

War News

R. A. F. Bombers Hit Targets

London, Nov. 24.—In one of the mightiest attacks yet in the ever-broadening offensive, the R. A. F. drove home smashing overnight blows at both ends of the Rome-Berlin axis from Turin, Italy, to the Nazi-held continental coast by way of Berlin, the air ministry announced today.

Another heavy attack opened on the coast tonight in the Boulogne area. As the attack spread, the coastline was lighted up for miles by anti-aircraft fire and by flares dropped by the R. A. F. as they searched out their targets.

An hour after the raids started the fighting was still going on and England's shores were lined with men and women watching the distant battle of planes and anti-aircraft guns.

Blazing Destruction

From yesterday's dusk to today's dawn British bombers kept at it and returned home with accounts of blazing destruction left in such vital objectives as Berlin's Pultstrasse and Lehrter freight yards, Essen's sprawling Krupp works and the royal Italian arsenal and the Fiat works at Turin.

British Soldiers Are Aiding Greeks

Athens, Nov. 24.—British soldiers, forced from Europe last summer by the fall of France, have regained a continental foothold on the Greek mainland, it was disclosed tonight as Greek troops pushed on into Albania.

British warships transported an undisclosed number of soldiers across the Mediterranean without interference from Italian planes or warships, it was reported, and landed them at Greek ports some time ago. They were welcomed enthusiastically by the populace and since have been aiding the Royal Air Force in its battle against the Italians.

Reach Pogradetz

In the Greek-Italian fighting, a Greek spokesman said, advance units of the Greek army have reached Pogradetz, about 25 miles north of Koritza, the base which was captured last week from the Italians.

He also continued reports that the Greeks have occupied Maschopolis, about 11 miles northwest of Koritza.

Other reports said the Greeks have occupied the rocky heights above Argirocastro, main Italian base in southern Albania, in the general drive which has carried some units 19 miles forward.

(A Reuters, British news agency, dispatch from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, said reports reaching that capital declared Greek advance forces had entered the outskirts of Argirocastro.)

The Greek high command said 1,500 Italian prisoners, 12 guns, many howitzers and other material were captured in mopping up operations in the Koritza area.

The Italians were reported trying to reorganize their retreating forces to form a second line of defense but the exact position of the line was not known here.

Turkey May Be In War Soon

Rome, Nov. 24.—A new military offensive in southeastern Europe was hinted today by the authoritative fascist editor, Virginio Gayda, as a follow-up to Rumania's formal alliance with the axis.

A demand for a showdown with Turkey, backed by the might of German, Rumania and Bulgarian armies, appeared to observers as the only event Gayda could have had in mind when he wrote in La Voce d'Italia:

"A new chapter in axis political action which will shortly be followed by important new pages and normal warlike events shows that axis initiative continues in the political conduct of the war."

With the entrance of Hungary and Rumania into the axis military pact last week, Gayda pointed out, only Turkey and Greece remain outside the axis orbit.

Boomer Citizen Recovering From Injuries In Crash

James T. McNeill has returned to his home near Boomer after several days treatment in the Wilkes hospital for serious injuries received in an automobile accident on highway 18 near Boomer on the night of November 16.

His car was hit as it entered the highway by a truck driven by a colored man of that community. McNeill received a skull fracture, cuts and bruises, and Mrs. McNeill, who was with him, was less seriously hurt. The driver of the truck was placed under bond.

Annual Roll Call Of The Red Cross Here Under Way

Drive For Membership Will Be Intensified This Week; To Close November 30

The annual roll call of memberships in the American Red Cross here is well under way and the drive will be intensified this week, it was learned today from W. K. Sturdivant, roll call chairman.

Various committees are arranging their part of the activities for the final week and the drive is scheduled to close on Saturday, November 30.

Canvassers of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro for memberships will be made this week but roll call leaders emphasize that persons who are not reached by canvassers are also asked to join and may carry or mail their memberships to W. K. Sturdivant, roll call chairman, or W. Blair Gwyn, chapter treasurer.

Publicity materials were distributed last week by the Boy Scouts.

Chapter officials have expressed a hope that the roll call this year may be the most successful in the history of the Wilkes chapter, especially in view of the fact that the National Red Cross spent more than \$10,000 for flood relief in Wilkes after the August 14 flood disaster and the people in this section of the state had an opportunity to see the Red Cross in action in providing speedy and adequate relief in times of stress.

With all committees and parts of the roll call organization organized for definite action, it is expected that the membership drive will be put over very successfully this week.

Thursday Will Be Thanksgiving Day In State

Thirty-two states observed Thanksgiving on November 21 but North Carolina is one of the 16 states which is sticking to the traditional last Thursday in November as the date for the annual holiday.

Thanksgiving Day will be observed locally and throughout North Carolina on Thursday of this week, November 28.

It is expected that practically all business will observe the day as a holiday in the state except those which by the nature of their business find it necessary to remain open on that date.

Both banks here will be closed on Thursday. The employment service office will be closed and claimants who have been reporting on Thursday are asked to report on the following Friday.

Thanksgiving services, turkey dinners, hunting, football games, motor trips, visiting, etc., will be some of the turkey day activities in the state.

Congregational Singing Dec. 8th

Will Be At Mount Pleasant Church; Judge Hayes Speaks In Morning

Announcement was made today that the congregational singing scheduled to be held at Mount Pleasant Baptist church on the third Sunday in December had been changed to the second Sunday, December 8, because of conflicting engagements.

The congregational singing will be held on the 8th at Mount Pleasant and will begin at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, will speak at Mount Pleasant church on the morning of Sunday, December 8, 11 o'clock, in a special service. The public has a cordial invitation to attend the morning service and the singing in the afternoon.

Ferguson Grange Will Meet Tuesday

Ferguson Grange will meet at the school building on Tuesday night, seven o'clock. Officers will be elected and other important business will be transacted. All members are asked to be present.

Open Christmas Seal Drive



1.9. INFLUENZA
8.3. PNEUMONIA
10.2. TUBERCULOSIS

Two children look hopefully at the 1940 Christmas Seal which will help protect them against tuberculosis. The annual sale will begin November 25. As shown in the above chart, tuberculosis still leads as the greatest killer of persons between the ages of five and twenty. The 1940 Christmas Seal was designed by Felix L. Martini (upper right).

Approval Is Given Water And Sewer Project For City

Calls For 6 1/2 Miles Sewer Lines, 1 1/4 Miles Water Lines, Disposal Plant

Presidential approval was given in Washington Saturday to North Wilkesboro's water and sewer extension project, which was submitted by city officials and the WPA here recently.

North Wilkesboro is sponsor of the project, which is the largest in the list of those approved for North Carolina Saturday.

The project calls for approximately six and one-half miles of sewer line and about 1 1/4 miles of water line to parts of the town not now receiving water and sewer service.

The project will also provide for construction of a modern sewage disposal plant. Total cost of the project as set up was estimated at \$145,322, of which \$94,871, or 68 per cent, will be federal funds.

Thanksgiving Day Service Thursday St. Paul's Church

Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. The offering at this service will go to the support of the Thompson Orphanage. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Christmas Seals help the sick and protect the well.

Mrs. Stout Is Head Of Christmas Seal Campaign Locally

Wilkes County's Goal This Year To Raise \$450 To Fight Tuberculosis

Mrs. Boyd M. Stout has been appointed Wilkes county chairman of the 1940 Christmas Seal Campaign.

This will be the thirty-fourth Christmas season in which voluntary contributions have been collected.

Home demonstration work has made much progress in Wilkes since it was started two years ago.

"Tuberculosis still leads causes of death between the ages of 15 and 45. Christmas seals have helped fight a good fight, but as an enemy the disease is far from being vanquished. This is the time to pile up more ammunition for further attack."

"Wilkes County, like all other communities, has its tuberculosis problem," said Mrs. Stout, "and at least once a year we should intensify our efforts to help solve the problem."

The 1940-41 world's cotton crop is placed tentatively at 30,500,000 bales as compared with 28,900,000 last season, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Achievement Day Is Observed Friday By The Home Clubs

Many Awards Made In Annual Gathering Held In Wilkesboro Friday

A very successful achievement day was observed Friday night by the home demonstration clubs of Wilkes county. The gathering, an annual affair, was held in the Wilkesboro school building with a large attendance, there being ten of the 11 clubs in the county represented and taking part in the discussions. Mrs. F. T. Moore, of Ronda, president of the county council of home clubs, presided. Discussions were led by Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, of the Moravian Falls club.

Six awards of merit for two years home improvement went to the following members: Mrs. Glenn Carlton, Boomer; Mrs. T. W. Tevepaugh, Gilreath; Mrs. B. F. Proffitt, Maple Springs; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, Ferguson; Mrs. J. E. DeJournette, Roaring Gap. Awards for kitchen improvement, which were announced some time ago, were also presented.

Moravian Falls club won the award for greatest amount of newspaper publicity.

The following perfect attendance awards were made: Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, of the Ferguson club; Mrs. J. N. Gentry, Mrs. N. R. DeJournette, Mrs. J. E. DeJournette and Mrs. W. N. Calloway, of the Roaring Gap club; Mrs. Paul Church, Mountain View; Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, Moravian Falls; Mrs. J. M. Costner, Rosalee Moore, Kate Parker and Mrs. W. H. Tevepaugh, Gilreath; Mrs. Glenn Carlton and Mrs. Ralph Swanson, Boomer; Mrs. Minnie Pardue, Roaring River.

Miss Anamerle Arant, district home demonstration agent, was present.

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"Golgotha" Will Be Shown Tuesday

Talking Movie Of Passion Play To Be Shown In School Auditorium

"Golgotha" first and only talking motion picture of the famous Passion Play, will be shown Tuesday night, November 26, 7:30 o'clock, in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium.

The now famous movie, made at a cost of \$800,000, will be shown here under auspices of The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church. Spokesmen for the organization expressed delight at being able to show the picture here and described the opportunity to see it as a rare opportunity.

Alive After Blast



Kate Sandor, employee of the United Railway Signal Corporation of Woodbridge, N. J., shown in hospital after the explosion which destroyed the plant.

Work Progressing On Home Chair Co. Buildings At Ronda

Plant May Be In Production By First Of Year; Install Modern Machinery

Work is progressing on the Home Chair company's recently acquired plant at Ronda at an accelerated pace but it will be early in January before the factory can begin production, it was learned here today from company officials.

The plant of the Home Chair company, which has been prominent in furniture manufacturing business for many years, was destroyed by fire in the flood here on August 14 and the company purchased the Ronda cotton mill plant, which is being converted into a modern furniture factory.

A large addition to the main building of the plant and a modern dry kiln is in process of construction. The power plant was found to be adequate and in good condition and all the duties connected with changing the property into a furniture manufacturing plant are being carried out with satisfactory progress.

When completed the plant will be one of the most modern in this section and will be equipped for efficient and rapid manufacture of furniture with a degree of precision heretofore not practical.

Most modern type of machinery, including a conveyor system, is being installed and the entire plant is being equipped according to high and exacting standards. The conveyor system, which proved its indispensability in the automobile and tire industries, is comparatively new in furniture plants but its effect on production and working conditions will be revolutionary in scope. The factory equipment is being assembled with a view toward making working conditions as pleasant as possible as well as for efficiency in production, membership of the company said.

Twenty-three dwelling houses included in the purchase by Home Chair company are also being renovated and placed in livable condition for company employees.

Education is our "vaccine" against tuberculosis. Christmas Seal money financed the educational work carried on the year round by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

First Volunteers For Year Training Are Examined Here

Two From Wilkesboro Board Are Given Physical Examinations Today

First volunteers for one year of training under provisions of the Selective Service act were given physical examinations here this morning.

They were: Raymond Pearson, of Millers Creek, and Belo Quam, of Gilreath. Both are registered in the draft board area with headquarters at Wilkesboro and were first and second, respectively, to fill out applications as volunteers for that draft board area.

They were examined this morning at the Wilkes hospital by Dr. F. C. Hubbard, examining physician for draft board area number one.

He said this afternoon that both apparently had passed the examination.

The Wilkesboro board has a call for two men early in December. The quota for the first call for the board with headquarters in North Wilkesboro is three. Both boards have volunteers sufficient to fill the first call.

Following are listed the local order numbers for the third hundred in both Wilkes boards, the first and second hundreds having been published in previous issues of this newspaper:

- District One**
- 201-262, William Turner Church
 - 202-1189, Carl William Clanton
 - 203-399, Samuel Reid Oglivie
 - 204-217, William Aldriea Greene
 - 205-103, Woodrow Huffman
 - 206-220, Roy Barber
 - 207-1364, Carl Johnson Vannoy
 - 208-561, Albert B. Carlton
 - 209-1136, Troy Cleoer Foster
 - 210-753, Owen Stephens
 - 211-1946, James Walter Sparks
 - 212-1071, Arlie Otto Bullis
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District Meet Lions Officers Is Held In City

Presidents And Secretaries Of Several Clubs In Meeting Here Wednesday

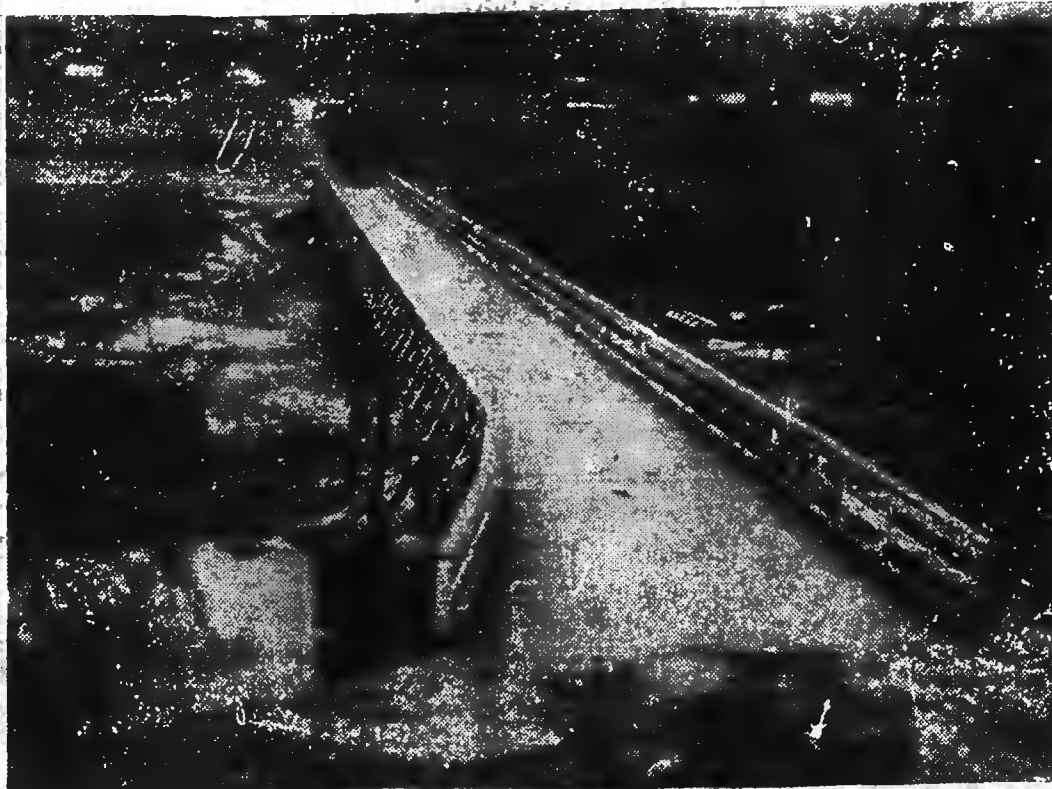
Advisory committee of Lions clubs in this district held their quarterly meeting at Hotel Wilkes in this city Thursday evening.

The advisory committee for the district is composed of presidents and secretaries of the clubs. The meeting here Wednesday night was well attended with representatives present from Valdese, Boone, Hickory, Newton, Lenoir and North Wilkesboro clubs.

Local Club Meets
A humorous address by Henry Reynolds, of Greensboro, clerk of federal court, featured the Friday evening meeting of the North Wilkesboro Lions club. The program was in charge of Hadley Hayes and I. H. McNeill, Jr.

The speaker kept the club members in an uproar for 20 minutes as he related one humorous incident after another. Two new members have been added to the club. Dr. J. S. Deans and Attorney Elmer Rouzer.

NEW YADKIN BRIDGE AT ROARING RIVER



Typical of the structures being erected rapidly by state highway forces to replace bridges destroyed in the August 14 flood is this one across the Yadkin at Roaring River. The bridge, of

stantial type construction and adequate to accommodate the traffic, was built in a few days. A similar structure has been placed across the river at Ronda. (Photo by Dwight Nichols).

Wilkesboro Defeats North Wilkesboro In Annual Football Classic On Friday

Wilkesboro high school's football team rose to superb heights here Friday afternoon to overpower and outplay North Wilkesboro 19 to 0 before a record crowd gathered to see Wilkes county's football championship decided.

It was a fast and hard charging team, outweighing their rivals an average of ten pounds and outplaying them by an even greater margin, that carried off the victory. For Wilkesboro the game meant a successful season.

North Wilkesboro played valiantly and deserve every word which could be said of a game bunch of boys who wanted victory but were a little outclassed by a more powerful aggregation. The Lions showed flashes of good

football but never seriously threatened. Extra power and speed were on the side of the Ramblers from the south side of the Yadkin.

North Wilkesboro received on the opening kickoff and when three plays left the ball two yards short of a first and ten Edledge went into punt formation.

Before he could get the kick off green shirted Ramblers had filled the Lions' backfield and the punt was perfectly blocked by Phillips about the 25-yard line. Lime plays made a first down and Greenwood swept around his left end 15 yards to score. Adelman ran the extra point and Wilkesboro was out in front 7 to 0 before half the first period had elapsed.

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