

War News

London.—Howling, gale-like winds early today shielded the British Isles from the Nazi Luftwaffe as Adolf Hitler's aerial siege of London entered its second month with bombing deaths down about 75 per cent from where they were a week ago.

Confident that the siege is losing its fury, officials said that Britain's expanding defenses are "wearing down" the Luftwaffe, as shown by confidential statistics showing a 75 per cent drop in deaths and a 25 per cent reduction in injuries in a week's time.

During Sunday's daylight hours "dive-and-run" raiders struck widespread at the British Isles, machine-gunning streets of some towns and in the heart of London burying several families in the debris of their homes.

At Folkestone on the channel coast five Messerschmitt-109 fighters, each carrying a 250-pound bomb, were reported to have attacked workers' residential areas, killing a number of men, women and children.

Quiet Night
At midnight, however, no attack was in progress against London for the first time since the start of the "total" attack on September 7 and there had been no activity since an "all clear" was sounded early Sunday evening.

At 4 a. m. the city still was quiet, having for the first time in a month passed a night without the sound of bombs or gunfire.

Now and then gunflashes were seen far to the east near the channel coast.

The bad weather, including gale-like wind, was believed to be holding the raiders off all England as well as London.

Rounding out the first month of its "total war" against London, the Nazi Luftwaffe was unrelenting in its Sabbath attacks after London's longest night raid of her 30-day siege in which 37 districts were bombed.

Berlin.—London is "a burning, smoking hell" after smashing new reprisal assaults against the British capital by waves of German bombing planes which blasted dock areas and an armaments factory, the official Nazi news agency claimed last night.

Other squadrons of German planes were reported to have carried out heavy attacks on harbors, airfields, railroads, armament factories and troop camps in south and west England.

"Large fires indicated the success of these attacks," DNB said. London is a picture of a burning, smoking hell.

Convoys Attacked
Near the English east coast, three British convoys were attacked by German bombers, the high command reported. One of the ships was hit heavily and two others were set afire.

Well-informed Nazi quarters said that Saturday afternoon a German bomb attacked a British convoy at low altitude, setting fire to one of the merchantmen. Later another bomber pounced on a convoy along the east coast which was protected strongly by destroyers. The Nazi quarters said that despite heavy anti-aircraft fire the bomber scored hits on a 6,000-ton vessel, "causing the ship to halt."

Andy Shook Makes Front Page Sunday Paper In Knoxville
Andy Shook, a local hardware merchant, didn't feel very good about the crushing defeat handed Duke University's Blue Devils by the University of Tennessee's football team in Knoxville Saturday but he made the front page of the Sunday edition of the Knoxville News Sentinel.

A two-column picture of Andy was displayed way up on the front page. It showed him leading a Duke football team and saying: "It's the worst catastrophe that has hit the Piedmont section since the flood." With many others from this section in Knoxville for the game, he wasn't enjoying Duke's humiliation.

TIMES CHANGED
"When I started in life, young men I worked twelve hours a day."

"Yes, but in these rapid times a day's work would get the job done."

A total of 19,500 persons were killed in traffic accidents at last year and 13,000 in time traffic accidents.

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Wilkesboro, the county seat of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Special Service At Presbyterian Church Sunday

Cornerstone of New Religious Education Building Laid Prior To Service

Cornerstone of the new Religious Education building now under construction as a part of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church was laid in an interesting and impressive service Sunday.

Just prior to the 11 o'clock service J. R. Finley, who was superintendent of the Sunday school for more than a quarter of a century, placed behind the stone a history of the church, the present church roll and a copy of the church bulletin for the day. After the cornerstone was placed the large crowd assembled in the church auditorium.

There the service program included reception of four new members, a talk by J. R. Finley, who reminiscently reviewed the history and growth of the church and Sunday school, and a talk by Lewis Vickery, present Sunday school superintendent, who talked of plans for continued growth and progress.

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\$4,225 Verdict In Court Case

Fletcher Heirs Are Awarded Verdict In Suit Against Town Of Wilkesboro

The petitioners were awarded a verdict of \$4,225 in a land suit against the town of Wilkesboro late Thursday afternoon in Wilkes court.

The petitioners were Mrs. H. S. Soots, Mrs. Maggie Fletcher and other Fletcher heirs, who did not accept the appraisal price of \$2,855 for 140 acres of land on the watershed of Wilkesboro's water works in the Brushies.

The case, which was closely contested, consumed four days of court last week.

Testimony as to the value of the lands was greatly diversified, values being placed on the land by witnesses as low as \$1,600, as high as \$15,000.

The case was heard before Judge Allen Gwyn, who is presiding over the term of court, which will continue through this week.

Taxicab Parking Case Thursday

Taxicab Owners Seek To Have Parking Restriction Ordinance Voided

A suit in which much interest has been shown locally will be heard in Wilkes superior court Thursday, October 10, when taxicab owners here protest a city ordinance regulating parking of taxis.

A recent ordinance prohibited parking of taxicabs on certain streets in the business section of the city and prohibited the maintenance of taxi station on the sidewalks of the streets designated, which includes parts of B street and parts of Ninth and Tenth.

The owners will seek a judgment from Judge Gwyn declaring the ordinance void and papers have already been filed by their attorneys. Some of the taxis resumed parking on the streets as formerly in order to set up grounds for the test case.

Property damage in 1939 motor vehicle accidents totaled \$750,000,000.

Plans Made For Registration Of Men In Wilkes October 16

Teachers Offer Their Services For Registration

Patriotic Move On Part Of Teaching Personnel Is Greatly Appreciated

Teachers of the Wilkes county and North Wilkesboro school systems have voluntarily offered their services to assist in the registration of men on October 16 for military service, it was learned today from Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, and C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools.

The county registration committee decided that the registration of men between ages of 21 and 36 on October 16 would be a difficult task for regular election officials and volunteers capable of doing the work.

The proposal for teachers to volunteer for registration work and for a school holiday on October 16 in order that teachers might perform the patriotic duty and that school buildings could be places of registration was discussed and the teachers readily volunteered their services without exception.

The teachers, election officials and others connected with the registration will not be paid for their services on registration day and their sacrifice will be appreciated by all who are interested in national defense.

North Wilkesboro P.-T. A. Will Meet

North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association will meet Thursday afternoon, 3:15, in the high school library. Mrs. C. C. Faw, program chairman, has arranged an interesting program on "Use Of The P.-T. A. Magazine" and Mrs. Walter Newton will be in charge. There will also be musical numbers, group singing and a presentation of use of library facilities by high school students. Student guides will be on the groups to direct members to the library room.

Collins Speaker At Lions Meeting

Industrial Arts And Diversified Occupations Instructor Addresses Club

Bryan Collins, head of the newly organized department of industrial arts and diversified occupations in North Wilkesboro schools, told the North Wilkesboro Lions Club Friday night about the newly formed part of the school curriculum.

He explained that the department offers courses in industrial arts with part time employment in various trades.

Also on the program were piano numbers by Ira Lee Baker, a member of the city school faculty.

Emmet Johnson, who was program chairman for the evening, pinned the Lions' button on Guy Snow, who was received into membership of the club.

Helpless Victims of Nazi Cruelty



Jane, Jacqueline and John, three pitiful little inmates of the East Grinstead (England) sunshine home for blind babies, hurry to the home's air-raid shelter as Nazi bombs roar overhead during one of their "morale-softening" raids on non-military objectives in England.

VanDeman Talks To Be Ready For Of New Methods Surfacing Parts Of Apple Industry Highway 421 Soon

Value Of Organization For Marketing Purposes Is Stressed By Specialist

Carl Edward VanDeman, orchard specialist in charge of the research laboratory on the Brushies, told the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday that experiments are under way at his laboratory on a new type of airproof apple storage which is thought to be a great improvement over former plans.

The research worker also told of various apple growing associations, organized and maintained for the purpose of marketing orchard products. He stated that it has become more necessary for growers to push sales and to compete with other products. He also talked of expanding facilities for grading and storing of apples.

The program was in charge of H. H. Morehouse, a Brushy Mountain orchardist who reviewed his experience as a horticulturist. Before presenting Mr. VanDeman, Mr. Morehouse called on Paul S. Cragan and he showed a movie of the apple industry in the Appalachians. It was a resume of the industry from the old days of making apple butter in copper kettles in the back yard to the modern business of producing, storing and marketing of millions of bushels of apples of highest grade and quality.

At the meeting Robert Morehouse, Mary and Peter Morehouse, S. C. Stewart and Dr. M. G. Edwards were guests of H. H. Morehouse, Robert Hogan was a guest of Carl Edward VanDeman.

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School Teachers To Aid Registrars In The Registration

Will Be A School Holiday; School Buildings To Be Registration Places

W. H. McElwee, chairman of the Wilkes county board of elections and in that capacity directing registration of men in Wilkes county on October 16 for military duty, said today that North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county school systems have offered their services in the huge task of registration.

The task of registering all men between the ages of 21 and 36 will be so great that regular election officials cannot accomplish the job without the aid of more than 200 other workers and without using school buildings there would not be adequate places in the various precincts to hold the government registration.

Schools To Re-serve

The school systems have come to the rescue by the offer of the school buildings and teachers for registration day and a school building in each precinct will be designated as places of registration.

No provisions are made for payment of registrars or assistants for services on registration day, the position being taken that if men must sacrifice a year in military training that others should gladly sacrifice one day in the interest of national defense.

Teachers Offer Services

Teachers are gladly offering their services to fill out registration blanks and Chairman McElwee said their services will be greatly appreciated and that they deserve highest commendation for their offer to serve in the emergency. It is not compulsory for teachers to serve in the registration but officials and the public will be grateful to those who volunteer their services, Chairman McElwee said. Others capable of filling out the blanks and who wish to volunteer for a day's work in any precinct may do so by notifying Mr. McElwee.

School Holiday 16th

According to present plans, schools of the Wilkes county and North Wilkesboro systems will not operate on registration day, October 16, and that day will be a school holiday.

4,750 To Register

The board appointed to name the two draft boards for the county has estimated that there will be approximately 4,750 men between ages of 21 and 36 who will be required to register and that a large number of registrars will be needed.

Selective service regulations point out that a registrar will not be able to fill out more than 30 blanks on registration day between the hours of seven a. m. and 9:30 p. m., the hours set by the president's proclamation. On an estimate of 20 minutes to each blank, it will require a total of 1,583 hours to register Wilkes men.

Absentee Registration

The law makes provision for a person who is sick to send an agent to a place of registration, obtain a blank, carry it to the sick man to be filled out and return to the place of registration on registration day. Attention is called to the fact, Attorney McElwee said, that no registrar will call at any home or look up any man, that registration of all persons who have reached their 21st and have not reached their 36th birthday on October 16 is compulsory and that severe penalties, including prison sentence, fine or both, will be imposed for failure to register. Penalties are also provided for giving false answers or refusing to answer questions on the blanks. The registrars will be sworn to make notation of any answers which they know to be false or to promptly report to authorities any refusal to answer questions on the cards.

A person registered will be given a card to carry at all times as proof of registration and registered persons are required to report any change of address after registration to the local board.

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Group Appoints Advisory Men On Two Draft Boards

County Is Divided Into Two Districts With Headquarters In Two Towns

Committee appointed by Governor Clyde R. Hoey to recommend personnel of two draft boards for Wilkes county met on Friday and divided the county into two districts, appointed a physician and a lawyer for each board but deferred until late today the selection of three members for each of the two boards.

The committee named by the governor to select the boards is composed of C. C. Hayes, clerk of court; W. H. McElwee, chairman of the county board of elections; C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools; and R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro.

The county was divided into district number one with headquarters at Wilkesboro and district number two with headquarters at North Wilkesboro. The voting precincts in each of the districts are as follows:

District 1—Antioch, Beaver Creek, Boomer, Brushy Mountain, Elk 1, Elk 2, Jobs Cabin 1, Jobs Cabin 2, Lewis Fork, Lovelace, Moravian Falls, New Castle, Reddles River, Stanton, Somers, Wilkesboro 1 and Wilkesboro 2.

District 2—Edwards 1, Edwards 2, Edwards 3, Mulberry 1, Mulberry 2, North Wilkesboro, Rock Creek, Traphill 1, Traphill 2, Union, Walnut Grove 1 and Walnut Grove 2.

Division was determined according to vote in the last election, that being considered by a committee an accurate indication of population. The last vote for governor showed precincts in number 1 polling 7,518 and number 2, 8,552.

The county's population this year was listed at 42,917 and the committee estimated that number of men required to register for military service will be approximately 4,750.

Dr. E. N. Phillips and Attorney F. J. McDuffie were named to serve with the draft board in district 1. Dr. J. H. McNeill and Attorney Eugene Trivette were named to serve with the draft board in district 2.

Students Needed For Courses Here

School Offering Business Instruction To Out-of-School People

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, said today that several additional students can be accommodated in the shorthand and typing classes which are being conducted in afternoons for out-of-school people.

The courses are offered under the state department of vocational education and are taught by Miss Lilyan Miller, Commercial subjects teacher in the school. Classes are from 3 to 4:30 in the afternoon and nominal fees of \$1.50 for one subject or \$2.50 for two subjects are charged monthly.

Fire Prevention Week Is Observed

North Wilkesboro schools will observe "Fire Prevention Week" as proclaimed by Governor Hoey this week.

The observance will feature fire drills in cooperation with the North Wilkesboro fire department and special emphasis on the subject of "Fire Prevention" by all classes.

Mineral Springs Will Play Lions

Mineral Springs high school football team will play North Wilkesboro's Mountain Lions on the fairgrounds here Friday afternoon, three o'clock. It is expected that football fans will turn out in large numbers for the first home game of the season.

All Must Register--These Will Be Exempted

- YOU MUST REGISTER FOR DRAFT UNLESS:
- You are engaged in some industry the draft boards declare to be of the "essential class."
 - You are mentally deranged.
 - You are a minister of the Gospel or a student in a theological school.
 - You are a conscientious objector on your own account.
 - You are a member of a religious sect which does not permit military service.
- YOUR DRAFT MAY BE DEFERRED IF:
- You are a student in some college or university giving a degree in the arts and science, such degrees being B. A.; B. S.; LL. B.; M. D.; Ph. D.; M. A. (etc); schools of business administration, optometry and the like are not included.
 - You have persons dependent on you who will, in the opinion of the draft board, suffer hardships.
 - You are physically unfit. (Physical unfitness is partially defined as having the following ailments: Color blindness; deafness; heart trouble; hernia; bad teeth; bad eyesight (must be more than merely having to wear glasses); severe hemorrhoids; lack of proper use of legs and arms; mental derangement or feeble-mindedness.)