

LATEST NEWS OF WAR SITUATION

London.—Germany sent American dive-bombers captured from the French against the British Isles in plays of bombing and machine-gunning attacks yesterday.

In the English Channel the first squadron of German motor torpedo boats to be sent against the British Isles was said to have been turned back Wednesday in a pre-dawn battle with a lone British motor torpedo boat.

More than 100 planes battled furiously over the Thames estuary yesterday when 12 German planes were shot down against the loss of only two British planes, it was said.

In one of the many air battles a squadron of British Spitfire fighters was said by the air ministry to have shot down an American-made Vought-156 dive bomber.

Other American planes seized by the Germans in the military collapse of France were said to have participated in the attacks.

The Vought "Corsair" V-156 scout-bomber monoplane is an export version of the Vought "Corsair" planes used by the U. S. Navy and made by the Chance Vought Company, a division of the United Aircraft Corporation at East Hartford, Conn. There are two types of the U. S. Navy Corsairs, fitted with 750-horsepower Pratt-Whitney Twin-Wasp engines.

The air ministry, in a communique shortly before last midnight, described as follows German air attacks on the British Isles extending throughout Wednesday: "Since the small hours of this morning our Spitfires and anti-aircraft guns have been beating off attacks by German bombers, fighters and mine-laying aircraft against ships and shipping routes around our coasts.

"Twelve enemy aircraft are known to have been destroyed, 10 by fighters and two by anti-aircraft guns. Two of our fighters are missing but the pilot of one is known to be safe.

"Flying sometimes in heavy formations between layers of clouds, pilots of the fighter command fought Heinkel, Dornier and Junkers bombers, Messerschmitt fighters, a new Heinkel-113 fighter and even American aircraft captured by the Germans from the French.

"Anti-aircraft gunners saw a Dornier-17 and a Dornier-215 crash after they fired at them. The Dornier-17 was caught by searchlights over the northwest coast of England at 3 a. m. and one battery reported that 'Our second burst pushed its tail up.'

Washington.—Registration under the pending conscription program has been set tentatively for September 1. It was learned today, with the first 400,000 conscripts expected to start training a month later.

Although Congress has yet to act on the necessary legislation, a War Department official disclosed that agencies in the 48 states already have begun preparations for the selective service plan. The initial trainers probably will be chosen from men between 21 and 31 years old.

The Senate military committee started the compulsory training issue toward a Congressional decision by voting yesterday to recommend enactment of the Burke-Wadsworth bill. Committee members thought it would be ready for Senate debate next week. Vigorous opposition has been forecast. The committee, meanwhile, worked to perfect details of the measure, which provides for registration of all males between 18 and 64 years—a total of 42,000,000. Only those between 21 and 45—some 24,000,000—would be liable for active service. Those of other ages could be used for home defense purposes.

A singing class from the Masonic orphanage at Oxford will perform in this city on Monday evening, August 5, it was announced today by members of North Wilkesboro lodge number 407.

The class will render its program in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium and no admission will be charged, although there will be an offering for the benefit of the orphanage.

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NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C. THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1940 \$1.50 IN THE STATE—\$2.00 OUT OF THE STATE

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

French Fighter



Gen. Charles de Gaulle, under-secretary of war in Paul Reynaud's cabinet, who heads a French war committee in London to continue the war against Germany. He has jurisdiction over all French citizens in England.

Wilkesboro Town Water System Is Near Completion

Dam Filling With Water; Main Being Laid In Town To The Storage Tank

Work is progressing on the final phases of Wilkesboro's water works system and it is expected to be in operation in a few weeks, it was learned today from Mayor J. F. Jordan.

The dam which will store water from several springs on the Brushy Mountains has been completed and is now filling with crystal clear water.

The storage tank on top of the highest elevation in Wilkesboro was completed a few months ago and now workmen are laying the pipe line from the main near the Baptist church to the tank.

The line has been completed from the dam to connect with the present water main near Midway Service station between the Wilkesbros. The distance from the Dam to the town is over 19,000 feet, or about 3 3/4 miles.

The water works system is being constructed by means of a WPA project and the total cost will be approximately \$60,000, of which the town pays about one-half.

The town for many years has purchased water from North Wilkesboro and it is understood that the mains will remain intact for use in case of emergency.

In planning the project the Wilkesboro officials estimated that the money now being used for the purchase of water will pay for the water system and that the project will be self-liquidating.

The water will flow by gravity from the dam on the mountains to the town and there will be little upkeep and operating costs to the system, engineers who drew the plans said.

Wilkes Farmers Vote For Control By Big Majority

Tobacco growers in Wilkes county Saturday voted overwhelmingly for three-year control of the tobacco crop by the government.

Three-year control carried throughout the tobacco growing sections of the nation with a few scattering votes being given for one-year control and some for no quotas.

The vote in Wilkes was 447 for three-year control, 13 for one-year control and 24 for no quotas, making a total of 484 votes cast in the county.

Draft Bill Will Not Affect Needed Men

Conscientious Objectors May Not Be Called To Combat Training

Washington.—Men with dependents were assured yesterday that they would not be drafted for military training in time of peace under the army's conscription program, while the Senate military committee virtually decided to exempt "conscientious objectors" from combat training.

The assurance to men with dependents was given by Brigadier General William E. Shedd, assistant chief of staff, while he was testifying before the House military committee in support of the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory training bill. This measure was approved with revisions by the Senate committee Tuesday.

General Shedd also said that provision had been made to place in a "deferred" classification all men "essential to industry."

Chairman Sheppard (D), Texas, of the Senate committee, in talking to reporters, defined a "conscientious objector" as one who could prove that he was opposed to war on religious grounds. Such exemptions during the World War, he said, were based upon memberships in churches whose creeds forbade military service rather than upon individual religious views.

Sheppard explained, however, that while "conscientious objectors" would not be required to take combat training, they would be subject to other forms of de-fense service.

HOSIERY MILL MEN ON PICNIC OUTING



This tug-o-war scene is typical of the games and contests played Saturday afternoon when male employes of the Wilkes Hosiery Mill company gathered for a picnic given by the management of the firm. The picnic-outing took place at the fish hatchery near Boone and about 130 men participated. The event was described by those attending as being thoroughly enjoyed.

Physical Defects Being Corrected

13 Carried To Hospitals; Another Cripple Clinic On August 8th

Mrs. Bertha Bell, Wilkes county health nurse, said today that the August cripple clinic will be held at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday.

that the public spirited people of the county make every effort to have crippled and deformed persons, especially children, there for a free examination by an orthopedic specialist.

Mrs. Bell said that the clinics during the past several months have been very successful and that examinations are being followed up by corrective surgery and treatment. She carried eight patients to Charlotte and five to Gastonia Tuesday for treatment.

Negro Captured For Auto Theft

Police Chief J. E. Walker reported today the arrest of James Wesley Hall, notorious Wilkes negro, on a charge of automobile theft.

Hall, who in company with Arvil Lee Lippard is alleged to have stolen an automobile from Wilkes Auto Sales company here several weeks ago, was chased over several acres of corn fields on the Yadkin here yesterday by Chief Walker and Cecil Hayes, policemen. He eluded them, however, and caught the train going out of this city toward Winston-Salem. The officers phoned to Elkin officers and Hall was arrested when the train pulled into that station.

Lippard had previously been apprehended and is now serving a term imposed in federal court. The automobile alleged to have been stolen by the negro was taken into Virginia and abandoned near Hillsville.

Hall has a long court record of automobile thefts and breaking, entering and robbery.

Squirrel Season To Open September 1st

A notice from the state department of conservation and development advises that at a recent meeting of the board the open season for squirrel hunting in Wilkes, Alleghany and Surry counties was set at from September 1 to January 1, both dates inclusive. This means that the season will open fifteen days earlier than formerly. Previously, squirrel hunters had to wait until September 15 to shoot squirrels.

Dairy manager's wife—"I sent my husband to the hospital because of his knee." Kelly's wife—"Did he have water on it?" Manager's wife—"No; his private secretary."

Turnip, Weight Over Six Pounds, Exhibited Here

J. A. Reeves, a citizen of the Pleasant Home community near Millers Creek, this week exhibited here what many described as the largest turnip they had ever seen.

The turnip, which grew in his garden from seed sowed last spring, tipped the scales

in circumference and about eight inches in diameter.

C. B. Eller Hurt In Auto Accident

Left Arm Broken In Collision On Highway 18 Near Halls Mills Tuesday

C. B. Eller, Wilkes county superintendent of schools, is a patient at the Wilkes hospital, where he is receiving treatment for a broken arm and other injuries received in an automobile accident near Halls Mills on highway 18 Tuesday evening.

Mr. Eller, in company with R. C. Faucett, was traveling toward this city when his car was hit by a car driven by Herman Woodie, who was arrested on a charge of reckless driving. Sheriff Doughton investigated the accident and the evidence tended to show that Woodie was on the wrong side of the road and that his car crashed into Mr. Eller's car on the left side.

Mr. Eller's left arm was broken and there were severe bruises on his arm, shoulder and side.

Gwyn-Garwood Tennis Champs

Win Men's Doubles Title On Tuesday Over Brame-Crawford In 5 Sets

Blair Gwyn and Albert Garwood successfully defended their Wilkes county men's doubles tennis championship by defeating Bill Brame and Ralph Crawford Tuesday evening on the Pearson court in Wilkesboro.

Brame and Crawford put up a close battle for the title and the match went to five sets before the winning pair was determined. Gwyn and Garwood took the first set easily 6-2, dropped the second 3-6 and the third was long drawn out 9-7. Brame and Crawford came back strong to take the fourth 3-6 but dropped the fifth 6-4.

The Lions Club tournament will continue Friday evening, six o'clock, with a semi-final mixed double match. Lawrence Critcher and Lucille Scroggs, of Moravian Falls, will play Bill Brame and Dr. Carolyn Taylor to determine the team to play Harry Pearson and Frances McNeill in the final match to be played later.

Drunk Driver Hits Cops' Car

Yadkin County Man Is Sentenced To Five Months On The Roads

Reece Hutchens, a resident of Yadkin county, hit the wrong car here and is now serving five months on the roads, a sentence

Any car would have been the wrong one to hit but of all cars Hutchens had to pick on the police car. A car Hutchens was driving crashed into the police car occupied by Chief J. E. Walker and Policeman Cecil Hayes on D street near the Reddies River Bridge Tuesday.

The officers testified that Hutchens was drunk. Considerable damage was done to the police car.

Three Sentenced For Robbery Here

Nathan Combs, Ira Belcher, and Joseph Combs Get Terms From Court

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that the arrest and conviction in city court here Monday of three young men for breaking, entering and larceny may clear up a series of petty robberies in this vicinity.

Joseph Combs, Nathan Combs and Ira Belcher were convicted of entering Hill Top Service station on June 29 and taking a quantity of cigarettes and other merchandise.

By means of fingerprints found on parts of a window pane which was broken out in order to enter the store officers apprehended Nathan Combs and he confessed and also implicated Joseph Combs and Ira Belcher.

Mayor R. T. McNeill on Monday gave Nathan Combs a total of two years on the roads. Joseph Combs received 12 months active sentence and 12 months suspended. Belcher was sentenced to eight months at the county home and was given additional eight months suspended on good behavior.

Nathan Combs, officers said, has previously been convicted of housebreaking in this city and has served a term.

Church To Be Open For Meditation And Prayer Wednesdays

Announcement was made today that the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church will be open for the public for use as a place of meditation and prayer each Wednesday afternoon from 5:00 to 5:30 o'clock.

Anyone who desires to do so may enter the church for prayer and meditation at that time any Wednesday afternoon.

W. Kerr Scott Urged Support Country Church

Says Moral and Religious Training Basic Fundamental Country Life

Urging greater support for country churches, W. Kerr Scott, state commissioner of agriculture, told the Wilkes Pomona Grange Tuesday evening that country churches have not kept in step with progress along other lines during the past 25 years.

The address of the state commissioner of agriculture was delivered before the annual Pomona Grange picnic held at Pine Ridge picnic grounds on the Wilkesboro-Moravian Falls highways.

The program was opened by T. W. Ferguson, Pomona Master, who welcomed the visiting Grangers and presented Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, state Grange Master, to act as toastmaster.

Some of the visiting Grangers who spoke briefly were Dave Radford, assistant county agent in Iredell county; Richard King, a Grange deputy from Iredell; Mr. Broom, an agricultural teacher from Rowan; L. L. Ray, rural electrical engineer for Duke Power company.

He also presented Paul Dykes, of Greenville, Tenn., master of the Tennessee state Grange and gatekeeper of the National Grange, who spoke briefly.

Commissioner Scott opened his address by calling attention to the progress in the school system of the state, growth of the road system, expansion of rural electrification and progress along many other material lines but stated that country churches have made little progress in the past quarter of a century.

He said that it had been customary for country homes to train and educate sons and daughters

where they become leaders in various lines of endeavor. He emphasized the fundamental importance of moral and religious training and the important part country churches have in the welfare and progress of any community. He said that the Grange cannot do better than put the church in the forefront of its program.

Following the address of Commissioner Scott the assembly gathered about the picnic tables, where a bountiful dinner was spread and thoroughly enjoyed.

The picnic was featured by a large attendance of Grange members and was described as the most delightful occasion of its kind held in the history of the Grange in the county.

Wilkes was the first county in the state to have a Pomona Grange. It was organized in Wilkesboro in 1929.

Red Cross Fund Climbs To \$1,158

Employees Of International Shoe Company Give \$37.15 To Fund

War sufferers relief fund of the Wilkes county chapter of the American Red Cross now totals \$1,158.80, a report from W. Blair Gwyn, chapter treasurer, said today.

The largest contribution since the last published report was by employees of the International Shoe company plant here, who donated \$37.15.

The contributions since the last report were as follows: Previously reported — \$1,107.65 Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Trivette 10.00 Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hudson 2.00 Miss Blanche Ferguson 2.00 Employees International Shoe Co. 37.15 TOTAL \$1,158.80

Meanwhile, officials of the Wilkes chapter are urging that people who have not contributed do so as early as possible because the need for relief of war sufferers in Belgium, Holland, Poland and France is great. Wilkes county's quota was originally set at \$300 but was doubled when Hitler's war machine invaded Holland, Belgium and France.

"Lil says she gets to bed at ten every night." "Yeah, I have a picture of her doing it." "Great! I'd like to see it."