service.

Baptismal Service

There will be a baptismal service at Ferguson Sunday morning, October 26, ten a. m. The service will mark the close of a very successful revival at Beaver Creek Baptist church.

Five 4-H Club Members Get Over \$1,000 In Prizes and Prizes for Calves

Five Wilkes 4-H club members received \$1,028.40 for their seven baby heaves at the State Fair last week, J. B. Snipes, Wilkes farm agent, said today.

Of that amount \$938.40 represented the money received for the seven calves when they were sold at auction after the judging and \$96 was in prizes.

Top prize received for any of the calves was \$169.55 by Paul Hutchinson for his very excellent calf. Other amounts for sale of calves were as follows: Mary Hutchinson, \$120.00; Frank Hutchinson, \$132.67; Mary Hutchinson, \$110.20; Paul Hutchinson, \$133.40; Jesse Hutchinson, \$140.08. All the club members were

Fall Federation Home Clubs Meet

Will Be Held In Wilkesboro On Tuesday Evening, October 28th, 7:30 P. M.

Fall Federation meeting of home demonstration clubs and the county club council will meet on Tuesday evening, October 28, 7:30 o'clock, at the county courthouse according to an announcement by Miss Elizabeth Williams, Wilkes home agent.

R. W. Shoffner, of State College will speak on the subject of "The Well Planned Homestead" and will show movies illustrating his subject.

Other on the program include: Mrs. F. T. Moore, council president, who will preside; Mrs. J. M. Bentley, secretary-treasurer; and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson.

G.O.P. Meet In Charlotte 25th

Several Wilkes Republicans Will Hear Chairman Martin At Rally

Several Wilkes Republicans plan to attend the Republican rally and banquet in Charlotte Saturday afternoon and night and hear an address by Representative Joseph W. Martin, chairman of the national Republican executive committee and house minority leader.

Chairman Martin will spend Friday afternoon and Saturday in this state and will make several public appearances, including an address under auspices of the Political Union at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Friday.

License to wed have been issued during the past week by Wilkes Register of Deeds C. C. Sidden to two couples: Robert Brooks, of Boonville, and Hallie Roberts, of Roaring River; Grover Rhoades and Hessie Walker, both of Hays.

District Farm Defense Meet In Wilkes Tuesday

Increased Production of Dairy Products, Poultry, Eggs and Meat Is Wanted

Croplands, pastures, feed lots, gardens and poultry houses of Northwestern North Carolina will play a definite and important part in the nation's defense program and in meeting demands of food by nations resisting Hitlerism.

This fact was strongly indicated Tuesday when more than 100 from ten counties gathered in Wilkesboro at a district meeting of U. S. Department of Agriculture Defense Boards. The meeting was called to acquaint county farm defense boards with the farm defense program as launched by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard.

T. Weaver Cathey, representative of the state Triple A, presided. He said that every farmer in the nation will be visited between now and December 1 and will be asked to work out a complete production plan for his farm in 1942. This canvass will be carried out in each county by the farm defense boards, which are composed of representatives of agencies of the department of agriculture. J. M. German, of Boone, is chairman of the Wilkes defense board.

Each county will have a production goal and each farmer will have his own individual goal as a part of the country's goal. The goals will not be considered quotas which must be met but will represent a measure to be attained or exceeded.

Increased production of milk and other dairy products, hogs, poultry and eggs will be stressed. Counties represented in the meeting were Wilkes, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell, Surry, Watauga and Yadkin.

Needs and objectives of the program were explained by representatives of agencies under the department of agriculture as follows: T. G. Sprinkle, AAA; Fred Sloan, extension service; Miss Anne Rowe, extension service; R. B. Winchester, vocational education; E. C. Jernigan, soil conservation service; W. Bryan Oliver, farm security administration; Miss Margaret Fuller, farm security administration; W. R. Sechler, farm security administration; F. R. Farnham, dairy specialist of the extension service; C. F. Parrish, poultry specialist of the extension service; Bryan Collins, TVA and extension service; Vance Swift, Farm Security administration; Jack Lynn, district extension agent; Mr. Manchester, national forest service; Gwyn Price, state REA supervisor.

Plans were made for county meetings in each of the counties represented. J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county agent, said the Triple A committeemen will carry the food production appeal directly to the farmers following a meeting to be held on Monday.

The farm defense program is based on supplying Britain with 25 per cent of her food requirements with emphasis on high protein foods and the building of a vast stock pile of foods in the United States.

Such a stock pile, it was explained, will insure this country adequate supplies of food in case of hostilities and may be the great lever with which a satisfactory peace can be obtained at the end of the conflict.

School Payroll 2nd Month Paid

Total Expenditures For Second Month Were More Than \$35,000.00

Second month payroll of the Wilkes county school system went out this week to teachers and all other employees.

The vouchers were delivered at the close of work on Tuesday afternoon, last day of the second month.

The total payroll was \$35,668.17, of which \$31,694.21 went to teachers and the remainder to bus drivers, contract bus drivers, janitors, administrative employees and other expenses.