

Flanders Field Is Described as 'Roaring Hell'

London.—Shattered remnants of the British expeditionary force—blood-stained, muddy, and walking like men asleep—began arriving in British ports early today.

Most of the first arrivals were wounded. They described a constant, pitiless German bombing and strafing bombardment of the French ports from which Viscount Gort is attempting to save his trapped divisions.

The appearance of the British survivors of the Flanders battle was a ghastly token of what Britain may expect if Adolf Hitler's legions attack these shores. B. E. F. casualties arriving today said the shattered British forces were "sliding off a stretch of coast 30 miles long." They revealed that some of the men had to walk into the water to reach shallow draft ships.

Others left the beaches in row-boats and small fishing craft, and were picked up at sea by Allied ships.

German bombs rained down continually, even on a hospital ship, they said. Quays and harbor works of the French ports were under terrific German air attacks which went on all through last night.

Allied warships and the royal flying corps worked and fought like beavers to aid the rescue of the battered, betrayed armies of Flanders whose fate was teetering on the channel's brink. Under a screen of intense curtain fire from long-range naval guns the B. E. F. was backing out through the Dunkerque area, pressed by a reckless German onslaught necessitating fierce rear-guard fighting.

Wounded were being evacuated first where possible.

British naval engineers maintained quayside and harbor works as best they could under terrific enemy air attack.

Members of the returning vanguard were pitiful sights. None had shaved for many days and their heads were caked with mud and blood. Uniforms were tattered and grimy. Many boots were soleless. Some men had one shoe. Those able to walk staggered as if they were in a coma—evidence of the nightmare of fighting and marching and fighting again without sleep or respite for days on end.

The British wounded described the Germans' reckless expenditure of manpower, hurling and sacrificing thousands in mass attacks.

"They came on like automatons moving to certain death," a British soldier said. "They would be mowed down in hundreds and wiped out without gaining anything. Then we would counter-attack."

"Piles of German dead blocked the bridges. We had to use them as sandbags behind which we established machine guns."

A wounded German soldier brought out with the British survivors was quoted as saying from his hospital bed: "What can we do? We obey or die. We were brought up for this since we were children."

Officers Elected For Junior Council

Officers For Next 6 Months Elected In Meeting Held Tuesday Night

In a meeting of North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order held on Tuesday night Charles Leckie was elected councillor and other officers were elected for the next six-months period as follows:

R. B. Church, vice councillor; C. A. Canter, recording secretary; Paul D. Hutchens, assistant recording secretary; C. G. Day, financial secretary; Bank of North Wilkesboro, treasurer; R. G. Halgwood, conductor; A. G. Anderson, warden; W. A. Noah, inside sentinel; T. H. Waller, outside sentinel; O. K. Pope, Junior past councillor; A. A. Cashion, E. A. Shook and B. F. Bentley, trustees; H. L. Mechem, chaplain; D. E. Elledge, assistant chaplain; B. F. Bentley and Paul D. Hutchens, representatives to state council; E. A. Shook and D. E. Elledge, alternate representatives.

The council continues very active and the membership is steadily increasing. There will be five candidates for initiation work at the meeting to be held on Tuesday night, June 4, 7:30 o'clock, and all members, especially the degree team, are urged to attend.

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WILKES COUNTY'S POPULATION APPROXIMATELY 43,446

For mutual advantage do your buying in North Wilkesboro, the trading center of Northwestern North Carolina.

Urgent Appeals Made For Red Cross Funds

Thousands May Perish If Help Is Not Rendered

\$800 To Be Considered As Minimum For Wilkes Chapter To Raise

Wilkes county chapter of the American Red Cross, through its chairman, J. H. Whicker, has received another appeal from Norman H. Davis, national chairman, for Red Cross war relief funds.

Wilkes county's quota of the original request for ten million dollars was set at \$800. In the appeal from Chairman Davis for funds it was urged that the original quota be considered as a minimum in view of increased needs for funds to aid war sufferers.

The telegram to Chairman Whicker follows: "When American Red Cross asked minimum war relief fund ten million dollars no one could foresee that in two short weeks greatest tragedy in all history would be unfolded. Impossible to describe pitiful plight millions refugees in France. Sick, wounded, hungry and homeless, they cry out to us for help. Will need much more than ten million dollars, therefore quotas originally assigned should be regarded only as minimum. Immediate objectives chapters should then go on and where possible double their quotas. In fact, only limitation should be the maximum generosity of American people. Wire reports Wednesdays and Saturdays."

Chapter officials feel assured that Wilkes people will respond to the call in their usual liberal way.

W. Blair Gwyn, chapter treasurer, is receiving donations for the fund at the Bank of North Wilkesboro in this city. Donations may be delivered to him in person or sent through the mails.

Eller Scoutmaster For Camp Lasater

Local Man Promoted To More Important Post Of Leadership This Year

Effner Eller, local Boy Scout leader, who for the past two years has been serving as a leader at Camp Lasater, near Winston-Salem, has received notice of his appointment to a more important place of leadership this summer.

During the regular council training camp, Mr. Eller will serve as camp scoutmaster, and will be in charge of First Aid work, and will be resident camp director during the period for troops and individual camps.

Camp Lasater is located near Winston-Salem, and serves all Scouts in the Winston-Salem Council, which includes several counties in Northwestern North Carolina. It has been in operation 15 years, and offers a splendid program for boys.

Mr. Eller will assume his duties on June first.

Mystery Hinted In Capitulation

London.—Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, who as a special British liaison officer was with King Leopold until late Monday night, issued a statement today hinting that there were certain important facts not yet generally known attending the Belgian monarch's sudden capitulation to the Germans.

While the majority of the British press was bitterly denouncing Leopold, Sir Roger issued a statement requesting that judgment be "suspended on a very gallant soldier until all the facts are known."

Board Member



Dr. J. G. Bentley, of Pores Knob, a well known member of the medical profession in Wilkes, has been elected to membership on the Wilkes county board of welfare and will succeed Wm. A. Stroud on the board June 1. The other members are P. J. Braine and W. E. Smithey.

Farmers, Business Men Banquet Here Acclaimed Success

Farmers and business men of Wilkes county gathered around the banquet tables at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse Wednesday night in a fellowship meeting designed to bring about closer cooperation between agricultural and business interests.

Farmers and business men guests whom they had invited filled the banquet hall and the gathering was described by E. Y. Floyd, state executive officer of the Triple A, and Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, member of the state committee, as the most successful held in the state so far.

J. M. German, chairman of the Wilkes county committee, was toastmaster and the principal speaker for the evening was E. Y. Floyd.

The program opened with singing of "America," followed by invocation by Rev. R. R. Crater. J. M. German told of the purpose of the meeting and guests were introduced.

Mr. Floyd, who was presented by Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Triple A in Wilkes, spoke of the progress of the Triple A program, especially in encouragement of (Continued on page 8)

Henry Hartley Takes Own Life Tuesday Morning

Well Known Ferguson Citizen Shot Hours With Bullets and In Brain

Henry Hartley, for many years a member of the Ferguson community, died at the Wilkes Hospital about 10:30 Tuesday evening from a bullet wound which was said to have been self-inflicted at some early Tuesday morning.

Members of his family could not tell exactly when the shooting occurred. They heard a fall in Mr. Hartley's room and went in, finding him lying on the floor. An ambulance and Coroner I. M. Myers were called to the home and after an investigation, the coroner said that the wound was self-inflicted. The bullet, which was found in the room by the coroner, went through the head from just above the right ear to near the top of the left side. It was a .38-caliber bullet.

Mr. Hartley was rushed to the hospital by ambulance. His health was attributed as the cause of the suicide.

He is survived by three children, Syce, Sully and Dixie Hartley, all of Ferguson, and two brothers, F. J. Hartley of Wilkesboro, and C. L. Hartley, of Buckner, Va.

Funeral services were held today, 11 o'clock, at the Beaver Creek Advent church.

Official Vote Wilkes County

Following is the official vote cast in Wilkes county Saturday in primary races not tabulated elsewhere on this page:

Table listing candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, and State Auditor with their respective vote counts.

Episcopal Service

Vesper service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, June 2nd, at four o'clock. Friends and visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Historical Scenes Included In Pageant

Camp Scoutmaster



Effner Eller, a troop Scoutmaster here for several years, will be Scoutmaster at Camp Lasater this summer (See story elsewhere on this page).

Student Program Commencement Gains Approval

51 Seniors Receive Diplomas Of High School Graduation Tuesday Night

With the seniors carrying out their own program, the finals for the school year were held at the North Wilkesboro high school Tuesday night and diplomas were presented to a large class of graduates.

A large audience by frequent applause showed its approval of the new type of commencement program which did not include a commencement speaker other than members of the class.

The program was opened by three numbers by the high school band, after which the seniors occupied the stage had full charge of the proceedings. Walter Call, a senior and president of the school student body, opened the program and invocation was spoken by Cora Pruitt, a senior. Paul Hatwood extended greetings on behalf of the class and introduced each senior, after which M. W. Greene, Jr., president of the class, took charge.

Four numbers by the high school glee club were delightfully rendered and four students (Continued on page eight)

Mother: Why, Joany, dear; polite people don't yawn in public. Little Joany: But mother, polite people don't notice it.

Meeting Friday Night To Outline Committee Duties

Plans For Anniversary Celebration June 30-July 4 Taking Form

Keith Gingles, promotional director and pageant master for the John B. Rogers producing company, of Dayton, Ohio, arrived here yesterday a few days ahead of schedule to begin work on the historical pageant to be staged as a part of North Wilkesboro's 50th anniversary celebration June 30, July 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Gingles, who recently put on outstanding productions at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Atlanta, Ga., said that he was enthused with the evidence of cooperation and the apparent desire on the part of the people of the city to stage a celebration in observance of the city's 50th anniversary.

He inspected the fairgrounds, selected as the scene of the pageant to be staged each night of the celebration, and was enthusiastic in his praise of the place as a "natural" for the purpose.

On Friday night, May 31, 7:30 o'clock, he will meet the committees appointed for the celebration and arrange to outline the duties of each. The meeting will be held at the city hall.

In discussing the pageant written for the celebration he talked briefly today of some of the scenes to be depicted, among them being: a scene of Cherokee Indians, first white settlers here, the wedding between Col. Ben Cleveland and Mary Graves, a church scene at old Mulberry Fields, trading post at Cross Creek, early schools, War Between the States, farming in Wilkes county and many other scenes of historical and progressive interest.

Hundreds will be included in the cast of the pageant, he said. It was also learned from officials of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureau, sponsor of the celebration, that Governor C. C. R. Hoey has accepted an invitation to deliver an address here one day during the celebration but at the present time is unable to name the exact date.

Mount Olive To Have Home Coming

A home coming service and singing will be held at Mount Olive Baptist church in northern Alexander county on June 9. There will be a sermon at 11 a. m., dinner on the grounds at noon and class singing in the afternoon. All are invited to attend.

Increase 6,826 Over 36,620 In County In 1930

Population Two Towns And Immediate Vicinity Estimated At 11,145

The population of Wilkes county, according to the first preliminary figures released today by A. S. Cassel, census supervisor for the county, is approximately 43,446.

This represents an increase of about 20 per cent, or 6,826, over the 36,620 as shown by the 1930 census.

The 1940 preliminary figures are based on completed reports of all enumerators except one and a reliable estimate on that township. The figures as released are subject to change and are unofficial.

The 1940 census shows that Wilkes county has 8,732 occupied homes and 210 houses were listed under the census classification of vacant homes, although a large number of the vacant ones are not considered suitable for habitation.

The enumerators found 5,138 farms in the county. The census lists three acres or more as a farm.

The population of North Wilkesboro is listed for 1940 at 4,501 and Wilkesboro has 1,320. The total for North Wilkesboro township, which includes the city, was 7,066 and Wilkesboro township total is 2,565. On the basis of the township figures, the population of North Wilkesboro and surrounding area for a distance of four miles is estimated at 11,145.

Population of nearby townships showed a big increase during the past ten years. The Reddies River enumerators found 3,255 individuals, Mulberry 2,579 and Rock Creek 2,497.

The enumerators in the county spent 6,291 hours gathering the census information.

Three Sentenced In Federal Court

James Holbrook And Two Wilkes Men Get Prison Terms Wednesday

William Wade Merriman, of Forsyth county, James Holbrook, of Traphill, and Marvin Phillips, of Forsyth county, were convicted in federal court at Wilkesboro Tuesday and yesterday were sentenced to terms in prison for violation of liquor tax laws.

Merriman, who was charged with buying a load of liquor from Holbrook and transporting it to Winston-Salem, received a year and a day in Chillicothe while Holbrook received 18 months in Atlanta prison. Marvin Phillips, whose charge of influencing and intimidating a witness was consolidated with the cases of Merriman and Holbrook for trial, was sentenced to 12 months in Petersburg, Va.

Today the trial of a number of defendants on a liquor conspiracy charge was in progress and many cases on the criminal calendar yet remain to be tried.

Pastors, Wake Alumni To Meet

Meeting Wake Forest Alumni and Baptist Pastors Will Be Held Tuesday

A joint meeting of the Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference and Alumni of Wake Forest College will be held at Princess Cafe in this city on Tuesday, June 4, 12:30 p. m. It was announced here today.

The pastors will meet in the morning, ten o'clock, at Reins-Sturdivant chapel and following that meeting will join the Wake alumni for the joint meeting, at which time M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the Baptist state convention, will be the speaker.

If the rest cure is properly carried out, practically all cases of early tuberculosis can be cured.

OFFICIAL VOTE FOR GOVERNOR, CONGRESS, COUNTY OFFICES

Large table showing official vote counts for Governor, Congress 8th District, Senate, Legislature, and Register of Deeds across various precincts.