

War News

London.—A great victory in a six-week-long aerial contest of ferocity that smashed a full-dress German attempt at invasion was claimed officially by the British yesterday and put down as one more historic defense of these islands.

Through its news service, the air ministry told the story—how British bombers had doggedly ridden the air over a 2,000-mile Nazi front, alternately attacking and observing, until the German invasion fleet had been dispersed at last and German invasion spring-boards had been wrecked from Narvik, Norway, to Bordeaux, far to the south in France.

LONDON.—German raiders resumed their aerial assault on London at dawn today after giving the heavily-bombed capital one of its quietest nights in more than two weeks.

A fairly heavy burst of anti-aircraft fire greeted the Nazis roaring over in the new raid.

The Germans began their night attack on London last night earlier than usual but, after a momentarily heavy stab, the raid tapered off before midnight into the lightest attack of the last 17 nights.

The outer defenses, and a heavy rain over the channel, appeared to have turned back the main Nazi thrusts.

Early today the sound of exploding bombs could be heard in the city, but from afar, and the flashes of the anti-aircraft guns rose over the distant horizon.

This period of relative quiet was in sharp contrast to the early evening when buildings shuddered for a time under the impact of frequent bombs.

Lisbon, Portugal.—Adolf Hitler in person carried the power politics of the axis to the border of Spain yesterday afternoon, meeting Generalissimo Francisco Franco for many hours in a all-way car and, it was reported reliably, fashioning Spain's part in the "new order" he has designed for Europe.

In a meeting reminiscent of the Hitler-Mussolini conferences in the Brenner Pass, the German fuhrer kept a rendezvous with Spain's 11 caudillo (chief) that began at 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was resumed at 6:45 p. m., and was continuing, according to reliable Spanish reports, later last night.

(No comparable mystery ever has surrounded Hitler's maneuvers. Military secrecy, nowadays, naturally, cloaks his intentions, and the start of his journeys, but on this occasion even the correspondents in nominally neutral Spain were unable to make direct reports of the meeting.)

It was indicated that a communique might be expected later.

Washington.—The United States yesterday formally protested to Italy against the recent bombing of American-owned oil properties in neutral Saudi Arabia by Italian airplanes.

The protest was delivered by Assistant Secretary of State Adolph Berle Jr. to the Italian ambassador, Prince Colonna.

James A. Moffett, vice president of the Standard Oil Company of California, reported to the State Department several days ago that a petroleum plant operated by one of its subsidiaries in Saudi Arabia had been bombed. It was understood only minor damage was done.

Local Barber Kills Large Ground Hog

T. C. Wagoner, barber at the City Barber Shop, killed an unusually large ground hog while squirrel hunting in Ashe county Monday.

The large animal, according to many who saw it here Monday, was one of the biggest ground hogs ever seen in this section. Mr. Wagoner said he was going to find out just how good ground hog meat is.

Hallowe'en Party At Mountain View

Announcement has been made of a Hallowe'en carnival to be held at Mountain View school on Thursday, October 31, 7:00 p. m. There will be games and contests for young and old and costume prizes for children and adults. A cake walk will be another enjoyable feature and a good time assured all who attend.

STEP ON IT

A polite sportsman motorist, passing through a western village, wishing to show proper respect for the village ordinances, accosted a street corner policeman. "What is the speed law here, please?" "Ain't got none," replied the cop. "You fellows can't get through here fast enough to suit us."

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

W. K. Sturdivant Chairman Of Red Cross Roll Call

Appointment Announced By Chapter Chairman; Other Posts Are Filled

W. K. (Bill) Sturdivant will be Red Cross roll call chairman in Wilkes county this year. Announcement of appointment of Mr. Sturdivant, well known church, civic and business leader, was made today by J. H. Whicker, chairman of the Wilkes county Red Cross chapter. "Acceptance by him and the others who have been appointed to key duties in the roll call practically assure its success in the county," Mr. Whicker said.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, will serve as roll call chairman for the rural district; Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, is publicity chairman; Richard G. Finley is chairman of the Special Gifts committee; Blair Gwyn is treasurer; and W. D. Halfacre, secretary of the chapter, is chairman of decorations and displays.

Other workers will be selected in the next few days, Mr. Sturdivant announced.

The roll call will begin on November 11 nationally but the Wilkes chapter will begin its drive on November 16.

In view of the splendid way in which the Red Cross took care of the flood relief situation in this county in August and the opportunity for the people to view the services of the Red Cross and appreciate their value, it is expected that Wilkes will respond to the roll call even more liberally than during the past several years.

Nelson Elected Vice District Commander Of American Legion

L. M. Nelson, commander of the Wilkes county post of the American Legion, was elected district vice commander at a meeting of the American Legion held in West Jefferson Saturday night. He succeeds Scar Morrison, of Mooresville, who was elected district commander to succeed Frank Johnson, who resigned this place with the legion.

Among those attending the legion and auxiliary meeting in West Jefferson were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Finley, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Coffey, Jr., Misses Toby Turner and Ruth Colvard.

Dave Hall, of Belmont, state commander of the Legion, and Mrs. Craven, of Charlotte, state president of the Legion Auxiliary, were present and made interesting addresses.

Mother (with letter): Richard writes from college that he has to have a new mortar board for commencement.

Father: "Mortar board? Did we send him to college to become a plasterer?"

WPA Project May Assist Farmers In Putting Streams Back Into Channels

A WPA project to assist Wilkes county farmers in the task of placing streams back where they were before the August 14 flood is being sought by the soil conservation service, it was learned here today.

J. G. Hackett, of this city, member of the state highway commission and who has first hand knowledge of devastation wrought by the flood, recently wrote Representative W. O. Burgin, asking if some form of aid, possibly a WPA project, could be arranged to assist farmers in putting streams back into their beds and thus aid in reclaiming land badly damaged by flood waters.

His request was referred by Representative Burgin to E. B. Garrett, North Carolina coordinator of the soil conservation service. His reply to Representative Burgin, which was forwarded to Mr. Hackett, follows:

"This is in reply to your letter of October 5, quoting the Hon. J. Gordon Hackett, North Wilkesboro, with reference to work in Wilkes county.

"Wilkes county is a Work Unit of the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation District and soil conservation work is moving forward in the county. We have been trying for

Saturday Last Day To Register For the Election Nov. 5th

Heads Roll Call



W. K. Sturdivant, whose appointment as Red Cross roll call chairman for Wilkes county was announced today by J. H. Whicker, chapter chairman.

Draft Board Here Organizes; Begins Numbering Cards

J. R. Hix Chairman of Board For District Two; W. P. Kelly Is Named Clerk

Draft board for Wilkes district number 2 with headquarters in this city met yesterday afternoon and organized for duty.

J. R. Hix was named chairman and J. B. Williams secretary. The third member of the board, who was named instead of Ernest Edwards, who could not serve, is R. G. Finley, also of this city.

W. P. Kelly was named clerk to the board and headquarters will be maintained in the city hall.

The board immediately began to place serial numbers on registration cards. The numbers will be posted and published in order that people might know who are called when the numbers are drawn in the national lottery at Washington.

Draft board for the Wilkesboro district organized several days ago by election of O. K. Whittington as chairman and selection of Wm. A. Stroud as clerk. Headquarters for the district are in the federal building in Wilkesboro.

A meeting of draft boards of ten northwestern North Carolina counties will be held Friday morning, 10:30, at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, at which time government authorities will give detailed instructions relative to duties of draft board members.

New Registration Called In Wilkes Prior To Primary

Commissioners And Register Deeds Races Will Feature Fight In County

Wilkes is one of many counties in the state which ordered a new registration this year and there are many who had registered for previous elections whose names are not now on the books to vote in the fall election November.

Persons who wish to vote in the November 5 election have only through Saturday of this week to get their names on the registration books. Various reports from Wilkes precincts indicate that there has been no heavy registration since the books opened on October 12.

Many registered for the primaries held this year and will not have to register for the election. But those who did not register prior to the June primary must register not later than Saturday of this week in order to vote on November 5.

On the Wilkes ticket this year are candidates for register of deeds, representative and state senator, county commissioners and county surveyor. Voters in Wilkes this year will not vote for a sheriff, clerk of court or coroner because those officers are now in the midst of four year terms.

They will also vote on the full slate of state officers, including governor. There will be tickets for representative in congress and for presidential electors.

On the Wilkes ticket the fight will be centered on register of deeds and county commissioners offices. A bill introduced by a Yadkin county representative and passed by the last legislature divided Wilkes into three districts for election of commissioners and each district will elect one member of the board of three.

According to previous voting, one district is predominantly Republican, one has a large Democratic majority and the other polled a Democratic majority of from 200 to 350 votes in the 1938 election.

Wilkesboro To Play Old Town

Seniors Of Other Wilkes Schools To Be Guests At Game Tomorrow

Wilkesboro high school football team will play Old Town school from Forsyth county on Wilkesboro's field Friday afternoon, two o'clock, as the feature attraction for "senior day" at the school.

Wilkesboro will try to get back into the victory column once again. The Ramblers this year tied the opening game with Mineral Springs 7-7, won over Lewisville 7-6 and lost last Friday to Taylorsville 12-0.

Wilkesboro's coach, R. E. Caldwell, said today that he had been informed that Old Town has a strong high school team and has a good record so far this year. Wilkesboro's starting lineup, he said, may have Phillips and Jarvis at ends, Garwood and Adams at tackles, Dennis and R. Moore at guard, B. Moore at Center. In the backfield will be quarterback Adleman, Bouchelle as fullback while two of the three Linney brothers on the squad, J. and D. Linney, will be halfbacks.

Seniors of all high schools in the county have been invited to Wilkesboro school for the day and will be guests at the game.

Pie Supper At Boomer On Friday

Announcement has been made of a pie supper to be held Friday night, November 1, 7:30 o'clock, at Boomer school. String music will be provided and an evening of entertainment is assured all who will attend. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

American Bombers for Great Britain



A Lockheed bomber, the first of several bombers which are being manufactured in this country for the British government, which took off recently from the Detroit city airport on the final leg of its flight from California. The camouflaged plane is shown in the hangar where it had been placed under a special guard.

Plans Made For Observance Of Girl Scout Week

A Church Service, Parade, Banquet and Camp Fire Meeting Are Included

Plans for local observance of Girl Scout Week October 27 through November 2 were announced here today by Girl Scout leaders.

The week will open on Sunday, October 27, with a special service at Wilkesboro Methodist church at 11 a. m. Dr. W. J. Piffat, pastor, will deliver the sermon.

The feature for Monday will be a parade by Girl Scouts and leaders at 3:30 in the afternoon.

On Tuesday evening, 6:30, a Mothers-Daughters banquet will be held at the Woman's Club house on Trogon street.

At eight o'clock on Tuesday evening Girl Scouts will assemble at a campfire on the lawn of the Girl Scout Hut.

Wins 'Articles In Purse' Contest

Rocky Mount, N. C., Oct. 14.—At a meeting of farm women a contest was held to determine who carried the most articles in her purse. Mrs. S. P. Jones won with 35.

Criminal Court Term To Begin Monday Morning

Judge Gwyn Will Preside Over Court; Calendar Arranged By Solicitor

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

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, who will prosecute the docket, has arranged a calendar for the term containing about 125 criminal cases, ranging all the way from drunkenness to homicide charges.

The term was originally scheduled for two weeks but in view of the fact that the second week will be at the time of the election, jurors were drawn for one week only.

The court calendar as released by the solicitor stated that witnesses in cases not reached on the day calendared are required to attend court until discharged by the solicitor or the case has been disposed of.

The complete calendar for the term is published elsewhere in this newspaper. A special term of court will convene on Monday, November 11.

Taxi Driver Held Under \$1,000 Bond In C. O. Bumgarner Death Hearing

Ed Lyalls, driver of the car which struck and killed Charles O. Bumgarner late Monday near this city on highway 421, was ordered by a coroner's jury Tuesday morning to be held for superior court under bond of \$1,000.

Bumgarner was killed as he was walking on the side of the road near his home. He died almost instantly after being hit by the taxicab driven by Lyalls.

Lyalls, 21, told the jury that he was blinded by the lights of at least two approaching cars and did not see Bumgarner, who was walking with Marvin Faw, a young boy who was pushing a roller cart to Bumgarner's home and place of business.

The jury found by its verdict that Bumgarner came to his death while walking on the wrong side of the road and when hit by a car driven at an excessive rate of speed by Lyalls. Members of Coroner I. M. Myers' jury were C. G. Day, W. R. Absher, F. C. Tomlinson, Felix Holder, C. P. Walter and Paul Billings. The hearing was held in the city hall after the coroner and jury had viewed the body, visited the scene of the accident and inspected Lyalls' car.

State Highway Patrol Sergeant Carlyle Ingle told at the inquest of his investigation of the accident. He said that he had been informed by witnesses that Lyalls was driving fast. The accident, he said, occurred on the right side

Temporary Bridge Being Put Across Yadkin River Here

One-Way Structure Will Be Ready For Traffic Within A Few Days

State highway bridge forces are busily engaged in construction of a temporary bridge across the Yadkin at the site of the former structure here, which was destroyed in the flood on August 14.

Highway officials said today the temporary structure, which will have load limits, will be ready for use in a few days. It is being constructed on the concrete piers which remained after the flood and additional wood supports which have been constructed. It will be for one-way traffic only.

Meanwhile, a survey for a more substantial concrete bridge has been authorized. Highway officials plan ultimately to construct a concrete bridge which would not be destroyed by flood waters.

The lower Yadkin bridge here is of much importance because it connects this city with the short cut road built a few years ago to 421 one mile east of Wilkesboro.

The highway division prison camp and machine shop is located on the south end of the bridge across the river from North Wilkesboro and while the bridge is out all traffic from those points must go by way of the short cut road and highway 421 by Wilkesboro to reach North Wilkesboro and all other points on the north side of the river.

Dramatic Club At Wilkesboro Is Formed For Year

The Dramatic Club of Wilkesboro school held a meeting and elected the following officers for the year: president, Weaver Greene; vice president, Justus Brewer; secretary, Chelcie McNeil; assistant secretary, Grace Marlowe; treasurer, Hoke Steelman.

The following standing committees were appointed by President Weaver Greene: program committee, Mary Brewer, chairman, Zelma Broyles, Margaret Ferguson, Ruby Smith, and Carolyn Linney; advertising committee, Jerry Wyatt, chairman, Nancy Lee Yates and Mary Sue Williams.

Other officers of the club are: stage manager, Bryce Morrison, in charge of stage lighting; Leonard Kerley, stage setting; Bleeka Phillips, make up; Eleanor Caudill, script; Ruth Ellis, costuming; Louise Kennedy, Zeb Dickson, club sponsor, discussed plans and activities for the club year. One of the suggested club projects is the presenting of plays at high school chapel programs.

Revival To Begin In Wilkesboro On Sunday, Oct. 27

Revival services will begin Sunday night at the Wilkesboro Baptist church and continue for a week or more.

Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, widely known Baptist minister of Taylorsville, will assist the pastor, Rev. C. C. Holland, and will do the preaching. The church extends a cordial invitation for all to attend the services.

Moravian Falls Community House Donations Needed

Payment on the balance of the debt incurred for construction of Moravian Falls community house is due on Monday, October 28, and those who have not paid their subscribed donations are urged to do so not later than Saturday of this week.

Many have been liberal in their donations, for which the people of the community are grateful, and they will appreciate any further donations from any source. Donations to the fund or payment of amounts already subscribed may be turned over to L. G. Critcher, secretary-treasurer of the Moravian Falls Community Association.

If fully developed, the usage of cotton for a new cement-look roofing shingle will require one million bales annually, a U. S. Department of Agriculture official estimates.

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