

War News

Italians Run Fast From Greeks

Athens, Greece.—A government spokesman declared last night that Italian troops were retreating so rapidly along the central Albanian front that it was difficult for the Greeks to keep up with them.

The Italian front, it was said, was broken northwest of Krimna, Greece, some 10 kilometers (about six miles) inside Albania and west of the river Aous. It was described as an utter rout, and the spokesman said "very important booty"—including munitions, trucks, guns—had fallen to the Greeks.

He asserted, too, that a battalion of Albanians in the Italian forces had revolted and been disbanded.

In the Koritsa sector, where Greek artillery fire was declared to be thundering down upon every road leading from that besieged Italian base in Albania, the counter-offensive was proceeding last night in what was described here as a virtual cessation of Italian air activity.

Earlier, the action of Fascist bombers was acknowledged to have slowed the advance.

Nazi Bombers Hit Industries

London.—Nazi planes swarmed out of the night for a second "total" attack on Britain's industrial Midlands but early today it was reported that a terrific anti-aircraft barrage had dulled the edge of the new offensive.

Ground guns, firing with new effectiveness, were said to have dispersed waves of planes attempting a mass raid on an East Midlands town after less than two hours of incendiary bomb dropping which is merely the first step in the "Coventry technique."

The bombs were extinguished and little damage was reported.

How the rest of the Midlands fared was not known.

Fiercest Yet
The rapid fire of ground defenses and the rumble of bombs caused observers in the Eastern Midlands section to say it was the fiercest attack ever made on that area.

The Eastern Midlands were showered with incendiary bombs; attack was being raided again, but not so heavily as before.

Here in the metropolis the anti-aircraft fire was so heavy that buildings shook.

The nightly bombing of London started with lighter-than-average gunfire and bomb explosions.

Sell Giant Planes To British

Washington.—The government disclosed yesterday that 26 giant four-engined bombers ordered for the United States Army were being released for sale to the British as fast as they could be produced and that negotiations were under way for the early release of 20 "flying fortress" bombers.

Lean, lanky General George C. Marshall, the army chief of staff, called in reporters and outlined the terms of the transactions.

Speaking shortly after massed German raiders had followed up their smashing attack upon Coventry, England, with a fierce assault upon the industrial city of Birmingham, Marshall said he understood that the first of the 26 four-engined B-24 bombers had been delivered to the British last Saturday by the Consolidated Aircraft Company at San Diego, Calif.

The remainder of this group is to be delivered between now and the first part of March, he added.

Wilkes' Diversified Agriculture Calls For Referendum On Burley, Cotton

Proof of Wilkes county's diversification of agriculture and varied climate can be found in the arrangements for referendum under the Triple A program.

On Saturday of this week Wilkes will vote on burley tobacco control and no December 7 will be the cotton control referendum.

Burley tobacco is a mountain crop for cool temperature. Cotton, of course, is the predominant crop throughout the more sunny portion of the south.

However, the two crops represent the extremes of possibilities cropping in Wilkes. There are only a few burley tobacco growers in the mountainous part of the county—five, to be exact—and they will vote at the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

Cotton growers are more numerous, there being 161, and practically all of them are in the

Yadkin Bridge At Ronda Completed And Now In Use

The State Highway Bridge Forces Make Good Progress Replacing Bridges

State highway forces today completed construction of a bridge across the Yadkin at Ronda. The bridge there, along with all others on the upper part of the Yadkin except at Eklin and North Wilkesboro, was destroyed in the flood August 14.

The bridge at Roaring River was completed several days ago.

The only bridges across the river which have not been replaced are the Curtis bridge near Wilkesboro, the Adley and Goshen bridges between Wilkesboro and Ferguson. The Ferguson bridge was the first one on the Yadkin to be replaced because it was practically the only outlet for several communities.

The Lower Yadkin bridge near this city was replaced by a temporary structure a few weeks ago.

License Plates Will Go On Sale November 30th

New Plates Will Be Yellow On Black; Sales This Year Sets Record

J. C. McDiarmid, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Carolina Motor Club and license bureau, announced today that 1941 state license plates for automobiles and trucks will go on sale at the bureau's office here on Saturday, November 28.

The 1941 North Wilkesboro city tags will also be available there and motorists are urged to buy both at the same time. The office is located in the Reinder-

The 1941 license plates will be yellow figures on a black background and will be the same price as prevailed this year. "Before the rush begins is the best time to buy plates," Mr. McDiarmid said.

Sale of license plates here this year set an all-time high record, exceeding the number sold in 1939 by 790, Mr. McDiarmid said.

Agreeable Surprise

Mr. R. Don Laws, Editor of The Yellow Jacket, received an agreeable surprise recently when he was officially notified that the will of a wealthy ranchman in Nebraska had been probated and it set forth that a substantial legacy had been left to The Yellow Jacket in token of the splendid work that the paper had done in the past. Mr. Laws says he deeply appreciates this consideration from a friend of the paper in the Northwest and that he hopes that The Yellow Jacket in the future as in the past will live up to its motto: "One Flag, One School, One People, America for Americans."

"Come, all ye' come and be baptized," cried the colored Baptist evangelist.

"But ah done been baptized by the Presbyterians," said Rastus.

"Lo'd," cried the Baptist minister, "yo' only been dry cleaned."

southeast corner of Wilkes where the county borders on Yadkin and Iredell. The one voting place for cotton growers will be at Myers' store in Somers township, according to announcement by the county Triple A committee.

There are several hundreds of producers of flue cured tobacco in Wilkes.

Other evidences of agricultural diversification are seen in a survey of the principal crops. Corn is the leading field crop but wheat, rye, oats, potatoes, cabbage, beans and hay crops are also grown in abundance.

Wilkes also has a thermal belt, that phenomenon of nature which provides an area also free of frost. That belt is on the Brushy Mountains where so many apples are grown. The east slope of the Blue Ridge also has some fine apple growing territory.

Almost anything will grow in some part of Wilkes.

Was Re-Elected



One candidate who had no cause for worry over whether or not he was going to be re-elected was Earl Caudill, pictured above, who was re-elected Wilkes county surveyor in the November election. One vote would have been sufficient to elect him but he received well over 8,000.

Power Service Interruption On One Line Sunday

Local branch of the Duke Power company has requested it be announced that there will be a power service interruption of about two hours Sunday, morning on the Millers Creek line and lines extending into the Reddies River community.

The company is rebuilding the line to Millers Creek and the work will make it necessary that the current be off for a short while. The current on that line will go off Sunday morning about eight o'clock and remain off until ten.

Subject Of Talk

Keith Saunders Speaks At Fathers' Night Meeting Of P. T. A. In City

Mr. Barefoot, director of publicity for the North Carolina State Highway Safety Division, addressed the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association as a feature of Fathers' Night program Thursday.

The subject of his address was the three "E's", in relation to safety he described them as "Engineering, Education and Enforcement." Engineering, through proper construction of highways, eliminate accident hazards; safety education teaches safety on the highways, in the homes, schools, jobs, etc.; enforcement is the remedy for those who cannot or will not look out for their own safety and the well being of others.

Keith Saunders, director of publicity for the highway safety division, was also present at the meeting. Special guests included members of Scout troop 35 and the members of the School Safety Patrol.

More than 200 were present at the meeting and the attendance included many fathers. Following the program many of those present visited the newly organized Industrial Arts department of the school.

Attendance prizes were awarded to Miss Blackburn's fourth grade and Miss Gordon's sixth grade rooms.

Thanksgiving Day Singing Nov. 28th

One of the interesting holiday events in Wilkes twice yearly is the Wilkes County Singing convention, which will have its next session at the county courthouse on Thanksgiving Day, November 28.

The singing meets twice yearly, on July 4th and Thanksgiving Day, and each time attracts a large crowd of singers and listeners. The singing on the 28th will begin at ten a. m. and continue through the day. The organization is headed by J. A. Gilliam, of Hays, as chairman, and Wm. A. Stroud, of Wilkesboro, as secretary.

Many Sentenced In Federal Court

Meeting Friday Night To Discuss Street Decorations

A meeting of all business and professional men and all others, interested has been called to be held Friday night, 7:30 o'clock, to make definite plans and arrangements for holiday lighting and decorations in North Wilkesboro.

Plans for more elaborate street decorations and lighting have been discussed and final arrangements will be made at the meeting. There has been a growing sentiment to secure the most attractive decorations practicable and to give the city a striking appearance for the Yuletide season.

Achievement Day Home Clubs On 22

Annual Achievement Day for home demonstration clubs in Wilkes county will be observed with an appropriate program Friday night, November 22, 7:30 o'clock, in the Wilkesboro high school building.

Mrs. F. T. Moore, club council president, will preside. Roll call will be by Mrs. Eula Bentley, secretary. After singing of "God Bless America," Mrs. J. M. Wright, of Union Grove, will lead in prayer. A group discussion led by Mrs. C. F. Bretholl will be the next number, followed by special music by the Ronda woman's quartet. Mrs. B. F. Proffitt, kitchen contest winner, will discuss "What the improvement of

home food preparation means to my family."

Awards of merit in home improvement, award of prizes in kitchen contest and award of prizes for perfect attendance will close the program, except for recreation and refreshments.

Allen Theatre New Firm Name

W. J. Allen Purchases All Interests In Orpheum Theatre Here

W. J. Allen, for many years part owner of the Orpheum Theatre in this city, has purchased all interests in the business and is now sole owner.

The deal was completed on November 15 and this week the name of the theatre was changed to Allen theatre.

The Allen theatre will continue to be operated at its present location on Main street between Tenth and Ninth streets. Since its establishment there it has been known as one of the most attractive theatres in northwestern North Carolina and is modernly equipped.

However, Mr. Allen has a number of improvements planned and installation of a new and highly modern heating system is now under way, which will assure proper temperatures and comfort.

Mr. Allen has been in the motion picture business for 16 years and is one of the best known theatre men in this part of the state. His knowledge of the theatre business is assurance that good entertainment will continue to be provided for the theatre's many patrons throughout this section.

Marriage License Business Is Down

Only five license to wed have been issued by Wilkes register of deeds, Old Wiles, during the past two weeks, representing a big drop over the number for the previous fortnight.

Four of the couples were: Dean Wiles, Roaring River, and Gladys Prevette, Lomax; Charles Johnson and Violet Johnson, both of North Wilkesboro; Harley Gray and Samantha Shepherd, both of Cycle; R. H. Jennings and Hazel Minton, both of North Wilkesboro. One couple requested no publicity.

Mail Fraud Case Draws Long Term For Wilkes Man

Longest prison sentence meted out in federal court by Judge Johnson J. Hayes in Wilkesboro this week was for Hamp Sparks, of Roaring River, who was sent to the federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga., for three years after he submitted a plea of nolo contendere on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

Sparks, according to the evidence, had used the mails to send false statements concerning his financial worth to Speigel & company, a Chicago credit mail order firm, and had received a high credit rating enabling him to purchase \$450 worth of merchandise, for which he did not pay and the company was unable to collect.

Court records showed that he had a record in that type of transactions for the past 29 years. Mrs. Sparks, who was indicted with him, was placed on probation for three years.

Charles B. Sharpe, for violation of the white slave traffic act, was sentenced to two years in Atlanta prison. The only other case tried this week except liquor cases was that of James Rush, who was sentenced to 15 months in Atlanta prison for forging endorsement on a government check.

Results of liquor cases in which sentences other than probation were meted out follow:

Bill Miller, fine of \$100 and two years probation.

day in Chillicothe industrial reformatory; Garvey Burchette and Grayson Dowell, temporary probation.

Warren Prullit, Laud Bowers and Hugh Gambill, year and a day each in Chillicothe.

Glen Redmond, year and a day in Petersburg, Va., reformatory.

Romulus Billings, year and a day in Petersburg, Va., reformatory.

William Henry Henson, year and a day in Atlanta.

Marshal Thomas Marley, 15 months in Lewisburg, Pa., prison.

Lonnie Gentry, 15 months in Chillicothe.

Marcus Lyon, fine of \$150 and three years probation.

Willard Church, year and a day in Petersburg, Va.

James H. Holler, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Now Heeds Camp



Ed Beahars, with 11 years experience with prisoners and six years as assistant camp superintendent, has been appointed superintendent of the prison camp here, succeeding Captain E. L. Hight, who was killed recently in an automobile accident.

Scout Materials Added To County Library In City

Complete Set Merit Badge Pamphlets and Other Publications Given

Material calculated to be very beneficial to Boy Scouts and to all interested in Scouting has been added to the Wilkes county public library in North Wilkesboro, according to advice received today from Scout officials.

The Boy Scout Court of Honor has placed in the public library here a new and complete set of merit badge pamphlets, 110 in

books and one book of games. The complete list of examiners was also placed at the library for benefit of the Scouts.

These publications cost a total of \$25. The Court of Honor made the purchases. Each of the three Scout troops contributed five dollars and the Kiwanis club also helped in a financial way.

Scout leaders expressed unqualified satisfaction over the library material, saying that it should be substantially helpful in Scout activities in the Wilkesboros.

Two Holidays

Raleigh.—The administrative employees of the WPA in North Carolina have two reasons to be thankful this year. They will have holidays on November 21, which President Roosevelt had proclaimed as Thanksgiving, and on November 28, which Governor Hoey has proclaimed as Thanksgiving.

Mr. Henry Smithey, of Hickory, spent Sunday in Wilkesboro with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smithey.

North Wilkesboro And Wilkesboro To Play Wilkes' Football Classic Friday

Wilkes county's own football classic—North Wilkesboro versus Wilkesboro high school—will be played on the fairgrounds field here Friday afternoon, November 22. The kickoff will be at three o'clock.

Neither team has an impressive record in the victory column this season but records count for naught when the Wilkes teams lock horns for the grand prize of the gridiron here—the Wilkes county championship.

Comparative scores with mutual opponents during the past season show the teams are nearly equal as possible but Wilkesboro is conceded the edge in weight and playing experience. North Wilkesboro took the game last year by two touchdowns. The game the year before was a tie and Wilkesboro won three years ago on a last minute play. Prior to that year North Wilkesboro was the winner.

Draft Machinery Here Working On Its First Quota

Second Hundred Order Numbers Are Published For Each Draft Board

The two draft board organizations in Wilkes county are working on classification and selection of men for the first call, which will be within the next few days, probably by December 1.

Wilkes county will furnish only five in the first call, two from board number 1 and three from board number 2.

In all probability, no one will have to be drafted in Wilkes because both boards have ample applications to volunteer provided the volunteers are in the eligible classification and pass the physical examination.

The first questionnaire to be returned to the draft board in this city was from John Anderson Bowlin, of Daylo, in Union township.

The first volunteer for board number 1 was Raymond Pearson, of Wilkesboro route one. Volunteers for a year of training will receive consideration in the order of their applications to volunteer.

Questionnaires are now being returned to the boards by those who received them in the mails last week and this week. Regulations require that each registrant fill out and return the questionnaire within five days after it is mailed.

Attention is called to the fact that registered men may volunteer for a year of training. Should there be a sufficient number of volunteers, no one would have to be drafted in order to fill Wilkes' quota of 141 by June 30 next year.

Today The Journal-Patriot is publishing the second hundred order numbers for both boards. The first hundred were published last week.

and not to rely on their places in the national lottery, which appear much higher than they are in each local area. And registered men should not confuse their serial number assigned immediately after registration with the order numbers which have since been assigned.

The local order number means that the registrants will be called for classification and selection in the order of the order numbers assigned.

Following are the local order numbers and serial numbers of the second hundred for the two draft board areas in Wilkes.

District One

101—1869, Chadde Lee Pennell
102—25, Claude Woodrow Billings

103—609, Arvil Robert Johnson
104—603, Cox Aaron Blevins
105—154, Avery Claude Woods
106—1428, William Paul Cannon

107—77, Lonnie Rufus Wagoner
108—160, Rayford Loney Trip

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