

# War News

## French Pay Heavy Price To Nazi Army

Vichy, France.—The French public was informed officially yesterday that the price they will pay for the German army of occupation of more than 2,000,000 men is 400,000,000 francs a day. At the official franc exchange this is more than \$3,000,000.

The expenses of the army of occupation had been fixed by the Germans at 20,000,000 reichsmarks daily. But since the Germans also have a fixed rate of exchange of 20 francs to one special reichsmark, the bill thus mounted to 20 times 20,000,000 reichsmarks.

The big payment for the upkeep of France's conquerors is only part of the price France must pay for losing the war. Property destruction in the invaded regions has not been computed but is estimated at many millions.

An estimated 100,000 men were killed. Pensions for the dependents will be required for many years.

An estimated 2,000,000 prisoners of war reduced the nation's manpower, causing continuing manufacturing and agricultural losses.

The burden of upkeep of prisoners held in the occupied zone rests with the French people in cities and towns nearest the prison camps. They are expected to provide foodstuffs.

Germans in the occupied zone are spending their monthly wages liberally, buying many things they have not had in a long time. They are using the special marks which the French must accept at the rate of 20 francs for one mark. Storekeepers turn the marks in to the Bank of France, receiving francs in exchange, so individuals are not losers.

The Bank of France has its vaults full of these special marks and no plan yet has been formulated whereby they can be liquidated.

Many think the Bank of France will be forced to "hold the sack," with the French people eventually paying.

While the government was disclosing the amount of money which France must provide for the occupation, it announced that many French industries would be put into immediate operation, even though orders on hand would not, from an ordinary business point of view, warrant it.

The novel system arranged to put the plan into practice amounts to a government guarantee that an outlet will be found for the products and a promise that funds will be advanced to industries sufficient to cover the cost of continued production as soon as any specific lot of manufacturers is completed.

## Let Contracts For 200 Warships

The greatest fleet of fighting vessels ever put under contract at one time, including seven battleships and eight aircraft carriers, has been ordered by the navy immediately after President Roosevelt signed the \$5,251,000,000 defense appropriation bill.

Contracts were let for 200 fighting ships and one repair vessel to cost a total of \$3,861,053,312. In addition to the battleships costing approximately \$100,000,000 each and the plane carriers at \$47,000,000 apiece other vessels ordered and approximate unit cost were 27 cruisers, \$30,000,000; 115 destroyers \$8,100,000; 43 submarines \$6,000,000; and the repair ship of unannounced cost.

The construction program is designed to give the United States a two-ocean navy of approximately 688 ships in 1945-46 or 47 depending upon the time necessary to complete building.

## Old Time Singing At Little Rock Sept. 22

There will be an all day old time singing at Little Rock Baptist church the fourth Sunday in September. The singing will be in charge by Mr. Jim Swanson, of Lower Creek. There will be a picnic dinner at noon.

The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

## Preaching Date Changed

Announcement has been made of a change in the preaching date at Pilgrim Baptist church Saturday before the first Sunday and the first Sunday to the third Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The public is cordially invited to remember the change in dates and to attend the services.

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## EXCELLENT EXHIBITS FEATURE NORTHWESTERN FAIR

Exhibits at the Great Northwestern Fair last week proved conclusively that Wilkes county can produce just as well as any county in the state and in many diversified lines. The picture on the right shows County Agent J. B. Snipes and two 4-H club boys, Jesse and Robert Hutchison, with three of the finest baby beef specimens ever seen in this vicinity. The calves on the right and left were eight months old last week and each had a weight of approximately 675 pounds. The one in the middle was 12 months of age and tipped the scales at over 1,000. The boys are sons of Ruffin Hutchison, of Abshers. The third boy, Genn Hutchison, was absent when this picture was made. (Staff photo by Dwight Nichols).

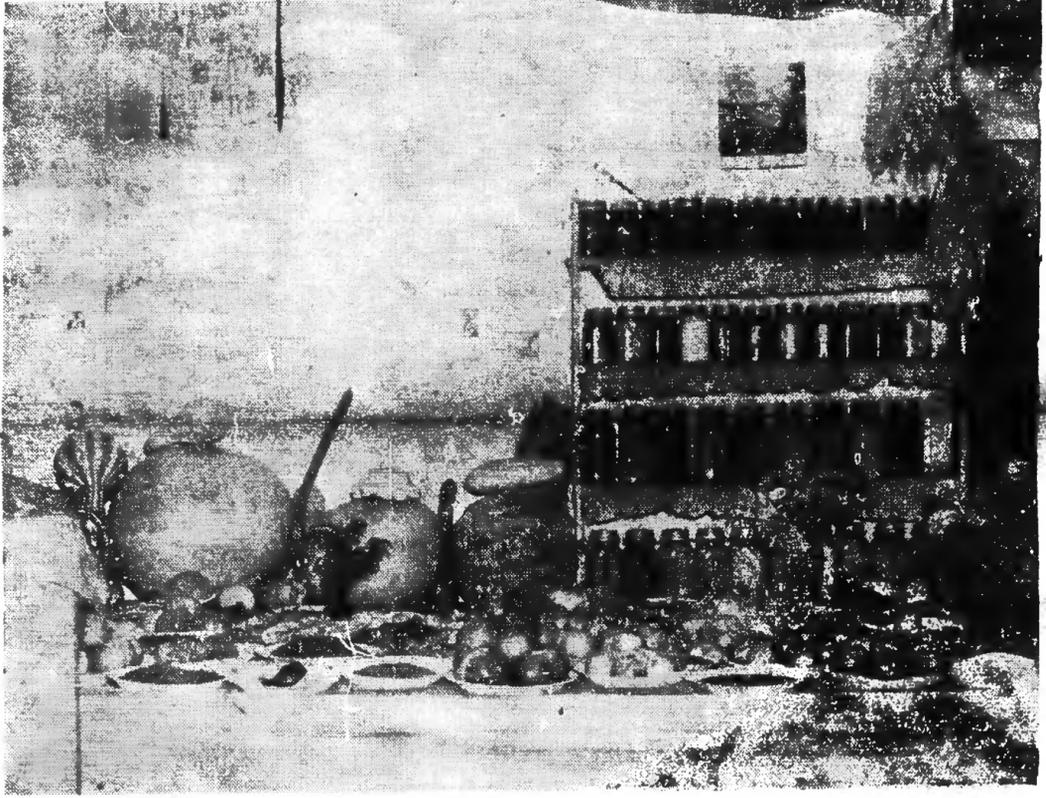


The photo below shows M.

F. Barker's general farm and home exhibit which won the first prize at the fair last week. The exhibit is one of the best examples of diversified farming which has ever been shown here. There were myriads of articles in the

exhibit, showing that Wilkes soil can produce as many things as that of any in the country, enabling a farmer to produce all his major needs right at home. His exhibit, although excellent and highly praised by judges and

officials as well as thousands of visitors at the fair, won by a small margin over two other good ones. The first prize on general farm exhibit was \$50 cash. (Winston-Salem Journal photo by Paul Harvey, Jr.)



## Highway Forces Making Progress On Repair Work

All Highways Open Except 421 To Boone; Many Bridges Built

With the exception of highway 421 between Millers Creek and Deep Gap, practically all roads in this division have been sufficiently repaired to be opened for traffic. It was learned today from engineers of the division office here.

Bridge crews from several divisions are working in Wilkes. Ashe and other counties hit by the flood on August 14 and much progress has been made in replacing structures destroyed. A bridge has been placed across the Yadkin at Ferguson in western Wilkes and will be opened for traffic today. Bridges on practically all the county roads have been replaced earlier than many had expected and traffic has resumed a state of near normalcy in the division.

Foot bridges have been thrown across the Yadkin at Roaring River and Ronda to accommodate school children and traffic bridges will be placed at those points soon as practical.

Enlarged WPA crews and maintenance forces have been working constantly on repairing roads damaged by floods and slides and all the major routes with the exception of highway 421 have been opened as far as roadbed conditions are concerned.

Roberta: "Did you count with a daisy to see if Jack loves you?" Ruth: "No, indeed; it might have turned out wrong. I used a three-leafed clover."

## Mrs. Lovette, 84, Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Frances Colvard Lovette, age 84, died suddenly late Saturday here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Davis, with whom she made her home. Funeral service was held at the home today, 10:30 a. m., with Rev. Ed Hayes in charge. She is survived by two sons and one daughter: William Lovette, Jonesville; Samuel Lovette and Mrs. Clarence Davis, North Wilkesboro.

## Millers Creek Enrollment 853

Formal Opening Of Large School Held Friday; 309 In High School

R. V. Day, principal of Millers Creek district schools, said today that enrollment for the first week reached 853 in the central school, of which 309 were high school students.

The school is progressing splendidly, he said, with school work going ahead on schedule. A formal opening was held Friday morning. Devotional was conducted by Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner and Prof. M. F. Bumgarner. The remainder of the program was composed of songs and short talks. Many parents were present for the opening.

New teachers in the central school are as follows: Mrs. Valeria Belle Foster, fourth grade; A. V. Nolan, business education; Mrs. Paul Cashion, home economics.

Work is progressing nicely on the new apartment house being built by Mrs. W. M. DeBerry in Wilkesboro.

## Throng Attends Closing Night Of Fair On Saturday

New Ford Car Is Given To Resident Of Pores Knob; Thousands Enjoy Fair

The Great Northwestern Fair closed its five-day exposition here Saturday night with many thousands in attendance.

Many favorable comments were made concerning all departments of the fair, which operated successfully under handicaps due to destruction of buildings and equipment by the flood August 14.

A splendid collection of exhibits in all departments were housed in tents, replacing the armory building which had formerly been used for an exhibit hall. Many declared that the exhibits excelled those shown at previous fairs.

Apples, livestock, farm exhibits, community exhibits and flowers drew enthusiastic praise from judges and experts as well as spectators.

John Marks shows with the largest collection ever assembled here played on the midway without many objectionable features which so often accompany carnivals. New rides provided much entertainment as well as the usual shows and attractions.

Three splendid free attractions were presented on the grounds with the Biletti troupe of high wire artists as headliners. However, the trapeze acts and John Robinson's military elephants shared the spotlight. Aerial fireworks were enjoyed at the close (Continued on page eight)

## Roaring River Association To Convene Soon

The 94th annual session of the Roaring River Primitive Baptist Association will be held at the Meadow Ford church, located two miles south of Laurel Springs, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in this month, it was announced this week.

There are five churches in the Association, as reported by the Minutes of last year—Meadows Fork, Rock Springs, Pender's Grove, Double Creek, Mulberry. Elder S. G. Caudill is moderator; J. A. Miller, Laurel Springs, Clerk and F. T. Miller, Wagoner, assistant clerk.

## Contract Will Be Let On Road Into Park

Contract for the first section of the Soco Gap-Ravenstord stretch of the Blue Ridge parkway into the Great Smoky Mountains national park is expected to be let about November 1.

Officials of the department of conservation and development explained that this additional section of seven miles will provide a second and much shorter route to the park from Asheville and Waynesville.

The second and last section will be let in the spring. The entire stretch from Soco Gap to Ravenstord will be 14 miles long and will cost approximately \$1,420,000.

## New Highway Open

The new highway 29, Lexington to the Yadkin river, has been opened to traffic. It only has a very short detour around the Sink Inn, home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oscar Sink. That will be removed in a few days.

## Company "A" Mobilizes Here Today And Will Leave Soon For Camp In South Carolina For A Year Of Training

### Young Democrats Organization Meet On Tuesday Night

A meeting of Young Democrats for the purpose of perfecting organization of Young Democratic clubs in Wilkes will be held on Tuesday night, seven o'clock, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

A fish fry will be held at the meeting and a most enjoyable occasion is anticipated. All are invited and it is urged that Democrats from every precinct in the county attend the meeting.

### School Heads To Have Conference; Erwin Is To Speak

### Representatives Of Nine Administrative Units Will Meet Here Thursday

An educational conference for school superintendents, principals and representatives of classroom teachers in nine city and county school units will be held in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium on Thursday, September 19, 3:30 p. m.

Julie B. Warren, secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, and Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, field secretary, will conduct the conference, which will have as its purpose the laying of plans for local unit work during the year on the professional and public relations of the teachers and schools in the northwestern part of the state.

City and county units to be included in the conference are Alleghany, Ashe, Davie, Surry, Mount Airy, Watauga, Yadkin, Wilkes and North Wilkesboro.

North Wilkesboro has been chosen the place of the meeting because of its position of leadership in the educational affairs in this section of the state.

Evening Dinner Meeting In addition to the afternoon session, a dinner meeting will be held at 6:30, it was learned today, and many educational leaders will attend.

The feature of main importance will be an address by Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, who will outline for the first time his legislative program for the state.

Others who will be present include Julie Warren, secretary of the N. C. E. A.; Miss Ruth Vick Everett, field representative of the N. C. E. A.; Dr. Roy Morrison, of the University of North Carolina; S. G. Hawfield, state director of adult education and president of the N. C. E. A.; K. G. Phillips, of Winston-Salem, vice president of N. C. E. A.

Local arrangements will be in charge of Miss Rebecca Moseley, president of the North Wilkesboro unit of the N. C. E. A.; and Mrs. J. B. McCoy, president of the Parent-Teacher association here.

## Bumgarner Is Now Postmaster At Wilkesboro

Succeeds Mrs. N. O. Smoak; Mrs. Pearl Benton Is Assistant

Millard F. Bumgarner, of Wilkesboro route one, is the new postmaster at Wilkesboro, taking over the office yesterday.

Mr. Bumgarner, who was appointed on recommendation of Representative W. O. Burgin, succeeds Mrs. N. O. Smoak, postmaster for the past several years. In an examination held recently the three eligibles were David Wright, M. F. Bumgarner and Mrs. Smoak in that order. Mr. Bumgarner's appointment was recommended by Representative Burgin by J. R. Rousseau, chairman of the Wilkes county Democratic executive committee. He was also actively supported for the appointment by Representative R. L. Doughton, of the Ninth congressional district.

All three eligibles are registered. (Continued on page eight)

### Housed In Tents On Fairgrounds; Company Will Have Full Strength

Company A of the 105th Engineers of the National Guard, located at North Wilkesboro and which mobilized for a year's training today, was the first company of Engineers organized in North Carolina following the World War.

Company A, which will have a full time authorized strength of 106 men when it goes to Camp Jackson for a year, was organized in April, 1921, and was recognized as a company of the National Guard June 23, 1921.

The first commanding officer was Lieut. E. P. Robinson, who was a second lieutenant in the World War and saw plenty of action in France. He is now in command of the company, although he has not been in command all the time since the company was formed.

A few years after the company was organized C. C. Smoot succeeded Lieutenant Robinson in command and after he left North Wilkesboro Captain Ralph R. Reins was placed in command and was the commanding officer until he was promoted to the rank of major on August 13 this year. First Lieutenant E. P. Robinson was again placed at the head of the company. The other commissioned officer is Second Lieutenant Fred M. Wyatt, one of the younger members of the company.

Major Reins is now head of three companies, North Wilkesboro, Morganton and Salisbury. He is also a seasoned veteran of combat, having been a sergeant in the 105th Engineers in France during the World War.

The company has been called out three times during its history for state duty, once to guard a prisoner at Bakersville and twice on strike duty at Marion. One each year the company went off to camp for two weeks except this year, when the period was increased to three weeks for war maneuvers in Mississippi and Louisiana.

When the company returned from training camp this summer they found that the flood August 14 had washed away the armory, which was located on the fairgrounds, and all the equipment which the company did not take to camp.

Major Reins made a survey of the losses by the company, which reached almost \$10,000, including \$3,114 in arms and munitions, \$5,433 in clothing and similar supplies, and \$1,060 in engineers' equipment and tools.

Temporary headquarters were immediately established in a building on Main street and when the guard mobilized today at the fairgrounds here the men were housed in tents. Major Reins said that he expected that the company will remain here for a week or ten days prior to going to Camp Jackson for a year but that definite orders had not been received.

The company's present strength is 69 men and will be increased to war time strength of 106 men with ten excess, making a total of 116, before leaving for camp. Lieutenant Robinson said he has on file a substantial list of applicants and it is expected that the desired number will be reached with resorting to conscription to fill the ranks. Several married men with dependents have been allowed discharges in accordance with the law as passed recently empowering the president to call up the guard for more intense training.

The recruits will be examined by medical officers here early this week and it is expected that the men accepted for duty will be received into the company Tuesday, September 17.

The officers said today that there had been no inclination on the part of the men to try to evade going to camp for a year and that they generally agree that the training will be highly beneficial to themselves as well as being a major step in national defense.

The complete roster of the company is as follows: Major R. Reins, First Lieut. E. P. Robinson, Second Lieut. Fred M. Wyatt. Sergeants James Hall, Alvin (Continued on page eight)

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