

War News

German Bombers Raid Seaport

London. — German bomber planes ranged far and wide over Britain last night, striking particularly at a west England city which had been assaulted yesterday and heavily last Sunday night, but up to midnight only negligible damage had been reported.

Over the town in the west (which was obliquely but quite clearly identified as Bristol, the port through which American supplies have been pouring into England) the raiders were met with the shock of a fierce barrage. They unloaded hundreds of fire bombs on a golf course. The extent of which high explosive damage was thought to have been small.

The London area got the welcome "raiders passed" signal before midnight. Hostile planes were over the northeast, southwest, northwest and the east midlands, but in no great numbers. It was suggested that many northern France airdromes were water-logged.

Italian Soldiers Are Routed

Athens. — Bayonet-thrusting Greeks were declared yesterday to have scattered fresh Italian troops—a choice regiment of Romans," the Greeks called them—thrown into action in a desperate attempt to bolster the center of the sagging Albanian battle line.

There was no stopping their forces here or anywhere else along the rambling, mountainous front, the Greeks reported.

In the north, they said, Greek fighters pushed steadily beyond Pogradetz, Italian stronghold 30 miles inside Albania, and in the south they engaged and routed Italian battalions, the second and last major Fascist "invasion" base, and keep open their path to the Adriatic Sea.

The Greek high command's communique last night said that in the Koritza area six abandoned Italian airplanes "among other material," had fallen to the Greeks.

A government spokesman declared that not only had Italian reinforcements failed to halt the Greek advance but that these reinforcements were being pushed back in disorder despite their "desperate efforts."

"The broken morale of the other Italians," he added, "has been imparted to these troops. They have been overthrown and are retreating."

Nazis Are Not To Aid Italians

Rome.—Well-informed sources in Rome said yesterday Nazi Germany was leaving the fight against Greece entirely up to Mussolini's Italian legions, with no intention of intervening there to help her southern axis partner.

The same sources also scouted rumors here that the Nazis were preparing to take military action against Turkey.

The Reich is only attempting through diplomatic activity to keep Turkey from entering the war on the side of her neighbor, Greece, an informant said.

As evidence, he said, there is no German military movement in the Balkans and only a few Nazi troops are in Rumania and none in Bulgaria. (Neutral Balkan sources have estimated there are 1,250,000 German soldiers in Rumania.)

Although Bulgaria has been expected to join the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance, this source said its adherence to the pact was out of question because Turkey might consider such action grounds for entering the war on the side of Britain.

Spain Out Too

Spain likewise is staying out of the alliance, this source said, for fear of compromising her position.

Many War Prisoners Are Held In Canada

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—Canada's official silence on the number of empire war prisoners behind wire in the dominion was broken today when an official declared there were "many thousands—between 8,000 and 12,000."

Most are soldiers, sailors and airmen captured in the fighting over-seas and civilians arrested in the United Kingdom.

Canada's peak internment figure in the last war was 8,000.

What foresters call an extraordinarily successful fire season has just closed in the northern and western National forests, reports the U. S. Forest Service.

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THANKSGIVING

"Oh give Thanks unto the Lord; for He is good"—Psalms 136:1.

Many Mattresses Are Being Made In Project For County

County Agent Reports That Over 500 Applications Have Been Filed

More than 100 mattresses have been made in the mattress project in Wilkes county and over 400 applications are now on file, J. B. Snipes, county farm agent, reported today.

The mattress project was started in Wilkes soon after the August 14 flood in order that flood stricken people could replace mattresses and other bedding lost in the flood. Mattress making centers with a supervisor for each were first established at Boomer and Wilkesboro. Soon another was placed at Mulberry and the most recent one was established at Roaring River in a store building donated by J. B. Church. Mr. Snipes said that other communities, including Ronda, Traphill, Ferguson and Maple Springs had asked for centers but all cannot be reached with the project.

Sixty-three bales of cotton have already been shipped into Wilkes for use in the project, along with large quantities of ticking and thread.

Families with an annual income of \$600 or less, or more if there are several in the family, may make a mattress in the project. The cost of a mattress, with the receipt doing the work, is only one dollar. This pays for needles, hauling the materials, supervision and other incidentals. The materials are furnished through the Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Large families may make one mattress for each two people in the family, the number of mattresses in no case to exceed three per family, Mr. Snipes said.

Hunting Season Is Open Today

Game Protector Tells Daily And Season Bag Limits For Game In County

Today is Thanksgiving day and also the date for opening of the hunting season for the most popular species of game in Wilkes and adjoining counties.

Homer Brookshire, Wilkes county game protector, issued a stern warning to all hunters that game laws will be enforced.

He also pointed out the fact that the first requirement before going into the fields and forests in search of game is a hunting license, which may be obtained from any one of several dealers in the county.

The quail and rabbit season opens today and attention is called to the bag limits. It is unlawful to take over ten quail in one day or 150 during the season. Game hogs who take all they can get are responsible for the diminishing supply of this popular game bird.

The rabbit bag limit is ten per day with no limit for the season. The grouse limit is two for any one day and two for the season. In other words, when you have taken two grouse you have all the law will allow for a season.

The quail and rabbit season will close on February 15. The grouse season closes on January 15.

CIGARETTES

The consumption of cigarettes in 1939 established an all-time high of 172,500,000,000, up 5 per cent from the 163,800,000,000 of 1938, despite increase state sales taxes.

New Recruits for Uncle Sam's Army



A raw batch of new recruits are pictured as they arrived at Fort Devens, at Ayer, Mass., ready to go through the routine that will turn them out as soldiers of the line within a few months. There are 3,400 soldiers and 100 officers housed at present at Devens. Meanwhile more than 3,000 artisans are working night and day to complete the first of 27 new barracks to accommodate the 1940 batch of draftees. Each building will house 63 men.

Groom Minister In First Marriage By Rev. Mr. Yates

Rev. J. Q. Yates, of Cricket, on Friday performed his first marriage ceremony. The groom was also a minister, Rev. Allen Staley. Another coincidence was that both began their ministerial work together three years ago on September 17.

Rev. Mr. Staley, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Staley, of Reddies River, was married to Miss Virginia Pilkington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pilkington, of Wilbar.

The vows were spoken in the home of Rev. Mr. Yates with only a few relatives and intimate friends present. The couple will make their home at Wilbar.

Millers Creek All Stars Win 1st Game

Millers Creek all star basketball team won a hard fought basketball game Thursday night 21 to 17 on the latter's court.

It was the opening game of the season for the Millers Creek all stars, a team composed of former high school graduates in the community. The Millers Creek team would like to schedule games with other teams within a radius of 50 miles. Any team wishing to schedule games is asked to write Gwyn Nichols, Millers Creek, N. C.

Conspiracy Case Called For Trial

28 Defendants In Case In Progress In Federal Court

10 Of 28 Enter Trial With Not Guilty Pleas And Ten Plead Guilty

Trial of 28 defendants indicted on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States government out of liquor taxes began today in federal court at Wilkesboro.

At the opening of the trial several defendants entered pleas of guilty, one nolo contendere and five had not been taken.

The defendants going to trial with pleas of not guilty were Earl J. Gambill, Robert Hutchison, Roscoe Hayes, W. Gordon Benton, Bryan Hutchison, Joe P. Hayes, S. C. Hutchison, Elmer Dunn, John Alexander and Jackson J. Threatt. Josephus Teague submitted a plea of nolo contendere.

Those entering pleas of guilty were Council Hayes, Jesse M. Johnson, Major Teague, Shelby

Joines, Tyre C. Caudill, Cager Teague, Clay B. Bauguess, William Dunn, Yates White and Henry L. Russel.

Capias papers were issued for Leroy Courtney, M. C. Howard, Isaac Sam Teague, Melvin C. Brookshire and Walter McCoy.

Burbank, Calif., Nov. 25.—Representatives of the 20,000 employees at Lockheed and Vega aircraft plants started a movement today to give the Royal Air Force a \$100,000 Hudson bomber as a Christmas present.

E. J. Morgan, an employe of the Vega material planning department, said workers had agreed through their two recreational organizations to donate their time to building the craft, identical to many now in service for the British.

Morgan added that company officials had received "enthusiastically" a proposal that parts and plant facilities be donated.

"The British are responsible for many of us work," Morgan declared, "and we think a Christmas gift would be a fine thing."

Changes In AAA Program For 1941 Are Announced

The County AAA office has just received some regulations on the 1941 Program of certain practices that require "Prior approval" of the County Committee. "Prior approval" means that before credit can be given on any practice that comes under these headings; that, prior approval must be given by the committee to the producer who anticipates using any of the practices to earn units on the 1941 Program. The practices that require prior approval to be given are as follows:

1. Contour Stripcropping. "The prior approval of the county committee should state the approximate width of strips of inter-tilled and close-growing crops, the crops which are to be established or maintained in the strip-cropping system, and the approximate acreage included in the practice." This practice pays one-fifth unit or 30 cents per acre.

2. Forest Stand Improvement: "Prior approval of the county committee for this practice will require a visit to the woodland to be improved and detailed instructions to the producer which will conform with the requirements for forestry practices for 1941." This practice will pay two units or \$3.00 per acre.

3. Apple Tree Removal. "Prior approval of the county committee will be made only after an inspection has been made of the orchard by a representative of the county committee and the trees which are to be removed will be marked at the time of the visit." This practice will pay 30c per tree for trees from 5 to 12 inches in diameter and 50c per tree for all over 12 inches in diameter.

4. Fruit or Nut Tree Planting on Contour. "Prior approval of the county committee will be given only after a representative of the county committee has inspected the acreage to be planted, has determined that contour planting is necessary to prevent erosion and has approved the plans for planting as staked out on the ground." This practice will pay one unit or \$1.50 per acre.

The above quotations are taken directly from the regulations that were furnished to the County Committee by H. A. Patten, who is head Field Officer and in charge of compliance.

Farmers on the 1941 Program are further warned that any fertilizer or liming material that is secured from a private source and applied to the land must be accompanied by a receipted bill or invoice before credit can be given on the 1941 program.

Crop Rotation Pays Dividends

The purpose of a crop rotation is to conserve and build up soil and increase the yields of crops.

H. C. Roberts, of Cycle, has been following a crop rotation for the past eight years and is very much pleased with the results that he is now getting by following this rotation. Some eight years ago, E. C. Blair, Extension Agronomist, paid Mr. Roberts a visit and at this time worked out a rotation for Mr. Roberts' farm. Mr. Roberts stated that the rotation has greatly improved the yield of the crop as well as conserved and added humus and organic matter to the soil.

Mr. Roberts feels satisfied that his rotation has been worth \$1,000.00 per year for the past three years (Continued on page eight)

Official Call For Men Is Received By Draft Boards

Five From Wilkes Will Go To Fort Bragg On Morning Of December 11th

The two draft boards in Wilkes county have received official call for men to go to Fort Bragg for a year of training on December 11.

Board number one, with headquarters at Wilkesboro, will furnish two men, both white. The first two volunteers, Raymond Pearson, of Millers Creek, and Belo Queen, of Gilreath, have already been examined and are ready to go.

Board number two, with headquarters at the city hall in this city, has received official call for three white men, who are to leave here for Fort Bragg on the morning of December 11, 7:30 o'clock, by bus. They will be chosen from the seven volunteers in the order of their applications to volunteer, Luther Raymond Hampton, was a colored man, and the next four were Paul Reeves, of North Wilkesboro route one; Charlie Eugene Billings, of Dehart; Rufus Monroe Ellis, of McGrady; Presley Elmer Casey, of Traphill; William Bud Burchette, of North Wilkesboro; Robert Ford Adams, of Dehart. All except the last two have been classified and placed in class 1 as eligible for service provided they are physically fit.

In addition to the volunteers, Board number two has placed the following in class one after examining the first questionnaires returned: James Dwight Waugh, colored, of North Wilkesboro; Port Tubert Long, Vannoy; Charles Spurgeon Hudson, North Wilkesboro; Jesse Oliver Caudle, Ronda; Harless Harvey Lovette, North Wilkesboro; Connie Monroe Cleary, Mertie; Avery Clingman Byrd, Ronda; Iredell Dancy, Vannoy; Richard Finley Gentry, Thurmond; David Benjamin Swain, Roaring River; Lonzo Odell Lankford, Cricket; Claude Allen Ellis, McGrady; George Edwin Eller, North Wilkesboro. Final classification is subject to appeal and results of the physical examination. Twenty-three were placed in class 3, deferred because of dependents.

Board number two here yesterday mailed out questionnaires to local order numbers 50 through 100 and to the two most recent volunteers. The questionnaires must be returned by Monday, December 2.

Draft board number 1 in Wilkes has mailed out questionnaires to registrants with order numbers through 96 and to seven volunteers. Sixteen, including the volunteers, have been placed in class 1 as eligible for service.

Demonstration In Use Of Electricity

Four Meetings Will Be Held In County With Specialists In Charge

By J. B. SNIPES (County Agent)

Four meetings have been worked up and scheduled for next week to demonstrate the place that electricity has on the farm.

D. E. Jones, Rural Electrification specialist, of State College, and L. L. Ray, Duke Power company specialist, of Greensboro and North Wilkesboro, will be with us and assist in the meetings. Duke Power company has about 300 miles of rural lines in the county and we want to demonstrate the value of electricity on the farm, in poultry, dairy and other farm work.

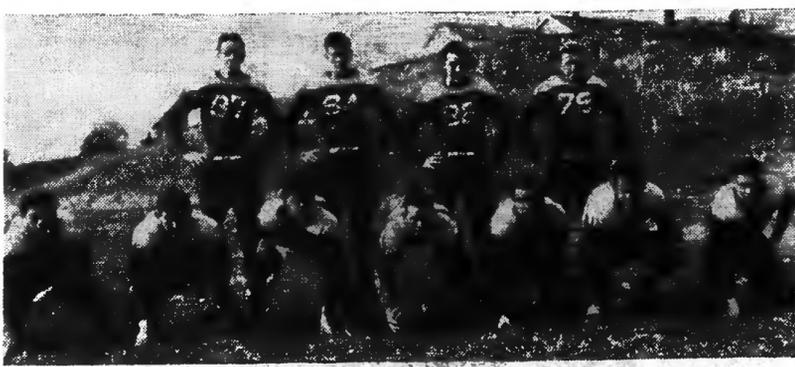
Demonstrations will be given in grinding poultry feed, cow feed, hog feed, brooding chicks, grinding farm tools, sawing wood, and wiring houses.

The four meetings will be held on the following farms and all farmers in the county have a special invitation to attend any or all meetings:

December 3, J. W. Casey farm at Cycle, 10:00 a. m.; December 3, J. M. German, Boomer, 2:00 o'clock; December 4, Virgil Church, Highway No. 421, Farlear, 10:00 a. m.; December 4, W. J. Templeton, Mountain View, at 2:00 p. m.

Use the advertising columns of this paper as your shopping guide.

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS OF WILKES COUNTY



Wilkesboro high school's Ramblers, who won the Wilkes football championship last week by a 19 to 0 win over North Wilkesboro high in the annual grid game here, are shown in the above picture. In the front row is the line, left to right as follows: Fran Jarvis, Albert Dennis, Gates Kimball, Boyce Moore, Donald Linney, Rufus Moseley and Douglas Linney. The four backs, called the 'four horsemen of Wilkesboro' following the victory over North Wilkesboro, are, left to right: Charles Garwood, Sonny Bouchelle, Bill Phillips and Eddie Adleman.