

# War News

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## London Experiences Worst Attack

London—London was blasted in one of the worst attacks of its 120 days of air siege last night and early today, waves of Nazi bombers smashed buildings and started fires over wide areas. After nine hours of shattering attack from low heights, the backbone of the assault appeared at 3 a. m. to have been broken by bad weather. Only sporadic bursts of bombs and anti-aircraft fire were heard as dawn approached. The Luftwaffe swept upon London early Sunday evening to break a 48-hour calm during which not a single bomb had fallen on Britain—the longest respite since the start of the massive assaults on the metropolis last August 7. All of London appeared to have suffered the wrath of Adolf Hitler's new savage attack but the toll of casualties was unknown.

## Greeks Capture Argirocastro

Athens—Greek troops marched into Argirocastro, last Italian on the Albanian frontier from which Italy intended to overrun Greece, it was officially announced yesterday. The announced surrender of the ancient city set off tremendous victory celebrations. Premier General John Metaxas and high officers appeared at an open window of general staff headquarters here to wave to crowds cheering the Greek army "on to Rome." The capture of Argirocastro removed the Italian's remaining airdrome in southern Albania, and the Greeks said fierce Italian attempts to prevent huge military stores from falling into Greek hands were unsuccessful.

## War Is Raging On Atlantic Ocean

Attacks on British, German and other commercial shipping and a determined British search for a German raider off South America intensified the naval struggle in the Atlantic north of the Equator Sunday. Radio reports told of new activity on both sides of the ocean by naval units of the Europeanelligerents.

## Pomeroy Pearson Last Rites Today

Alexander Citizen Was Brother Of R. H. and I. E. Pearson and Mrs. Crysel. Funeral service was held this afternoon at Little River church in Alexander county for Pomeroy Pearson, age 65, a citizen of that community who died Saturday night. Although he had been a resident of Alexander county for several years, he was a member of one of Wilkes county's best known families. He was born and reared in the Boomer community and was a brother of Rom H. and I. E. Pearson, of this city, and Mrs. George Crysel, of Wilkesboro near one.

## All-Pupil Program At P.-T. A. Meeting

An all-pupil program on the Christmas theme will feature the December meeting of the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association in the school auditorium Friday afternoon, December 13, 15 p. m. Mrs. C. C. Faw will be program chairman. Pupils of Mrs. J. B. Williams' second grade, elementary and high school pupils of Miss Helen Zumbrun, music teacher, and the high school band under direction of W. C. Grier will appear on the program. A large attendance of members is asked.

## Plans Being Made For Yadkin Bridge Across River Here

Concrete Structure Will Replace Temporary Bridge Recently Constructed. Engineers are working on plans for a concrete bridge across the Yadkin at or near the site of the lower Yadkin bridge at the eastern end of North Wilkesboro, it was learned today from Z. V. Stewart, highway division engineer.

While plans have not been disclosed, it is understood that the new structure will be of concrete construction and although it may not be above the flood high water mark it will be of sufficient strength to withstand floods. Highway officials said it had not been decided whether the bridge will be constructed as a state highway or WPA project. Shortage of skilled labor on WPA projects may make it impractical as a WPA project.

The old bridge on that site was destroyed in the flood August 14 and state highway bridge forces have erected a temporary bridge. The bridge serves the short cut road from this city to highway 421 two miles east of Wilkesboro. On the short cut road and near the river on the side opposite North Wilkesboro are located the state highway machine shop and warehouse for the eighth division and the state highway prison camp.

## Sixth District Draft Appeals Board Organizes

J. T. Prevette Is Member Of District Group; Lexington Man Is Chairman. (By Gene Whitman in Twin-City Sentinel, Thursday)

No appeals have been made yet from any draft board classifications in the sixth district—which includes the entire Piedmont section of Forsyth, Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes, Iredell, Davidson, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Catawba, Davie and Rowan counties—it was stated yesterday as the district appeal board held its first meeting at Lexington. L. A. Martin, of Lexington, was chosen chairman of the board, and J. A. Bolich Jr., of Winston-Salem, was named secretary. Other members include Dr. T. V. Goode, of Statesville; H. L. Arndt, Conover, Route 1, and J. T. Prevette, of North Wilkesboro. The five representatives, citizens of the Northwestern North Carolina district, met for the purpose of organization and, having no appeals to take up, decided to leave their initial business meeting until sometime in January, 1941.

District appeal offices will be set up in Lexington at the office of Chairman Martin, but meetings of the board will be rotated. (Continued on page eight)

## Boy King



King Ananda Mahidol of Thailand (Siam) is shown here with his mother when he was at school in Lausanne, Switzerland. Today the country ruled by the young king is at war with France, according to an announcement issued in Vichy. Thailand had made territorial demands on the government of the French colony. King Ananda succeeded King Prajadhipok when the latter abdicated in 1935. Thailand is ruled by a regency until the young man comes of age.

## Mrs. W. A. Taylor Claimed By Death

Prominent Local Resident Died Sunday Night; Funeral On Tuesday. Mrs. Carrie Lee Taylor, wife of Dr. W. A. Taylor, prominent local dentist, died at 12:20 this morning at the Wilkes hospital. She had been critically ill since she suffered an apoplectic stroke on Tuesday afternoon at her home. She never regained consciousness.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday afternoon, two o'clock, at the residence, 907 Trogon street, in this city. Rev. Watt M. Cooper, Presbyterian pastor, will conduct the last rites, assisted by Rev. A. L. Aycock, Methodist pastor. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery. Mrs. Taylor, whose age was 63, was a daughter of the late Fieldon Jones and Mrs. Mary Reynolds Jones, of Alleghany county. She is survived by her husband, Dr. W. A. Taylor, of this city, five daughters and one son: Dr. Varina Warren, Huntsville, Alabama; Mrs. C. W. Irvin, Greensboro; W. F. Taylor, Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. P. A. Tyndall, Mount Airy; Mrs. Russell Cook, High Point; and Dr. Carolyn Taylor, North Wilkesboro. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Maude Craven, of Waxon, and Mrs. Florence Collins, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

## Quartet Singing At Holiness Church

A quartet singing will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 15, 1:30 o'clock, at Pentecostal Holiness church in this city. All singers and others interested are invited to attend.

## Holiday Lights Decorate Streets Of N. Wilkesboro

Vari-Colored Lights And Stars Turned On In This City Saturday Night. Pretty street decorations in the form of streamers of multi-colored lights and lighted stars were erected on Main and Tenth streets the latter part of last week and were turned on Saturday night. A permanent type of holiday decorations was purchased by the merchants this year at a considerably large cost but may be used from year to year in unique arrangements.

The holiday street lighting adds much to the Yuletide appearance of the city and has already been the subject of much favorable comment.

## Dockery Woman In Court Here For Shoplifting

Police Chief J. E. Walker reported today the arrest of one woman on a charge of shoplifting. Chief Walker said that Mrs. Hazel B. Yale, of Dockery, was caught Saturday at the Goodwill store after she had taken two pairs of hose. In city court today she submitted a plea of guilty and Mayor McNeil suspended judgment for a period of twelve months on condition she violate no law during the time.

## Officers Elected By K. P. Lodge

North Wilkesboro K. of P. lodge, one of the largest units of that fraternity in this part of the state, has selected officers for the next year. Dr. A. C. Chamberlain was elected chancellor commander and the other newly elected officers who will be installed in January are as follows: Paul Osborne, vice chancellor; V. E. Jennings, prelate; P. E. Church, master of works; Ivey Moore, master of finance; Clifford Moore, assistant master of finance; Presley Myers, master of exchequer; R. E. Caldwell, master of arms; Glenn McNeill, inner guard; Tom Story, outer guard; T. E. Story, lodge deputy.

## JUST SUITS THE JOB

Boss: No, sen, I'm afraid I cannot hire you. We can't use much help just now. Boy: That's all right, sir. I wouldn't be much help.

## Plumber's Helper Nation's First Draftee



John E. Lawton, 21-year-old Everett, Mass., plumber's helper, shaking hands with Maj. Gen. James A. Woodruff at the army in Boston, after winning the signal honor of being the first man in the U. S. to be accepted for the army under the selective service program of 1940. He passed the stern physical examination with flying colors.

## Dr. Bumgarner Is Local Resident Is Called To Service

First Lieutenant In Medical Reserve Reported Sunday To Fort Knox. Dr. John R. Bumgarner, who began practice of medicine here a few months ago, has been called into service in the U. S. Medical Reserve. He received notice several weeks ago to be ready for call at any time.

## Robert Wood Finley, Davidson Student, Is Accorded High Honor

Robert Wood Finley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Finley, 1112 E Street, North Wilkesboro, N. C., who will receive his A. B. degree from Davidson College in June, is among those students who will be listed in the 1940-41 issue of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." The book will be released in January or February.

## Dan Hill Will Speak In City

Former Duke All-American Will Be Speaker At Football Banquet Thursday. Dan Hill, All-American center for the Duke University football team in 1938 and now assistant athletic director at Duke, will show movies of Duke football games and address a banquet in this city on Thursday night, December 12.

## Superphosphate May Be Applied For Now

The Wilkes county Triple A office is now accepting orders for Triple Superphosphate. Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Triple A, said today, and advised farmers wishing to secure the material to make application now. The amounts ordered will be delivered in January, he said.

## Forestry Specialist Will Consult With Farmers And Landowners In Wilkes

"Farmers are seeking information about their forest and timber problems," says J. B. Snipes, county agent, "and we are in position to give farmers assistance." Mr. Snipes has arranged with W. J. Barker, Assistant Extension Forester, from State College to meet farmers and other landowners at the county agent's office on Friday afternoon, December 13, from 2 to 4 o'clock. Mr. Barker will discuss the forest and timber problems brought in by the individual landowner. Many Wilkes county farmers have areas of idle eroding land of different soil types which should be reclaimed by planting forest trees. Mr. Barker will give information on the kind of trees to plant under different conditions and the method of planting best suited to each condition. Farmers will want information on the matter of timber thinning and management to produce the greatest amount of timber of the highest quality. Others may have market problems. The questions of when to sell timber for the greatest net return and what harvest or cutting system should be followed are uppermost in the minds of many timber owners just now while prices are at a higher level. These are some of the problems which Mr. Barker will discuss with the farmers. Do not forget the date—Friday afternoon, December 13, from 2 to 4 o'clock, at the county agent's office.

## Five Are Ready To Leave Wednesday For Year Training

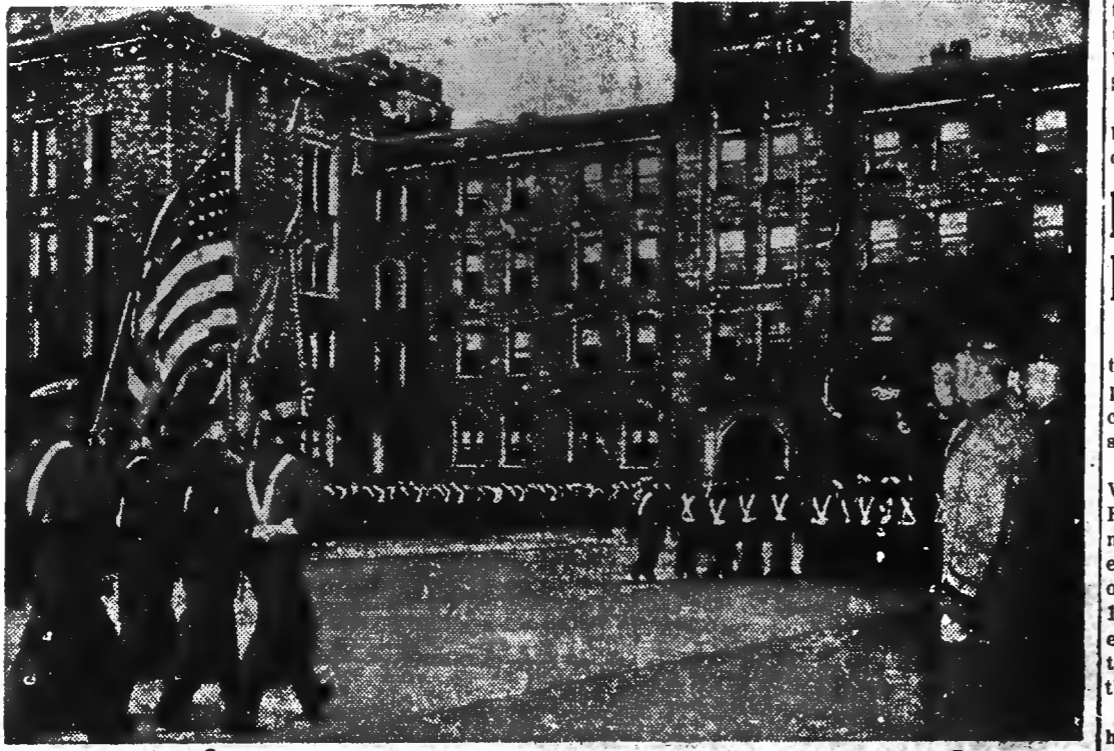
Wilkes First Quota Will Leave By Bus At 7:30 Wednesday Morning. Wilkes county's first quota of men for one year of military training will leave here by bus Wednesday morning, December 11, for Fort Bragg, unless changes are made in the orders received by the two draft boards in Wilkes.

Both boards have an ample number of volunteers to fill their quotas. The board with headquarters in Wilkesboro will furnish two and the board for draft area number 2, which has office in this city, will furnish three, all of whom have been selected from the first volunteers to make application. The draft board here has definitely selected Paul Reeves, Rufus Monroe Ellis and Ted Roberts. Also selected are two alternates from the remaining volunteers. They are William Bud Burchette and Claude Allen Taylor. Should one or more of the first three not be inducted at the receiving station at Fort Bragg the alternates will be called. First two volunteers in the Wilkesboro draft board area are Raymond Pearson, of Millers Creek, and Belo Queen, of Gilreath. The next in order who will be called should they fail to be inducted at Fort Bragg will be Blaine Calloway Estep, of Oakwoods, and Blaine William Nichols, of Millers Creek. Draft board for area number one announced today that questionnaires have been mailed to an additional 48, which carries the questionnaire mailing through local order number 144 in addition to seven volunteers. The draft board here for area 2 has mailed questionnaires to men with local order numbers through 200. The last 50 were mailed Thursday and all questionnaires are required to be filled out and returned within five days.

## Club Discusses Local Subjects At Friday Meet

Financing Of Underprivileged Child Work and Rebuilding Armory Talked. The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon had for its program an open discussion on two important local topics rather than consume the time with a speaker. J. B. McCoy was program chairman and a discussion was held on "What are we going to do with the underprivileged child work next year?" J. B. Williams, chairman of the committee directing that work, explained that 301 cases have been examined at the cripple clinic at the Wilkes hospital and that 100 or more were new cases. He stated that the committee should have at least \$300 for this work in addition to donations to carry children to the orthopedic hospitals. Out of the discussions came the following suggestions: Each member pay \$1.50 additional each quarter. Have a community chest and the club share in the funds for the needed amount. Each member to give a check at Christmas time, to amount of which he is to determine, for this work. Have a number of "bean" dinners during the year and turn into the fund the amount which would have been expended for luncheons. It was also suggested that the sale of Easter seals be urged, with the proceeds to supplement other funds raised. Some or all the suggestions will be used by the committee in working out its plans. The second open forum question raised was "How Shall We Rebuild the Armory?". The armory here was washed away in the August 14 flood and the movement to rebuild the structure is gaining momentum. However, the club did not have time to go into the matter thoroughly and it was deferred until a later meeting.

## New West Point Head Reviews Cadets



Brigadier General Robert L. Elcheberger, newly appointed superintendent of the military academy at West Point, N. Y., reviews the corps of cadets for the first time since taking over his duties at the academy. On the general's right is Lieutenant-Colonel Eyster, commander of the cadets.