

War News

Berlin, Jan. 19.—German bombers were reported today to have reached out another 1,000 miles from advanced bases, presumably in Italy, to drop explosives on "militarily important objectives" in the vicinity of the Suez canal.

Behind them and Nazi dive-bombers which were said to have delivered another smashing attack today on the crippled British aircraft carrier *Illustrious* at Valletta, Malta, a mass of facts and rumors piled up drawing attention to the Mediterranean war theater.

Strong rumors, not officially denied, circulated in Berlin that Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini had a conference during the day.

A government spokesman told inquirers "nothing is known" and well informed sources who asserted definitely that the meeting had been held could not say where the axis leaders had met or what they had discussed.

Rome, Jan. 19.—One of Italy's authoritative fascist writers indicated today in Premier Mussolini's own newspaper that a tremendous Nazi offensive might be expected in about two months.

Mario Appellus, in an article in *Il Popolo d'Italia* of Milan, observed that Germany had piled up vast supplies this winter and added: "The English high command has not more than 70-odd days left to obtain that strategic success in the Mediterranean which is the basis for the whole English war plan for 1941."

Appellus did not specify on which front the expected offensive would start, but usually reliable sources noted various possibilities, including a drive through the southeast towards the Dardanelles, an attack on Gibraltar through Spain, or an attempt to take Wakar or England itself.

The writer also cited Adolf Hitler's recent statement that he suspended some arms manufacturing because of surplus material already piled up and the fuhrer's promise of victory for the German people in 1941.

"The power of the German military machine will be greatly superior in the spring of 1941 to that of the spring of 1940," he wrote.

Berlin, Switzerland, Jan. 19.—Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini conferred today, it was reported here in authoritative diplomatic circles, but where they met or what they accomplished was unknown.

Speculation, however, was that German aggressive action in a new direction, independently or in concert with Italy, is imminent.

In the past, meetings between the two axis leaders often have portended developments of importance—Italy invaded Greece the same day as their last meeting, at Florence, on October 28.

In the background of today's reported conference was the announcement in Vichy that French Chief of State Marshal Petain and his ousted vice premier and foreign minister, Pierre Laval, have "dissipated" their misunderstanding.

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

Wilkes Second Quota Men Leave For Army

Nineteen Board Bus Here Today For Fort Bragg

Number Included First Conscripts In Wilkes and Several Volunteers

Nineteen young men, including the county's first conscripts, boarded a bus here this morning for Fort Bragg, there to be inducted into the armed forces for a year of training under the Selective Service act.

Seven were from Wilkes draft board number one area and 12 from number two. The county's quota for this month was 17 but it was necessary to send one from each board to replace two volunteers in the December call who failed to pass the physical examination at Fort Bragg.

O. K. Whittington and Wm. A. Stroud, draft board member and clerk from area number one, were present to see the boys off. They were William Blaine Nichols, Owdis Johnson, Charlie Cicero Call, Archie Laws, Robert Hamby, Arnold F. Bumgarner and Alonzo Houck. All were volunteers except Johnson and Call.

Attorney Eugene Trivette, appeal agent, and W. P. Kelly, draft board clerk, bid the boys of draft board number two a cheerful farewell. The volunteers and conscripts making up the dozen were William Bud Burchette, Willie Parsons, Old Edward Shumate, Thurman Franklin Bowlin, Howard William Carrigan, Rudy Walker, Sanford David Brown, Woodrow Bain Wood, Paul Eugene Rhodes, Claude Taylor, Eugene Caudill.

Conscripts and volunteers alike were anticipating their first experience in the army with no misgivings and were impatient to be on their way. The entire group was cheerful and several expressed the opinion that since it was necessary to have a bigger army it was better to go now and get started.

Building, Loan To Meet Monday

Regular annual meeting of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association will be held in the city hall here on Monday night, January 27, seven o'clock, according to a notice given out by J. B. Williams, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting will be held for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, the annual report of the secretary and treasurer and any other business which may come before the meeting.

The association has closed another successful year and the 58th series is now open.

ELIZABETHTON MOOSE DEGREE TEAM HERE



Here are pictured the members of the Elizabethton, Tennessee, degree team of the Loyal Order of Moose lodge, who did the ritualistic work for candidates of the North Wilkesboro lodge here Sunday. Left to right standing are: Robert L. Haskins, P. G. Raymond Geisler, G.; Floyd Myers, J. G.; John L. Stout, prelate; Albert Hathaway, orator; Roswell (Fritz) Worter, sergeant at arms. Seated are R. E. Cardwell, secretary of the Elizabethton lodge, and Charles A. Kirby, regional director of Moose.

Sixty-Two Wilkes Boys Friday Join The C.C.C. Camps

40 Of That Number Will Be Transferred To Camps In Western States

Sixty-two Wilkes county boys were enrolled Friday in the Civilian Conservation camps.

This represented the largest single enrollment of Wilkes county boys and was the first time that all white applicants on file at the welfare office were enlisted, Charles McNeill, welfare officer, said today.

The boys were examined and inducted at the camp at Laurel Springs in Alleghany county. Of this number 40 were transferred to the conditioning camp at Madison and will later be transferred to camps west of the Rocky Mountains. The remaining 22 were enrolled in the Laurel Springs Camp, Wilkes was allotted only 55 but the Laurel Springs camp was below normal strength of 200 and authorities allowed the extras to be taken in.

Names of the Wilkes recruits follow: Robert Harkin Absher, Zeno Hardin Absher, George Wilson Anderson, Edd Junior Brooks, Quincey Monroe Brown, Fred Carlis Bumgarner, James Glenn Bumgarner, James Bryant Byrd, Jr., Troy Ezekiel Caudill, Raymond Theodore Chatham, Theodore Hamilton Church, Arl Blaine Cockerham, Everett William Crumbs, Har Dyer, Jr., Clate John Eller, Otis Royal Eller, J. S. Ester, Bynum Talmadge Gambill, Saldom Eubank Gambill, Rossie McKinley Gentry, Conley Coolidge Greer, Frank Edgar Haynes, Hobert Hendrix, Hugh Hendrix, Edward Velt Higgins, Warren B. Johnson, Van Warren Kennedy, Reece Quincy Miles, Carl Blaine Miller, Earnest Miller, Julius Edgar Moore, Claude Casey Moore, Clarence Phillips, Jr., Richard Bynum Price, Claude Eugene Reynolds, Don Royal, Claude Ray Shumate, Clive Alonzo Taylor, Vernest Eldwood Taylor, Albert William Triplett, Page Miller Triplett, Gaitner Bradshaw Waggoner, Lonnie Elmore Waggoner, Wilson James Warner, James Odell Watts, Joe Dallas Watkins, Arnold Robert Wilson, Arnie Ray Woods, Albert Wood, John Garis, Jr., James Milton Childress, Julius Smith Walker, Allen Jackson Johnson, Dock Davis, Arvin Kent Anderson, Elisha Elmore Hamby, Howard Eugene Waggoner, Edward Lee Johnson, Dean Taylor, Wayne Minton Farrington, Paul Eugene Moore, John Henry Parker.



Axel Anderson, five, an American boy who was stranded in Norway when the Axis took over, arrives in New York from Lisbon. The label around his neck shows he had to go via Berlin.

Grange Sponsors Plans For Cold Storage Plants

Committee Appointed To Investigate Possibilities In Wilkesboro

At a recent meeting of the Wilkesboro Grange plans were sponsored to work for the location of an individual locker cold storage plant in the Wilkesboro. A committee of three, C. Bretholt, chairman, J. B. Snipes and Carl E. Vandeman was named to look into details and report at the next meeting, February 11.

These lockers are now being built in all parts of the country. They are past the experimental stage and are found to be efficient and practical. There is one functioning successfully in Raleigh and another underway at Jefferson. The lockers are rented by the year for a nominal sum to individuals of the community. The food to be stored in them is first frozen through the facilities of the plant. A porker or a beef can be kept fresh until consumed and taken out as needed; also vegetables and fruits can be similarly conserved. Persons interested in the location of such

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New Home Local Branch Duke Power Company Is Highly Complimented

North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company observed its formal opening Thursday afternoon and night with "open house" in the company's new offices, show rooms and demonstration quarters at 309 Ninth street.

The "open house" began at three o'clock in the afternoon and continued until 9:30 at night with a steady stream of visitors throughout those hours. The new

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BEGINS THIRD TERM TODAY



FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT History was made again today at noon when President Roosevelt became the first chief executive of the United States to be inaugurated for a third term. His inaugural address was brief, being only 12 minutes. Henry A. Wallace was inaugurated for his first term as vice president.

Bank Of North Wilkesboro Has Excellent Year

Directors And Officers Re-elected In Meeting Held Thursday

Saying that 1940 was a good year for the bank and that 1941 is expected to be the best year in the 49-year history of the institution, J. R. Hix, president, made his annual report to the stockholders in meeting at the bank Thursday.

The stockholders re-elected the entire board of directors as follows: E. M. Blackburn, Ralph Duncan, R. G. Finley, J. R. Hix, W. D. Halfacre, John E. Justice, Jr., S. V. Tomlinson and R. W. Gwyn.

The directors in meeting re-elected all the officers: J. R. Hix, president; W. D. Halfacre, vice president; S. V. Tomlinson, vice president; R. W. Gwyn, cashier; W. W. Starr, assistant cashier; J. G. McNeill, assistant cashier; W. B. Gwyn, assistant cashier.

With a substantial gain of approximately \$129,740 in 1940, assets of the bank continued their steady growth and totaled \$2,123,449.65 at the close of the year.

Excerpts from the report of President Hix at the stockholders' meeting follow:

"It is with a feeling of pardonable pride that we refer to our bank's long period of friendly service to the people of this county and surrounding community. March of this year will end our forty-ninth year of such service. During these years our bank has grown from its infancy to an institution occupying a prominent place in the commercial activities of this section of our State. Such growth has been made possible by the confidence and loyal support from you and other business men of this community.

"At the close of business December 31, 1940, our total assets were \$2,123,449.65 and deposits were \$1,856,051.43. While this total of deposits is a little less than the peak reached in December 1939 in the amount of \$1,927,375.28 it does represent the greatest total at the close of any calendar year. This total at the close of the year is an increase of \$114,024.73 over the same date of 1939. A similar comparison (Continued on page eight)

Eleven From Wilkes At The Inauguration

Wilkes people in Washington, D. C., today to witness the inauguration of President Roosevelt for a third term included Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Forester, of this city, T. J. McNeill, of Roaring River, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. McNeill and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Eller, of this city, and four high school boys—Bob McCoy, of North Wilkesboro, O. K. Whittington, Jr., Robert Moore and Alvin Sturdivant, Jr., of Wilkesboro.

Legion Oration Contest Soon In Wilkes Schools

Valuable Prizes Offered For Best Oration On "Constitution, Its Benefits"

John W. Hall, adjutant of the Wilkes Legion post, has been appointed chairman for the Legion Oratorical contest in Wilkes.

Mr. Hall said today that the Legion earnestly desires that every high school in Wilkes county participate in the contest. The

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To Let Contract For Construction Of Lower Bridge

Bids Will Be Received By State Highway Commission January 30th

The State Highway and Public Works commission will receive bids on January 30 for construction of a bridge across the Yadkin at the eastern end of this city.

Highway engineers at the division office here said that a substantial concrete bridge will be erected to replace the one-way temporary bridge which spans the Yadkin where the old bridge with a low load limit was destroyed in the flood August 14.

The new bridge will be located about 100 yards west of the present temporary bridge and a fill will be constructed on the North Wilkesboro side of the river. Its northern end will connect with the junction of a branch of highway 268 and east Main street and the road level will be even with the railroad.

Although it will not be above the high water mark of the flood, the new bridge will be constructed to withstand flood force, engineers said.

The bridge is on the 'short cut' road which extends from the east end of Main street here to a point about two miles east of Wilkesboro on highway 421. On this road on the south side of the river are located the state highway division machine shop and the prison camp.

The road, which is not a part of the state highway system, was constructed three years ago.

All Who Want To May Join The C. C. Camp This Week

All White Applicants Will Be Placed In Camp At Elkin Next Monday

All Wilkes county white boys who wish to enroll in Civilian Conservation camps should make application before Friday of this week at the Welfare office, Charles McNeill, Wilkes superintendent of welfare, said today.

The welfare officer has received notice from T. L. Grier, state head of C. C. C. enrollment, that all available applicants from Wilkes can be inducted at the Elkin C. C. camp on Monday, January 27.

All applicants on file at the welfare office were inducted into camps on Friday of last week, there being 62 who passed the examination. That was the first time that all applicants could be placed and any other young men between ages of 17 and 23 in the county now have another opportunity to enlist in the camps.

The welfare officer said the arrangement of pay for the members has been changed, allowing a member to save money while in camp. They receive \$30 per month, of which \$15 is sent home, \$8 is paid to the member in the camp and seven dollars are placed in a savings account which they receive when they are discharged from camp.

The Insurance Service And Credit Corporation Is New Business Firm

Successors To North Wilkesboro Insurance Agency; Office Is Opened

The North Wilkesboro Insurance Agency recently had its charter amended in which its name has been changed to "Insurance Service & Credit Corporation." However, the new corporation will carry on its insurance business as it has heretofore. In addition, it will operate a credit or finance corporation in which it will handle loans on automobiles and other commodities in the same manner that other credit or financial institutions have been making loans in this community for years. It will permit local people to deal directly with the home folks in handling their installment notes.

The new corporation has taken into its personnel additional stockholders and at a recent meeting of the stockholders a board of directors was elected consisting of the following gentlemen who are prominent business men of North Wilkesboro: S. V. Tomlinson, J. B. Williams, Edwin Duncan, W. J. Carroon, J. R. Hix, W. A. McNeill, R. G. Finley, J. E. Justice and J. M. Anderson.

S. V. Tomlinson was re-elected as president of the corporation, Mr. Tomlinson having served as president of the North Wilkesboro Insurance Agency for several years; J. B. Williams, who has heretofore been secretary-treasurer of the company, was elected executive vice-president and general manager; W. J. Carroon, who has for several years been connected with the Northwestern Bank, with headquarters here in North Wilkesboro, recently resigned his position with the bank and comes to the Insurance Service & Credit Corporation as its secretary and manager of the

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