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## EUROPEAN WAR BRIEFS

Budapest, Sept. 26—The city of Warsaw is "entirely in ruins" after day-long bombardment by German guns and 200 planes, the Warsaw radio station announced tonight before it went off the air suddenly with a brief apology to its listeners. The announcer was telling how hundreds of horses killed by the shelling were being butchered and distributed among the destitute population when he halted his account and said: "Sorry, we must close down now for the night." The radio reports said the defenders of the shattered city still were determined to resist "until death" and that the old Russian fortress at Modlin, 18 miles northwest of the city, continued to hold off Nazi assaults from that direction. In Warsaw, it was said, the Polish defenders fighting hand-to-hand against the Germans repulsed a German attempt to seize the suburb of Mokotow on the western outskirts. The Warsaw radio, describing today's attacks, said "the last 24 hours, if anything, have been still more terrible than those of the preceding few days. We have had continuous air raids by 200 planes and shelling by heavy artillery. Hundreds of incendiary bombs caused many fires, probably more than 50 today. Most of the public buildings in the city are aflame. Warsaw is entirely in ruins. The fires and debris make circulation difficult, if not impossible."

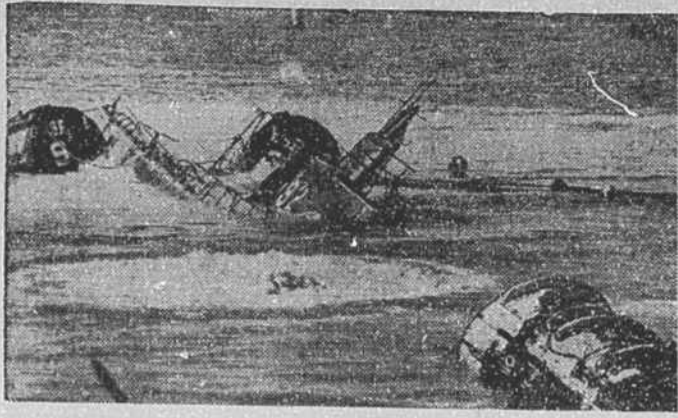
Paris, Sept. 26—The French government today outlawed the Communist party in France in what political circles interpreted as an answer to Soviet Russia's line-up with Germany and invasion of Poland. The severe decree adopted by Premier Daladier's war cabinet also meant the end of all the party's affiliates and banned Communist propaganda in France.

With the German Army on the Western Front, Sept. 26—Germany today missed an army of well over 1,000,000 men on the western front, including crack units shifted from the swift conquest of Poland, to wage what probably will be a purely defensive war. A tour of 200 miles of fortifications along the German west wall—half of them facing the Belgian and Luxembourg borders—gave ample evidence that Hitler's general staff has no intention at present of opening an offensive against the Allies. The trip was made by five correspondents, the first to see the western defenses, accompanied by general staff officers who answered questions freely and enabled the newspapermen to make close-up inspection of numerous units of the west zone. In one field three-quarters of a mile wide and one-fourth mile long were some 60 or 70 such units. In the entire west wall were said to be tens of thousands of them.

Moscow, Sept. 26—Soviet Russia announced tonight the expected arrival of German Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop tomorrow for a second history-making visit which diplomatic quarters predicted might lead to a Russian-German military alliance. At the same time the Moscow government lifted the veil on mysterious negotiations with neighboring Estonia by charging that country was harboring unknown submarines in her Baltic waters. TASS, Soviet official news agency, announced Von Ribbentrop was coming to Moscow to "discuss with the government of the Soviet Union problems connected with developments in Poland." Some observers expressed the belief that Von Ribbentrop was following up his August 23 visit, when he signed the German-Russian non-aggression pact, to negotiate a military pact between the two governments.

Bucharest, Sept. 26—Informed private quarters in Bucharest reported tonight that Germany and Soviet Russia have agreed upon a division of zones of influence in Eastern Europe whereby Rumania and the Balkans will come under the Nazi sphere. Russia, it was said, has been given a free hand by Germany to extend her influence among the Baltic states. The reported German-Soviet agreement bolstered Rumanian hopes that Russia will be restrained from any move to regain Bessarabia, which the Allies awarded to Rumania after the World War. Although Bessarabia was one of the poorest pre-war provinces of Russia the Soviets have never recognized its annexation by Rumania. Rumors that the Soviet army was about to invade Bessarabia caused great alarm among the Rumanian people throughout the day, despite an official government statement asserting that Rumania and Russia are enjoying "normal relations" and that all reports of the massing of Soviet troops along the (Continued on page five)

## Ill-Fated Squalus Comes To the Surface



Portsmouth, N. H.—View of the conning tower and bow of the ill-fated submarine Squalus as she was surfaced nine miles off this city with her cargo of 26 dead. The undersea craft went to the bottom after a trial dive on May 23rd.

## City Tax Rate Raised To \$1.80 For New Fiscal Year

Chairman Of Board Of City Commissioners Issues Statement Relative To Increase In Tax Rate; Step An Effort To Avoid Deficit In City Affairs.

The tax rate for the town of Boone for the year beginning is to be \$1.80 instead of \$1.60, it has been determined, following an audit of the affairs of the city. Officials explain that the rate is made higher in an effort to prevent the town from defaulting in the payment of its bonded obligations. The vast program of street improvements which has been carried on through the agency of the WPA, has been in large measure responsible for the increase, it is said, since sponsor's funds for these projects have been provided at the expense of the debt service fund.

In connection with the change in the rate, Mr. A. E. Hodges, chairman of the board of city commissioners, issues a prepared statement, which is as follows:

"A public office is a public trust, is a sound principle of good government. The election of anyone to a public office is nothing more than the empowering of such official to represent or reflect the public will. It is not only the highest duty of every public official to keep an eye clear to the best interests of those whom he serves; but we believe the public has a right to be taken into the confidence of its officials—that is to say that their every official act shall be open and above board. I go a step further to say that I believe the constituency whom he serves has not only the right to know his every official act, but it has a right to know also the reason for such acts."

"On assuming the difficult duties of this public trust to which we have been elected as trustees of the public interests of the town of Boone, we find that there has accumulated a considerable deficit in the current funds of the city's government. This has been created by one of two courses which, of course, is obvious—either by appropriations and expenditures exceeding the income or failure to levy sufficient taxes to meet the expenditures."

"It is imperative, therefore, that one of three courses be followed in order to adjust this situation:

1. We must drastically cut down on all further improvements or developments, and we are sure that no progressive citizen of our city would sanction a reactionary program.
2. We can go on accumulating a debt which will ultimately destroy the credit of the town with all of its attendant evils, or we can slightly increase our tax rate from \$1.60 to \$1.80. We are confident that this last alternative will have the approval of every progressive citizen of our growing city.

"As board of aldermen and mayor of our progressive young city, we crave and bespeak the fullest cooperation of every citizen in the conduct of our city's government, to the end that the greatest public good may come to every man, woman and child regardless."

### REFERENDUM

Cotton growers of North Carolina and other southern states will vote in a referendum December 9 on whether they want quotas on their 1939 cotton crop.

## GOVERNOR HOEY SPEAKS FRIDAY

Address by Executive to Provide Climax for Watauga Fair; Fair Opens Today

Governor Clyde R. Hoey informed the Democrat Wednesday morning that he will deliver an address at the Cove Creek high school Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and thus the misunderstanding as to whether or not the executive would visit Watauga at this time, has been cleared up. Governor Hoey stated that he would come from Winston-Salem to Boone Friday morning and would stop at one of the local drug stores for his "coca-cola." A welcoming committee is expected to greet the governor here and form an escort to the fair grounds.

Governor Hoey will go to West Jefferson in the afternoon to deliver an address at the Ashe county fair. The fair officially opens today (Thursday) at 12 o'clock and the farm exhibits are to be arranged during the afternoon. This evening a nine-reel movie will depict the problems connected with raising livestock and the proper rotation of farm crops. Following the address by the governor Friday morning there will be a parade by the Boone high school band and an amateur show will be a feature of the evening hours. All exhibits will be on display during the evening, and a fireworks display will be featured.

Saturday, the last day of the fair, the exhibits will be judged and during the afternoon athletic contests will be featured. Saturday evening a three-act play, "Murdered Alive," is to be staged under the direction of Mrs. S. F. Horton.

The quality and quantity of agricultural exhibits are expected to exceed those of any previous year, and a record attendance is expected throughout the fair.

## ShIPLEY Officer of Hereford Association

Mr. W. E. Shipley, a leading stockman of the county, is a member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Hereford Cattle Breeders' association, which was recently organized at an all-day meeting in Wadesboro, when 150 leading beef cattle men attended. Other officers of the association are: Adam Lockhart, Wadesboro, president; George L. Pate of Rowland, member of the executive committee; Dr. J. M. Lynch of Fairview, secretary-treasurer; Cameron Morrison, Charlotte, W. E. Webb, Statesville, members of the executive committee.

## BART BRYAN BUYS CAFE PROPERTY HERE

Bart R. Bryan of Boone has closed a deal whereby he assumes the ownership of the T. & L. Cafe of this city, the deal with the former owner, Mr. Tom Davis, having been completed last week. Mr. Bryan is personally managing the business, and states that many improvements in the restaurant are to be made. The business will be known in the future as Bart's Cafe.

## FLOYD GIBBONS DIES

Stroudsburg, Pa., Sept. 25—Floyd Gibbons, 52, the famous war correspondent who died of heart disease at his farm near here last night, will be buried in Washington Wednesday.

## SUPERIOR COURT ENDED FRIDAY

State Docket Completed; Civil Calendar Untouched Save for Trial of Divorce Cases

The fall term of Watauga superior court, presided over by Judge W. H. Bobbitt of Charlotte, was adjourned Friday, after the state docket had been cleared, the only cases being called on the civil calendar being some divorce suits.

Following are the judgments of the court, which were handed down after the newspaper had gone to press last week:

Bill Bumgarner, violation prohibition laws, 2 years on roads.

Tom Bumgarner, violation prohibition laws, 2 years on roads.

Roy Earp, interfering with officer, prayer for judgment continued.

R. L. Greene, operating car after license had been revoked. Assessed with costs. Not to operate car for 4 months.

John Moretz, driving drunk, not guilty.

Leonard Rominger, driving drunk, 3 months suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs.

Thos. Jenkins and Floyd Ward, speeding. One-half the costs.

Wilmer Triplett, reckless driving, placed on probation.

Perry Greer, assault with deadly weapon, prayer for judgment continued on payment of \$30 medical bill for injured man.

York Trivett, violation prohibition laws, driving drunk, assault with deadly weapon, 6 months on roads.

Boone Grimes and Gurney Greene, public drunkenness, one-half the costs.

Joe Phillips, violation prohibition laws, 4 months sentence suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs.

Divorces

The following divorce decrees were granted:

Agnes Smith from F. C. Smith.

Mae Barker from Hester Barker.

Toy Miller from Eden Miller.

Crystal S. Heinz from G. A. Heinz.

Dan Lunsford from Cozy Lunsford.

I. C. Greer from Maude Greer.

Grand Jury Report

The court was presented the following report of the activities of the grand jury for the term:

We, the grand jury, beg to submit the following report:

1. We have carefully and faithfully examined all bills that have come before us, and have passed on the same.

2. We visited the convict detention camp located one mile west of Boone, and found this camp to be a model of sanitation, and splendidly kept in every way, the convicts in the camp at the present are well cared for under the capable and efficient management of Capt. W. H. Brown. We find this institution conducted under the best and most approved penal regulations.

3. The county home was inspected and found that toilet floor needs repairing, plaster has fallen off several places, one outside wall needs brick put back, loose brick over door ought to be fixed. Spring needs cementing. And the home needs new coat of paint on woodwork.

4. The jail was found to be capably kept, and the building in good condition except down-spout needs repairing.

5. The county offices were found to be well managed and records in good condition as far as our body was able to ascertain.

The following citizens composed the grand jury: J. E. Harbin, foreman, Roscoe Cook, A. G. Miller, C. A. Clay, J. D. Wilson, G. W. Gragg, Frank Culler, J. L. Fox, A. S. Johnson, W. L. Welch, Greene Brown, D. H. Eggers, R. F. Greene, Grady McNeil, Claude Edmisten, Hard Clark, John E. Luther, Howard Edmisten.

## Large Crowds Are Attending Revival

The revival at the First Baptist church is attracting large crowds. Dr. R. C. Gresham is preaching each day at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. He is preaching each evening on "Life."

The meeting promises to be one of the best ever held in the local church and the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, joins with Dr. Gresham in extending a cordial welcome to all.

## Wade E. Brown is New City Attorney

Wade E. Brown, Boone lawyer, has been named as attorney for the town of Boone, following the resignation of Mr. Archie Qualls, who accepted a position in Charlotte. The appointment of Mr. Brown to this position was announced on Tuesday.

## Burley Market Chartered As Plans Proceed Toward Erection Of Warehouses

### Veteran Passes



Andrew Wilson, who died at his home near Trade, Tenn., on the 17th at the age of 95. Mr. Wilson was a member of the Union armies during the Civil War. Memorial sketch on page 2.

## G. A. R. VETERAN SUCCUMBS AT 95

Andrew Wilson Dies at His Home at Trade After Week's Illness; Funeral 18th

Andrew Wilson, aged 95 years, a prominent citizen and a veteran of the Union armies in the Civil War, died at his home near Trade, Tenn., in Watauga county, September 17th, after an illness which had been serious for only one week.

Funeral services were conducted from the late residence on the 18th, Rev. M. L. Chappel and Rev. Mr. Riddle being in charge, and interment was in the Wallace cemetery.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Emma Wallace, Trade, Tenn.

During the Civil War Mr. Wilson enlisted in the 13th Tennessee cavalry and for about 22 months followed General Grant in the war between the states. Only one other veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic resides in Watauga county, Mr. Newton Banner of Sugar Grove. Following the war Mr. Wilson returned to his native county and followed agricultural pursuits until ill health forced his retirement. He was a good citizen and well known throughout this section.

Attorney W. R. Lovill of Boone, life-long friend of the deceased, has prepared a memorial sketch which appears on page two of the Democrat today.

## District Junior Meeting on Monday

A district meeting of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, will be held at the hall of the fraternity in Boone, Monday evening.

Delegates are expected from the six counties comprising the district and George W. Wrenn, special district representative, will be present. Other district and state Junior officials are expected for the meeting.

New district officers will be named at this time.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

From August 20 to September 13, the following marriage licenses were issued to Watauga couples by Dana H. Slader, Johnson county, court clerk, according to the News:

- Robert Greene and Sadie Horton, (col.) Boone.
- Lorma Miller, Boone, and Virginia Banner, Sugar Grove.
- Robert Swift and Mabel Teague, Boone.
- Ira Fox, Banner Elk, and Grace Smith, Vilas.
- Philip Carl Hartley and Emma Mae Bolick, Blowing Rock.
- Fred Hayes, Elizabethton, and Billie Isaacs, Adana.
- Karl Sawyer and Odette Hollifield, Boone.

## Board of Directors Is Named For Mountain Burley Warehouse; Lot Is Secured For Immediate Erection Of Structures.

A charter was issue Monday by Secretary of State Thad Eure for the Mountain Burley Warehouse of Boone, which is to operate warehouses for the sale of burley tobacco under a \$50,000 authorized capital, the intention of the corporation being to have the local business in operation for the opening of the season on December 6.

At a meeting of interested persons Friday evening, a board of directors was elected as follows: R. L. Doughton, Alleghany county; S. C. Eggers, W. H. Gragg and W. R. Lovill, Watauga county; W. B. Mount, Jack Shoun and Thomas McQueen from Johnson county. One member from Avery county and one from Ashe county will be named later on, bringing the membership of the board to nine.

At a meeting of the directors Saturday evening an architect was engaged to make blueprints of the proposed tobacco market, and bids from contractors are being asked for the construction of the buildings. Some property belonging to Mrs. Mattie Jones and located near the main business district of the town has been optioned and is to be used for the structures. Members of the board are busy engaged in working out the details for the early beginning of work, so that there may be no doubt about the building being ready for the market early in December.

A large amount of stock has already been subscribed, and there is great enthusiasm being shown by the people of the town and county at large. Persons actually engaged in solicitations for stock say more interest is being shown in the warehouse than any project they have seen attempted here. It is the purpose of the organization to have construction work under way within the next few days.

## First Football Tilt Saturday

The first home football game of the season will take place at college stadium Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the Carson-Newman eleven comes here to engage Coach Flucie Stewart's Mountaineers. The Tennesseans are reputedly good, and with the Stewartmen in fine trim the grid game is expected to draw an enthusiastic audience.

## LEES-McRAE TO MEET MOUNTAINEER 'B' TEAM

Banner Elk, Sept. 27—The Lees-McRae College Bobcats will journey to Boone Friday to encounter the "B" squad of Coach Flucie Stewart's Mountaineers, in their second game of the season.

Friday will find the Bobcats in good shape for their tilt with the Teachers. Resting over the last week-end after a week of hard scrimmages, Coach Mackorell will throw all the power and deception of the Green and Gold machine against the Appalachian boys.

## Baptist Pastors and Deacons Meeting

Pastors and deacons of the various Baptist churches in the county are asked to attend a conference which will be held at the First Baptist church in Boone Monday afternoon, October 2, at 2 o'clock. Rev. G. A. Harnby, chairman of the program committee, has released the following program:

- Devotional, Rev. R. C. Eggers.
- The Doctrine of Sanctification—Rev. W. D. Ashley.
- Short report from each pastor attending.
- "Sermon Outlines"—Rev. J. C. Canipe.

It is asked that all the pastors and deacons make an especial effort to be present at this meeting.

## REV. ISBEL RESIGNS

Rev. R. L. Isbell, pastor of the Central Advent Christian church in Lenoir, who is well known in Watauga county, has resigned the pastorate of the church which he founded 15 years ago. Rev. Isbell is being succeeded by Rev. Robert A. Dunaway of Columbia, S. C.