

\$896,000,000 For Defense

In an address before a joint session of congress this afternoon President Roosevelt asked immediate appropriation of \$896,000,000 to strengthen national defenses.

He outlined three essentials: equipment for a larger army; replacement of old equipment with new and modern war machines; increase in production facilities for war machines and materials.

He stressed the importance of speed and the importance of being prepared to defend any part of the American hemisphere.

He stated that he would like to see America able to produce 50,000 war planes per year.

Meanwhile in Belgium today the war had apparently drifted into a terrific battle along a 350-mile front with no major gains reported by either the Allies or German armies.

WPA Projects For Women In Wilkes County

Following is a prepared article dealing with W. P. A. projects for women in Wilkes county:

What is more pathetic than a woman with children to support with no means of supporting them? That is the type of women which WPA employs throughout the United States. WPA does not employ women if there is an able-bodied man in the family. We hear the cry that WPA is no good but if you will go to see what these women are doing on WPA projects we believe that you will not utter such a cry. These women not only earn their living by this employment but they also make their own contribution to the communities in the type and quality of the work which they do. Let's check up on the projects in our county.

Sewing Rooms
There are around 40 women employed in the WPA sewing rooms. The line system in commercial garment factories is used in the sewing rooms. They are not sewing circles or quilting parties. On entering one of these rooms you are immediately aware of a busy business-like work room. The garments made are made from orders received from the Welfare Department. Often when a woman is first assigned to a sewing room she has to even be taught to peddle a machine. There are dozens of women who came to the sewing room with no knowledge of sewing and who are now expert seamstresses. Think of the excellent training these women are getting! If they can't learn to sew an attempt is made to place them on a project which requires less skill. The garments made in the sewing room are released to the Welfare Department for distribution to needy families.

Housekeeping Aid
What is a Housekeeping Aid Project? The project reads that "free home assistance may be given to homes referred to the WPA by the Welfare Department, where the normal housekeeper is incapacitated." Often times the mother in a family becomes ill and the older children have to stay out of school to carry on the housework. Since the county has access to this housekeeping aid project, the WPA sends a woman into such homes to carry on the mother's work until she is again able to do it herself.

Before these aides are sent into a home they are given a two weeks training course in general housework, care of the sick, care of a new baby, preparation of food for a sick person, washing, ironing, etc. In addition to this two weeks training, each aide spends at least one day a month in the training center for further training under the direction of the supervisor of the project.

No aide is allowed to go into a home where there is a communicable disease unless she goes there under the supervision of the county Health department. Each aide must have a health certificate. Conditions under which aides are placed in homes are: illness of normal housekeeper, illness of some other member of the family which demands all of the Normal housekeepers time, and where the mother of small children is deceased. An aide may stay in a home as long as two months time if it is necessary for her to do so.

Wilkes County has a WPA library project which has had a hand in establishing the county library. Even though this library (Continued on page six)

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City Schools To Close Term Here Tuesday, May 28

All-Student Program Will Feature Commencement Exercise At School

North Wilkesboro city schools will depart from the cut-and-dried tradition of commencement exercises and speeches and give the seniors a day in court on commencement night.

Plans for the final commencement program on the night of Tuesday, May 28, do not include a commencement speaker and the seniors will carry out their own program on the stage. The glee club will assist in the program.

The commencement season at the city schools opens on Friday night of this week with a recital by Miss Ellen Robinson's music pupils, beginning at eight o'clock.

On Sunday night, May 26, eight o'clock, in the First Baptist church Dr. Raymond Smith, director of religious education at Greensboro College, will deliver the commencement sermon.

North Wilkesboro schools are now nearing the end of another very successful term. The schools recently received their certificate of membership for another year in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, attesting to the fact that high standards have been maintained in every department of school activity and administration.

Tenant Purchase Loans Available

Farm Security Administration is receiving applications from farm tenants who want to purchase farms next year.

J. E. Higginbotham, County Supervisor for Wilkes County, announced today that applications may be filed now in the FSA office in the Central Electric & Telephone Building in North Wilkesboro.

Congress has authorized a fund which tenants may borrow for not to exceed \$50,000,000 from the purchase of farms although the money has not been actually appropriated and made available. The loan funds were set up under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act.

Admiral Foote Declares Preparedness Essential

Says Navy Is Not Strong Enough To Defend Continents

Distinguished Wilkes Native Address Kiwanis Club Here Wednesday

Percy W. Foote, whose naval career grew all the way from paddling a canoe across the Yadkin in Wilkes to command of every type ship in the United States Navy and retirement with the rank of Rear Admiral, said in an address here yesterday that this nation may have "to be turned into a war machine" for protection in face of a great world crisis.

His address was delivered at noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club and a large number of guests.

He is a native of Wilkes. He was born and spent his youth in the Roaring River community, which he left in 1896 to enter the naval academy at Annapolis.

Admiral Foote was introduced here by J. R. Finley, who had charge of the program.

He explained in the opening remarks of his address that the opinions he would express would be his and were not to be construed as being representative of the navy.

Admiral Foote said that in his opinion this country today is facing what is probably the greatest crisis in its history. He emphatically stated his desire and hope for continued peace and said "it makes me very sad to look at the faces of our young men today and to think that they may have to

BAPTIST PASTOR RESIGNS



REV. EUGENE OLIVE

Rev. Eugene Olive Resigns To Accept Wake Forest Pastorate

Resignation Submitted To Board Of Deacons Tuesday Night and Will Be Placed Before The Congregation On Sunday

Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church here since January, 1933, submitted his resignation to the board of deacons Tuesday night in order to accept a call as pastor of the Wake Forest Baptist church and chaplain of Wake Forest College.

It is expected that the board will lay his resignation before the church Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Olive graduated from Wake Forest College in 1910 and since that time has served churches at Dunn, Mount Airy and Chapel Hill.

Since coming to North Wilkesboro he has been one of the most active citizens of the city in church and civic work. In addition to his duties as pastor he has served the Baptist denomina-

tion in several executive positions and has been for some time a member of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College.

He has been very active in work of the Brushy Mountain Baptist association, of which the North Wilkesboro church is a member, and has been instrumental in several church movements, including organizations of ministers and pastors.

He has taken a most active part in other organizations and successfully headed a number of Red Cross roll calls. He is now secretary of the Wilkes chapter.

He has also been actively affiliated with the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club and other civic groups.

His resignation here does not become effective until September 1.

Four Firemen At Firemen's School

Four members of the North Wilkesboro fire department have been attending the state-wide firemen's school which has been in progress in Charlotte this week and closed today.

The North Wilkesboro firemen at the school were Wm. H. Cooper, Hub Hutchison, Clay Pardue and Conrad Kilby.

Approved methods of fire fighting are taught those who attend the courses.

22 Stores Will Close Saturday Evenings At Seven o'Clock

J. I. Myers Dies In City Today; Funeral Friday

Was Pioneer Merchant And Real Estate Dealer In North Wilkesboro

J. I. Myers, one of northwestern North Carolina's best known citizens, died at noon today at the Wilkes hospital, where he has been a patient since Sunday.

Mr. Myers, who enjoyed vigorous health until about a year ago, was 82 years of age. He was seriously ill a few months ago but his condition improved for several weeks. He went to the hospital Sunday for a few days rest and apparently was improving until he was suddenly taken desperately ill about one hour before his death.

He was born in the Walnut Grove community and came to North Wilkesboro to become one of the town's pioneer business men. He spent many years in the mercantile business and later conducted a real estate business until his health failed recently.

He was very active in church work, serving on the board of deacons of the First Baptist church here for many years. He was an honorary member at the time of his death. He was also a member and active in the Masonic lodge.

He was first married to Miss Cornelia Church Myers, who preceded him in death. Surviving children of his first marriage are Mrs. T. E. Parlier, Mrs. John S. Fletcher, Mrs. C. L. Nance, Dr. Alonzo Myers, Miss Mae Myers, and of Charlotte, E. L. Myers and Mrs. Beatrice Phillips of Elkin. He was later married to Miss Retta Billings, who with two children, John I. and Ina, survives. Also surviving are one brother, S. Q. Myers, of Lenoir, and one sister, Mrs. Mattie Darlington, of this city.

Funeral service will be held at the First Baptist church Friday, three p. m., and burial will be in the Baptist cemetery.

Federal Court

May term of federal court for the Wilkesboro circuit will open in Wilkesboro on Monday, May 20, with Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, presiding.

A large docket of alleged liquor law violations is ready for trial and it is expected that the court will be in session two weeks.

Carlyle Higgins, of Sparta, district attorney, and his assistant will prosecute the docket of criminal cases. The Wilkesboro circuit of the middle district is composed of Wilkes, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties.

Succumbs Today



J. I. MYERS

Farmer-Business Man Banquet To Be Held May 29

Purpose To Create Better Understanding; Floyd To Be Speaker

A farmer-business man banquet will be held in North Wilkesboro on Wednesday, May 29, according to an announcement today from the Wilkes County Agricultural Conservation association.

A. Y. Floyd, state executive officer of the Triple A organization, will be the principal speaker and the banquet will be held for the purpose of creating a better understanding between business men and farmers.

According to the plan to be followed, farmers are being asked to play the part of hosts and invite business men of their own choosing. Tickets at 50 cents each, which will cover costs of the banquet, are available at the Triple A office in the courthouse.

The banquet will begin at 7:30 p. m. and will be held in the American Legion and Auxiliary clubrooms north of this city.

A total attendance of about 150 is expected.

Many From Wilkes Expect To Attend Democratic Meet

It is expected that Wilkes county will be well represented at the state Democratic convention which will meet in Raleigh Friday.

Congressional district meetings will be held in the morning and the convention will meet at noon.

Firms Announce Earlier Closing Hour Saturday

To Begin On Saturday Evening Of This Week; Cooperation Asked

In accordance with an agreement among a majority of merchants as expressed in a recent meeting, 22 mercantile firms in North Wilkesboro will, beginning Saturday of this week, close their doors on Saturday evenings at seven o'clock instead of nine.

As set forth by expressions from the management of many of the firms, the earlier closing hour will enable the personnel of the various firms to complete their work in time for a reasonable amount of rest on Saturday nights and will eliminate long working hours for store sales ladies and clerks.

The firms joining in the decision to close at seven o'clock respectfully solicit the cooperation of the public in order that no inconvenience to anyone may result.

The signed statement by the 22 firms as it appears on page eight of this newspaper is as follows: "As agreement among the majority of stores of North Wilkesboro as expressed in recent meeting—we, the undersigned, will close Saturday nights at seven o'clock.

- Belk's Department Store.
- Spainhour's.
- Jean's Dress Shoppe.
- Penney's.
- Steele Jewelry Store.
- Blackburn's Clothing Store.
- Payne Clothing Co.
- Lerner's Department Store.
- Western Auto Associate Store.
- Marlow's Men's Shop.
- Hadley Hardware Co.
- Miller-Jones Co.
- Hayes Hardware Co.
- Church Hardware Co.
- Day Electric Co.
- Yale Department Store.
- Smoak Furniture Co.
- Jenkins Hardware Co.
- Great Stores Co.
- Rhodes-Day Furniture Co.
- North Wilkesboro Hardware Co.
- Markdown Furniture Co.

"In view of the progressive spirit among our populace, and for the benefit of our employees that they might have the benefit of a longer week-end and a more rested Sabbath, we ask your cooperation."

Summer Session Of School Planned

Summer Session At North Wilkesboro School To Begin On May 30

The Summer Session of North Wilkesboro public schools will begin this year on Thursday, May 30th, and will close on Saturday, June 29th. Classes will run daily from 8:00 a. m. until noon, six days each week.

The summer school this year will be under the direction of Robert G. Taylor, of the high school faculty. As many teachers as are necessary will be employed to teach all subjects for which there is a demand.

A special feature of the school will be instruction in band instruments, which will be available to beginners as well as advanced students. Courses will also be available in commercial subjects. These classes are open to adults and to out-of-school persons, as well as to pupils enrolled in the regular school term.

An excellent opportunity is offered to all persons who desire to pursue the regular school subjects. Pupils who have weaknesses in certain subjects can obtain special instruction. Often a subject failure of the previous year can be eliminated during the summer session.

Persons desiring further information concerning the summer school may consult the director or inquire at the high school office.

Eleven pedestrians were killed in this state last year when they stepped from behind parked cars.

GADDY MOTOR COMPANY BANQUET



Celebrating a successful sales campaign, the entire personnel of Gaddy Motor company and a number of invited guests enjoyed a banquet Monday night of last week at Hotel Wilkes. This scene shows only a few of the number present for the gala occasion. L. L. Carpenter, sales manager, was toastmaster and a program with many entertaining and interesting features was carried out. Shown standing, left to right, are: E. B. Ham, of Chevrolet Motor Company, Charlotte; Mrs. L. L. Carpenter, L. L. Carpenter, W. F. Gaddy, Mrs. W. F. Gaddy, of this city, and H. H. Day, of Charlotte.