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Armistice Ends Russian Invasion Of Finnish Nation

Hostilities Ceased Tuesday Morning; Finland Officials Consider Treaty

RUSSIA ASKS TERRITORY Little Nation Unable To Longer Withstand Russian Onslaught Unassisted

Helsinki, Finland (Wednesday)—Giant Russia and little Finland formally ended their unequal 3½-month war today and Foreign Minister V. A. Tanner in a poignant radio speech to the mourning nation said that Finland had had no choice.

The end came here at the World War armistice hour at 11 a. m. The smoking guns of the Mannerheim line ceased fire, and the ski patrols in the far north were called in.

"All war-like operations ceased at 11 a. m. Finnish time," said the official announcement.

This was the hour set in the treaty signed at Moscow at 2:30 a. m. Moscow time—noon Moscow time or 4 a. m. e. s. t.

It was announced also to the Finnish people that the treaty, which put Russia back to the frontiers of Peter the Great's (Continued on page eight)

Relief Needed For Victims Of Russia-Finnish Conflict

County Names Township Chairmen For Wilkes; More Contributors

A. S. Cassel, Wilkes county chairman of the Finnish Relief drive, said today that contributions have been coming in more rapidly during the past few days.

Although hostilities in the Finnish-Russian war have ceased, Mr. Cassel urged that Wilkes people continue making contributions for Finnish Relief because the people of Finland are in dire need of clothing, food and medical supplies as the result of the attempted invasion of their country by the Red army.

Mr. Cassel has appointed the following township chairmen to raise money for the fund and ask the people of the county to send their contributions to either of the chairmen or to him at North Wilkesboro: V. E. Jennings, Wilkesboro school; S. C. Hutchison, Moxley; Mrs. Eunice Walsh, Boomer; Mrs. Grady Tester, Ferguson; Mrs. Roxie Jennings, Moravian Falls; Mrs. Sallie D. Gilreath, Gilreath; Miss Florence Mathis, North Wilkesboro route 3; Tom W. Hayes, Millers Creek; John Barnette, Hendrix; Mrs. Mary Alice Church, Summit; Mrs. Fannie Yates, Purlair; P. W. Greer, Millers Creek; Evan Colvard, Wilbar; Mrs. Hattie McNeill, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. J. L. Gregory, Hays; Miss Muriel Shumate, Abshers; John A. Holbrook, Traphill; J. W. Joiner, Joynes; Robert Poplin, Ronda; Coy Durham, Benham; J. R. Caloway, Ronda; Mrs. Helen Henderson, Roaring River; Annie E. Bowers, Lincoln Heights.

Since the last report contributions were received by Mr. Cassel from the following: Miss Hoots, "A Friend"; J. C. Royall, "A Friend"; Mrs. Beatrice Parsons, Mrs. Cleo Whittington, Ora Vannoy, M. F. Bumgarner, C. C. Vannoy, P. W. Greer, Vance McBride, Mrs. Mae McNeill, Miss Annie Vannoy, Miss Nina Jones, Eloise Stroupe, Miss Mae Church, Paul Delp, W. F. McNeill, Rell Caudill, Lunda Pierce, Lester Eller, Mrs. Edna Bivins, John Walter Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. Van Caudill.

Plans To Conduct Driving School

A WPA driving school will be held in North Wilkesboro in the near future if present plans work out, C. M. Crutchfield, area WPA engineer, said today.

Lieut. T. A. Early, formerly with the state highway patrol and now in charge of driving schools for the WPA, will be in this city next week to confer with interested people relative to conducting the school, Mr. Crutchfield said.

If the plans materialize the school will open on or about March 25.

WILKESBORO GRANGE Meets Tuesday Night

The Wilkesboro Grange will meet at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Tuesday night, March 19, 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement today.

Carl Edward VanDeman, specialist in charge of the apple research laboratory on the Brushles, will tell of his observations of agricultural practices in Europe during the past summer. A large attendance of members is requested.

Byrd On Stand In Court Today

Defendant Spends Several Hours Testifying In Own Behalf; Evidence By G-Men Features State's Evidence

BYRD STEADFASTLY DENIES GUILT Shotgun With Scars, Tiny Paper Fibres, Color Photographs Steel Slugs, Shotgun Shells and Several Oath-Articles Introduced As Evidence In Trial

George Byrd, Ferguson man on trial for first degree murder for the fatal shooting of S. M. Burchette, a neighbor, on November 11, went to the stand in Wilkes court today and remained there about five hours, making a sweeping denial of the charges and clinging to his claim that he had no knowledge of the crime and no connection with Burchette's death.

Burchette was killed on the night of November 11 about eight o'clock by a shotgun charge fired through his window as he was retiring for the night. Four iron slugs were taken from his chest.

The state's evidence was completed before noon today. Included in the state's testimony today was that of Matt Minton, Ferguson merchant who testified that Byrd purchased 12 red shotgun shells from him on the evening of November 11 between sundown and dark.

Sycho Hartley and Wayne McGulre both testified that they saw Burchette's car pass close to the horse on which Byrd was riding that afternoon. The horse jumped and they heard Byrd say "God damn you" and continued talking but that they did not understand any other words he said.

A. D. Triplett and J. G. Triplett each testified that they had never borrowed a gun from Byrd.

Defense attorneys as court adjourned this afternoon said that a number of other witnesses will be placed on the stand in the morning but indicated that the testimony will be short and may be completed before noon. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall said that the state will offer some rebuttal testimony.

When the jury was empaneled early Tuesday Mrs. Burchette was the first witness. She testified that she was standing near her husband when she heard the shot and he dropped dead at her feet.

Coroner I. M. Myers told of taking four iron slugs from Burchette's chest. The slugs had apparently been cut from a steel bolt or rod.

Deputy Sheriff R. C. Jennings told of finding in Byrd's home the shotgun about which the FBI technician testified, nine loaded shotgun shells, one empty shell, a hacksaw, a chisel, two hammers and a steel file.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton told of finding red paper fibre around the hole in the window screen through which the lethal slugs were fired, the color of the fibre corresponding to the color of the shotgun shells found in Byrd's home. He said he took those particles from the screen and carried them with the other objects to the FBI headquarters in Washington and delivered them to Murray for examination.

Murray on the witness stand said he could not say definitely what made the scratches inside the barrel of Byrd's gun, although he said they were made by some hard object and could not have been made by lead. He told of microscopic examination of a (Continued on page eight)

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS



Above are four North Wilkesboro girls who typify Girl Scouting: Upper left, Jean Somers; a Brownie, one of the seven-to-ten-year-olds; Nell Rousseau, Senior Girl Scout, one of the fourteen to eighteen year olds; Nancy Forester, Troop 2 and Patsy Ruth McNeil, Troop 3 of Intermediate Girl Scouts, from the ten-to-fourteen-year-old group. This week marks the 28th anniversary of the Girl Scout movement and Girl Scouts everywhere join in the birthday celebration. Public spirited citizens are asked to back the Girl Scout movement in every way possible.

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

OLDEST GRAD PASSES

Lumberton, March 13.—Claude B. Townsend, 89, oldest living graduate of Trinity college, now Duke University, died tonight at his home here. He suffered a stroke last week.

MURDER-SUICIDE

Troy, March 13.—Sam Hancock of Capelsie, near Troy, this morning shot and killed his wife, Lizzie, and then committed suicide, Sheriff Earle D. Bruton said. Sheriff Bruton said that Hancock evidently shot his wife as she was eating breakfast and then went behind the barn and shot himself. E. T. Reynolds, coroner, said that it was a plain case of murder and suicide and that an inquest was unnecessary.

NATIONS PLAN PACT

Bucharest, March 13.—Plans for a non-aggression pact between Russia and Rumania are under discussion in Berlin, it was reported tonight in diplomatic circles. Official circles refused to comment, but it was learned on high authority that a military commission composed of high-ranking Rumanian army officers now is in Berlin. For more than a week government officials here have denied reports that a Russian delegation was coming to discuss a nonaggression pact.

SELL FAST PLANES

Washington, March 13.—The release of 400-mile-an-hour army fighting planes to European belligerents is being considered today in a congressional inquiry. Secretary of War Woodring was asked to appear before a House military affairs subcommittee early next week to explain a War department policy which has permitted American manufacturers to sell duplicates of some of the air corp's newest war planes to Great Britain and France. Major General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, also will be asked to testify.

BODY IDENTIFIED

Asheville, March 13.—The body of the woman found Tuesday in the Swannanoa river just below the city recreation park was identified tonight as Miss Lizzie Beachboard, 60, native of the Leicester section. Identification of the woman was made by Mrs. Callie Cox, her niece, of 134 Rankin avenue. Mrs. Cox told officers that her aunt, who lives with her cousin, Mrs. Julia Williams in the Starnes Cove section, left her home Monday but that no alarm was felt for her as it was assumed she had gone to visit other relatives in this county. Miss Beachboard, who was a semi-invalid, formerly lived with relatives in the Leicester section. Mrs. Cox said she could not explain how her aunt walked from the Starnes Cove section to the river where she was found, a distance of about 12 miles.

Mr. T. O. Minton, of Champion, was a business visitor in Greensboro yesterday. Mrs. Minton accompanied him to Winston-Salem, where she spent a few hours visiting.

Joy Of Living



NANCY ROUSSEAU Typical of the 70 Girl Scouts of North Wilkesboro is this gay young miss. She looks as though being a Girl Scout agrees with her. Health, good sportsmanship, a quick sense of humor are the aims of this world wide movement.

Movement Started For Celebration 50th Anniversary North Wilkesboro

Happy Faces Tell The Story



To convalescent homes such as this go the fortunate crippled children whose bodies have been straightened by today's medical science. When the surgeon has done his work much remains for other hands. The tots in the picture above are convalescing in a home where their every need is anticipated and supplied. They will doubtless become responsible, normal members of society rather than an expensive and pitiful burden.

To foster services of this kind, which is an important step in its complete program, is the aim of the schools, Scouts and civic organizations, now conducting their annual sale of Easter Seals. The seals, which sell for a penny each, can be procured from J. B. Williams, Paul S. Cragan or C. B. Eller.

Grand Jury Gives Forms Ready For Report Of Work The Signatures Of During Session Wilkes Farmers

County Property Reported To Be In Good Condition; 89 Bills Are Examined

Wilkes county grand jury in its report this week to Judge W. H. Bobbitt, presiding over the March term of court, reported county affairs in good condition with the exception of certain needs as outlined for the jail and county school bus garage.

The grand jury recommended that blankets, quilts, mattresses, towels and soap be supplied to the jail, that the water and heating systems be repaired and that a hole in the wall described as big enough for a small person to get through be repaired.

It was recommended that a refacing and reseating machine be purchased for the school bus garage.

The grand jury examined 89 bills, found 78 true, 9 untrue and two continued for lack of evidence, according to the report of J. C. Miller, chairman.

At the county home the body found everything in good shape and listed property as consisting of 22 milk cows, five heifers, six calves, 21 shoats, four brood sows, two mules, two horses and 100 hens.

At the state prison camp were 102 prisoners and everything was found to be in good condition. In the county jail were 22 prisoners, 19 males, three females.

The grand jury said the county tubercular hospital was in good condition. The Wilkesboro school building was also visited and declared to be in fine condition.

Offices in the courthouse, the grand jury said, were in fair condition under existing circumstances.

Two New School Buildings Planned

Construction of one elementary school building has begun and another will be built as soon as the one now under way is completed, C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said today.

WPA workmen began work on the foundation of a three-room frame structure for Newlife elementary school a few days ago.

Total cost of the building will be approximately \$5,000 with the cost divided about 50-50 between the county as sponsor and the federal government.

Materials salvaged from the old Newlife building and from the present Oak Grove building in Union township will be used later to build a building for Oak Grove, Mr. Eller said. The Oak Grove building will contain one large classroom and a community room.

Singers To Gather On Fifth Sunday At Kings Creek

Next session of the Southside Singing association will be held on Sunday, March 31, at Kings Creek church, Attorney F. J. McDuffie, chairman, said today.

The day's program will begin at ten o'clock and all singers are invited to attend and participate, the chairman said. Kings Creek church is located in Caldwell county near the Wilkes-Caldwell line on highway 18.

Wilkes May Enroll Nine In C. M. T. C.

C. B. Eller, Chairman for Wilkes; Boys Are Offered Training

C. B. Eller, Chairman of the Military Training Camps Association for Wilkes County, announces that the procurement campaign for the 1940 Citizens Military Training Camp, which is to be held at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, has officially opened. The camp will be held from June 12, 1940, to July 11, 1940.

The mission of these training camps is to bring together under helpful surroundings, on a (Continued on page eight)

Enthusiastic Meeting Held In City Today

Plans Outlined By Producing Company Agent; Another Meeting On 28th

A movement which is expected to give North Wilkesboro the greatest amount of publicity since the charter was received 50 years ago, was launched at the city hall when a small group of business men met and heard an outline for celebrating the city's 50th anniversary by Myron Calvin, of the John B. Rogers Producing Company.

The meeting was called by the advertising bureau of the local Commerce Bureau, and John R. Prevette, director of this bureau, presided. He presented Mr. Calvin, who went into much detail in regard to celebrating the anniversary of the city, and after enthusiastic discussion by a number present, it was decided that another meeting be held on Thursday, March 28th, 7:30 p. m. at the city hall, at which time Mr. Calvin will be present again to explain his plan for giving a historical pageant which will depict the history of Wilkes county and North Wilkesboro.

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count of the small attendance at the meeting this afternoon due to inclement weather and in order that all civic organizations of the city may have representatives present.

Everybody is invited to the meeting to be held on March 28th, and it is hoped that a big crowd will be on hand to hear Mr. Calvin's plans and co-operate in putting over one of North Wilkesboro's greatest celebrations during its entire history of half a century.

Will Erect A Three Room Building At Newlife As A W. P. A. Project

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Health Officials Say Mary Parks Oldest In State

Raleigh.—The cold wave of January 25-28, which sent temperatures in the mountains of North Carolina to unprecedented lows ranging from ten degrees below zero at Winston-Salem to eighteen below at Cullowhee, may have claimed North Carolina's oldest inhabitant.

At any rate, according to a death certificate filed with Dr. State Board of Health's Division R. T. Stimpson, Director of the Vital Statistics, Mary Parks, a negro woman, 112 years old, was found frozen to death at Roaring River, in Wilkes County. The year of her birth was given as 1828, and the death certificate was signed by I. M. Myers, Wilkes county coroner.

"She is certainly the oldest person whose death has been reported since I have been here, so far as I know," said Dr. Stimpson, who assumed his duties in 1938.

Boston O. Glass Dies At Home Today

Boston O. Glass, member of a well known Wilkes family, died at 12:15 this morning at his home in the North Wilkesboro route 3 community.

Funeral service will be held Friday, 2:30 p. m., at Fishing Creek Arbor church with Rev. Pervis Parks in charge.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Della Glass, his mother, Mrs. Linnie Moore Glass, and the following brothers and sisters: E. H. Glass and Parks Glass, North Wilkesboro; Jonah Glass, Rock, W. Va.; Mrs. Mary McDaniel, Wilkesboro route 2; Mrs. Alice Leuther, McComas, W. Va.; Mrs. Lattie Glass, Wilkesboro route two.