

Germans Advancing On 2 Fronts

Condition Serious

London. — An authoritative British spokesman today described conditions on the front as "pretty grim," saying that geographically the situation is no better and there is no use pretending it is. He said that, morally, the situation was improved.

Pointing out that the advantage at the beginning must be with the aggressor, the spokesman said it must be so especially with "an aggressor as efficient and ruthless as the Germans."

He said the base of the "bulge" driven into northern France by the Nazis had been widened slightly but was not much deeper, and that the general direction of movements at present was northwest.

(French military authorities admitted the Germans had taken St. Quentin, 80 miles northeast of Paris, and were fighting in the region east of Cambrai, 25 miles further north and only 70 miles from the channel port of Dunkerque.)

Air Fighting Roars
Give-and-take air fighting roared on the edges of the warfronts. Loss of the escort ship Whitby, a 1,090-ton converted destroyer, bombed and subsequently beached, was disclosed by the British. The admiralty said there were four casualties.

British bombers, the air ministry announced, continued their raids on the Nazi rear Sunday night "against enemy lines of communication in the south of Belgium and selected military objectives in western Germany."

Claims Admitted

Paris. — French military authorities today admitted capture by the Germans of St. Quentin, bloody battleground of the World War that lies 80 miles northeast of Paris.

The morning communique from the high command said the French troops were combatting an enemy "push" north of St. Quentin, while a war ministry spokesman reported the German columns seeking to drive through to the channel ports had attacked heavily east of Cambrai.

Cambrai is 25 miles north of St. Quentin, and the westernmost point the Nazi army has attained in its attempted drive toward the coast.

Drive British Back

Berlin. — Pounding German onslaughts against the allied northern flank are driving the British back toward the channel ports under forced march, the Nazi high command declared today.

Seeking a southern outlet from the Nazi pressure along the Belgian-French border, it said, the French and Belgians have fallen back between Valenciennes and Maubeuge.

Capture of the inner fort system at Liege as well as all but one fort at Namur, was claimed by the high command. (A British military spokesman said the Belgians still were holding Liege and Namur.)

Germans, it said, are pursuing the Allies in Belgium, have crossed the Dendre River west of Brussels and reached the upper Scheldt River west of Antwerp.

Commencement Season Begins

Recital By Music Pupils Given; Final Commencement Program On May 28th

North Wilkesboro high school commencement began on Friday night with a recital by pupils of Miss Ellen Robinson's music classes.

The students showed evidence of splendid training and rendered a varied program before an appreciative audience. Those taking part were Jane Carter, Bette Blackburn, Jean Summers, Jane Cragan, Frances Gilreath, Mary Edna Bauknight, Jo Ann Jones, Harold Turner, Ann Cragan, Betty Summers, Jimmy Hethcock, Blair Coffey, Lloyd Turner, Patsy Waller, Pauline Billings, Billie Moore, Billie Rudd Trogdon, Emily Olive, Gordon Reins, Margaret Rhodes, Annie Ruth Blankenship, Betty Hutchens, Rose Zelle Caudill, Iva Faw and Sue Landon.

The commencement will continue with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday night, May 26, eight o'clock, by Dr. Raymond Smith, director of religious education at Greensboro College. The sermon will be delivered in the First Baptist church.

The final program of the commencement will take place in the school auditorium on Tuesday night, May 28.

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For actual advertising do your buying in Wilkesboro, the trading center of Northwestern North Carolina.

Stores Close On Saturday Nights At Seven o'Clock

22 Firms Begin Earlier Closing; Cooperation From Public Appreciated

By agreement as expressed in a meeting a few weeks ago, twenty-two mercantile stores in this city closed on Saturday evening at seven o'clock, instead of nine p. m. as formerly, and will continue to close on Saturday evenings at seven o'clock.

Reports today indicated that the public accorded splendid cooperation with the merchants on the decision to close at seven o'clock. The earlier closing on Saturday evenings was adopted in order to allow employees of the stores more time for week-end rest and in order that they might have opportunity for sufficient rest on Saturday nights to enable them to attend Sunday school and church services on Sunday.

The Merchants Committee, as stated in an advertisement elsewhere in this newspaper, today expressed appreciation for the cooperation by the public in speeding up shopping Saturday and for the many favorable comments the change in Saturday closing hour has received so far.

The earlier closing hour does not apply to drug stores, grocery stores, cafes and service stations.

Announce Dates For Vaccinations

Members Of Health Department Begin Next Week On Immunizations

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes county health officer, has announced dates for administering vaccinations and immunizations. He urged that all who possibly can take advantage of the services to be rendered and meet the health officer or nurse at the most convenient appointment.

The dates announced follow:
Monday, May 27, June 3, 10
Oakwoods, 9 a. m.; Mountain Crest, 10 a. m.; Mrs. Thersia Moore, 1 p. m.; Mr. Norris Henderson's store, 2 p. m.; Cherry Grove school, 3 p. m.; Mrs. Jones Estep's home, 4 p. m.; Pleasant Hill school, 10 a. m.; Benham school, 11 a. m.; Pleasant Ridge, 1 p. m.; Mine Ridge school, 2:30 p. m.

Tuesday, May 28, June 3, 11
Adley church, 9 a. m.; Goshen school, 10 a. m.; Hays Walkers home, 11 a. m.; Maple Tree, 1 p. m.; Ferguson school, 2:00 p. m.; Denny school, 3 p. m.; Darby, 4 p. m.; Temple Hill old school, 9:30 a. m.; Union school, 11:30 a. m.; Osbornville, 1:30 p. m.; Lovelace, 2:30 p. m.

Morrison Pens Going Rapidly

The Journal-Patriot has just received another lot of genuine Morrison fountain pens to give to subscribers of The Journal-Patriot but at the rate they are going the shipment will soon be distributed.

While this offer remains in effect and we are assured that we can secure these pens to give away as an introductory advertising offer we urge each subscriber to renew his or her subscription and tell their neighbors about the offer. A pen, either gents' or ladies' style as preferred, will be given with each new or renewal subscription.

Many of these pens have been given away and all are giving excellent service and are backed by a life time service guarantee. The pens are of high quality.

Coffey Not Held On Larceny Charge

Alvin Coffey, local youth who was apprehended several days ago by local police following the breaking in of Recreation Center on Main street, was not held for the crime and no charges were preferred, it was learned today. There was no evidence connecting him with the crime and he was released.

Captured 'Mystery Gun' Puzzles Military Experts



A Finnish gunnery expert is shown examining one of the strange weapons captured from Soviet Russian forces during the recent Russo-Finnish war. The gun, a field piece, is believed to be a non-recoil cannon. It is shown ready to fire (left). The funnel attachment is thought to be a device which utilizes explosion gases to produce a forward movement of the gun barrel, thus neutralizing normal recoil. Right: The funnel arrangement is swung aside to show the breech. Experts confess themselves baffled.

Many From Wilkes At State Meeting Of N.C. Democrats

Convention Instructs For Third Term; Districts Are Organized

Wilkes county was well represented by more than a score of delegates at the state Democratic convention held Friday in Raleigh.

The convention, described by party leaders as the most enthusiastic and successful in many years, was harmonious throughout.

The convention highly praised President Roosevelt and Governor Hoey and instructed the state's 28 delegates to the national convention to vote for President Roosevelt for a third term nomination. D. Hiden Ramsey, editor of the Asheville Times-Citizen, was the convention keynoter.

Earlier in the day the congressional district meetings were held and district organizations were perfected.

The organization of the Eighth district was set up as follows:
Permanent chairman, Lee D. Robinson, Anson.

Credentials committee member, Thomas G. Neal, Scotland. Permanent organization committee member, F. Armstrong, Troy.

District assistant secretary, Miss Mae Oliver, Lee. Platform committee member, Lee D. Robinson, Anson. Presidential elector, Kemp Armfield, Union.

State Executive Committee Members—James A. Hardison, Anson; Miss Meacham, Davidson; Mrs. Nannie Hayes, Davie; J. B. Thomas, Hoke; Miss Margaret Lassiter, Lee; Paul Clark, Montgomery; W. D. Sabiston, Moore; W. E. Harris, Richmond; Joe Cox, Scotland; Mrs. George S. Lee, Jr., Union; Miss Zell Harris, Wilkes; and David L. Kelly, Yadkin.

Judicial Executive Committee Members—Charles B. Caudle, Anson; P. V. Critcher, Davidson; Rufus B. Sanford, Jr., D. H. Hodgkin, Hoke; H. M. Jackson, Lee; T. Wade Bruton, Montgomery; D. Shields Cameron, Moore; Dr. B. W. Williamson, Richmond; Thomas G. Neal, Scotland; E. Q. Ayscue, Union; J. G. Hackett, Wilkes; and Clint Hansen, Yadkin.

HAIL BIG AS PULLET EGGS

Hailstones big as pullet eggs fell at 3:10 here this afternoon and following the hail a much appreciated shower of rain came as an end to several days dry weather.

The hail continued for about five minutes and had almost covered the streets before rain came down heavily and melted the accumulated hail.

One person, giving The Journal-Patriot a report by telephone, said "We had never seen anything like it before. Hail fell big as hen eggs and completely covered the ground. Window panes were broken and the hail made a lot of noise. We thought Hitler had struck sure. The ground under every tree was covered with leaves and much damage was done to young plants."

WPA Open House Week Proclaimed By Local Mayors

Citizens Asked To Cooperate Toward Making The Event A Great Success

W. P. A. "Open House" week for all women's projects is being celebrated in every state in the union during the entire week beginning May 20th.

All citizens of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro are asked to cooperate and civic groups are asked to combine their efforts toward making this event the success it deserves to be.

Pointing out the importance that all citizens should know what is being done in our communities on these projects, Mayors R. T. McNeil and J. F. Jordan today issued the following proclamation:

"We hereby proclaim the week of May 20th as 'Open House' week on the WPA projects for women and respectively ask the cooperation of all public spirited citizens and residents of our two towns.

"The work that is being done on these projects is worthwhile and is proving to be a valuable service to our communities. The women working on these projects are the sole support of their families. There is no private employment for these women. They are receiving valuable training and are supporting their families because of the WPA work which they have.

"During 'Open House' week we are requesting that every citizen make a special effort to visit at least one of these projects. This work helps make our towns a better place in which to live. "Let us put this event over in such a manner that none of us will be ignorant of the importance of these WPA projects for women."

'Moonshine' Cases Crowd Calendar Of Federal Court

May Term For Trial Cases On Wilkesboro Circuit Convened Today

Activity on the part of agents of the federal alcohol tax unit during the past six months has resulted in many arrests and subsequent liquor charges which constitute cases to be tried in the May term of federal court opening today in Wilkesboro.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes is presiding over the term and many cases are awaiting trial. It is expected that the term will be in progress two full weeks in order to clear the docket.

Court opened at ten o'clock this morning and following the judge's charge to the grand jury work on the docket began immediately. District Attorney Carlyle Higgins, of Sparta, and his assistants will represent the government in prosecution of criminal cases.

Stone Mountain S. S. Convention

Will Be Held On May 25 and 26 At Piney Grove Baptist Church

Annual Sunday school convention of the Stone Mountain Baptist association will be held with Piney Grove Baptist church on Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26, according to the outline of the program released by the committee.

The Saturday session will open at ten a. m. with devotional by Rev. J. A. Blevins, followed by a sermon by Rev. A. B. Hayes.

Following organization and appointment of committees, Rev. Grant Cothren will lead a discussion on "Who is the official head of the Sunday School?"

Mrs. V. W. Luffman will lead a discussion on "Is the Sunday school a part of the church or is it a separate organization?"

The last discussion, to be led by Rev. S. L. Blevins, will be on the query, "Should Sunday school teachers have special training and should Baptist teachers be members of a Baptist church?"

Sunday morning's program will feature a discussion on "How to build a Sunday school," led by Mrs. J. L. Gregory.

All pastors, Sunday school superintendents, teachers, laymen and others interested are invited to attend the convention, the committee said.

Revival To Begin At Moravian Falls

Revival services will begin on Sunday, May 26, at Moravian Falls Baptist church. Rev. E. V. Baumgardner, pastor, will be assisted by Rev. C. C. Holland. Services will be held each evening at 7:45 and hour of day service will be announced. The public has a cordial invitation to all services.

Population Of North Wilkesboro Township Climbs Above 7,050

Sees Mother After 27 years Separation

Mrs. Bill Grayson had the pleasure during the past week of a visit from her mother, whom she had not seen since infancy.

Mrs. Grayson, who before her marriage was Miss Estelle Absher, foster child in the home of a Mr. and Mrs. Absher, of Fairplains, recently learned that her mother, Mrs. Virginia Estelle Drawborn, was living in Chicago.

Correspondence was begun and Mrs. Drawborn decided to visit her daughter. She arrived last week and spent several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grayson.

Population Both Towns And Their Vicinity 10,000

Preliminary Figures Of 1940 Census Show Big Population Growth

North Wilkesboro township has a total population of 7,061, according to the first preliminary census figures released today by A. S. Casel, census supervisor in Wilkes county.

The figures, which are preliminary and subject to change, show 4,501 within the corporate limits of North Wilkesboro and 2,560 in North Wilkesboro township but living outside the corporate limits of the city, making a total of 7,061 for the township.

The township extends only about two miles west of the city and to Fairplains on highway 18 northward.

The township population for 1940 shows a big increase over population figures in 1930.

The population of North Wilkesboro township outside of the town in 1930 was 1,750 and the population of the town 3,668, making a total of 5,418. The increase in the population of North Wilkesboro township in the ten-year period was 1,643.

Mr. Casel said today that census reports for the other townships in the county are not complete but that preliminary figures may be ready for release later this week.

According to preliminary figures Wilkesboro town has a population of 1,319.

It is estimated that the population of North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and immediate environs will be approximately 10,000 people.

Lions Planning Major Projects

Plans for operation of the swimming pool between the Wilkesboros and the annual Wilkes county tennis tournament were discussed in the meeting of the North Wilkesboro Lions club held on Friday evening.

Committees were appointed to arrange for the operation of the projects and definite announcements are expected soon.

The club will operate the swimming pool purely as a civic project to furnish healthful recreation, especially for young people, and it will be on a non-profit basis as usual.

The tennis tournament last year was a successful event and the club is planning to have an even greater tournament this summer.

The program Friday evening was in charge of John Blackburn and he gave the Current Events quiz put on by "Time" magazine for Lions Clubs. The individual high scorer will receive his choice of any current book and the club's collective score will be entered in the Lions district contests.

School Faculty Here Re-Elected

No Resignations Among City School Faculty Of Thirty-Two Teachers

The entire faculty of 32 teachers in North Wilkesboro schools has been re-elected for another term, according to information received from J. R. Hix, chairman of the city school board.

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, was elected last year for a two-year term and if there are no resignations among the faculty before the beginning of the school term next fall the entire school personnel will remain the same.

The faculty members are as follows:

Elementary Grades
First grade, Sam Johnson, Lucille Farmer and Sallie Outlaw; second, Susie H. Williams, Emma Elder and Beatrice Pearson; third, Lucille Ivey, Elizabeth Finley and Etta Turner; fourth, Rebecca Moseley and Ruby Blackburn; fifth, Kathryn Troutman and Mabel Hendren; sixth, Lucille Young and Nonie Gordon; seventh, Marguerite Harris and Margaret Gourley.

High School
Ruth Webb, science and Mathematics; Evelyn Sharpe, home economics; Annabel Lee, Mathematics; W. P. Grier, Jr., history and band; Anne Jones, English; Estelle Ardrey, librarian; Jack Massey, history, English and coach; Esther Lee Cox, Latin and French; Robert G. Taylor, science; Lilyan Miller, commercial; T. J. Hagwood, custodian of buildings; Elsie Nichols, secretary.

Colored School
F. E. Parker, principal; Franklin N. Rider, Helen Pinkett, Jo-Evelyn Hamm and Teressa Pride.

Gene Autry Cub To Meet

It was announced here today that the Gene Autry club will meet Saturday morning, nine o'clock, at the home of Jimmie Moore.

No Markers Allowed In Primary; To Keep Record Ballot Markings

The 1939 General Assembly made a very drastic change in the use of markers in primaries.

The only voters who may be assisted in the marking of their ballots are those who cannot read and those who by reason of physical handicap, such as blindness, paralysis or other disabling defect, are unable to mark their ballot.

In an official opinion, the Attorney General ruled that only those illiterates registered under the Grandfather Clause of the Constitution were entitled to assistance by reason of their inability to read.

When a voter is entitled to assistance in the marking of the ballot, he must obtain the assistance from a near relative, (husband and wife; parent and child; brother and sister; or grandparent and grandchild) from assisting one another, and no record is required of such.

any other voter, to give him the assistance. If, however, there is present no near relative, or other voter who has not marked another ballot, the voter may then, but only then, call upon the registrar or a judge of elections for assistance.

The registrar is required to keep a record of all voters who receive assistance and the names of the persons giving assistance. It is not only unlawful for any person to give assistance, but also unlawful for any person to receive or permit assistance except under the terms of the Act.

The Act does not prevent members of the same family (husband and wife; parent and child; brother and sister; grandparent and grandchild) from assisting one another, and no record is required of such.

The above information was prepared and released by W. A. Lucas, chairman of the state board of elections.