

War News

Washington.—President Roosevelt last night flatly rejected proposals that the United States initiate a peace movement, proclaimed that American soldiers would not be sent to Europe and confidently predicted that the axis powers would lose the war.

He appealed to the nation to turn itself into the "great arsenal of democracy" and pledged that his government would expand its short-of-war aid to Great Britain.

The "new order" which the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis professes as its objective was denounced by Mr. Roosevelt as an "unholy alliance of power and pelf to dominate and enslave the human race." He warned frankly that this nation's ability to keep out of the war will be affected by the outcome of the battle of Britain.

To Avoid War
"Our national policy is not directed toward war," he said. "It's sole purpose is to keep war from our country and our people."

He said that national defense production must not be impeded by strikes or lockouts.

Similarly, he said that the defense effort "must not be blocked by those who fear the future consequences of surplus plant capacity," because "the possible consequences of failure of our defense efforts now are much more to be feared."

Sofia, Bulgaria.—The advance guard of part of the great German expeditionary force now fanning out in southeastern Europe reached the Bulgarian frontier yesterday while Bulgars, in

(Bulgaria is a potential avenue to Greece, or Turkey or the Russian-dominated Black Sea.)

Informed quarters said Bulgaria, was likely to permit passage of German troops, under protest, recognizing the "futility" of armed resistance.

Frontier districts reports said fresh Nazi troops could be seen taking up positions, occupying barracks and arraying equipment at Girugiu, on the Rumanian side of the border, across the ice-blocked Danube from Rascuk.

London.—Waves of German raiders apparently bent on setting fire to many London buildings showered the empire capital with incendiary and high explosive bombs last night in a comparatively short raid which rivaled the worst of London's many batterings in intensity.

Many air raid workers were believed to have died in the desperate task of battling and subduing the fires but London civilians, as if sensing a short, intense raid like the Nazis introduced to London last Friday night, rushed to shelters and tubes when the alarm sounded.

Numerous city districts were bathed in flame and showered with the debris caused by the heavy bombs.

The first planes came when darkness closed in on the city and the Nazis kept at it until shortly before midnight when the all clear was sounded.

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Section One

Should Register Now For Defense Class Next Week

Class In Machine Operation Will Begin On Monday, January 6th

Young men desiring to take training in the defense classes here must register with the local branch of the North Carolina State Employment Service this week if they want the machine operation course, B. G. Gentry, office manager, said today.

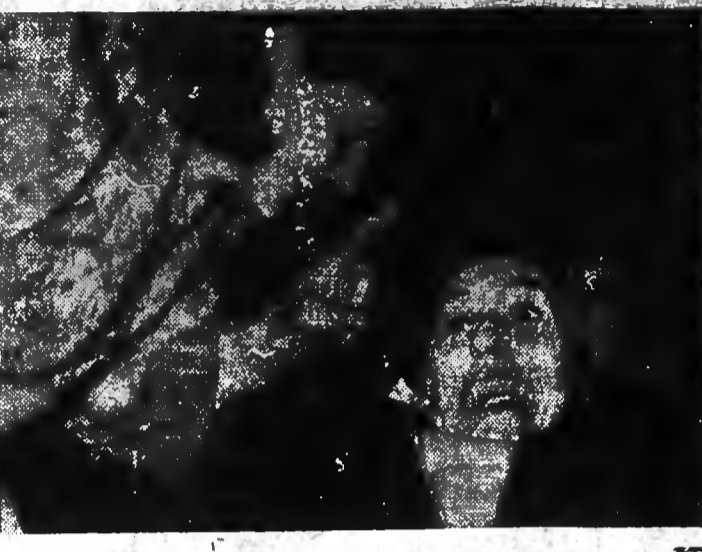
Young men of ages 17 through 24 are eligible to take the course and the maximum to be enrolled to learn machine operation is 15, according to the preliminary announcement.

The courses are being offered with the cost paid by the federal government in order to train men for work in defense industries. There will be thirty hours per week for 12 weeks and the course will be held at the time most convenient for the enrollees.

The first class in machine operation will assemble at the North Wilkesboro high school on Monday, January 6, four p. m.

Announcements relative to other courses in other trades may be expected soon, sponsors said.

23rd Recipient of Donor's Blood



Mrs. Leslie Watts cheers her mother, Mrs. Hazel Farmer, victim of staphylococcus septicemia, who will be the twenty-third recipient of the blood of Mrs. Rose McMullin, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Farmer, whose home is in Oklahoma City, was brought to Chicago to await the arrival of Mrs. McMullin, whose blood has saved the lives of 22 persons.

Capital Charges Made Against 2 Men By Police

Troy Reynolds Held For Entering Home; Negro Is Held For Assault

Police here disclosed today that two men are being held without privilege of bond on capital charges.

Troy Reynolds, local white man with a record of several offenses, was bound to superior court today without bond on charges of breaking and entering with intent to commit rape.

He is alleged to have broken into the home of Baxter Wyatt in this city three o'clock Sunday morning and tried to get into the bed with two girls, ages 13 and six. They screamed, called their father and the man whom one of the girls identified as Reynolds fled back through the window.

He was later arrested by police and the hearing was held this morning before Mayor R. T. McNeil.

Mrs. Pauline Wells, formerly of High Point but who had been staying here at Mrs. Julia Lovette's boarding house, told Police Chief J. E. Walker that a negro identified as being Vernon Poe, formerly of West Jefferson, tried to criminally assault her Friday.

She was walking on Cherry street, she said, when the negro ran into the street and forced her into the field nearby, where she managed to escape after he had torn her coat off. Police checked her story, found the footprints and arrested Poe, who was carrying a pistol.

He was tried in city court today for carrying concealed weapon and sentenced to 12 months on the roads but the assault charge was continued until next Monday because Mrs. Wells did not appear to testify. Meanwhile, the negro is being held without privilege of bond.

Officers said they had been informed that Mrs. Wells left Sunday by automobile and not returned. They stated they did not know why she had not returned to testify this morning against Poe.

Home Guard Unit Offered This City

Puerto Rico Draft



A Puerto Rican mountain man reads the sign telling him that men between 21 and 36 must sign up for military service. The Puerto Rican registry date was November 28.

Meeting Called Tuesday Night At The City Hall

Adjutant General Wants Expression From People Interested In Company

North Wilkesboro is one of 35 North Carolina towns and cities which have been tentatively designated as headquarters for home guard units, according to an announcement issued in Raleigh by North Carolina Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts.

The home guard units, approved recently by Congress, will be established soon to perform duties formerly handled by the state's national guard. Sites for the units, all of which will be infantry, were selected by General Metts and approved by Governor Hoey.

Each unit will be authorized to have as many as 50 enlisted men and three officers.

Letter Sent to Mayors In his announcement, Metts

the cities and towns named, as well as to chairmen of the boards of commissioners of counties in which the designated municipalities are situated.

The letter, after asking the officials to state whether they desired a home guard unit in their localities, explained how the units would be organized.

Since North Carolina's quota, Mayor R. T. McNeil has called a mass meeting of citizens for Tuesday night, seven o'clock, at the city hall, at which time the home guard proposition will be discussed.

The time is limited and the proper authorities must be notified immediately whether or not North Wilkesboro wants a home guard unit. All are urged to attend the meeting Tuesday night in order that Mayor McNeil may give the Adjutant General an immediate answer.

as authorized by the War Department, was 2,006 home guardsmen, there is a possibility that additional units, in a few other North Carolina municipalities, will be established later by

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In This City Are Helped This Year

Christmas Cheer Materials Delivered By City Truck On Wednesday

The Christmas Cheer organization here, headed by Police Chief J. E. Walker, who is also city welfare officer, and Mrs. J. L. Clements, reported that there were no empty stockings in homes of the city's needy families Christmas morning.

The city truck delivered Christmas Cheer materials Monday to 55 families with 165 children. Members of the H-Y club in North Wilkesboro school aided in the distribution.

Donations to Christmas Cheer work were made by church organizations, civic organizations, many individuals and the city welfare department. Students of North Wilkesboro school on Wednesday, December 18, donated sufficiently to care for fifteen families.

The activities were handled through the city welfare department, which had a complete list of needy families, and all organizations and individuals cooperated in order that there would not be duplications and so that all needy families might be cared for and none overlooked.

Holiday News In The County

Except for a shooting, a firecracker explosion, a cartridge explosion and a man caught "opossum hunting" in a chicken house, the holidays passed off quietly in Wilkes county.

of the Ferguson community, was jailed Christmas Day for the shooting of Hill Allen, a white man of the Ferguson community. Officers said that Ferguson admitted shooting Allen in the leg and shoulder but said he did it in self defense after Allen assaulted him. Ferguson appeared to have been in a fight. Officers said that Allen's wounds probably would not prove critical.

Ray McNeill, fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. McNeill, of Millers Creek, lost parts of three fingers on his right hand when a firecracker exploded prematurely in his hand. He was treated at the Wilkes hospital, where physicians said he probably will also lose the thumb on his right hand.

A girl by the name of Catherine Glass was slightly hurt when a cartridge exploded in a fireplace and the bullet penetrated her leg.

W. E. Harris, former mayor of Wilkesboro, locked a man in his chicken house Wednesday about three a. m. He went to the jail, only a short distance away, and back to his chicken house to see whom he had prisoner. It was Monroe Mahaffey, Wilkesboro resident, who said he was "opossum hunting" and wandered into the chicken house, thinking that probably an opossum had gone in there after chickens.

He was jailed on a charge of stealing chickens, officers said.

Volume Of Mail Is The Heaviest In History Of City

Holiday Mail Sets Record, Going And Coming At North Wilkesboro Office

The North Wilkesboro post office today handled the heaviest volume of Christmas holiday mail, it was learned today from M. A. Vickery, assistant postmaster.

A breakdown in the counter on the cancelling machine made it impossible to make an accurate check on the volume but the mail clerks who have been in the office for years knew what they were talking about when they said they had never seen so many cards, letters and packages. The volume was heavier going and coming.

By working many hours overtime the office was able to handle the great volume of mail without holdovers or delay and the business of carrying greetings and gifts moved along smoothly.

The holiday rush began a little earlier this year and this factor helped some in the task of handling the Christmas mailing and delivery.

Champion Feed, Hatchery Here

Champion Poultry Farm Buys Amco Feed and Hatchery Store On 10th St.

Champion Poultry farm, owned and operated by T. O. Minton and reputed to be the largest single breed poultry farm in the country, has purchased the Amco Feed and Hatchery Store on Tenth street in this city and its name has been changed to Champion Feed and Hatchery.

James Pennell, who has many years experience in poultry, hatchery and feed business, has been retained as manager for the establishment, which will feature Champion Feeds and Champion chicks from Champion Poultry Farm. The management cordially invites all poultrymen to call at the store and discuss with them their poultry problems and to try Champion Feeds with their chicks and flocks.

The store is backed by the many years of poultry experience at Champion Poultry Farm and customers are assured that they will be receiving the same quality products which have contributed toward making Champion Poultry Farm one of the nation's most progressive and successful enterprises in the poultry industry.

Customers will take no risk in patronizing the firm because its products have been exceedingly well tested and found to be satisfactory in every way in actual experience.

Sinclair Plant Here Open Again

Bigger and Better Distributing Plant Erected Following The Flood

Undaunted by the loss of their big plant here in the flood August 14, Sinclair Refining company has erected a bigger and better plant at the same location on Maple street.

W. J. Bason, agent, has announced that the new and modern distributing plant just completed is now open for business with more facilities than ever before to serve the company's many patrons in this part of the state.

The plant suffered heavily in the flood, when practically all the equipment and stock, including the large storage tanks, were destroyed.

The new plant has larger facilities for distributing service, assuring every dealer and patron that a complete stock of the famous Sinclair products will be available all the time.

Mr. Bason extends a cordial invitation to every patron and friend to visit the reconstructed plant and inspect the new facilities which will provide a complete service for motorists through the many Sinclair dealers in this part of the state.

Membership In Pension Associations No Help In Securing Monthly Grants

Another old age pension scheme is making its rounds in Wilkes and many aged people have misunderstood its promises, resulting in considerable disappointment. Charles McNeill, welfare officer, said today.

Membership costs at ten cents each have been circulated by persons reputed to represent the National Old Age Pension association. The scheme asks for one dime as membership fee in the association, which favors bigger and better pensions for aged. The coupon says it favors a bill which would provide \$50 per month for persons over 50 years of age with income under \$1,200 per year.

The welfare officer said it was bad enough for the aged people who are in need to sacrifice a dime each for nothing but probably the greater evil is wrought by the disappointment it causes among the gullible aged, many of whom seem to believe that all they need to do after reading the ten cent coupon is to present it at the welfare office and receive \$50 per month for the balance of their natural lives.

Offer Awards For New Year's Baby

Eight Local Firms Offer Valuable Awards To First Baby Born In 1941

The first white baby born in Wilkes county in 1941 will be awarded a number of valuable articles by merchants and business firms of this city.

Eight firms are offering prizes, which are described in the advertisement on page eight of this newspaper. The cooperating firms are Belk's, Emily's Beauty Salon, G. P. Store, Tomlinson's, Rhodes-Day, Duke Power Company, Brame's and Bare's.

The stipulations are that the mother and father be residents of Wilkes county, that the birth certificate be presented as proof of birth and that the date, hour and minute must be certified by the attending physician. Reports must reach The Journal-Patriot office not later than six o'clock on Friday evening, January 3.

Heartening Message In Letter From Lt.-Commander Eller To His Parents

"Wholly and forever unconquerable" was the words used by Lieutenant Commander Ernest M. Eller to describe the attitude of the English people in a letter mailed from London to his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller, of North Wilkesboro.

The letter of the Lieutenant Commander, who was sent a few months ago to England to serve as assistant to the U. S. Naval attache in London, was written on November 22 and was received here only a few days ago. His duties are to help gather confidential information for the United States government.

Text of the letter, addressed to "Dear Mother and Dad," was as follows:

"Thanksgiving has passed, and I had no idea that it was even on the horizon. Almost I worked harder on that day than for many days previously, being at investigations until seven o'clock at night and writing reports long after supper. Today after returning from London to Portsmouth, while we were riding back to Kipling in the country, someone mentioned having had a

Thanksgiving dinner last night; and for the first time I knew that the day had come and gone. I hope Christmas does not run away in the same manner.

"The countryside was lovely coming along today. All the quiet shades of brown that put the land to sleep in autumn tinged the hills and trees. English cottages huddled in coves as if opening their arms to the sunshine before the winter winds could come. The night before having been stormy, wet and filled with great winds, little bombing had been conducted; so land and people were well rested, ready to face a day of sun and labor.

"Yesterday I was on many ships and talked to many people. All were strong, brave and untroubled. All seemed to know that nothing could shake them, that only one future lay ahead, that they were wholly and forever unconquerable. Few of these things come out in their conversation. They talk, more and act in the same routine way of all people everywhere. But the atmosphere around them in this tangible one of these things is marvelous.

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KINDERGARTEN WILL RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY

Mrs. J. L. Clements kindergarten classes will open following the Christmas holiday vacation on Wednesday morning, January 1.