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50th Anniversary Celebration Organization Perfected

Interest In Primary Saturday Is Increasing

Nazi Forces Are Trying to Reach Ports

The Germans fought fiercely today to extend their foothold on the English Channel, driving toward Calais and bombing the British channel harbor of Dover despite sharp allied attacks on the flanks of their narrow corridor through northern France.

An allied spokesman in London warned that the "situation remains very grave," particularly as regards communications with the allied armies in northern France.

The renewed German thrust toward Calais and the narrowest part of the English Channel (Dover is only 25 miles from Calais) was accompanied by a sunburst of declarations in Berlin that the attack on England will begin shortly.

Allied forces both to the north and the south of the German corridor were fighting stubbornly to break through.

The French high command reported that its troops had driven back into the outskirts of Cambrai and that the battle in the north was being waged with "greatest violence." The British reported that fighting of equal violence was going on a short distance to the west between Arras and Baupaume and that their troops were holding their own.

The British high command said the Germans had attacked along the line of the Scheldt in western Belgium and had forced a crossing of the river at Audenarde. The Germans said their drive in this region was now beginning to pick up speed.

Judge Hayes and C. B. Eller Talk At WPA Banquet

Sponsors Give Dinner For Project Workers at Clubhouse Monday Night

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the Middle North Carolina district of federal court, and C. B. Eller, Wilkes county superintendent of schools, were the speakers at the WPA banquet held on Monday night at the Woman's clubhouse on Trogdon street.

The dinner was one of hundreds given simultaneously throughout the country by WPA sponsors for project workers.

W. D. Halfacre, local banker, was toastmaster at the banquet, which proved to be a very enjoyable occasion. Total attendance was 135.

In addition to the address, the program included solos by Miss Marcella Pendley and Miss Ruth Harris and numbers by the Barber family colored quartet.

Judge Hayes and Supt. Eller spoke of the relief afforded jobless by the WPA and of the great assistance WPA has been to sponsors in carrying out many public improvements at comparatively small cost to local tax paying units.

Epidemic Of Car Thefts Reported

Four Cars Stolen Here During Past Few Days; 2 Burn, 2 Recovered

There has been a veritable epidemic of car thefts in North Wilkesboro during the past few days, Police Chief J. E. Walker said today.

Of four cars which have been reported stolen two have been recovered and the other two have been found totally destroyed by fire. One arrest has been made.

Alvin Lee Lipford, a negro resident of the Ferguson community, was arrested in this city while in a car identified as being stolen from Wilkes Auto Sales Saturday. He was arrested and charged with theft of the car he was occupying and also of a car stolen a few days previously from the same place and abandoned near Hillsville, Va. Lipford was turned over to federal authorities for trial in federal court at Wilkesboro.

A pickup truck belonging to R. F. Smithey was stolen from Main street Tuesday night and found burned near The Jumping Off Place on highway 16.

A car belonging to Peter Bumgarner, which was stolen from where it was parked near Home Repair company Friday, was found burned north of this city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Queen, of this city, a daughter on May 6.

Dr. Bentley Is Elected Member Welfare Board

Will Succeed Wm. A. Stroud At Expiration Of His Term June 1

Dr. J. G. Bentley, of Pores Knob, a well known physician, today was named a member of the Wilkes county board of welfare.

He will succeed Wm. A. Stroud, whose term as a member of the board will expire June 1.

According to the plan of administration of public welfare, the board is composed of three members: one is appointed by the state board of charities and public welfare, one by the county board of commissioners and the other by the two first named members of the board.

The election of Dr. Bentley as a member of the board was by the other two members, P. J. Brame, who was appointed by the state board, and W. E. Smithery, who was appointed by the Wilkes county board of commissioners.

Included in the other business transacted today was examination of applications for public assistance and a discussion of the welfare budget with members of the county board of commissioners.

LOCALS

Mrs. Dick Parlier, of Charlotte, arrived Wednesday to spend a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lambeth, of High Point, were North Wilkesboro visitors today.

A daughter was born on May 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lankford, of Reddies River.

A son was born on May 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Romie Jarvis, of Cycle.

A son was born on May 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Blevins, of Dockery.

Miss Bertha Sockwell, of Greensboro, is spending the week here in the home of Mrs. C. L. Sockwell.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, of North Wilkesboro route 3, a son, weight 12 3-4 pounds, on May 9.

Miss Helen Bumgarner spent the week-end in Marshville and Monroe with Miss Margaret Phillips and Miss Virginia Edwards, who were classmates of Miss Bumgarner at W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro.

Dr. R. F. Parker, of Murphy, visited his mother, Mrs. J. L. Parker, on North Wilkesboro route 3 Tuesday. Dr. Parker, a pharmacist, was connected with a drug store here several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Vickery and two sons, William McCall and Thomas Nelson, of Wheaton, Ill., are spending a few days here with Mr. Vickery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Vickery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Critcher and children, of Oxford, visited Mr. Critcher's mother, Mrs. J. C. Critcher, Sr., and his brothers, Messrs. J. C. Critcher, Jr. and L. G. Critcher, at Moravian Falls this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Osborne and Mrs. Joe Mott, of Wilkesboro, and Mrs. R. I. Smith, of Draper, returned Tuesday from a few days visit with Lieut. and Mrs. Guy Gregg, at Fort Belvoir, Md. Mrs. Gregg is a sister of Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Smith. They also visited Washington, D. C., and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Settle will leave the last of the week to attend the commencement at Wake Forest College. Their son, Mr. Lee Settle, is a member of this year's graduating class. Mr. and Mrs. Settle will go from Wake Forest to Norfolk where they will visit their sons, Messrs. Ernest and Robert Settle. Miss Mildred Dancy will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Settle on the trip.

Want Applications For Limestone Now

The Wilkes County Triple A office is asking all farmers who wish to purchase lime at the government contract price for summer and fall use to make application at the Triple A office as early as possible in order that orders may be filled.

27 Defendants In Federal Court Get Terms In Prison

Many Liquor Cases Being Tried In May Term Of Federal Court

Twenty-seven defendants in federal court at Wilkesboro this week have been sentenced by Judge Johnson J. Hayes to federal prisons and reformatories and many cases yet remain to be tried.

Court convened on Monday morning and will be in session for two weeks.

Practically all cases on the criminal calendar involve alleged violations of the federal liquor tax laws. Manufacturing, possessing and transporting liquor on which federal taxes were not paid constitute the liquor charges.

List of defendants who have received prison and reformatory sentences follows:

Connie Coates, 18 months in Chillicothe reformatory.

Eugene Johnson, 15 months in Chillicothe.

Homer Transou, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Will Benge, 18 months in Atlanta prison.

Dwight Cheeks (Ashe county), year and a day in Chillicothe.

Richard Shew, two years in Atlanta.

Wilson Shew, five years in Atlanta.

Thornton Thomas Brown (Cabarrus county), year and a day in Atlanta.

John Mitchell, year and a day in prison camp at Lewisburg, Pa.

Lawrence Henry Russel, 15 months in Chillicothe.

Bryan Htuchison, 15 months in Chillicothe.

Clyde Curry, 18 months in Chillicothe.

James Harrison Call (Forsyth county), 15 months in Chillicothe.

Andrew Williams, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Lester Combs, year and a day in prison camp at Petersburg, Va.

Robert Pierce, two years in Atlanta.

Albert Brooks, Alleghany county, 18 months in Chillicothe.

John Wesley Bryant (Alleghany county), 18 months in Chillicothe.

James Russel Brooks, one year and one day in Chillicothe.

Ford Shepherd, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Roby Williams, one year and one day in Petersburg, Va.

Walter Sebon Gambill, Claude Caudill and Clifton Johnson, year and one day in Chillicothe.

Roy Caudill, two years in Lewisburg, Pa.

Charlie W. Hanes (Forsyth county), year and a day in Chillicothe.

Lewis B. Prevette, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Commencement Is Under Way In City

On Friday night the elementary grades of North Wilkesboro schools will give a program in connection with the seventh grade graduation. Pupils of every grade in the elementary department will take part.

On Sunday night, eight o'clock, Dr. Raymond Smith, of Greensboro College, will deliver the commencement sermon for the senior class in a service at the first Baptist church and on Tuesday night, eight o'clock, will be the high school graduation. The program will be entirely by the students.

Only Two Races In Each Party On County Ticket

Democrats To Select Nominee For State Senate And For House

Although there are only two contests in each party, considerable interest has already been shown in the primary Saturday, May 25, for nomination for county offices as well as state.

In the Democratic party there are contests in Wilkes county for nomination for representative and for state senator.

The candidates for the Democratic nomination for state senate, 24th district, are Floyd C. (Tom) Forester and J. B. McCoy, both of this city. According to a time honored custom now included in the law the nominations rotate among the three counties of the district, Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie, and this is Wilkes' time for the nomination.

It is Yadkin's time to name the Republican nominee and Miles Shore is unopposed for the Republican nomination for state senate.

The Democrats in Wilkes also have a contest for nomination as member of the house of representatives. A. A. Cashion, of this city, and Attorney H. A. Cranor, of Wilkesboro, are the candidates for the Democratic nomination, [illegible] for the nomination for representative. The candidates are T. E. Story, of Wilkesboro, and A. Caudill, of Hays.

The only other contest for nomination for county office is for Republican nomination for register of deeds. C. C. Sidden, of Joynes, and Carl Church, of Purlear, are the candidates.

Polls will open Saturday at seven a. m. and close at seven p. m. Voters may vote in the primary as they are registered. Voters registered as Republicans may vote only for Republican candidates and voters registered as Democrats may vote only for Democratic contests.

Dance Revue Held On Tuesday Night

A large audience thoroughly enjoyed the dance revue by pupils of Mrs. R. G. Finley's studio of Dance on Tuesday night at the Liberty Theatre.

The program gave evidence of splendid training and was thoroughly pleasing to the audience. Pupils taking part were Rebecca Hayes, Nancy Rousseau, Harriet Crutchfield, Betty Gwyn Finley, Jane Carter, Carolyn Moore, Billy Jo Zimmerman, Geraldine Gaddy, Jean Somers, Ruth Long, Vivian Blanche Miller, Mickey Somers, Jimmie Blair, Tommy Reins, Sandra Brewer, Ann Smith, Billy Pearson, Billie Barnes, Margaret Ann Hutchens, Bobby Wells, Nell Gwyn Brame, Carolyn Deans, Carol Hayes, Grace Frank Kilby, Jeanne Moore.

Special Service At Boomer Church On Friday Night

Paul Collins, who has been conducting a singing school at Boomer Baptist church, will conduct a special service there on Friday night, 7:30. Quartet music will be featured and the public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Pythians Will Have New Class Monday

A new class will be ready for degree work in the Pythian lodge Monday night and a full attendance of members is asked at the meeting.

Home Coming

Announcement has been made of a home coming service to be held at Liberty Grove church on Sunday, May 26, and everybody is invited to attend with baskets well filled with food for the dinner to be served at noon.

Seven Seeking Nomination For The Governorship

Five Candidates Ask Democratic Nomination For Congress In 8th

With the date of the primary to be held Saturday, May 25, drawing near, maximum interest is being shown in the race of seven candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor but a five-man race for the Democratic nomination for congress in the Eighth district and contests for several state offices are sharing a part of the spotlight.

The candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor are:

Wilkins P. Horton
Paul Grady
Thos. E. Cooper
A. J. Maxwell
J. Melville Broughton
L. Lee Gravely
Arthur Simmons.

The Democratic candidates for nomination to congress in this district are:

W. O. Burgin
C. B. Deane
Bob Steele, III
D. C. Phillips
Giles Yeomans Newton.

There are four candidates for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor:

W. Erskine Smith
[illegible]
R. L. Harris
L. A. Martin.

For secretary of state Thad Eure, the incumbent, is opposed by Walter Murphy.

George Ross Pou and Charles W. Miller are candidates for the Democratic nomination for state auditor.

W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, is opposed by C. Wayland Spruill for the Democratic nomination for that office.

For insurance commissioner there are two candidates, Dan C. Boney, the incumbent, and William B. Oliver, one of whom Democrats will select as their candidate for that office.

For the first time in the history of the primary system the Republicans also have a contest for state office.

Three Republicans are asking the nomination for governor. They are: Robert H. McNeill, a native of Wilkes; John R. Hoffman, of Burlington, and George M. Pritchard, of Asheville.

Cooper Brings His Campaign Here

Advocating $5 state automobile license tags and other reductions in state taxes, to be made possible through greater economy in government, Tom Cooper, colorful mayor of Wilmington, brought his sound truck campaign for governor to North Wilkesboro Tuesday morning.

Friendship Home Coming On Sunday

Sunday, May 26, is the annual home-coming event at Friendship Methodist church at Millers Creek. The Sunday school will be in session from 10 to 11 o'clock under the direction of the superintendent, G. A. Bumgarner.

Special music will be heard in connection with the preaching hour. The pastor, Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, will preach at 11:30. Visiting choirs and quartets are expected to take part at different times in both forenoon and afternoon.

Dinner will be served picnic style. All who will are invited to bring baskets and spread dinner on the tables. The luncheon hour has heretofore been very pleasant as a social occasion, and it is expected it to be so again.

The afternoon session will be a medley of business, music and greetings from visitors from a distance. A number of former pastors have already written they will be present.

Memorial Service On Sunday Night At Wilkesboro Church

A memorial service will be conducted Sunday night, 7:45, at Wilkesboro Baptist church. Rev. C. C. Holland, pastor, who is a member of the American Legion, will deliver the message and all Legionnaires are asked to attend in a body. The public has a cordial invitation to the service.

1941 Convention Of V. F. W. To Be Held In This City

Civic Organizations Help Veterans In Invitation For The Convention

North Carolina department of Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold its 1941 convention in North Wilkesboro, according to a decision reached at the convention in session in Winston-Salem Monday.

R. C. Faucett and J. F. Williams were the delegates who represented the Wilkes post Monday in asking for the 1941 convention in North Wilkesboro.

They were aided by invitations extended by Mayor R. T. McNiel, North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureaus, and the Lions club.

The delegates assured the convention that North Wilkesboro [illegible] able to [illegible] entertain the delegates and that North Wilkesboro will be an ideal convention city for the V. F. W.

Delegates from the local post carried to the convention a number of North Wilkesboro's advertising booklets, which received much favorable comment and impressed the convention delegates very favorably.

The representatives of the local post were informed that an attendance of about 500 may be expected at the 1941 convention.

The post here, which was recently organized, was well represented throughout the convention, which began Saturday and ended on Monday.

Program Banquet Farmers, Business Men Is Outlined

State Executive Officer of Triple A Will Make the Principal Address

An outline of the program to be carried out at a banquet of farmers and business men to be held at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse in this city on Wednesday evening, May 29, was released here today.

J. M. German, of Boomer, chairman of the Triple A committee in Wilkes, will be master of ceremonies and the principal speaker will be E. Y. Floyd, state executive officer of the Triple A. The banquet will open at 7:30 p. m. with singing of "America" and invocation by Rev. R. R. Crater.

Following the dinner Lawrence Miller, secretary of the Triple A in Wilkes, will introduce the speaker.

Following the address will be numbers by a quartet and short talks as follows: "The Farmer Business Man, and God," Rev. A. L. Aycock; "Lime Phosphate and Beef Cattle," T. W. Ferguson; Electricity on the Farm," L. L. Ray; "The Advantage of the $20 Payment to the Small Wilkes Farmer," Flake Shaw, member of the state Triple A committee; "Limestone in Wilkes County," W. M. Absher; "Compliance From the Skies," L. G. Billings; "The AAA From a Mailman-Farmer's Viewpoint," J. A. Gilliam; "What Soil Conservation Means to Farmers," P. W. Edwards.

A roundtable discussion will close the program.

It was learned today that only a few of the 150 tickets available remain to be sold.

Committee Will Meet On May 31 To Finish Plans

Organization Composed Of Six Divisions With Many Committees

Following completion of the organization of committees for the event, plans for the 50th anniversary celebration of North Wilkesboro here July 1, 2, 3 and 4 are rapidly taking form and the celebration is expected to be one of the outstanding events in northwestern North Carolina this year.

The anniversary celebration will be sponsored by North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureaus, of which R. G. Finley is president, and the executive chairman for the celebration is J. R. Prevette. S. V. Tomlinson is executive vice chairman and W. P. Kelly, executive secretary of the Commerce Bureaus, is comptroller-treasurer.

Advertising materials and wooden money have been ordered for the event and will arrive soon. Highlighting the celebration will be a pageant presented by the John B. Rogers Producing company, of Dayton, Ohio.

The promotion man will be here on Friday, May 31, and will meet all committees in a special meeting at the city hall that evening at 7:30 p. m. It is expected that other meetings of the committees of each of the divisions will also be called.

The anniversary organization is composed of six divisions as follows: Finance Division, W. D. Halfacre, chairman, and A. F. Kilby, associate chairman; Publicity Division, D. J. Carter, chairman, and W. J. Bason, associate chairman; Spectacle Division, C. O. McNiel, chairman, and Frank E. Johnson, associate chairman; Special Events Division, E. G. Finley, chairman, and Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, associate chairman; Hospitality Division, J. B. McCoy, chairman, and J. B. Carter, associate chairman; Administration Division, J. B. Williams, chairman.

The complete organization of committees under the six divisions is as follows:

FINANCE DIVISION

W. D. Halfacre, division chairman; A. F. Kilby, associate chairman.

Underwriting Committee: J. B. Williams, chairman, A. A. Cashion, J. R. McCartney, L. S. Spainhour, J. R. Hix, W. H. McElwee, Carl W. Steele.

Official Program Committee: L. L. Carpenter, chairman, Wm. H. Duhling, Miss Toby Turner, Mrs. B. R. Underwood, J. D. Moore, Jr., Mrs. Chas. E. Jenkins, Jr., J. M. Anderson.

Novelties Committee: Robert M. Brame, Jr., chairman, Richard B. Johnston, Chas. E. Jenkins, Jr., J. Kermit Blackburn, Fred Henderson, Harry Pearson.

Queen Contest Committee: Mrs. Palmer Horton, chairman, Mrs. E. F. Gardner, Mrs. Ivey Moore, Mrs. J. S. Deans, Mrs. L. L. Carpenter, Mrs. H. T. Clark, Mrs. R. P. Casey.

Advance Ticket Committee: Mrs. R. T. McNiel, chairman, Miss Elizabeth Cashion, Miss Vania Anderson, Mrs. W. Frank Allen, Miss Frances Cranor.

Reserved Seat Committee: W. Blair Gwyn, chairman, J. M. Crawford, J. H. Rector, C. C. Faw, Jr., E. R. Sprnill.

Pay Gates Committee: J. Glenn McNeil, chairman, Harry L. Summers, T. Hyde Waller, Homer Brookshire.

Concessions Committee: Frank C. Tomlinson, chairman.

PUBLICITY DIVISION

D. J. Carter, division chairman; W. J. Bason, associate chairman.

Press Committee: Dwight Nichols, chairman, Julius C. Hubbard, John H. Sikes, Miss Mamie Sockwell, Miss Frances Cranor, W. E. Pharr, R. B. Pharr, Paul Harvel, Jr.

Distributive Committee: Edward Finley, Jr., chairman, Paul Cashion, J. H. Whicker, Jr., Richard Deans, Bill Brame, Ivan D. Anderson, Frank Allen.

Speakers Committee: J. C. Reins, chairman, J. G. Hackett, P. W. Eshelman, A. H. Casey, J. J. Hayes, J. A. Rousseau, R. T.

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