

# NAZIS NEAR PARIS

Paris.—The French declared Paris an open city today to save it from the devastation of total war, counterattacked German forces curving around the northwestern suburbs and published an appeal to the United States for all help short of an American expeditionary force.

Reynaud, in a message to President Roosevelt, notified at Tours, pledged an undying fight to be carried on. It need be, from the last corner of France, or from North Africa or even from French possessions in America.

"We are struggling in front of Paris. We are struggling behind Paris and we will shut ourselves up in one of our provinces and, if we are pursued, we will go to North Africa and, if need be, to our possessions in America."

Reynaud said he was "going to the armies"—apparently meaning he was assuming personal direction of the French forces now battling, with some British support, a German drive across Northern France into which 120 Nazi divisions, or about 1,800,000 men, had been thrown.

The French counterattack in the Beaumont region was reported to have thrust German besiegers back five miles from the northern outskirts of the city. Beaumont is 20 miles from the center of the capital and only 12 miles from the northern suburb of St. Denis.

That, however, apparently failed to halt the steady German encirclement of Paris.

Berlin.—The German high command claimed today that "along the entire front the German offensive is thrusting forward rapidly."

A communique issued from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters said that in heavy fighting German divisions had crossed the river Marne at several points.

The capture of Chateau was claimed and the high command said that after passing the 1915 battlefields before Paris, the Germans were in pursuit of the enemy.

The communique said that according to preliminary estimates more than 100,000 allied prisoners had been taken since June 5, in addition to huge quantities of war material. Two allied armies on the German west wing were destroyed, it was claimed, and more than 200 allied tanks were captured.

London.—About 6,000 British troops and an unspecified number of other allied troops have been captured by the Germans in their drive to the Seine River, Britain admitted today.

The British troops, part of one division, and other allied troops had been trapped in the St. Valery Ex Caux region, 35 miles northeast of Le Havre.

The war office had made known that part of a division—numbering at full strength between 19,000 and 20,000 men—had been trapped, and was believed to have been captured, along with other allied troops in the region.

Rome.—Italian planes have bombed the French naval bases at Bizerta, on the North African coast, and Tolon, chief base on the French Riviera, Italy's second communique of the war asserted today.

The communique said that Italian aviation had caused considerable damage.

# North Wilkesboro Plays Mooresville

The Mooresville Cubs, widely recognized as one of the best amateur baseball teams in the western part of the state, will play North Wilkesboro on the grounds field here Sunday afternoon, three o'clock.

North Wilkesboro played Mooresville three games last year and copied two victories. Mooresville has reinforcements this year and hopes to reverse the proceedings.

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## Thousands May Perish Unless Relief Is Provided

### Red Cross Fund Here Increases

Total Of The Contributions Climbs To \$235.16; Funds Are Needed Badly

Total of Red Cross war relief contributions here today was \$235.16, an increase of more than \$100 over the amount contributed through Monday, according to the report of W. Blair Gwyn, chapter treasurer.

As yet no canvass for funds has been made and those who have contributed have done so without personal appeal. However, the chapter is far short of its revised quota of \$1,600 and it is hoped that many additional contributions will be made this week.

Contributions since the last published report Monday follows: Previously reported \$133.96

J. B. Williams	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Finley	10.00
Meadows Mill Co.	25.00
P. E. Brown	5.00
H. J. and R. S. Oglivie	20.00
Miss Anne Duncan	1.00
Mrs. B. F. Proffit	1.00
Dr. F. C. Hubbard	5.00
"A Friend"	10.00
Mrs. J. C. Smoot	5.00
Ira D. Payne	1.00
Mrs. R. B. Pharr	1.20
Total Wilkes	10.00
TOTAL	\$235.16

## "Queen" Contest Now In Progress; Over 50 Entrants

Meanwhile Plans For Many Phases Of Celebration Are Going Forward

With more than half a hundred young ladies entered, the contest to select a "queen" to reign through four glorious days of North Wilkesboro's 50th anniversary celebration July 1, 2, 3 and 4 gets under way in earnest today.

The "queen" will be selected by votes and votes will be mainly through the sale of tickets to the presentation of "On Wings of Time," historical spectacle to be staged each night of the celebration. Each dollar's worth of tickets sold counts 1,000 votes and vote coupons in local newspapers count ten each.

Mrs. Palmer Horton, Queen Contest committee chairman, said today that ballot boxes are being placed in all six drug stores in the Wilkesboros and that a list of nominations for "queen" will be placed on each box for the convenience of the public.

Meanwhile rehearsals for the pageant are in progress every day at the armory under direction of Keith Gingles, pageant master and promotion manager for John B. Rogers producing company. If there are others who have not been contacted and who wish to have a part in the historical spectacle they are requested to report at the armory.

Mr. Gingles said today that he had secured an additional feature from his company to include in the pageant. It will be scenic effects portraying the first railroad train to come to North Wilkesboro 50 years ago.

Plans for other phases of the event, including parade, addresses and other features, are progressing satisfactorily under direction of the various divisions and committees and all indications point to a very successful anniversary celebration event which will draw large crowds to this metropolis of northwestern North Carolina.

North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureaus are sponsors of the celebration.

### Mrs. Mable Walsh Is Taken By Death

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Boomer church for Mrs. Mable Heister Walsh, age 22, who died Monday.

Surviving Mrs. Walsh is her husband, Willard Walsh, her mother, Mrs. Lou Heister, five brothers and three sisters.

### Williams Makes Plea For Donors

Suffering and Hunger Rampant In The War Scarred Countries Of Europe

By J. B. WILLIAMS  
Wilkes county fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, I have been reading in our local papers the names of those who have been contributing to the Red Cross Drive in our county for funds to aid the suffering humanity in Europe, and I must say that I am personally disappointed in the amount of funds that have been contributed thus far.

I am sure we would contribute if we would only sit down and think for a moment of the terrible condition that exists in Europe, and think of those fathers, mothers, sons and daughters that are suffering physical pain as well as mental anguish; the thousands that are hungry, maimed and without food or medical attention, with no place to lay their head.

They have been put out of their comfortable homes by the war lords of Europe; their lives have been wrecked and they cannot see even a glimpse of hope for the future, but in this hour of their great and terrible suffering I feel that it behooves all humanity who can to contribute in a substantial manner to the aid of these suffering people.

I can visualize a mother with a little babe in her arms, perhaps sick and hungry, standing in the rain with the babe crying for food, with nothing but disaster staring her in the face, not knowing what the next moment will bring. This mother loves her baby, she loves her husband and her son who may be at the front fighting for their very existence, and I might add too, that they are fighting for our very existence. Here at home we do not know what suffering is. We sometimes think we do but we cannot even comprehend in a small way the terrible condition existing over there. When we get sick we can easily get a doctor and get medicine. We can get food and clothes and can lie down at night with a security that we will not be killed before morning. I am sure that our people are thankful and grateful to a just God that we are not at this time involved in the terrible and perhaps most disastrous war in all history.

In appreciation of our existing condition here it behooves each of us to do all we can to help, and I personally hope that the good people of Wilkes county will respond immediately with their money to the local chapter, and that by this time next week we will not only have raised \$1,600.00 but considerably more than that, thereby continuing our splendid record of the past in doing more than we are asked to do. There are very few of us who are not able to give at least one dollar. Many are able to give more. This is a time when we should give until it hurts. There are over 43,000 people in Wilkes county and certainly should average \$1.00 per person. Wouldn't it be a splendid record? After all it is not the record we are thinking about but what the money would do for a suffering people.

This article is being given to the press unsolicited on my part and I sincerely hope that it will bring immediate results. Send all contributions to W. B. Gwyn, Treasurer, Wilkes County Chapter, American Red Cross, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

### ONLY IN POND

Farmer—"Hi, there! Can't you see that sign, 'No fishing on these grounds'?"

Rastus—"Co'se I kin see it; but I ain't so 'grat as ter fish on no grounds. I's fishing in de pond."

### Kills Baby Son to Save Him From War



Mrs. Katherine Kelly of Chicago, suffering from "involuntary abortion," and her five-year-old son, John, whom she killed with a baseball bat because she wanted to save him from the war. The tragedy occurred while Austin, her 16-year-old son, was attending the furnace. The jury recommended that Mrs. Kelly be held on a murder charge.

### Progress Is Made Improving A Part Of Highway 421

Four Additional Feet Of Concrete Being Applied East Of Wilkesboro

When WPA projects now in progress are completed "bottle-necks" will be removed from Highway 421 in western North Carolina.

For several years 421, the famous Boone Trail highway and a highly important interstate thoroughfare, has had four sections which were decidedly below par for such an important road.

Between North Wilkesboro and Millers Creek, a distance of about 6 1-2 miles, the concrete pavement was narrow and crooked, and the same applied to about 7-1/2 miles of concrete road east of Wilkesboro and in Watauga county east of Boone. West of Boone the highway was narrow and crooked.

By means of a WPA project the highway between this city and Millers Creek has been widened by placing bituminous strips on each side, the total being about seven feet additional pavement. Considerable progress has already been made in placing four feet of additional concrete east of Wilkesboro and about three miles of widening there has been completed. Four feet is being added to the concrete pavement in Watauga county.

The state highway commission has been revising and rebuilding portions of highway 421 west of Boone.

When all the projects are completed highway 421 will be a modern highway all the way through northwestern North Carolina.

Dr. G. T. Mitchell is spending this week at Chicago, Illinois.

### Williams, Stroud On Program State B. & L. Convention

Annual Meeting Of Building and Loan League At Blowing Rock Soon

J. B. (Bid) Williams, secretary of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association, will speak on the subject of "Keeping Our Feet On The Ground" at the 37th annual meeting of the North Carolina Building and Loan League to be held on June 18, 19, 20, at Mayview Hanor, Blowing Rock. Mr. Williams is also a member of the Entertainment Committee.

Wm. A. Stroud, Secretary of the Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association, will speak on the subject of "How the FHA Has Affected Our Appraisals" on Wednesday morning.

### Amateur Program At Boomer School

On Saturday night, June 22, the choir of Boomer is sponsoring an amateur program at the schoolhouse. All amateur musicians are invited to be present and take part with instrumental and vocal selections, stunts, etc. There will be a grand prize of \$5.00 given to the best musician. Other prizes are offered as follows: Instrumental—best band, quartet, trio, duet, solo; Vocal—best quartet, trio, duet and solo.

Paul B. Collins, of Lincolnton, and his quartet, will be present and entertain before and after the program.

The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the Baptist church. Admission 15c and 25c.

Miss Margaret Hubbard, of Richmond, Va., is here visiting her mother, Mrs. James Hubbard.

Ten — VOTES — Ten  
NORTH WILKESBORO'S  
50th Anniversary Celebration  
My Choice for Queen of the Celebration Is  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contest Closes at 10:00 A. M., June 27

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## PAYS OFF OVERTIME PARKING TICKET WITH WOODEN NICKELS

Wooden money is being used here for almost everything—even for paying off traffic violations.

Presley Myers, local merchant, forgot about parking his car on Main street and when he returned there was a traffic ticket for overtime parking.

"They haven't got a thing on me," Mr. Myers said, "I'm going to pay off that ticket with wooden money." He carried the ticket to L. H. McNeill, Jr., city clerk and treasurer, and paid him the prescribed amount in wooden nickels.

The wooden nickels are souvenir certificates printed to publicize North Wilkesboro's 50th anniversary celebration

June 30 through July 4 but they are good in local channels of trade and are even good at the banks.

The certificates in denominations of one, two and five "wooden nickels." They are printed on very thin slabs of real wood and bear the likeness of Daniel Boone.

Any part of the \$1,000 worth of wooden nickels put into circulation here and not tucked away by souvenir hunters will be redeemable in cash until 19 noon on July 1 at either local bank.

The tokens are circulating freely in trade and instead of being shunned are actually in demand.

## Rousseau and McNiel To Withdraw Resignations

### Quartet Singing At Mt. Pleasant

Blue Ridge quartet singing association will have its next singing session at Mount Pleasant Baptist church on Sunday, June 16, beginning at 1:30 p. m. All quartets are invited to attend and take part in the singing during the afternoon.

### Commerce Bureau Election Postponed

No Quorum Present Tuesday Night; Meeting To Take Place On July 9th

The annual election of a board of directors for the North Wilkesboro Commerce Bureau which was to have taken place Tuesday night, was postponed until the second Tuesday night in July, (this being July 9th.) at 8 o'clock, on account of the failure of a quorum being present.

Although the meeting had been advertised and individual letters had been mailed to the bureau membership only about thirteen members out of a membership of sixty-five attended the meeting scheduled to have been held Tuesday night. President Richard Finley, who presided at the meeting, announced the postponement of the election of directors for the ensuing year due to lack of a quorum and designated the second Tuesday night in July as the time for the election to take place.

It is hoped that a quorum will be present at the next meeting of the membership of the bureau so that the board of directors may be duly elected.

### County Baseball League Organized

Purlear, Moravian Falls, Fairplains, Rock Creek, and Clingman

A Wilkes county baseball league with teams representing six rural communities was formed in a meeting of players and fans here Wednesday afternoon.

The member teams in the amateur league are Purlear, Moravian Falls, Fairplains, Traphill, Rock Creek and Clingman.

Although organization of the league was not perfected, a schedule of games for Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16, was announced as follows: Saturday—Rock Creek at Purlear, Moravian Falls at Traphill, Fairplains at Clingman; Sunday—Purlear at Moravian Falls, Rock Creek at Traphill, Clingman at Fairplains.

The complete schedule for the season will be announced next week.

### Wilkesboro Grange Has Good Meeting

A large attendance of members and an interesting program featured the meeting of Wilkesboro Grange held Tuesday night.

Mrs. W. R. Absher, statistician of the county welfare department, was the guest speaker and delivered an interesting address.

The Grange is now in the midst of a membership campaign and will welcome the membership of persons interested in promoting the welfare and progress of rural people.

### Singing June 30th At Boomer Church

Southside Singing association will convene at Boomer Baptist church on Sunday, June 30, according to an announcement today by F. J. McDuffie, chairman.

The day's program will begin at ten a. m. and at noon lunch will be spread picnic style.

All who sing gospel music are invited to attend and take part in the program, which will continue through the afternoon.

Mrs. D. S. Laine is building a seven-room brick veneer residence on the site of her former home, which has been torn down.

### Committee Is Called To Meet Here Saturday

Reason For Withdrawal Of Resignation Stated In Letter To Committee

J. R. Rousseau, chairman, and C. O. McNiel, secretary, of the Wilkes county Democratic executive committee have called a meeting of the committee to be held at Hotel Wilkes on Saturday afternoon, June 15, 2:30 o'clock, at which time they will withdraw their resignations as chairman and secretary, which were tendered before a meeting of the committee on June 1.

Withdrawal of their resignations as head of the Democratic party in Wilkes was explained in a letter to committee members. Excerpts from the letter follows: "Since our resignations Saturday, June 1, a rumor has been circulated which tends to injure the Democratic party, and in the interest of the Democratic party we want to withdraw our resignations. . . . and if your committee sees fit to re-elect us as chairman and secretary we will endeavor to give our very best to the party."

The letter concluded with the call for the meeting of the committee to be held Saturday.

### Bus Schedules To Change 15th

Bus Station Here Announces Times For Departure Of Buses

Schedule of buses on many lines will change on Saturday, June 15, it was announced here this week by M. C. Woodie, local agent for Greyhound bus lines.

The following schedule gives times of departure at the bus station here for buses on all lines out of this city after June 15:

To Winston-Salem: 7:30 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 3:15 p. m., and 7:40 p. m.  
Statesville and Charlotte: 7:20 a. m., 8:15 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 3:15 p. m., 6:20 p. m., and 7:40 p. m.  
Bristol and Knoxville: 9:45 a. m. and 7:40 p. m.  
Lenoir, Morganton and Asheville: 9:40 a. m. and 7:40 p. m.  
Sparta: 7:30 a. m. and 3:40 p. m.

Wytheville, Bluefield and Charleston, W. Va.: 7:30 a. m., 9:45 a. m., 10:45 a. m., and 7:40 p. m.

Persons desiring further information should call the bus station in this city.

### Swimming Pool To Open Saturday

Lions Club Will Again Operate Pool Near Yarkin Between Wilkesboros

The North Wilkesboro Lions Club will again operate the swimming pool near the Yarkin between the Wilkesboros and the pool will be opened on Saturday, June 15, club officials said today.

The pool, which was constructed by private interests several years ago and later leased to the Lions Club to operate as a part of its program for boys and girls, has been repainted and the bath houses have been repainted and renovated.

The pool is operated on a non-profit basis and the admission charges of 10 cents for school children and 20 cents for adults goes to pay operating expenses and the surplus, if any, is used by the club in its activities for the benefit of underprivileged children. Season tickets will be placed on sale Saturday at \$2.50 for school children and \$3.50 for adults.

One or more persons who have passed the Red Cross life saving and first aid course will be on duty at the pool at all times to assure safety of those using the pool and to give swimming instructions if desired.