

War News

Naval Victories
London—The British navy, on the 17th, reported the destruction of an entire convoy of five German vessels and a "suicidal" attack on a sixth ship.

On the red side of the ledger the admiralty acknowledged the damaging of the 9,100-ton cruiser Liverpool in the Mediterranean by Italian aerial torpedoes.

The Liverpool, one of eight ships of the Southampton class, limped into her base bearing wounds inflicted by the Italians as she was returning from the British Mediterranean fleet's operations in which three of Italy's destroyers were sunk last Saturday. There were an undisclosed number of casualties.

An admiralty announcement said that in the attack on the German convoy, apparently carried out by submarines, three supply vessels and two escort ships were destroyed. One of the supply ships was of about 7,000 tons and the others smaller. One of the latter was said to have exploded before sinking.

Raid on Slackton

London.—A chill autumn rain and the action of British ground guns broke the back of a German air raid last night and London had uneasy, relative peace early today even after the mist scattered and the moon shone through.

Early this morning some bombers still were high in the clearing skies, but they appeared to hesitate to come down and let go with their explosives.

During the first half of the night they were able only in isolated instances to break through. Most of them, turning away, pounded the outlying countryside.

Towns outside the metropolitan area suffered heavily from these jettisoned bombs. A midnight check of the available reports showed that casualties in London were markedly smaller than usual, however.

Balkan Unrest

Bucharest, Rumania.—Carload lots of disassembled German sea planes and submarines, destined for a Black Sea naval training base to be manned by the Italians, were reported en route yesterday to Rumania, where German troops already face Russian army divisions across the Danube.

For members of the Nazi general staff and economic experts, the Rumanian government prepared a hundred apartments in Bucharest. To these signs of expanding axis power in this country were added the demonstrations of Nazi warplanes, which flew in an endless patrol of Rumania's oil fields, and an announcement by the German organ, Tageblatt, of the arrival of several squadrons of German Messerschmitt fighter-bombers. The Tageblatt remarked that the performance of these "veteran German pilots proved their readiness for action wherever they may be needed."

Russian military concentrations across the frontier were understood here to be continuing near the Rumanian port of Galati, where already the Soviet was reported standing; from 150,000 to 180,000 strong. The extent of the German forces was not stated, but they were supported by several squadrons of airplanes and 300 tanks.

Walls Speaks At The Courthouse

Winston-Salem Speaker Attacks New Deal and State Administration

A large crowd gathered at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Monday night enthusiastically applauded L. L. Walls' denunciation of the New Deal and the administration in North Carolina.

Walls, a Winston-Salem attorney, spoke under auspices of the Wilkes county Republican executive committee and the large number present were representative of practically every precinct in the county.

The speaker was introduced by T. E. Story, Republican candidate for house of representatives. He delivered an interesting address, which drew prolonged bursts of applause.

Episcopal Service

Vesper service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, October 20th, at four o'clock. Friends and visitors are invited to attend.

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4,555 Wilkes County Men Register For Draft

Dr. Cullom Will Lecture In City All Next Week

To Speak At Series Meetings At First Baptist Church And Before Ministers

Dr. W. R. Cullom, Emeritus Professor of Bible at Wake Forest College, will preach twice on each of the next two Sundays, October 20 and 27, and one each evening, Monday through Friday, in the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, announcement by the pulpit committee of the church said today.

In addition to the services at the local church, to which everybody is invited, Dr. Cullom will meet with the Wilkes Baptist Pastors' Conference in the Reins-Sturdivant chapel each morning next week at ten o'clock. All ministers are invited.

For the services at the church Dr. Cullom has chosen the following subjects: Sunday, "Sin in Essence"; Monday, "The Futility of Formal Religion"; Tuesday, "God's Remedy For Sin"; Wednesday, "The Fruits of Faith"; Thursday, "More Fruits of Faith"; Friday, "Tragedy Turned to Triumph"; Sunday, "The Faith System Applied to Life."

The proposed topics for discussion with the ministers each morning will be on the theme of "God's Ministers in the World Today." The five lectures will be on the following subjects: "Our World Today; Immanuel, of God in His World; The Minister as Student, The Minister as Care of Himself."

Dr. Cullom was for more than 40 years connected with Wake Forest as professor of Bible and is one of the south's best known and most highly beloved authorities on Biblical subjects. It is expected that the church services and series of meetings with ministers will be well attended.

Many Applications For Mattresses In Project For County

School For Project Leaders Held Tuesday At Courthouse In Wilkesboro

Over 200 applications for making mattresses have already been filed and the WPA mattress making project for Wilkes county has not begun.

Prior to actual production in mattress making centers, a school was held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Tuesday with Eugene Starnes, of Raleigh, assistant farm agent at large in the state, in charge.

Instructions were given to prospective center leaders and others interested. The demonstrations included the actual making of a mattress.

Wilkes was included in the counties allowed mattress making projects following the disastrous flood on August 14, when many rural families lost heavily in homes, household furnishings and crops. The project will be carried out under sponsorship of the extension service.

J. B. Snipes, county farm agent, said that mattress making centers will be set up at the home of S. T. Walsh near Boomer and at some available location in Wilkesboro.

Hallowe'en Party At Traphill School

As a climax to the gala Hallowe'en Carnival to be held at Traphill high school Saturday, October 26, 7:30 p. m. a beauty queen is to be crowned.

Following is a list of the candidates who will compete for the honor of the coveted title. "Miss Traphill." Myrtle Swearingen, Hazel Carter, Lillie Carter, Kathleen Adams, Evelyn Brower, Samantha Lyon, Clara Davis, Nina Billings, Doris Pruitt, Beatrice Castevens, Emma Harris, Melba Billings, Oravela Sparks, and Rosa Cleary.

North Wilkesboro High School Football Squad



Out of 28 men on the North Wilkesboro high school squad, only four are letter men and at least half the number had never seen action in a game of any kind until this year. Above is pictured this season's version of the Mountain Lions, and they are: front row—Anderson, tackle; Moore, back; Gettys, back; Minton, guard; Estes, center; Carlton, center; Horton, tackle; Church, guard; Hunter, tackle; second row—Owen, guard; Edginger, guard; McCoy, guard; Faw, quarterback;

Elledge, back; Gentry, end; Hunt, back; H. Church, guard; Hall, tackle; Hayes, tackle; back row—Coach Jack Massey, Manager Kimball, Black, end; Foster, tackle; Faucett, end; Crook, end; Robinette, back; Z. Foster, tackle; Hamby, guard; Davis, tackle; Day, utility; Paul S. Cragan, superintendent North Wilkesboro schools. Crouched in the first and second rows is Charles (Chipmonk) Caudill, waterboy and general handyman. The North Wilkesboro team will play Mocksville here Friday afternoon, this week.

Lucas Says School Teachers And Highway Employees Can Serve As Officials In The 1940 Fall Election

Triplet Resigns As Election Judge

Arlon Triplett, county fire warden, has resigned as judge of election in Wilkesboro precinct, having notified W. H. McElwee, chairman of the county board of elections, of his action Monday. Mr. Triplett was the Republican judge of Wilkesboro precinct, and stated that he was not eligible to serve as an election official since he is employed by the county and state.

Ruling of State Chairman Differs From Previous Statement By Him

A number of election officials, especially registrars who served on the first registration day—Saturday, October 12th—are not eligible to continue to serve according to Section 16 (c. s. 5928) passed by the Legislature of North Carolina which reads as follows: "NO PERSON HOLDING ANY OFFICE OR PLACE OF TRUST OR PROFIT, UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, EXCEPT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPOINTMENT AS AN ELECTION OFFICIAL."

15 License To Wed This Month

Cupid's Business Makes Noticeable Pickup In County During October

After a lull of several months, the marriage license business has become brisk in Wilkes with an average of one per day during the first half of October.

Records in the office of Registrar of Deeds Oil Wiles show the following couples have obtained license to wed since October 1: Clarence Pendergrass and Sarah Combs, both of North Wilkesboro route 3; Marvin Byrd, Benham, and Ruby Cockerham, Roaring River; J. C. Blankenship, North Wilkesboro and Eugenia Geawell, Taylorsville; Ralph L. Wooten, North Wilkesboro, and Violet Tulbert, Millers Creek; Russel Spears and Mae Foster, both of Walsh; Cyrus Brown and Teeny Brown, both of Dehart; Woodrow Fortner and Pauline Kilby, both of Pore; Knob; Hoyle Gilreath and Alma Dancy, both of North Wilkesboro route one; Wade Stamper and Verna Stamper, both of McGrady; Edworth Freeman, Elkin, and Hugie Myers, Jonesville; Eli Combs and Metta Walls, both of Ronda; Arnold Stamper and Ester Sidden, both of Joines.

Three couples requested no publicity.

One Draft Board Selects A Clerk

Draft board for Wilkes district number one with headquarters in Wilkesboro has named Wm. A. Stroud clerk and he will have headquarters in the federal court building. He will serve without pay and persons desiring to contact the board, which is composed of J. W. Dula, O. K. Whittington and T. O. Minton, should contact Mr. Stroud.

Ernest Edwards, of Ronda, has declined to serve on the draft board for district two, with headquarters at North Wilkesboro, and the other members, J. R. Hix and J. B. Williams, cannot proceed until the other member is appointed by Governor Hoey.

Lovelace School Is Voting Place Somers Township

W. H. McElwee, chairman of the Wilkes board of elections, said today that the voting place for Somers township has been changed by the board to Lovelace school. The registrar will be at Lovelace school the next two Saturdays for the purpose of registration.

Superior Court Will Convene On Monday, Oct. 28

Criminal Cases Will Be Tried During One Week; Judge Gwyn Will Preside

A mixed term of Wilkes superior court for trial of criminal and civil cases will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, October 28, with Judge Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, presiding.

Criminal cases will be tried during the first week and due to the fact that the election will occur during the second scheduled week, it is expected that the first week will practically end the business of the term. Wilkes county commissioners in recent session drew jurors for one week only, from which a grand jury will be drawn on opening day of court.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, is expected sometime next week to arrange calendar for the court.

Jurors drawn for the week were as follows:

- J. W. Huffman, Stanton; Guy Tulbert, Reddies River; J. B. Church, Edwards; J. B. Colston, North Wilkesboro; E. H. Eller, Wilkesboro; J. R. Tomlinson, North Wilkesboro; A. S. Absher, Mulberry; G. M. T. Miller, North Wilkesboro; Monroe Dancy, Union; Loma Johnson, North Wilkesboro; Rev. J. E. Hayes, Mulberry; Jarvis Walsh, Boomer; Everett Wood, Edwards; C. F. Dyson, North Wilkesboro; C. F. McNeill, Reddies River; E. E. Blackburn, Edwards; Julius Brock, Moravian Falls; C. O. Parsons, Reddies River; Roscoe C. Miller, Wilkesboro; N. P. Hollands, Walnut Grove; Robert N. Holland, Jr., Wilkesboro; C. M. Spicer, Traphill; C. H. Cowles, Wilkesboro; D. H. Brown, Traphill; Robert F. Parker, North Wilkesboro; S. E. Nance, Lovelace; William E. Parsons, Reddies River; Russel Alexander, Edwards; A. E. Shumate, Mulberry; W. R. Call, Wilkesboro; A. O. Deal, North Wilkesboro; Richard Moore, Wilkesboro; F. C. Brewer, Moravian Falls; N. C. Andrews, Boomer; W. B. Henry, Brushy Mountain; J. D. McCann, Traphill; J. C. West, Beaver Creek; V. R. Cardell, Lewis Fork; G. W. Bumgarner, Reddies River; C. S. Sebastian, Reddies River; V. M. Roberson, Brushy Mountain; W. W. Gentry, Edwards.

More people are killed and injured on Saturday than on any other day of the week.

Two Men Hurry To Get In Army Before The Draft

Early this morning two young men called on two members of the draft board here asking to be enlisted in the army.

"We want to enlist for three years," said the young men whose names were not learned by J. R. Hix and J. B. Williams, draft board members.

The board members without further discussion advised the men to visit the recruiting station at Lenoir and Winston-Salem and they were on their way.

Many Call At Health Office For Blood Tests

October 23 and 30 Set Aside As Blood Test Days At The Health Office

Over 200 men who registered for the draft yesterday called at the Wilkes county health department to have blood tests made and today the office was receiving a steady stream of men seeking tests.

As each man was registered he was given a card, which entitled him to a blood test without charge at the health office. The men are asked to have the tests made and not wait until they are called by the draft boards.

Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, said today that for persons who do not have their physicians to have blood tests made, two days, October 23 and 30, have been designated for that purpose at the county health office. Men who do not have their physicians to look after the blood tests are requested to call at the health office on October 23 or 30.

NYA Officials Of 7 Counties Visit Projects

The District Officials Highly Commend Work Meing Done On Local Projects

NYA officials from seven counties including George M. Suggs, district representative and Frank Waters, finance supervisor, of Asheville, visited NYA projects in Wilkes county Thursday. The officials commended highly the progress made during the past six months.

Recognition was given to the woodworking shop, where twelve youths out of the twenty-four assigned, were busily engaged getting out a rush order of teachers' desks ordered by the board of education. This project rates as one of the best of its kind in the Western district and is under the supervision of S. T. Walsh.

The group was served a most delightful lunch at the Home Practices center, which is operated with a quota of 24 girls. Mrs. Alene G. Upchurch, project supervisor, directs these youths with training, which will make better home-makers of tomorrow.

Mrs. Maude Miller, county supervisor, stated that at the present, there are several openings for boys in the shop, but the only things available for girls are Resident Training centers. Further information concerning these may be obtained from the local NYA office.

Ray Stewart Pardue and Warren Sebastian, trainees at the NYA Raleigh center, report very favorably on conditions there. Ray was one of four selected from 100 youths to take special training at State College.

Beekeepers to Meet

Raleigh.—Beekeepers will hold a fall meeting in Henderson November 14. Frank B. Meacham of N. C. State College, secretary of the State Beekeepers' Association, which will sponsor the meeting, said several authorities on bees would speak.

Total Is Close To Estimate; 1,013 Are Registered Here

Job Carried Out Efficiently In Wilkes With Aid Of School Teachers

Wilkes county men, 4,555 strong, registered Wednesday for selective military service.

Throughout the nation over 16,000,000 men answered the nation's first peace time step for conscription.

In Wilkes the registration was carried out very efficiently and without any confusion of any kind. Men accepted their duty to register patriotically and without objection.

The schools systems, including the teachers and many school plants, were volunteered for the task of registration and Wednesday was a school holiday.

Registration cards were filled out carefully and thoroughly but there was sufficient help to avoid long lines of waiting men. In North Wilkesboro 1,013 were registered, probably leading all precincts in the state in number of men registered.

The North Wilkesboro school teachers handled the job well and as each card was completed it was double checked for omissions or errors. Similar precautions for an accurate registration were taken at other points in the county.

Registration began at seven a. m. and ended at nine p. m. However, there were very few registrations in Wilkes after six p. m. and the big rush was in the early hours of the day. Over four hundred were registered in North Wilkesboro before ten a. m.

No member of the registration board and none of the registrars, school teachers or other volunteers will receive any pay for work done on registration day, their services representing a personal sacrifice in behalf of national defense.

The registration in Wilkes by precincts follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Number of Registrants. Includes Antioch (72), Beaver Creek (44), Boomer (119), Brushy Mountain (58), Edwards No. 1 (92), Edwards No. 2 (169), Edwards No. 3 (239), Elk No. 1 (76), Elk No. 2 (55), Jobs Cabin No. 1 (61), Jobs Cabin No. 2 (51), Lewis Fork (88), Lovelace (51), Moravian Falls (141), Mulberry No. 1 (94), Mulberry No. 2 (200), New Castle (132), North Wilkesboro (1013), Reddies River (304), Rock Creek (246), Somers (136), Stanton (59), Traphill No. 1 (211), Traphill No. 2 (29), Union (180), Walnut Grove No. 1 (65), Walnut Grove No. 2 (57), Wilkesboro (504), Hospital (2).

Total for the county was about 200 under estimates but was in line, according to previous estimates, with other counties in the state.

First person to register in North Wilkesboro was W. Bryan Collins, industrial arts teacher, who was registered at seven a. m. by Paul S. Cragan, school superintendent and volunteer assistant registrar. The last to register was Ray Morrison at 8:30 p. m.

Of the 1,013 who registered in North Wilkesboro, 96 were colored. The colored men registered at the colored school building.

School teachers and other volunteers who helped in the registration here were:

- Robert G. Taylor, Jr., T. R. Cline, Elizabeth Finley, I. L. Baber, Jack Massey, Rebecca Mosley, Ruby Blackburn, Nonie Gordon, W. P. Grier, Jr., Ralph B. Spillman, Mabel Hendren, Frank Webb, Lucille Ivy, Beatrice Pearson, Estelle Ardner, Evelyn Sharpe, Lucile Young, W. Brown Colhas, Lillian Miller, Mrs. Gail Williams, Kathryn Troutman, Ballie Outlaw, Emma Elzer, T. J. (Continued on page eight)