

## War News

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

London—Thundering tons of high explosives showered on battered London and suburbs last night and early today from a steady increasing force of Nazi attackers who left heavy damage and a mounting list of casualties in the empire capital.

The raiders violently strafed the center of London, dropping fat, blazing oil bombs in an effort to set fire in the city to guide them to their targets.

More planes took part in the raid—the 12th overnight attack since Germany began her “all-out” assaults on London—than in the Tuesday-Wednesday overnight raid which caused heavy casualties.

But while the Germans dumped their bombs on London, British bombers were visiting destruction on German bases on the Nazi-held French and Belgian coasts in violent attacks against “invasion ports.”

The German bombers caused great destruction in the slums of East London in the early phases of the raids. Now they have turned their attention to the fashionable sectors of the capital as well, subjecting them to heavy bombing.

In the latest punishing attack, coughing men and women stumbled from fashionable apartments after direct hits were scored by incendiary bombs in central London.

**From All Directions**

Big bombs were hurled at the metropolis from the north rim to the south, east and west.

The shopping area, long the home of many of the world's famous fashion stores, was hit again and again by high explosive projectiles.

**Registration For Conscription To Be On Oct. 16th**

**President Signs Bill Authorizing Registration And Draft In Nation**

Roosevelt yesterday made peacetime conscription the law of the land and proclaimed October 16 as the day on which all men from 21 to 35, inclusive, must register for selective military training.

The first peacetime draft of manpower in American history became law at 3:08 p.m. (e.s.t.) with a stroke of the presidential pen. Mr. Roosevelt proclaimed registration day a moment later.

The momentous action came two days after Congress gave its final approval to the legislation.

An estimated 16,500,000 men—citizens and alien alike—must register at polling places throughout the country. From this number, the nation will build up over the next five years a reservoir of 5,000,000 trained men for its land and sea forces.

**Says Nation at Crossroads**

“America stands at the crossroads of its destiny,” Mr. Roosevelt said in his proclamation fixing the date of registration.

He took cognizance of the current world situation and served notice in direct language that the United States is ready and able to defend at any cost the heritage of its freedom.

“Time and distance have been shortened,” he said. “A few weeks have seen great nations fall. We cannot remain indifferent to the philosophy of force now rampant in the world. The terrible fate of nations whose weakness invited attack is too well known to us all.

“We must and will marshal our great potential strength to fend off war from our shores. We must and will prevent our land from becoming a victim of aggression.

“Our decision has been made. . . . It is the will of our people.” Conscription became law on the day that the first contingent of national guardsmen—60,500 militiamen from 26 states—were mobilized for a year of intensive training with the army.

**To Be Called in November**

The first group of conscripts—about 400,000—probably will be called to the colors about November 15. Then, for the next five years, about one million men will be inducted into the army annually for a year of training.

They will be drawn by lot and selected for service from the list of 16,500,000 registrants.

The call to the colors of guardsmen and conscripts is designed to build a trained civilian army capable of meeting any emergency.

In proclaiming registration day, Mr. Roosevelt observed: “Our young men will come

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**Public Assistance Funds This Month Totaled \$7,405.00**

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., THURSDAY, SEPT. 19, 1940  
\$1.50 In the State — \$2.00 Out of State  
**Will Be 35**

**Needy Aged Receive \$5,034; Dependent Children \$1,922, And Blind \$449**

Public assistance grants to needy people in Wilkes county this month totaled \$7,405, according to figures released today by Charles McNeill, Wilkes county welfare officer.

Of this amount \$1,922 went to 150 families with 321 dependent children, \$5,034 to 563 needy aged and \$449 to 35 blind.

The number still leaves 133 aged persons on the waiting list for old age assistance, that many having been approved but who are not being paid because of lack of funds appropriated by the state.

During the past month the welfare office has distributed foods from the Surplus Commodities corporation to about 900 families. In addition to the usual number about 200 families were added because of flood losses and will continue to receive food twice monthly as long as they need it.

A month's supply of several staple foods was given to each family who registered because of flood losses immediately after the flood August 14.

**McNeill Speaks At Meeting Of Young G. O. P.**

**Candidate For Governor Blasts Administrations Of State And Nation**

**Out-Of-School People May Receive Commercial Training In Afternoons Here**

**Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro high school**

spared in typing and shorthand for out-of-school persons will open at the school on Monday, September 23.

The courses will be conducted by Miss Lily Miller, commercial teacher in the school, and will begin for out-of-school students at three p.m.

The course will be offered by the school in cooperation with the North Carolina State Employment Service and the state Board of Vocational Education. Only a nominal fee will be charged because a great part of the cost for such vocational instruction is furnished by the federal government. Further information relative to the course can be obtained from Supt. Cragan or the employment service office here.

**HYBRID**

Hybrid corn, being grown on 25,000,000 acres in the North Central states, constitutes more than half of the total corn acreage, reports the U.S. Agricultural Marketing Service.

Mr. J. Horton Doughton, of Statesville, spent several hours in the city Wednesday.

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**DWIGHT NICHOLS**

More than a month has elapsed since the most disastrous flood in the history of northwestern North Carolina left destruction and death in its wake but the residents of western Wilkes and eastern Watauga, where slides combined with high waters to spread terror, will never forget that awful night of August 13.

Determined to get at least a straight forward, second hand account of what people experienced amid the slides on the mountain, I went to the headwaters of Stony Fork creek just west of the Wilkes county line into Watauga and tried as best I could to find out from the few remaining residents just what happened on the west prong of the creek near Deep Gap.

Slides left destruction in their paths at several points but at no other place in the flood area did they wipe out four homes within space of one-half mile. There were five homes, all occupied by Greens, and out of the five the residence of Lawrence Green is the only one left except the house of Mrs. Bessie Green and it was moved 300 yards.

The west prong of Stony Fork Creek there in normal weather would run through a three-inch pipe. On the night of August 13



Some idea of what happened when slides went down a prong of Stony Fork Creek on the night of August 13 can be gained by a study of this picture, which shows the home of Mrs. Bessie Green.

The house, which was built by the people of Stony Fork Baptist church for

## Agricultural Planning Meetings Announced

**Singing September 29 At Bethel Church**

The next meeting of the Rounda singing convention will be held at Bethel Church, five miles southwest of Elkin, Sunday, September 29, beginning at ten o'clock.

The public is invited to attend and all gospel singers are asked to attend and have a part in the days program.

W. H. Jones is chairman and Rev. R. R. Crater, secretary.

## Annual Drive For Membership By Legion Under Way

**Goal For Wilkes Post Is 125; Over 70 Per Cent Of Former Members Enroll**

Wilkes post number 125 of the American Legion is now in the midst of its 1941 membership drive and the goal is 125 members to equal the number of the post, L. M. Nelson, post commander, said today.

There are more than 400 ex-service men in Wilkes county, Commander Nelson said, and a cordial invitation is extended each one of them to join the post—without any strings attached—any person who had active service in the army, navy or marines and who has an honorable discharge during the period of the World War being eligible.

The annual dues are \$2.00 per year, which includes the American Legion magazine.

Commander Nelson has asked that veterans who wish to join contact Adjutant W. C. Grier, John Hall, membership chairman, the post commander or any other Legionnaire.

“In these times of crisis the American Legion needs you,” Mr. Nelson said.

Over 70 per cent of last year's membership in the Wilkes post has already been renewed. Commenting on the membership in the nation, Commander Nelson said that over 1,000,000 have already joined and the membership is growing rapidly.

Further discussing the Legion, Commander Nelson cited the following ten reasons for continued membership:

1. Continued Service—The blue and gold button of the American Legion testifies to your honorable service for God and Country in the World War; to 22 years of loyal service to community, state, and nation in time of peace; to emergency service, and in combating fifth column activities during world crises.

2. Rehabilitation—You are making it possible to attain our

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## Agencies To Plan Work For Year In Series Of Meetings

**County Agent, Edwards, Miller, Highsmith, Williams To Take Part**

Fourteen important meetings in various communities to discuss plans of work for five agencies were announced today by J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county farm agent.

The meetings will not only concern extension work but other phases of activities among rural people will be discussed by the following: lime, legumes and livestock, by J. B. Snipes, county agent; soil conservation, by P. W. Edwards, of the Wilkes unit of the soil conservation service; Farm Security, by J. B. Highsmith, of the North Wilkesboro office of the Farm Security administration; Triple A, by Lawrence Miller, secretary of the county committee; home economics, by Miss Elizabeth Williams, home demonstration agent.

The county agent pointed out that the meetings will have something of interest for all members of the family and urged attendance of all rural people and others interested at the most convenient meeting place and date.

It was also explained that nominations for Triple A committee men will be made at the meetings and attendance of persons participating in the farm program is highly important.

The planning meetings are being held throughout the state in order to set working goals and to coordinate activities of the several agencies serving rural people. The meetings in Wilkes will begin on Monday, September 23, and continue through October 4. The complete schedule for Wilkes follows:

Monday, September 23, 3:30 p.m., Mount Pleasant school.

Tuesday, September 24, 3:30 p.m., Mulberry school.

Wednesday, September 25, 3:30 p.m., Mountain View school.

Thursday, September 26, 7:30 p.m., Benham school.

Friday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., Clingman school.

Saturday, September 28, 2:30 p.m., county courthouse.

Monday, September 30, 3:30 p.m., Austin school.

Tuesday, October 1, 3:30 p.m., Mountain Crest school at Gilreath.

Tuesday, October 1, 7:00 p.m., Boomer school.

Wednesday, October 2, 7:00 p.m., Millers Creek school.

Thursday, October 3, 3:30 p.m., Pleasant Ridge school.

Friday, October 4, 3:30 p.m., (Continued on page eight)

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## Alien Registers



## Engineers Trying To Find Location For Spur Tracks

**Industries Want Sites Above Flood Danger But Must Have Railroad Track**

Engineers of the Southern Railway company have been working here this week seeking a route for a spur track to an elevation above the danger of Yadkin floods.

While details have not been made public, it is understood that several prospective sites for a spur track have been gone over by engineers in an effort to find a place for construction of industrial plants above flood danger.

Two large plants, the Home Chair company factory and the main plant of the International Shoe company tannery, were totally destroyed by fire in the flood of the Yadkin August 14 and other industrial plants here suffered losses upward of one million dollars. The heavy losses and the expressed desire of the companies not to rebuild in the flood danger zone have spurred efforts to find safer industrial sites, provided a railroad spur track could be constructed to the desired locality.

J. D. Moore, president of Home Chair company, and officials of the International Shoe company have stated that available sites not in the flood danger zone will definitely influence decisions of their companies relative to reconstruction here.

F. D. Forester, prominent young business man here, was elected president of Young Democrats' club of Wilkes county in the organization meeting held Tuesday night at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse in this city.

Mr. Forester succeeds Sheriff Claude T. Doughton, who has headed the organization of Young Democrats in Wilkes for the past few years.

Other officers elected at the meeting were Miss Clyde Shepherd as secretary and Claude Johnson, treasurer.

The meeting Tuesday night was described as very enthusiastic and a large number attended. A fish fry added to the enjoyment of the occasion and the crowd was representative of all parts of the county.

Principal address of the meeting was delivered by Attorney John McLaughlin, of Statesville.

President Forester said today that he had not completed plans for organization of clubs but indicated that the organization may play an important part in the fall election campaign.

**Triplett Infant Dies**

Funeral service was held Friday at Lewis Fork church for Alvin Blaine Triplett, infant son of Oscar and Estella Shepherd Triplett, of Purlear. He died Thursday.

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