

War News

German Bombers Hit Industries

London, Dec. 4.—German bombers roared over the industrial Midlands again tonight in the aftermath of a fierce anti-aircraft battle.

Breaking in from the east, the planes turned toward Birmingham, heart of the manufacturing area, which bore the brunt of last night's assaults.

Bombs were dropped on a small Midlands town. Other raiders were reported over southwest England and Wales.

London itself did not escape. Groups of raiders which came at intervals from the southeast, appeared soon after over London, dropping bombs which struck an occupied school in one district.

Skies on the city's outskirts were luminous with steady anti-aircraft fire, and the guns could be heard over a wide area.

Greeks Captured More Towns

Athens, Dec. 4.—The Italians were declared tonight by a Greek spokesman to be withdrawing northward from their vital southern Albanian bases of Porto Edda and Argirocastro—apparently abandoning hope for effective defense of those strategic towns.

At the same time, he said that the fascist army before Premet, in the central front, likewise was in retreat.

Italian counter-attacks in some sectors were acknowledged, but the spokesman asserted they were all repelled "in whatever part of the front."

Summing up the situation, he said:

"Despite severe weather and difficult terrain our troops continue to advance and pursue the retreating enemy. At certain points fierce fighting is taking place, which has continued to our advantage."

Italians In Retreat

The northern Greek wing was reported struggling on through icy mountains toward the Albanian capital of Tirana.

Early in the day the Greeks had declared the fall of Porto Edda and Argirocastro, an important supply center, was momentarily expected.

As early as dawn this morning, the Greeks were officially declared to be in Porto Edda outskirts and during the day their artillery went into action to cover the road running from that seaport northeast some 20 miles to Argirocastro. Italian resistance, which the Greek command already had officially characterized as falling, was said to have been thus even more arily broken.

British Losing Many Ships

Berlin, Dec. 4.—Germany's accelerated sea warfare against Great Britain was credited by the high command tonight with sinking seven more armed merchant vessels of 36,400 tons.

One submarine scored direct hits on six of the ships, a communique said. A seventh was listed as the victim of a bomber which attacked a convoy in the Atlantic 250 miles off the Irish coast.

D. N. B., official news agency, said the bomber attack was made against a "long convoy" which headed for the Irish coast when the planes were sighted.

25 This Week

Since Monday the high command has claimed sinking of 25 British merchant ships aggregating 285,000 tons.

Marky weather slowed up aerial warfare over Britain, but high officials and D. N. B. reported these attacks were carried out:

Bombs of all calibers were dropped on port facilities at Bristol. "Numerous observations confirmed well-aimed hits on the targets," a communique said.

U. S. May Loan Britain Funds

Washington, Dec. 4.—Speculation on the possibility of loans to Great Britain reached new heights in Washington tonight, following two striking developments:

(1) Jesse Jones, secretary of commerce and federal loan administrator, tersely remarked that England is "a good risk" for loans. He added that ordinarily he favored lending money "to good risks when they need it for a proper purpose."

(2) Secretary Morgenthau, announced only a few minutes later, that Sir Frederick Phillips, the undersecretary of the British treasury, was arriving in the United States today to "place the latest available information (on British finances) before the treasury."

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

Questionnaires Are Mailed To Fifty More Here

Local Order Numbers 101 Through 150 Are Mailed Questionnaires Monday

Wilkes draft board number 2 with headquarters here announced yesterday that questionnaires were mailed to local order numbers 101 to 150, both numbers inclusive, and that the questionnaires are returnable on Saturday, December 7.

Meanwhile volunteers in the number 2 board area are being examined by Dr. J. H. McNeill, examining physician. Of the three examined on Monday only one, Paul Reeves, passed the physical examination.

Examinations have also been ordered for the persons whose questionnaires were examined last week and who were placed in class I as eligible for service.

The board for district 1 in Wilkes with headquarters at Wilkesboro mailed out questionnaires several days ago to men with local order numbers through 96 and the earlier ones and seven volunteers have been classified.

Raymond Pearson, of Millers Creek, and Belo Queen, of Gilreath, first two volunteers, have already been given physical examinations and will constitute the board's first quota of two to leave for Fort Bragg on Wednesday, December 11.

Several Thousand Dollars In Bonds, Jewelry In Estate

A bank safety deposit box here this week yielded several thousand dollars in government bonds and jewelry in settlement of the estate of Mrs. N. B. Melville, who died in June at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. D. S. Melville, in Wilkesboro.

The inventory as shown by the records in the office of the clerk of court listed nine \$50 government bonds, 16 \$100 government bonds, a quartz necklace, diamond earrings, one cameo brooch, one miniature pendant, one jade necklace and two coat buttons.

The valuables were sent to Albert A. Craft, of Chicago, attorney for the executors of the will of Mrs. Melville.

Mrs. Melville, who died at the age of 84, had traveled extensively in many parts of the world and had collected some very rare and valuable jewels.

Cripple Clinic Again Dec. 12

Advance Announcements Made in Order That Cripples May Attend Clinic

The December clinic for cripples will be conducted at the Wilkes hospital here on Thursday, December 12, by an orthopedic specialist, the Wilkes county health department announced today.

The announcement of the next clinic is being made far enough in advance to notify all persons interested and to allow time for crippled and deformed persons to make arrangements to be present at the clinic, where examination and advice relative to corrective treatment will be made without cost to the patients.

1941 Auto License Are Selling Slowly

J. C. McDiarmid, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Carolina Motor Club, calls attention of the Automobile and Truck owners that their 1940 license plates expire December 31st, 1940. No extension will be granted.

This Branch usually issues about 5,000 license plates during December, and so far less than 400 of the 1941 plates have been sold.

In order to avoid inconvenience and a long wait in line, it is urged that both State and City plates be bought now, while quick service is assured.

England Won't Lose

Major General J. E. Chaney, of the U. S. Air Corps, returned from a 43-day stay in England, where he had been on an observation tour, told newsmen that he was "very optimistic on the outcome of the war from the British point of view" and that England won't lose the war.

FREE SOIL TESTS OFFERED



Dr. I. E. Miles, Director of the Soil Testing Division of the State Department of Agriculture (right) and Frank Brown, Assistant Soil Chemist (left) are shown preparing to make soil tests for farmers to determine the best suited fertilizer mixture for the crop they desire to grow. The 51 boxes of "dirt" seen represent 13 farms whose owners will be given free information that can be used in obtaining better crops at the lowest cost. Any farmer can secure free soil tests by writing the State Department of Agriculture at Raleigh. "Now is the time for growers to have their soils tested if they are to use the information that will be furnished to the best advantage," Dr. Miles said. More than 5,000 farmers received free tests of soil on their farms last season.

'Major' Brought Back to Wilkes

Police Dog With Company A Doesn't Get Along With High Ranking Officers

"Major," a police dog pet carried to Fort Jackson, S. C., by Company A of the National Guard, was sent back to North Wilkesboro this past week-end because of "insubordination."

The big dog got along fine with the men in the company but seemed to hold a grudge against high ranking officers. One day last week he attacked a Lieutenant Colonel and that was just the last straw in his "insubordination practices." Now he is staying on the premises at the home of one of the company members in this city.

Three Porkers Net 1,853 Pounds Pork

A. R. Miller, citizen of the Vannoy community who has amassed a splendid record of producing large quantities of pork in rapid order, came in today with his yearly report.

Three big type O. I. C. porkers just butchered netted 1,853 pounds of pork at the age of one year. The smallest had a dressed weight of 608 pounds and the others tipped the scales at 617 and 628. The three were mates from a litter of pigs a year ago.

During the past several years Mr. Miller has invariably produced several porkers with the dressed weight never being under 600 pounds for any individual porker one year of age.

The three hogs slaughtered this year did not consume a total of three bags of chop, Mr. Miller said and were fed almost entirely with dry corn.

Baseball Meeting On Friday Night

All Persons Interested In Baseball Asked To Meet At The City Hall

Baseball enthusiasts in Wilkes are looking ahead to the spring of 1941 and have already set a date for the first baseball meeting to discuss plans for next season.

A county-wide meeting has been called to meet at the city hall here Friday night, December 6 seven o'clock, to talk baseball for 1941 and to discuss the organization of a Wilkes county league.

Leaders in the baseball movement ask that all persons in Wilkes county who are interested in baseball to be present at the meeting.

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Christmas Seal Sale Under Way

Mrs. Stout Reports Receipts Are Beginning To Come In For Seals

The Christmas Seal sale for Wilkes county got under way Monday. The sale of seals, which will aid in combatting tuberculosis, is under the sponsorship of the Women's clubs of North Wilkesboro. Mrs. Boyd E. Stout, Seal sale chairman, stated that receipts were already coming in.

"Bangle Day" will be observed in the schools this year and the children will have an opportunity to buy bangles.

Spencer Tracy, motion picture star, is appearing at the Liberty Theatre this week in a special film in which he urges local residents to support the activities of the N. C. Tuberculosis Association. This is the first time in the history of the local tuberculosis association that a Hollywood personality has come forward in a motion picture to assist in the annual Christmas Seal campaign.

"I hope," said Mrs. Stout, "that all citizens will buy as many seals as possible this year. Let every greeting card and gift package that goes forth from Wilkes county carry these small decorations, attesting that our community is alive to its responsibilities and is doing its part in a great national drive."

American Legion Will Meet Friday

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet on Friday night, 7:30 o'clock, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouses. "Lend the Legion your assistance by your presence. Come, and bring a comrade," announcement of the meeting issued by L. M. Nelson, commander, said.

A feature of the program will be a discussion by A. W. Horton, former citizen of this city and now of Carpinteria, California, on the subject of "Cultivation of Lemons."

Milk Fund Dance On December 12th

North Wilkesboro Dokies club, which annually assumes part of the cost for purchase of milk for underprivileged and underweight children in the nutrition classes in North Wilkesboro schools, will sponsor a dance for the benefit of the milk fund on Thursday night, December 12, at the American Legion clubhouse.

The dance will begin at 8:30 and music will be furnished by the Oklahoma Ranch Hands, well known radio and screen band. Other entertainment will include radio skits and a cake walk. The sponsors assure all who will attend an evening of rare entertainment and the charge per couple will be \$1.00.

Mr. William T. King and sister, Miss Gladys King, and Mrs. Rachel Bowman, all of Hiddente Route 2, visited Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Rhodes, of North Wilkesboro, recently.

County Officials Are Appointed To Jobs For 2 Years

Poindexter Accountant, Shumate At County Home, Casey County Attorney

Wilkes county Republicans, who on Monday surprisingly remained in control of county affairs despite the election of two Democrats on the board of county commissioners November 5, immediately set about the task of consolidating their gains.

Max Foster, North Wilkesboro Republican, was appointed to membership on the board in place of C. E. Lenderman, Wilkesboro Democrat who was elected in commissioner district 1 and who in a letter of resignation to the clerk of court stated that he could not serve on account of his health. Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes made the appointment of Foster on the board and administered the oath of office to him, to M. F. Absher, Republican who was re-elected to his seventh two-year term, and to V. T. Walsh, Democrat who was elected in district 2.

Absher was re-elected chairman and the meeting proceeded, although Walsh did not participate and said he would not take part in the meetings until the legal status of Foster's appointment was determined.

With Absher and Foster present the board appointed a number of the present county employees to two more years with the county at the positions they have held for the past two years.

C. G. Poindexter, appointed county accountant and tax supervisor two years ago by the Republican board of three whose term expired Monday, was re-appointed for two years at the same salary. J. C. Grayson was re-appointed as his assistant and Mrs. C. G. Bumgarner as general assistant and stenographer, the position she has held for the past two years.

A. H. Casey was re-appointed county attorney for a period of two years and was directed to investigate the advisability of refinancing the bonded debt of the county, or such part as can be refinanced, and report to the board in its January meeting.

S. M. Shumate, who went to the county home as keeper two years ago, was returned to the same job at the same pay for another two years.

C. C. Sidden, who began a four-year term as register of deeds Monday, was appointed purchasing agent for the county at a salary of \$25 per month. He succeeds Oid Wiles, register of deeds for the past six years and who did not seek re-election.

The board also tackled routine matters in its first meeting and approved bonds of the newly installed register of deeds and of two constables, Wade Gilbert, of Elk, and L. L. Little, of Union.

The state bond required to be filed by the sheriff was reduced from \$15,000 to \$5,000, the order stipulating that the sheriff annually collects \$2,500 to \$3,000 in state funds.

Mrs. Lewis Minton, of Millers Creek, was ordered admitted to the state sanatorium at Black Mountain, with the county paying \$7.50 on costs of her hospitalization there.

News of Lenderman's written resignation and declaration that he could not serve on the board of commissioners Monday was a surprise to all but a few Republican leaders. It was disclosed that his letter to the clerk of court was dated November 29 and was received through the mail by the clerk, who accepted it Monday and appointed Foster in his place.

Foster is connected with the Wilkes Hosiery Mills company here, where he holds an executive position. He has been active in political circles and was elected as chairman of Young Republican clubs in Wilkes prior to the November election campaign.

Carolina Trio At Moravian Falls On Friday Night

The famous Carolina Trio, with the Dixie string band, will render a program at Moravian Falls community house on Friday night, December 6, 7:30 p. m.

The program will consist of old time string music, popular and western songs, a musical comedy and other features.

This City Taking On Holiday Appearance

Jack Quinn Leaves North Wilkesboro For Tennessee Job

Jack Quinn, who for many years has held an executive position with Home Chair company, has accepted a position with Cleveland Chair company in Cleveland, Tennessee, where he will be in charge of that company's business. He will begin his new duties next week but will not move his family until after the first of the year.

Mr. Quinn came to North Wilkesboro immediately after he was discharged from the United States army following the World War and began work with J. D. Moore, now president of Home Chair company.

He has become one of North Wilkesboro's best known citizens and has taken an active part in civic affairs as well as being one of the city's best known young industrialists. He said here today that he regrets very deeply to leave the Home Chair company and North Wilkesboro but personally could not afford to decline the position offered him by the Tennessee firm.

Henderson electric company has contract for installation of the lighted decorations and every effort will be made to have them in place and lighted by this week-end.

Meanwhile, many of North Wilkesboro's stores have already been very attractively decorated for the holiday season with new and decidedly beautiful arrangements of decorations, lights and holiday merchandise.

Anticipating a record volume of holiday business, North Wilkesboro merchants have stocked more heavily than ever before and with a greater variety of merchandise suitable for holiday shoppers.

Stocks have been assembled to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of customers in a fast expanding trade territory in this part of the state and North Wilkesboro cordially welcomes all holiday shoppers and visitors.

Bank officials said today that a larger sum than ever before was paid this year to those who have been making regular Christmas Club savings during the past year and that memberships in next year's club are being received.

The plan is becoming more popular each year in this section and it is expected that the club savings will materially boost holiday business.

Rev. A. L. Aycock Will Preach Sunday At Baptist Church

Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, will preach Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, in the First Baptist church here.

During the past few months when the First Baptist church has not had the services of a regular pastor many members of the congregation have been visiting at the Methodist church across the street for preaching services and the Methodist pastor calls his appointment at the First Baptist Sunday a "return visit." All are cordially invited to the service.

Sunday school will be held at the regular hour at both churches.

N. Y. A. Minimum Age Now 16 Years

Mrs. Lawrence Miller, district NYA supervisor, said this morning that the minimum age limit for National Youth administration employees has been reduced from 18 to 16 years. Young people between the ages of 16 and 25, not employed and in need of work, are now eligible to become NYA workers, Mrs. Miller said.

She also explained that additional boys and girls may be put to work in Wilkes on clerical, woodworking, home service, lunch room and mechanical projects. The NYA seeks to train boys and girls and provide the practical experience so essential in finding employment in private industry, Mrs. Miller said.

Clyde Phillips Is Seriously Injured

Mrs. M. E. Miller, of this city, has received news of serious injury to her brother, Clyde Phillips, in a highway accident near his home at Fulton, N. Y., on Saturday.

Mr. Phillips, a former citizen of Brownwood in Ashe county, sustained five breaks in both legs and other injuries. He was hit by another car while he was standing beside his own car and was wiping snow from his windshield.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, two p. m., at Roaring River church at Traphill for Mrs. Susan Bauguess, age 78, wife of John A. Bauguess, well known citizen of Traphill. Mrs. Bauguess died Tuesday night.

Surviving Mrs. Bauguess are her husband and the following sons and daughters: John K. Bauguess, Dubois, Idaho; Lewis Bauguess and Mrs. Verlie Jones, Montour, Idaho; Sherman Bauguess, Millers Creek; Armfield Bauguess, Traphill; Mrs. Mary Yale, Mrs. Flora Brooks and Mrs. DeEtte Holbrook, Traphill; Mrs. Tom McNeill, Millers Creek.

Rev. F. C. Watts will conduct the last rites.

Attractive Street Decorations To Be Erected This Week

Stores Stocked Heavily With Merchandise For The Holiday Season

This commercial and industrial center will take on a holiday appearance the latter part of this week when the new type Christmas street lights and decorations are erected.

The street decorations are a few days later than usual here this year because of the decision of the merchants to purchase a more permanent and durable type and some delay was necessary in formulating final plans and arrangements.

In previous years evergreens and vari-colored lights have been used, necessitating the construction of new decorations each year. This year the merchants have purchased street streamers and lighted stars which may be used again in new combinations.

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Mr. and Mrs. McNeill Golden Wedding Anniversary Dec. 1st

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McNeill celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home two miles west of this city on highway 421, Sunday.

Mr. McNeill and Miss Emily Pardue were married fifty years ago on December 1. His age now is 73 and hers 67. They are, enjoying normally good health and have numerous friends in this part of the state who wish them many more years of happy life together.

With the family present, a dinner was served Mr. and Mrs. McNeill at noon and in the afternoon from two to five o'clock 75 friends and relatives called to extend congratulations and good wishes on the occasion.

All of the children with the exception of Fred McNeill, who resides in Washington, D. C., were present for the anniversary celebration. The children present were F. G. and T. C. McNeill, of Charlotte; Mrs. E. P. Incore, of North Wilkesboro and Mrs. R. B. Church, of North Wilkesboro.

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MASONIC NOTICE

North Wilkesboro Chapter number 78 R. A. M. will meet tonight, 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers.