

War News

Great Britain's growing air force claimed a double victory today and the British Empire armies in East Africa were reported rallying against an Italian offensive in Somaliland.

In a sudden renewal of aerial warfare over the British Isles, British fighting planes were reported to have shot down nine German attack craft, including six dive bombers, in a battle along the English Channel coast. Two British planes were lost.

On the Norwegian coast, the London admiral said British dive bombers striking at possible blitzkrieg bases appeared to have destroyed totally a huge German oil depot of perhaps 7,200 tons, starting big fires and causing much damage to the station at Dovvik, near Bergen.

The reported destruction of the oil depot appeared to be a highlight in the sudden renewal of big-scale aerial operations by the Nazis, who dropped two bombs during the night so close to a building housing 300 refugee children in northeast England that all windows were shattered.

The aerial fighting over the British Isles with its implication of greater struggles to come put the Italian campaign in Africa in background for the moment.

Massawa Hit
The British defense forces in Africa still were concentrating their attention on the Libyan frontier, where the Italians have been threatening to start an offensive into Egypt and toward the Suez Canal.

British airplanes, a Cairo communique said, ranged far along the Mediterranean coast of Libya to bomb Italian bases and naval units at Bardia and other points which are essential to an offensive against Egypt. They reported that the Fascist submarine base at Massawa in Eritrea was raided on Tuesday and Wednesday and direct hits were scored on ships, including a submarine.

But in British Somaliland, which lies along the Gulf of Aden at the southern passage toward Suez, the Italians appeared to be advancing in blitzkrieg fashion toward the important port of Berbera.

C. M. Cranor Dies Suddenly

Fatally Stricken In Wilkesboro Wednesday Night; Funeral Friday

Charles M. Cranor, Wilkesboro citizen and member of one of Northwestern North Carolina's most prominent families, died suddenly Wednesday night, nine o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gray in Wilkesboro. He had been in apparently normal health and during the day had served on the jury in Wilkesboro court in Wilkesboro. Wednesday night he spent some time downtown in Wilkesboro and had driven his car to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gray, where he was suddenly stricken when he stepped onto the porch. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Cranor, age 54, was a son of the late John S. and Sarah Taylor Cranor. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Cranor, three brothers and three sisters: H. A. and F. T. Cranor, of Wilkesboro; John Cranor, of Cumberland, Md.; Mrs. W. H. McElwee, of Statesville; Miss Catherine Cranor, of Ames, Iowa; and Miss Edith Cranor, of San Francisco, California.

Mr. Cranor had held a number of positions of public trust and responsibility during his career. For several years he was employed as a salesman. He had also held the position as deputy collector of internal revenue, was policeman in the town of Wilkesboro for some time and during the past few years was head of a sanitary project for the health department in Wilkes county. He had many friends to whom the news of his sudden death was an occasion of sorrow.

He was a member of the Wilkesboro Presbyterian church.

Funeral service will be held Friday morning, ten o'clock, at the Methodist church in Wilkesboro and burial will be in Mountain Park cemetery.

Revival To Begin At Union Sunday

A revival meeting will begin at Union Methodist church near this city Sunday night, August 11th, at 7:30 o'clock. The past

Dr. W. J. Plant, will be assisted by Rev. Dan Deans.

The services will be held in the new church which has been in use for several months, and will continue for a week or ten days.

The public is most cordially invited to attend the meeting.

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Expecting Large Crowd At Races Here Saturday

Automobile Races For Benefit Of American Red Cross Saturday Afternoon

Ten of the best dirt track drivers in the south have entered for the charity races at the fairgrounds here Saturday afternoon, August 10, officials of the North Wilkesboro Dokies club, sponsoring organization, said today.

The races will begin at 2:30 o'clock and a large crowd of race fans from several northwestern North Carolina counties is expected to witness the exhibition of speed and skill on the one-third mile oval.

Some of the entrants to date are: Wild Cliff Harp, of Winston-Salem, with his Winfield special; Herman Owens, of Charlotte, McDowell special; Baby Bodenheimer, of Greenville, S. C., Crager special; Henry Weaver, Washington, D. C., Howell special; Bill Trott, Richmond, Va., Trott special; Cliff Unger, of Charlotte, Winfield special; Woody Wright, of Salisbury, Riley special; Tommy Thompson, of Winston-Salem, Fronty special; Arnold Charles, of Winston-Salem, Miller-Schofield special; Fred Reid, of Greensboro, Riley special.

At least a dozen additional entries, representing many of the outstanding drivers and fastest cars in several southern states, are expected before the races begin, sponsors said.

The racing program is being sponsored by the Dokies club to raise funds for the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross. The fame of the drivers and cars to participate, together with the humanitarian appeal and purpose of the event, is expected to attract one of the largest crowds ever to assemble at the fairgrounds here.

Young Republicans Meeting Announced

Announcement has been received here of a four-day Republican rally to be held August 16-19, dates inclusive, at Washington, N. C., and Ocracoke Island.

The meeting will begin at Washington on August 16 and continue with the cruise to Ocracoke. On August 17 officers and executive committee of Young Republican Clubs will meet and on that evening a rally will be held. Facilities will be provided for reception of Wendell Wilkie's acceptance address and an enjoyable occasion is assured. Low rates are in effect for those who make reservations soon, local Republican leaders said today.

Tennis Finals On Friday, Saturday

County Titles In Mixed Doubles and Women's Singles To Be Decided

Finals in the mixed doubles and women's singles divisions of the Wilkes county tennis tournament being carried out by the North Wilkesboro Lions Club will be played Friday and Saturday of this week.

This afternoon there is a mixed doubles match between Lawrence Critcher and Lucille Scroggs and Bill Brame and Dr. Carolyn Taylor for the opportunity to play in the final Friday five p. m. on the Pearson court. Harry Pearson and Frances McNeill compose the other finalist team.

On Saturday afternoon, four o'clock, Margaret Paw and Frances McNeill play women's singles final match on the Gwyn court.

Mount Airy Team Will Play Locals

North Wilkesboro baseball team will play a strong team from Mount Airy in the fairgrounds field here Sunday afternoon, three o'clock, the team management announced today.

The local team has been steadily improving during the past few weeks and is expected to play a better brand of baseball during the remainder of the season.

The management has announced that Ladies Day will be observed by free admission to the game Sunday.

WIDENED HIGHWAY ELIMINATES BOTTLENECKS



Shown here is a section of highway 4.1 six miles west of North Wilkesboro, where it has been widened to eliminate the 'bottleneck' and increase safety. Addition of bituminous strips and widened shoulders have eliminated some of the hazards. The highway is being widened east of Wilkesboro by the addition of four feet to the concrete pavement. (Staff photo by Dwight Nichols).

News Of Court 'Bottleneck' Parts Of Famous Boone Trail Eliminated

Much progress is being made in Wilkes court this week in disposal of cases on the criminal docket of Wilkes superior court.

Judge Allen Gwyn, of Reidsville is presiding over the term, which will continue through next week and it is expected that a great majority of the 150 cases on the calendar will be disposed of.

There are no capital cases unless a charge which originated this week comes to trial. Eugene Vannoy, colored, has been charged with criminal assault on a well known colored woman near Wilkesboro.

Following are cases in which judgments have been entered in court to date:

Ella Mullis versus Claude Mullis, divorce granted.

William R. Summerlin, Dave Summerlin, Kenneth Johnson, Ed Norwood, Claud Hall, operating car while intoxicated, \$50 fine, costs and suspended sentences six to eight months.

Ambrose Winkler, violating prohibition law, eight months suspended five years.

John Spears, violating prohibition law, eight months suspended five years and payment of costs.

Vernie C. Dillard, reckless driving, pay costs, six months suspended three years, not to drive in 12 months.

The grand jury returned a true bill of murder against J. C. Drum for the knife slaying of Bristol Mathis in an altercation at Ronda on April 15. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall indicated that a verdict of second degree murder will be asked when the case is called for trial.

William Rousseau, housebreaking, larceny and receiving, three to five years in penitentiary.

Ward Hester, operating car while intoxicated, \$50 fine and costs, eight months road sentence suspended.

Willie Anderson, violating prohibition law, fine \$50 and costs, two years road sentence suspended five years.

Ralph Freeland and James F. Caudill, hit and run, fined \$50 each, road sentence suspended.

Thomas Byrd, bastardy, road sentence suspended on payment \$50 attorney fees and \$5 per month to Sallie Oakley, mother of child.

Wayne McCoy Norkett, violating prohibition law, \$40 fine and ten months sentence suspended.

Raymond Allen, operating car while intoxicated, \$50 fine and costs, six months suspended three years.

Hillary Patterson, operating car while intoxicated, \$50 fine and costs and six months suspended three years.

Fay Kennedy and Phillmore Rhoades, violating prohibition law, pay costs, six months suspended five years.

Violet Calloway Jones versus J. W. Jones, Jr., divorce granted.

John A. Blair versus Dothe B. Blair, divorce granted.

To Begin Revival At Purlear Church

Rev. F. C. Watts, pastor, will conduct revival services at Purlear Baptist church, beginning on Sunday, August 15. The public has a cordial invitation to attend the services.

Rev. Mr. Watts has been elected pastor of the church for the coming year.

Highway Improved East and West Of This City And Both Sides Of Boone

By means of four projects "bottlenecks" are being removed from highway 421, the famous Boone Trail highway which extends from Wilmington on the Atlantic Coast to the heart of Kentucky.

East and west of North Wilkesboro were the worst bottlenecks for several years. The narrow and crooked section of the highway from North Wilkesboro westward to Millers Creek, a distance of six and one-half miles, has been greatly improved by the addition of bituminous strips on each side of the concrete pavement, averaging about seven feet addition to the pavement and with wider strips on the inside of the numerous curves. The work, which was done during the winter and spring by means of a WPA project sponsored by the state highway commission, has been completed.

Another WPA project is under way widening the concrete pavement a distance of eight miles eastward out of Wilkesboro. Four feet of concrete is being added to the pavement and shoulders are being reconstructed and widened.

East of Boone the concrete pavement has been widened and west of Boone the narrow and crooked road has been revised and improved. The projects are designed to put the famous Boone Trail on a par with other cross-country highways.

Delinquent Tax List Published

Advertisement by Wilkes Sheriff C. T. Doughton of real estate on which 1939 county taxes have not been paid appears today in this issue of The Journal-Patriot.

Attention of taxpayers is called to the fact that by payment of taxes now cost of sale can be saved and the only cost other than the penalty prescribed by law which is required if payment is made now is the cost of advertising.

Homecoming At Rock Creek Church

The annual Homecoming and communion will be held at Rock Baptist church Sunday, August 11. This will be the beginning of revival services.

The service will begin at eleven a. m. and continue until three p. m.

At noon there will be lunch on the grounds. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Judge Gwyn Instructs Grand Jury To Take Action Against Slot Machines

Judge Allen Gwyn in Wilkes court yesterday called the grand jury in for a special charge relative to slot machines operating in the county.

The grand jury was called in at the request of Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, who explained that since court convened on Monday morning that he had heard many complaints that slot machines were in operation in Wilkes and that he had been requested to take action. The solicitor said that some of the machines in close proximity to the county seat had a habit of disappearing during court week and operating again in full blast after court adjourned.

Judge Gwyn read to the grand jury the supposedly "iron clad" law outlawing slot machines and defining the illegal type of machines.

He explained that the legislature had gone a long way to prevent gambling devices for the protection of youth and children and that it was from that standpoint alone that it behooves the courts and law enforcement officers to do their job well.

He instructed the grand jury to make presentment of known cases of violation of the law banning the ownership, possession or operation of illegal slot machines.

Industrial Arts Department Added In Local Schools

W. Bryan Collins To Be Instructor and Coordinator Of Occupations

Industrial arts department has been added to the curriculum of the North Wilkesboro high school, it was learned today from Paul S. Cragan, superintendent.

In charge of the newly added department will be W. Bryan Collins, whose position will be teacher of industrial arts and coordinator of diversified occupations.

The new department will be housed in a ground floor room of the high school building. Mr. Collins has already entered upon his duties and has placed equipment in shape for beginning the course. Some equipment on hand from a manual training department formerly used in the school has been placed in good condition and much new equipment is being added this week. The equipment will consist mainly of hand and machine tools for woodworking, work benches and drawing tables.

Mr. Collins came direct to North Wilkesboro from State College, where he was engaged in graduate study of industrial arts. He is well qualified by training and experience to carry out the duties of his position here. He holds a degree from Emory and Henry college and studied school administration at the University of Virginia and Duke University before doing graduate work at State College. He has 12 years experience teaching in high schools of Virginia and North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins and their son, Billie, age four, are making their home at 407 D street in this city.

One Adult Case Of T. B. Is Discovered

During Clinic Recently Held In Wilkes; 257 Received Examinations

Among a total of 257 cases examined in the recent tuberculosis clinic conducted by the Wilkes health department, only one new case of active tuberculosis was found among adults, according to a report released today by the Wilkes county health department.

Dr. H. F. Eason, diagnostician from the state sanatorium, made fluoroscopic examinations of the patients in the clinic and has filed his report with the health office.

However, seven cases of childhood type tuberculosis was discovered among the 238 whites examined and three among the 19 negroes.

Miss Reba Doughton Suffers Injury While On Horseback Ride

Miss Reba Doughton, of Laurel Springs and Washington, the daughter of Congressman R. L. Doughton, is at Davis Hospital receiving treatment for injuries sustained in an accident which occurred while she was on a horseback ride near North Wilkesboro Sunday. Miss Doughton suffered a broken collarbone when thrown from her horse.

Large Cucumber

A cucumber of exceedingly large proportions grew this year in the garden at the home of E. M. Blackburn, prominent local merchant. The cucumber was 13 1/2 inches in circumference, 13 1/2 inches in length and its weight when taken from the garden was 3 3/4 pounds.

Wilkesboro's Tax Rate Is Reduced

Wilkesboro town tax rate has been reduced six cents. The rate was set at \$1.19 in the August meeting of the town board. The rate for the past year was \$1.25 on each hundred dollars valuation of property.

North Wilkesboro Budget Is Adopted On Tuesday Night

Commissioners Meet, Horton Hired As Policeman, Tax Adv. Ordered

North Wilkesboro commissioners in session Tuesday night officially adopted the budget and tax rate for the coming year as published a month ago.

The budget calls for a tax rate of \$1.19 on each hundred dollars valuation of property and \$1.25 on each poll. This represents a reduction of six cents under the rate of \$1.25 for the past year ended June 30.

The reduction was made in the debt service levy and was made possible by maturities of bonds last year. The reduction there was partially offset by a slight increase in the school levy but still left a net reduction of six cents on each hundred dollars valuation of property.

The board ordered the city clerk and tax collector to advertise property for unpaid 1939 taxes according to law. The advertising will begin next week and those who have not paid are urged to pay immediately and save cost of advertising.

C. G. Horton, who has been temporarily employed as a policeman, was added to the regular police force by order of the commissioners.

The commissioners of the town of Wilkesboro met with the board here and an agreement was made to allow the water main connecting the two towns to remain intact for use in case of emergency with either system. Wilkesboro has recently completed its own water system, however, and will cease to purchase water from North Wilkesboro.

Mayor R. T. McNeil and all members of the North Wilkesboro board, composed of Ralph Duncan, W. K. Sturdivant, H. M. Hutchens, J. B. Carter and A. G. Finley, were present for the August meeting Tuesday night.

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City Schools To Be Opened Here On September 2

Schools Will Operate Full Nine Months Term and Close On May 27

Monday, September 2, has been set as the opening date of North Wilkesboro city schools.

The city board of education set the date in a meeting yesterday, at which time final preparations for opening of the term was made.

According to the schedule for the term, Christmas holidays will begin December 18 and continue until December 30. The usual holiday periods will be observed for Thanksgiving and Easter. May 27, 1941, will be the closing date.

The school, which is a member of the Southern Association of Accredited Schools and Colleges, will again have a full nine-months term of 180 days.

For the coming year North Wilkesboro schools have a faculty of 34 members, 29 white and five colored. Paul S. Cragan will serve his third year as superintendent of the city schools system.

Number Of Wilkes Young Men Will Get Schoarships

To Be Given By National Farm Youth Foundation; Ford Is Cooperating

Between five and ten young men, age 18 to 25 years, from the rural sections of Wilkes county are to be selected for scholarships by the National Farm Youth Foundation, with which Henry Ford is actively cooperating.

The young men chosen there will be 20,000 of them from all sections of the nation and several hundred from North Carolina counties—will be given home study courses in farm management and engineering and will receive practical training and experience in the use of modern farm equipment under actual conditions in their own communities.

There is no cost, there are no strings attached to the free scholarship proposition. All a young man has to do is to be earnest and sincere and apply himself. "Young men of the farm have not realized their opportunities on the home soil, and young men of the city have not appreciated the career a farm offers. As a result, farming has been neglected," said Henry Ford in announcing his participation in the foundation.

To be eligible for the Foundation scholarships, young men, American citizens, must be between the ages of 18 and 25, of good character and actually living or working on a farm. Enrollment is free and there is no obligation except the conscientious intention to carry on the study and complete the six months course. The course does not compete nor conflict with work done by the Four-H clubs and vocational high schools, but rather affords opportunity for study and advancement to young men past the ages where these other activities are open to them. Applications for enrollment will be accepted at once. Forms for the purpose may be secured by writing to radio station WBIG, Greensboro, representative in "The Magic Circle"—that territory within a fifty-mile radius of Greensboro—or the National Farm Youth Foundation, Dearborn, Michigan.

Six-Mile Power Line Completed

Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company, said today that construction of a six-mile power line extension in the Back community west of this city in Reddies River township has been practically completed and "juice" will be turned on the line this week.

The new extension, one mile of the vast program of expansion of rural lines in Wilkes this year, will make electric service available to approximately 40 families.