

War News

British Pilots Raid Italians West Of Derna

Castro, Egypt.—Royal air force planes leading the way for the British desert forces aimed at a cleanup of the Libyan port of Derna were reported by the R. A. F. command yesterday to have ground-rafted Fascist troops retreating all the way to Barca, 100 miles west of the menaced town.

With British mechanized forces reaching operating south and west of Derna and threatening Italy's hold on all eastern Libya, the Fascist retreat indicated Mussolini's men apparently had decided against making a fight of it at Derna.

Nazis Resume Night Attacks Upon London

London.—German bombers returned to the attack on London last night, their first raid in ten nights, on the eve of the eighth anniversary of Adolf Hitler's assumption of power in the Reich, and Nazi big guns simultaneously bombarded the Dover Strait from across the English Channel.

In Dover there were no known casualties. The aerial assault here was intermittent for four hours; the all-clear came before 10 p. m. Explosives, flares and fire bombs fell.

Other areas of Britain were hit in a widespread, if scattered, assault: German planes appeared over the western and northern sections of England, East Anglia, central Scotland and the north-east coast.

Invasion Attempt May Be Postponed, England Is Told

London.—A British military authority suggested yesterday that the expected early attempt of the Germans to invade England might be abandoned because of the necessity of giving large-scale help to the Italians and the exigencies of Nazi military adventures in the Balkans.

Small Percentage Tests Are Positive

Few Whites In Wilkes Are Shown To Have Syphilis; Colored Is Higher

Practically all reports of blood tests taken of men registered for military duty have been mailed out. It was learned today from the Wilkes county health department.

Cooper Attends Salisbury Course

Wm. H. Cooper, member of the North Wilkesboro fire department, attended a life saving course at Salisbury Tuesday. The course was given to the fire department there and visiting firemen under auspices of the American Red Cross.

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

Births Outnumber Deaths In County By Four To One

Vital Statistics Figures For County Revealed By The Health Department

Four times as many were born in Wilkes county as died, according to vital statistics figures released by the Wilkes county health department today for 1940.

Transferred at Demand of Germans



Leigh W. Hunt, second consular secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan of Asheville, N. C., and Cecil M. P. Cross, consul of Providence, R. I., all members of the U. S. embassy staff in Paris who were transferred at German official demand on charges of having aided a British officer. They returned to America aboard a clipper.

Mountain Lions To Play Taylorsville

North Wilkesboro high school's varsity and junior basketball teams will play Taylorsville here on Friday night. The first game will begin at seven o'clock and a large attendance of basketball fans is expected.

Legislators Hear Appeals Increase Of Teachers Pay

Boost Of 10 Per Cent And 9th Increment Are Urged In State

Raleigh.—Plea for a ninth increment of \$5.33 a month and a general teacher pay raise of 10 per cent keynoted the appeal yesterday of school forces appearing before the joint appropriations committee.

Something for Nazis to Ponder Over



At the left Winston Churchill inspects the American mechanized squadron in London. The squadron is composed of Americans from the United States. Right: A demonstration of the various methods of getting troops and vehicles across a river is given by the British royal engineers. The troops are making the crossing in collapsible boats. For bringing heavy equipment across, the boats are used as pontoons for a plank bridge.

Appeal Made For Memberships For Benefit Of Library

People Of County May Join Library Association; Dues Only 25 Cents Up

The Wilkes county library association, striving for continuation of growth and progress of the public library here, is this week making an appeal for funds for the purchase of additional books.

President's Balls For Friday Night Announced Here

Junior Dance At Woman's Clubhouse; Sen'or At Leg- ion Auxiliary Clubhouse

The drive in Wilkes to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis will reach a climax Friday night with junior and senior balls in North Wilkesboro.

AAA Farmers Meet In Conference With Agencies' Leaders

Plan To Encourage Greater Number Of Farmers To Participate In Program

Today the community committeemen and county committeemen of Wilkes county, with representatives from the Soil Conservation office, Farm Security office, and other associated agencies met at the courthouse and discussed methods that could be used to help a greater number of Wilkes county farmers participate in the AAA program and the manner that they might secure greater payments in 1941 than they did in 1940, as an indirect result of more improvements being carried out on their farms.

Todd Darnell Dies

Funeral service will be held at Vannoy Friday afternoon, two o'clock, for Todd Darnell, age 57, a citizen of the Vannoy community who died Wednesday evening.

Episcopal Service

Vesper service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, February 2nd, at four o'clock. Visitors and friends are invited to attend.

1 Marriage License

A marriage license was issued during the past week from the office of C. C. Sidden, Wilkes register of deeds, to Isaac Wagoner, of McGrady, and Minnie A. Candler, of Springfield.

Wilkes Man Dies In Freak Accident Monday Afternoon

Pole Which He Was Carry- ing Kills Clarence Hig- gins Near His Home

Clarence Higgins, 40-year-old citizen of Walnut Grove township, was killed instantly by a log of wood which he was carrying on his shoulder, Coroner L. M. Myers, who investigated the death, said.

Questionnaires Mailed To 99 Men By Boards

Wilkes Boards Make Ready To Fill Quota Of Men For February Call

In order to have an adequate supply of men classified for the next call, Wilkes' two draft boards mailed out additional questionnaires this week.

Old Subs to Guard Harbor Entrances

Old submarines of the World War "O" and "B" types are shown at rest in back channel at the Philadelphia navy yard, where they have been gathering sea mess and barnacles. Twenty of these or similar craft are expected to join the Atlantic fleet for duty as guardians of harbor entrances along the eastern seaboard.

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The meeting was held in the courthouse and Mr. Cornwall, state committeeman, assisted by Mr. Alvin Propst, who is a district field man for the AAA organization, went into details as to the manner that the Wilkes county farmers might be improved.

Jenny Gives Birth To Jack Wednesday

A young jenny—Ida Mae—at W. O. Watkins farm on North Wilkesboro route two Wednesday did the unusual and gave birth to a fine jack colt. Such occurrences are considered very rare.

Building And Loan Continues Growth During Past Year

Over \$62,000 Added To As- sets Of North Wilkesboro Association In Year

North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association held its annual meeting on Monday night at the city hall, heard a comprehensive report of business during the past year, and re-elected all the directors.

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