

War News

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Axis To Press War Regardless U. S.

Berlin, Sept. 24.—The Rome-Berlin axis, authorized German sources say, "will continue to fight on all fronts, not only militarily but also diplomatically and politically," regardless of what the United States does.

From this it may be deduced that Egypt, Greece, Turkey, and, possibly, Yugoslavia, will be objectives of diplomatic offensives, while the political effort to foster a cleavage among the English people also will be intensified.

It now appears certain that Italian Premier Mussolini and Joachim von Ribbentrop, Germany's Foreign minister, included the United States' present and potential war position in their recent Rome consultations, and decided to fight without compromise.

New Political Order

After Von Ribbentrop's return, authorized sources asserted that the attitude of Britain's "actual or potential seconds" was interesting only theoretically—actually, it could not interfere with the march of events.

"Sometime in the future the Axis powers will be credited with something like a stroke of genius," authorized sources argued, "for laying the foundations of a new political order even while the struggle with England is in progress."

"Their efforts are dictated by the endeavor to admit all states which have grasped the significance of present day happenings and all peoples who are filled with the necessity vitality and will to action as equal members in a European society."

"New Europe" in Sight

"Considered from that viewpoint, the great war is a war of order which allows the old to die and the new to arise. This war is already decided, for the new Europe is already clearly discernible."

Although there has been no announcement of military objectives, it appears likely that one development will be an attempt to block Britain's outlet from the Mediterranean through the Suez canal by an attack on Egypt.

If Spain should enter the war, Gibraltar might be made unsafe for the British fleet. Ramon Serrano Suner, Spanish Minister of Government, was said to be one of the earliest visitors scheduled for Von Ribbentrop, who returned from Rome last night.

If the British fleet were driven from the Mediterranean, Germany, Italy, and Spain would have unhindered access to the Near East's oil and the Axis partners could operate freely in North Africa.

Health Work In Schools Now On

County Health Department Administering Shick Tests and Vaccinations

After being busily engaged in activities to protect health of the public following the August 14 flood, the Wilkes county health department has now turned its attention to the school. Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, said today.

Nurses of the department have already visited a number of the schools, administering Shick tests to children and diphtheria vaccinations to reactors.

Dr. Eller called attention to the law which compels immunization against diphtheria and vaccination against smallpox before entering school. Reaction to vaccinations among children is not severe and no parent should neglect this duty, Dr. Eller said.

Hodges President North Wilkesboro Young G. O. P.'s

A Young Republicans Club for North Wilkesboro township was organized in a meeting held Tuesday night in the offices of Attorney Kyle Hayes.

Attendance at the meeting was good and the crowd showed much enthusiasm, party leaders said in reporting the meeting.

Russel Hodges was elected president of the club and other officers were: John Kermit Blackburn, vice president; Miss Ina Myers, secretary; Joe Godby, member township committee; E. K. Eller, organization chairman.

Max Foster, newly elected president of Young Republicans' organization in the county, presided at the meeting.

Vichy's Flyers Drop 100 Bombs Upon Gibraltar

Gibraltar, Sept. 25.—(Wednesday)—Warplanes of France, Britain's Nazi-subjugated ally, heavily bombed Gibraltar for four hours and five minutes Tuesday, inflicting death, injuries, property damage, and fires on this vital British fortress at the western head of the Mediterranean.

One hundred or more bombs were hurled by 20 or more planes in the longest and heaviest air raid ever experienced by "The Rock," which often has been raided by Italian bombers.

(Laborers returning from Gibraltar to the Spanish town of La Linea, just across a neutral strip and moat from the fortress, said the French bombers sank a British destroyer, hit a submarine, and wrought other heavy military damage and death.)

(They said Gibraltar had two more air raid alarms during the evening, but no planes were seen.)

Gibraltar military authorities described the raiders merely as "of French types."

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Episcopal Service

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday morning, September 29th, at nine o'clock. A special offering will be taken at this service for Patterson and Valle Crucis Schools.

MASONIC NOTICE

Regular Communication North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 407, A. F. and A. M. F-1day, September 27th, at 7:30 p. m. Work in the Third Degree. All members urged to attend, visitors welcome.

Lankford Youth Victim Of Stab Wound Sept. 16

Hort Absher Being Held On Charge Of Murder, Surrenders To Officers

Leonard Lankford, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Lankford, who live near this city east of the Cricket community, died at the Wilkes hospital Wednesday morning from injuries received in an altercation at his home Monday night, September 16.

Hort Absher, brother-in-law charged with having stabbed Lankford in the neck, surrendered to Wilkes officers at the jail Wednesday morning and is being held on a charge of murder.

According to information obtained here, the young man was trying to prevent disorderly conduct on the part of Absher, who was alleged to have been drinking, when Absher inflicted the fatal wound. Absher had previously been arrested but had been released under bond of \$1,000 pending the outcome of the injury.

The young man is survived by his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: Alonzo, Arlie, Brill, Don, Blanche and Mary Lankford, of Cricket, and Mrs. Maude Absher, of North Wilkesboro route one.

Funeral service will be held Friday at Oak Grove church, eleven o'clock.

Guard To Entrain For Fort Jackson Six A. M. Friday

Company "A" Is Ready To Leave For Year's Training In Regular Army

Company A of 105th Engineers, North Carolina national guard, called up by the president for a year of training, will entrain here Friday morning, six o'clock, for Fort Jackson, S. C., where they will be in training for one year.

The special train will pick up other companies along the route and arrive in Fort Jackson near Columbia, S. C., late tomorrow afternoon.

Company A, which was easily enlarged to the necessary strength by volunteers here, is a part of the 30th division. The commissioned officers are Captain Edmund P. Robinson and Second Lieutenants Fred M. Wyatt, Malcolm L. Wyatt and Dorrer J. Huffman.

It is expected that many relatives and friends will be at the station here Friday morning to see the company off.

Where Great Britain Was Last Invaded



Here at Hastings and St. Leonards, in Sussex, England, is where William the Conqueror landed almost 900 years ago in a successful conquest—a conquest that Chancellor Hitler of Germany hopes to repeat. This mecca of British sea lovers again shudders under another attack from the east, as the biggest aerial fleets of all time are launched against the British Isles. Each day hordes of German airplanes darken the sky.

Young Soldier Unsuccessful In Try At Suicide

Dwight Watts Shoots Self In Chest With 22-Calibre Rifle Tuesday Night

Dwight Watts, a soldier home on leave of absence, tried unsuccessfully to take his own life in this city Tuesday night, police officers said.

The incident occurred near the home of his father, John Watts, who lives on I Street.

His father told police that he went out from the house about seven o'clock and that a few minutes later he heard a scream. He was carried to the hospital by ambulance and examination disclosed a .22-calibre bullet wound above the heart on his chest. However, his condition is not considered immediately critical.

Failure to find a gun where the wounded man was picked up led at first to suspicions of foul play but officers later talked with the young man at the hospital and they said that he told them that he had tried to kill himself. The gun was later found after a more intensive search was made near the scene of the shooting. It was an automatic 22-calibre rifle.

Relatives could tell of no reason for the act, other than the fact that he was supposed to have terminated his leave of absence from the army Monday and had not returned according to orders.

DEFROWTER

L. E. Godwin, who owns a peach orchard near Converse, S. C., used an airplane propeller and an automobile motor to circulate air in his orchard and thus prevent frost.

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Mountain Lions Open On Friday

Twenty-Five Boys In Squad; Light Weight and Inexperience Handicaps

North Wilkesboro high school's 1940 edition of the Mountain Lions will play their first football game of the season Friday against Mocksville on the latter's field.

Coach Jack Massey has a squad of 25 players this year and the boys, although many of them are been working hard. Only five letter men are on the roster but some of the recruits have been showing up well in pre-season practice.

The probable lineup for the season's opener in Mocksville Friday will be as follows: Crook and Gentry, ends; Z. Foster and J. Foster, tackles; Minton and McCoy, guards; Estes, center; Faw, Robinson, Gettys or Moore, and Hunt in the backfield. Likely substitutes are Eddinger, Black and Horton.

Crook, Z. Foster, McCoy, Faw and Robinson, sensation at end last year and who has been switched to the backfield, are the lettermen.

The first home game will be with Mineral Springs, a large Forsyth county school, here on October 11.

The complete schedule follows: Mocksville there September 27; Walkertown there October 4; Mineral Springs here October 11; October 18 open; Mooresville there October 25; November 1 open; Elkin here November 8; China Grove there November 15; Wilkesboro here November 22.

The team is seeking games for the open dates on October 18 and November 1.

J. Oscar Billings, age 83, prominent citizen of the Dockery community and a member of one of Wilkes' best known families, died at his home Tuesday afternoon. Although he had been in ill health for some time, death came suddenly while he was sitting on the porch of his home.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, 11 a. m., at Pisgah church.

The surviving sons and daughters are: J. A. Billings, Hitting, Minn.; J. H. Billings, Lomax; Bruce and Lonnie G. Billings and Mrs. Joe H. Holbrook, of Dockery; Mrs. Paul Bowers, Independence, Va.

No Increase In Wilkes Marriages

The conscription bill has become law but there has been no increase in the number of marriages in Wilkes county, according to records in the office of Register of Deeds Old Wiles.

License issued this month, with exception of three couples who requested no publicity, were as follows: Charlie Wilmouth, North Wilkesboro, and Mary Hayes, Traphill; Ramon King and Grace Blevins, both of Elkin; Worth Holder Jackson, Raleigh, and Mildred German, Boomer; Monroe Smithey, Jonesville, and Lellar Y. Harris, Ronda; Fairbanks Harrold and Cora Brooks, Hays.

Home Chair Co. Begins Work On Ronda Mill Plant

Modern Machinery Is Being Purchased and Plant Will Begin Operations Soon

The Home Chair company, of this city, which purchased the buildings of Ronda cotton mills last week, has begun surveys for additions to the plant and is making purchases of new machinery.

The buildings and power plant, which had been vacant for several years but nevertheless in a good state of repair, were purchased for an undisclosed sum and company officials said that furniture manufacturing will begin there in December.

Modern machinery, including conveyor systems, will be installed throughout the large plant, which, with necessary additions to adapt it to furniture manufacture, will provide ample floor space. A dry kiln will be constructed and the buildings already have a railroad siding.

The Home Chair company had been in operation for over a quarter of a century prior to the flood on August 14, when the plant was destroyed by fire. Salvaging operations are under way at the site of the plant here.

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Prominent Citizen Of Dockery Community Suddenly Stricken Tuesday

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Seek Funds For Purchase Flags; Legion Sponsor

The Journal-Patriot and Banks To Receive Donations To Flag Fund

L. M. Nelson, commander of the Wilkes post of the American Legion, today launched a drive to secure funds for purchase of flags for the central schools in Wilkes county.

He called attention to a statement by President Roosevelt that October will be "flag month" when patriotism and respect for the flag will be stressed throughout the country. He said it would be very appropriate to provide flags for the larger schools in Wilkes and for the North Wilkesboro school.

People of North Wilkesboro and all Wilkes county who wish to have a part in this patriotic movement may make donations to the flag purchase fund, Commander Nelson said. He also stated that both banks here and The Journal-Patriot will act as mediums to receive donations and turn them into the flag fund. All donations will be publicly acknowledged through local newspapers.

Should the fund reach sufficient proportions, smaller flags will be placed in every classroom in the city and county schools, according to the plan, and the Legion is asking cooperation of all patriotic people in the drive.

October Session Superior Court Begins Monday

Judge Allen Gwyn To Preside Over Two-Weeks Term Trial Civil Cases

October term of Wilkes superior court for trial of civil cases will open in Wilkesboro on Monday, September 30.

Judge Allen Gwyn, of Reidsville, who is presiding over courts of the 17th judicial district throughout the last half of this calendar year, will preside over the two-weeks term. A lengthy calendar of civil actions has been prepared by the bar association for the term.

Jurors for court were drawn by the commissioners as follows:

First Week

J. H. Rector, North Wilkesboro; R. W. Alexander, Edwards; Albert Huffman, Stanton; A. N. Wyatt, Mulberry; E. F. Yarboro, Edwards; G. F. Ogilvie, Wilkesboro; G. W. Horton, Elk; Walter Davis, Stanton; J. B. Hinson, Traphill; Grover Taylor, Mulberry; Silas B. Minton, Reddies River; S. Fletcher, North Wilkesboro; D. H. Ashley, Union; C. D. Coffey, Sr., North Wilkesboro; Paul M. Baily, Brushy Mountain; C. W. Bullis, Wilkesboro; Wiley Sheets, Union; D. W. Barlow, Lovelace; R. F. Gregory, Somers; W. J. Horton, Beaver Creek; V. V. Williams, Wilkesboro; P. E. Brown, Wilkesboro; J. M. Pardue, New Castle; K. M. Allen, North Wilkesboro; E. N. Blackburn, Rock Creek.

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Brooks Youth Takes Own Life Tuesday Evening

Jay Brooks Instant Victim Of Self-Inflicted Shotgun Wound Near Call

Isaac Jacob (Jay) Brooks, age 18, ended his own life by firing a shotgun load into his chest at the home of a brother-in-law, Branson Call, in the Call community late Tuesday afternoon, Coroner I. M. Myers said following investigation of the death.

Relatives told the coroner that the youth had been badly afflicted with asthma for some time and had threatened to kill himself. They had hid the gun in the house but he went to the home of Call while the family was working in the field and procured his gun. No one saw the shooting but a young girl near the house heard the report of the gun and rushed to the scene as the young man fell. The load went all the way through his chest and out his back between the shoulders.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks and leaves the following brothers and sisters: Alfred, Guy, Russel, Edgar and Buel Brooks, Mrs. Wrenn Call, Miss Etta Mae Brooks, Mrs. Charlie Moser, Mrs. Rollie Bouchelle and Mrs. Branson Call.

Funeral service was held at Fishing Creek Arbor church this afternoon, 2:30, with Rev. Pervis C. Parks in charge.

Fourth Quarter Conference Held

The last quarterly conference of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church was held Tuesday night in the hut after the regular stewards' meeting adjourned. Much business was transacted. The financial report for the year was up to standard and if all pledges arc paid the budget will be paid.

All the present stewards were re-elected. H. M. Hutchens was elected as a trustee, replacing A. K. Pearson, deceased. W. H. Duhling was elected superintendent of Sunday schools, taking the place of A. S. Cassel, who had held the position for seven years and felt that some one else should have it and refused to allow his name to go before the board for reelection. The annual conference will be held at High Point, October 22nd. P. J. Brame was elected delegate to this conference.

At the Stewards' meeting held before the conference the board of stewards instructed the church and grounds committee to put new heating boilers in the parsonage and in the church, as both boilers were out of commission. S. V. Tomlinson had charge of the meeting in place of the chairman, W. D. Halfacre, who was not able to be present.

Of the 39 C. C. C. camps now operating in North Carolina, 18 are under the direction of the U. S. Forest Service and 8 are under the National Park Service.