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83 Children Lost By Sub Torpedo

Disaster Occurred in Atlantic Ocean Tuesday, London Reports

Northern Port in England.—The torpedoing of a British refugee liner en route to Canada with a loss of 294 lives, including 83 of the 96 children aboard, was revealed here last night when horror-stricken survivors were landed from a warship.

Babies were tossed into the sea and other children died lingering deaths of exposure before the eyes of their mothers and helpless men in storm-tossed lifeboats, several of which were swamped.

The torpedoing, presumably by a German U-boat, occurred about 10 p. m. last Tuesday 600 miles off the British coast.

In all 112 survivors were landed here to tell of one of the most appalling sea disasters of the war. They included 13 children, 18 women and 81 men.

British Demand Ruthless Blows On Nazi Cities

London.—Demands for "ruthless" reprisal bombings of German cities and towns arose last night as the air ministry described a shattering dusk-to-dawn assault on Adolf Hitler's "invasion bases" directly opposite the British Isles.

Relays of British bombers, dumping tons of bombs and incendiaries on the Nazi-held ports of Ostend, Dunkerque, Boulogne and Calais, were said to have watched enormous flames and thunderous explosions wreck Germany's concentrations of ships and supplies.

The bomb-weary people of London, digging in for the third week of Hitler's "total war" attack, hailed the world's greatest city as the world's greatest city.

British and German planes fought fierce dog-fights over the outskirts.

Along the coast of the Dover Straits near "Hell's Corner," the Nazi "Big Bertha" guns planted on the French coast twice hammered shells across the channel, some of them smashing into the Dover area at 11 a. m.

Home Economics Teachers Meet

Home Economics Teachers Of Three Counties Organized In Meeting

Home economics teachers in Wilkes, Ashe and Watauga counties met at ten o'clock Saturday at North Wilkesboro high school and formed an organization.

This marks the first step in organization of home economics teachers in the extreme northwestern part of the state, there being no organization prior to this time.

Miss Bernice Allen, assistant state supervisor of home economics and field worker for W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, was present at the meeting to assist in organization and to offer suggestions.

Miss Evelyn Sharpe, vocational home economics teacher in North Wilkesboro schools, was elected chairman and Miss Ethel Cole, of Mount Pleasant, was named as secretary.

Meetings will be held on the second Saturday morning of each month with the next meeting to be held at North Wilkesboro high school on October 12, ten a. m. The program will consist of helps, ideas, aids, etc., in teaching home economics. The October 12 meeting will stress teaching aids for classwork in teaching "personal appearance" to high school girls.

Home Coming At Arbor Grove On Sunday, October 6

The annual home coming at Arbor Grove Methodist church will be held on Sunday, October 6. A complete program for the day will be announced next week.

Counties having the greatest farm population based on the 1940 farm census of the State Department of Agriculture are Roberson, 44,080; Johnston, 41,520; Pitt, 35,730; Nash, 34,330 and Sampson, 31,730.

Hawfield Visits Wilkes Unit Of Adult Educator

State Director Praises Work Under Direction Of Mrs. Ethel V. Moore Here

S. G. Hawfield, state director of adult education and president of the North Carolina Education Association, spent a few hours here during the past week making a survey of adult education work in the district composed of Wilkes and Alexander counties.

Discussing activities of the department in this section, the state director said that he is highly pleased with the work carried on here under direction of Mrs. Ethel V. Moore, district supervisor.

The department is striving to suit its program to the needs of each community, he said—such needs as are not being met by other government agencies.

Adult education program has been enriched by addition of several activities to include first aid, illiteracy, parent education, Americanization, safe driving, family relationships and visiting teachers.

An aim of adult education, Mr. Hawfield said, is to help people to be happier and more useful citizens. One important idea of the work at present is to take care of problems arising in the national defense program, in terms of seeking to promote an understanding of how the government works and to instill in the people a deeper sense of patriotism and loyalty. This phase of the work is included in the Americanization activity in the program of work.

Mr. Hawfield also reviewed the first aid work, saying that a number of first aid instructors conduct courses at intervals, with the result that many have learned the fundamentals of first aid.

The visiting teacher work is one phase which is being stressed in Wilkes and is carried on in close cooperation with the public school system. Schools desiring this service are furnished a visiting teacher by the adult education division and the duties of the visiting teachers are to promote proper relationship between homes and schools.

While here making the survey of adult education work Mr. Hawfield also attended a conference of the Northwestern district of the North Carolina education association and a banquet of educational leaders held on Thursday night at Hotel Wilkes.

\$262,495.61 Paid In UCC Checks Thru Office Here

Approximately \$12,000 Paid During August In 2,631 Separate Checks

Raleigh.—Unemployment benefits to normally employed workers in North Carolina amounted to \$548,220.56 in August, included in 114,413 checks delivered through the 46 Employment offices and 10 colored branches in the State. Unemployment Compensation Commission Chairman Charles G. Powell announced. This includes \$18,345.50 in 2,127 checks which went to out-of-State workers who had previously established wage credits in North Carolina.

Total benefits in the 32 months of distribution through August reached \$15,956,955.44, embraced in 2,515,352 checks issued, of which \$305,922.32, included in 23,305 checks, went to residents of other states with credits in North Carolina.

The North Wilkesboro Employment office distributed 2,631 checks representing \$11,925.38 in August to unemployed eligible workers in the area served by the office. In the 32 months of benefit payments through August, this office has distributed 42,307 checks for an aggregate of \$262,495.61 to eligible unemployed workers.

Bible Class To Meet

Ila Holman Bible class of Wilkesboro Baptist church will meet Thursday afternoon, 2:30, at the home of Mrs. T. M. Foster.

And Thanks, God, for a Safe Crossing



These newcomers from England are saying their prayers, and among a flock of things that they are thankful for, they are thanking the Almighty for getting them safely to the United States. All are from Garden City, England, and they are stopping temporarily at the Gould foundation.

Home Chair Company Buys Ronda Cotton Mills Building

P-T. A Board To Meet On Thursday

Executive board of the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association will meet at Hotel Wilkes on Thursday, September 26, 2:30 p. m. Chairmen of all committees are urged to be present with plans of work for the year, Mr. J. B. McCoy, president, said in making announcement of the meeting.

Five Automobile Fatalities In The County This Year

Only Eleven Counties In The State Have Clear Record For First Eight Months

Five of the 498 street and highway fatalities in North Carolina the first eight months of 1940 occurred in Wilkes county, the Highway Safety Division reported this week.

Only 11 of the 100 counties in the state had a clear record in traffic deaths at the close of the eighth month, these being Camden, Caswell, Chowan, Clay, Gates, Greene, Hyde, Mitchell, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Yancey. Mecklenburg topped the state with an eight-months traffic toll of 25, followed closely by Guilford and Robeson with 22 each, Forsyth with 21 and Buncombe with 19. Sixteen counties reported only one fatality each for the eight-months period.

The State's eight-months traffic toll of 498 deaths, subject to the possible addition of a few delayed deaths, was a decrease of seven per cent from the 539 traffic deaths in the state the first eight months of 1939.

"Happily, North Carolina still enjoys a decrease in its traffic toll for this year, in comparison with that of last year, but our percentage of decrease has slipped in two months from ten per cent to seven per cent," stated Ronald Hocutt, director of the Safety Division. "The fact that we are showing a decrease in the face of a nation-wide increase is gratifying, of course, but eternal vigilance and care on the part of every North Carolina motorist, pedestrian and bicycle rider must be exercised throughout the remainder of the year if we are not to lose what we have gained."

Provisional figures show a total of 71 traffic deaths in the state last month against 82 for August, 1939. This was better than a 13 per cent decrease. Not a single bicycle or railroad crossing fatality was reported for the month of August, and the 13 pedestrian fatalities, representing approximately 25 per cent of the month's traffic toll, were well below the national average.

Only four cities above 10,000 population reported fatalities in August, Charlotte reported four, Shelby and Winston-Salem reported 2 each, and Fayetteville, had one.

A daughter was born last night at Davis Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Nichols, of Millers Creek.

Good Reports And Addresses Feature Meeting Baptists

67th Annual Association Is Held Last Week At New Hope Baptist Church

Excellent reports on all phases of church work and inspiring discussions featured the 67th annual session of Brushy Mountain Baptist association held September 17 and 18 at New Hope church.

In the final session of the association T. E. Story was re-elected moderator for the seventh year and J. F. Jordan was re-elected clerk. Purlar church was received into the association, making a total of 32 churches.

The theme of the association was "The Steadfast Church in a Changing World" and with but few exceptions the program was carried out as scheduled at every session. At the opening session Rev. A. W. Eller, pastor of New Hope church, welcomed the delegates, devotional was by Rev. A. B. Hayes and committees as follows were named by the moderator: time, place and preacher—W. E. Jones, Late Deal and O. B. Barnett; nominating, R. L. Church, R. L. Proffitt and J. M. Lankford; resolutions, Mr. S. George Johnson, W. H. Hurley and Zolite Parsons; reception churches, Glenn Huffman, R. L. Church and A. B. Hayes. The standing order of business committee is composed of T. E. Story, J. F. Jordan, pastor of the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, Rev. A. W. Eller and Mrs. C. B. Mayberry.

Rev. Ernest Bumgarner, of Taylorsville, delivered the annual sermon on the subject of "I Am The Way." Other outstanding addresses during the sessions included discussions by Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, and Rev. J. M. Hayes, pastor of North Wilkesboro Baptist church in Winston-Salem.

Reports and discussions during the association were carried out as follows: literature, R. C. Meadows and David R. Morgan; orphanage, J. C. McNeill and John March McMillon; missions, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant, Rev. F. C. Watts and Rev. C. C. Holland; cooperative program, Rev. M. O. Alexander; temperance and public morals, Rev. Isaac Watts, Rev. M. A. Adams and Judge Hayes; teaching and training, Hayden Hayes, Mrs. W. F. Jones, Mrs. G. T. Mitchell and Mrs. George Johnson; schools and colleges, D. E. Elledge and Rev. J. M. Hayes; hospital, Rev. A. E. Watts; providing for aged ministers, R. L. Proffitt; digest of church letters by clerk, J. F. Jordan.

The time, place and preacher committee reported that the 1941 association will be held with Pleasant Home church on Tuesday and Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September. Rev. F. C. Watts was designated to preach the sermon with Rev. A. E. Watts as alternate.

The Brushy Mountain association includes the Baptist churches in the Wilkesboros and a greater part of the western half of Wilkes county.

Lankford Youth Is Badly Hurt

Leonard Lankford Receives Stab In Neck; Hort Absher Is Under Bond

Condition of Leonard Lankford, 21-year-old resident of near this city who was stabbed in the neck last Monday night at the home of his father, Zack Lankford, was described at the Wilkes hospital today as critical.

Hort Absher, a brother-in-law of the young man, has been arrested and is being held under bond of \$1,000 pending the outcome of Lankford's injury.

According to account of the affair rendered to investigating officers, Absher was alleged to have been drinking and Lankford tried to quiet him or persuade him to leave the house when he stabbed Lankford with a knife.

Farm income in North Carolina for the first six months of 1940 is 20 per cent greater than for the same period last year, reports Russell P. Handy, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture.

Needed Legislation Is Outlined By Erwin

Southern Belle



Margaret Landry, 18, will be the first living person to become the emblem of a railroad train, when her likeness is placed in the observation car lamp of the Southern Belle, a new streamlined aluminum train of Louisiana & Arkansas-Kansas City Southern lines.

Speaks In City At Banquet Many School Leaders

Salary Increase, Tenure, Retirement Fund, Broader Program Asked

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, Thursday night for the first time outlined the educational legislative recommendations which he will make to the next North Carolina legislature.

He outlined his proposal at a banquet of 100 educational leaders of the northwestern district of the North Carolina Education Association following a leadership conference in the afternoon.

The four major points in his legislative program, he said, are: retirement fund for teachers; tenure with adequate protection for teachers who have rendered satisfactory service; salary increase; enriched program in schools with emphasis on vocational education.

In the afternoon a leadership conference was held at the North Wilkesboro school with city and county superintendents, principals and representatives of classroom teachers present from Alleghany, Ashe, Davie, Surry, Mount Airy, Watauga, Yadkin, Wilkes and North Wilkesboro units represented in the total attendance of 125.

Those participating in the conference included Jule B. Warren, secretary of N. C. E. A., Miss Ruth Vick Everett, field representative; Dr. Roy W. Morrison, of the University of North Carolina.

The banquet was held at 6:30 Thursday evening at Hotel Wilkes. Paul S. Cragan opened the meeting and Miss Rebecca Moseley, head of the North Wilkesboro unit of the N. C. E. A., was toastmaster.

Retirement Fund

In outlining his legislative recommendations, Dr. Erwin said relative to retirement fund for teachers that "a government which requires practically every business to make provisions for retirement payments can no longer afford to ignore its own responsibility to its own employees." He said he will recommend a plan whereby the cost is shared jointly by the teachers and by the state, whereby teachers would be retired at the age of 65 or younger in event of disability.

Raps Political Discharges

Speaking of tenure he said: "From experience and observation I have seen urgent necessity for safeguarding teachers from discharge for political and petty reasons. Teachers who are doing a good job should be protected in their positions. A sense of security which a teacher would receive from tenure protection would add greatly to her efficiency."

For Higher Salaries

In stating his recommendations for more adequate compensation for teachers he stated that teacher salaries have not yet reached pre-depression levels while employers in practically every other line generally have restored salaries. "The inevitable increase in salaries and cost of living because of stimulation through expenditures for defense purposes makes salary increases for teachers very urgent if we are to preserve adequate personnel for the schools," he said.

Enriched Program Schools

The last but one of the greatest points in his legislative recommendations, he said, is an enriched program in the schools with special emphasis on vocational education as a defense measure. He also stated that emphasis should be placed on democracy in schools as a basic contribution to the preservation of democracy.

In addition to the state superintendent, other educational authorities present at the banquet included S. G. Hawfield, president of the North Carolina Education Association and state director of adult education; Mrs. Mary Holmes Ricks, of the highway safety division; Dr. Morrison, of Chapel Hill, and Miss Everett, of the N. C. E. A.

Dr. McDonald Speaks (Continued on page eight)

Company 'A' Now Ready To Begin Year Of Training

To Leave Latter Part Of This Week To Spend Year At Fort Jackson

Company A of 105th Engineers is encamped on the fairgrounds here awaiting orders to entrain the latter part of this week for Camp Jackson, where it will be a part of the 30th division in a year's training.

Captain Edmund P. Robinson, who was recently promoted to Captain and head of the company, succeeding Ralph R. Reins, who was promoted to major rank, said that no difficulty was experienced in recruiting the company to war time strength and that he still has a considerable list of applicants who can be enlisted if regimental headquarters gives the word.

There have been several discharges of married men with dependents but there was an ample number of recruits to fill the ranks. As a whole, the company is a happy, carefree group of young men eager to get to Camp Jackson to begin intensive training as a part of the nation's defense program.

The company has a unique distinction which almost makes it in the class of "one big happy family"—there are 21 brothers in the ranks—nine pairs and three from one family. Two second lieutenants are brothers, Fred M. and Malcolm L. Wyatt, and the three brothers are Lawrence, Henry and John Craven.

The complete roster of Company A as now constituted, and which contains all recent promotions, follows:

Commissioned officers—Captain Edmund P. Robinson, Second Lieutenant Fred M. Wyatt. (Continued on page five)

Mrs. A. B. Caldwell Claimed By Death

Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Horton Caldwell, age 68, died at 7:45 Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Sturdivant. She had been in ill health for several years and seriously ill since Friday.

Funeral service will be held at the Sturdivant home some time Tuesday and burial will be in Mountain Park cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, A. B. Caldwell, and three daughters, Mrs. A. A. Sturdivant and Mrs. Aifern Adleman, of Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Charles Swan, of Washington, D. C. There is one surviving sister, Mrs. Paul Morris, of Alliance, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are former residents of Portage county, Ohio, and came here six years ago to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Sturdivant.