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## War News

### Greeks Storm 'Key' Position With Bayonets

Albanian—Greek forces in hand-to-hand bayonet fighting have captured a "key village" on the central Albanian front in a two-pronged drive aimed at the vital Italian bases of Valona and Berat. A government spokesman reported last night.

More than 180 Italian soldiers, including officers, were captured in addition to "great food stores and a large munitions dump which was intact," the spokesman said.

A high command communique said that Greek forces driving on the Albanian seaport of Valona and toward Berat, central Fascist base, had seized "important positions," many prisoners and abundant war materials.

The spokesman said that two Italian counter-attacks in the coastal sector had been repulsed by Greek warriors.

### Italian Retreat Almost A Rout, British Assert

Cairo, Egypt.—The main body of Italian troops in Libya, falling back upon Benghazi just ahead of the pursuing British armored battalions, was reported last night to have been pushed to a point 60 to 70 miles from that strongly fortified base in a retreat proceeding at the rate of 30 miles a day.

Elsewhere over the whole vast area of the African struggle new successes were claimed for British arms and a military spokesman thus summed up:

"The tempo of our advances on both fronts (in Libya and in Italian East Africa) has shown a marked speeding-up."

In the running rear guard Italian action along the Libyan coast, the British high command announced, 400 Fascist stragglers already have fallen captive, and there were indications that the full shock power of the British forces soon would be turned upon Benghazi itself—and important port lying 325 miles from the Egyptian coast.

### British Hit Nazi Targets In Long Day and Night Raid

London.—After sweeping offensive actions that ran twice around the clock, the British tabulated last night a series of aerial blows at Germany's war industries, transport, airfields, potential invasion bases and facilities for the counter-blockade of Britain.

It was the R. A. F.'s major action in recent weeks. Through darkness and daylight, heavily-laden Wellingtons and Blenheim criss-crossed the English Channel, the so-called invasion coast of France and Belgium, the northern French interior and a vital industrial section of western Germany, emptying their bomb racks and then ground-trafing with their guns.

(The intensity of the daylight phases of the assault was emphasized by a German report that 17

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### British Washington



George Washington, of the British branch of the family that gave us our first President, arrives in New York from South America, en route for the British army.

### Sanitation Work In Wilkes County Being Carried Out

Full Time Sanitarian Attends To Varied Duties In Interest Public Health

One division of the Wilkes county health department which has been very active in recent years is that which deals in sanitation.

H. B. Howie, of Monroe, has been head of that division as sanitarian for the past two years, devoting his full time to the work. He succeeded G. S. Odell.

### WPA To Build Bridge In Ashe

### \$55,000 Concrete Structure Will Sprng New River Near Glendale Springs

Work is scheduled to begin Monday, February 10, on construction of a new bridge across New River on highway 16 in Ashe county between Glendale Springs and Jefferson. WPA and state highway officials said here today.

The bridge, to be of concrete construction, will replace a temporary S-ton limit bridge which was hastily constructed after the flood on August 14, 1940.

C. M. Crutchfield, area engineer for WPA, said here today that the bridge will be approximately 250 feet in length and that there will be improved approaches to eliminate some of the hazard of the curves, especially on the west side of the river.

The bridge construction will be a WPA project sponsored by the state highway commission. Total cost is estimated at \$55,569, of which \$33,894 will be federal funds and \$21,765 state highway.

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### Jurors Drawn For March Session Of Superior Court

Will Convene In Wilkesboro March 3; Judge Phillips To Preside Over Term

Wilkes county commissioners in February session drew jurors for the March term of superior court, which will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, March 3, with Judge Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, presiding. The term, which will be in session for two weeks, will be for trial of criminal cases.

Jurors were drawn by the commissioners as follows:

**First Week**

J. D. Church, Jobs Cabin; Rich Johnson, Reddies River; Lindolph Woodie, Jobs Cabin; S. A. Rhodes, Rock Creek; W. H. Duhling, North Wilkesboro; T. A. Miles, Walnut Grove; W. I. Bumgarner, Reddies River; H. J. Ogilvie, North Wilkesboro; W. H. Edminsten, Lewis Fork; Cuy Pruitt, Edwards; C. C. Key, North Wilkesboro; J. G. Blevins, Edwards; Dent Woodie, North Wilkesboro; Luther Wood, Rock Creek; Noah Barker, Edwards; John H. Warren, Mulberry; J. A. Blackburn, Rock Creek; W. S. Phillips, Reddies River; J. Palmer Horton, North Wilkesboro; J. M. Shepherd, Lewis Fork; I. T. Riddle, Rock Creek; Albert J. Church, Reddies River; J. M. Parsons, Jobs Cabin; Holden Bire, Union; M. S. Walker, Walnut Grove; W. C. Childress, Rock Creek; Will Combs, Edwards; J. Monroe Wyatt, Union; W. A. Gregory, Somers; W. O. Barnett, Elk; J. R. Smith, Wilkesboro; A. E. Coss, Somers; W. F. Waters, Jobs Cabin; D. E. Elledge, North Wilkesboro; J. F. Sheets, Union; James N. Wright, Somers; M. W. Green, North Wilkesboro; F. C. Nichols, Reddies River; T. A. Billings, North Wilkesboro; J. C. D. Bach, Reddies River; Combie Williams, Antioch; C. F. Blackburn, Rock Creek; D. W. Johnson, New Castle; Van Sidden, Truhibl.

**Second Week**

W. E. Smith, Wilkesboro; Noah C. Souther, Lovelace; B. L. Hubbard, Moravian Falls; R. V. Vannoy, Union; W. T. Beshars, Jobs Cabin; Alonzo South, Union; James C. Hubbard, Wilkesboro; Percy Prevette, Edwards; J. L. Waters, Jobs Cabin; D. E. Treadway, Moravian Falls; Arthur Church, Jobs Cabin; Grayden Baker, W. C. Bishop, Reddies River; Lester C. Smith, Brushy Mountain; W. B. Steelman, North Wilkesboro; L. E. Anthony, Edwards; Wellborn Steele, Edwards; Sam Purdue, Antioch; U. M. Myers, Mulberry; E. E. Monte, Edwards; W. H. Truitt, Walnut Grove; R. L. Sebastian, Mulberry; John Yates, Stanton; John H. Mastin, Edwards; C. W. Lambeth, Reddies River; Willie Gilreath, North Wilkesboro.

### Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet on Friday night, 7:30, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse north of this city. All members are asked to attend.

### 'No Rest for Weary'



Jisho Matsubashi, who has not lain down to sleep for 35 years, arrives in Los Angeles, from Japan, Vice archbishop of the Shingon Buddhist sect, he fasts 45 hours.

### Many Are Finding Work On Defense Projects In State

Over 400 Sent From Employment Service Office Here During Month

News notes from the North Wilkesboro branch of the North Carolina State Employment Service here today revealed that many have been sent from this point to defense projects for employment.

During the month of January a total of 418 people had been referred to Fort Bragg and Holly Ridge to work on construction projects. The report showed only 19 placements in the area served by the office here, which was a new low and was due in part to the demand for workers at Fort Bragg and Holly Ridge.

During the month of January had 445 new applications for work and 253 renewed previous applications. The month ended with a file of 1,135 applicants on the active list.

B. G. Gentry, office manager, said the following were wanted now at Holly Ridge: 20 linemen at \$1.25 per hour; 50 sheet metal workers at \$1.00; 8,000 carpenters at 90 cents; 8,000 laborers at 40 cents and one civil engineer at \$1,800 per year.

At Fort Bragg the listed openings included: 25 sheet metal workers at \$1.00 per hour; 20 electricians at \$1.00; 1,000 colored sewerment at 40 cents; ten linemen at \$1.00; four male stenographers at \$1.44 per year; two first cooks at \$840; one tractor mechanic at \$1.25 per hour; 10 m-hole builders (bricklayers) at \$1.00.

Registered nurses desiring employment at Fort Bragg should write the Corps Area Surgeon, headquarters fourth area, Atlanta, Ga., Mr. Gentry said. To be eligible the nurses must be graduates of a nursing school with a hospital of not less than 50 beds, or have had subsequent training in an approved hospital. They must be between 21 and 40 years of age and be single, widowed or divorced. The pay is \$88 per month.

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### Many Counties In Division Endorse J. Gordon Hackett

Ask Governor Broughton To Appoint Wilkes Man To Highway Commission

Contrary to reports circulated in at least one other county in the division, Wilkes is still backing J. Gordon Hackett for highway commissioner for another term and the campaign for his re-appointment is gaining momentum.

His record in office and proposed re-appointment have been endorsed by the boards of commissioners and other influential groups and citizens in eight of the ten counties in the division.

The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club, the Lions Club, the North Wilkesboro board of commissioners and many others here have endorsed his record and have earnestly urged Governor J. M. Broughton to appoint him to another term.

The entire highway commission offered their resignation soon after the inauguration of Governor Broughton and at his request they are continuing to serve until the new governor makes his appointments. The resignation of the commission in a body was construed to mean a cooperative gesture on their part in order that Governor Broughton might have a free hand in administration of affairs in that part of the state government.

### Some Car Owners Have Failed To Buy City License Here

Police Chief J. E. Walker warned today that arrests will be made soon for failure to purchase North Wilkesboro automobile and truck license plates.

He said that several local citizens had failed to purchase their motor vehicles with city license and that action must be taken to force compliance with the law.

### Grange Will Meet On Tuesday Night

Wilkesboro Grange will meet on Tuesday night, 7:30 o'clock. It was announced today.

Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, lecturer, has planned an interesting program for the meeting and some important committee reports relative to activities and projects sponsored by the Grange will be heard. A large attendance of members is desired, the announcement said.

### Internal Revenue Man Coming Soon

A representative of the office of C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue, will be in North Wilkesboro February 20 and 21 for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in making federal income tax returns. He will have headquarters at the city hall and will be glad to give any information and help possible to those who must file returns.

### Tea Taster



George F. Mitchell is a member of the U. S. board of tea experts which met February 3 in New York. This board sets tea standards for 1941 to go into effect throughout the country on May 1.

### Farmers Payments In Wilkes County Increase \$30,000

Payments For Compliance With Soil Program In 1940 Will Set A New Record

Government payments under the Agricultural Conservation program in Wilkes for 1940 compliance will set a new record and will exceed the amount for 1939 compliance by more than \$30,000, Lawrence Miller, secretary of the Triple A in Wilkes, said today.

The state office has estimated that Wilkes farmers soon will have received \$31,000 for the year 1940, which is an increase of \$30,000 over the \$51,000 for 1939. The 1938 figures were approximately \$56,000.

There was an increase of compliance that there was far more compliance on an average among those participating.

Mr. Miller estimated that Wilkes farmers could easily earn \$150,000 this year and at the same time affect great improvement on their farms as a result of compliance with the practices for which payments are made.

He pointed out that in order to participate in the program farmers must sign blanks now indicating their plans to participate this year. These blanks are ready in the office of the county agent and farmers who have not signed are urged to do so before March 1. To date, about 1,600 have signed.

The total number of signers last year was about 4,200, an increase over previous years but still a few hundred below the actual number of eligible farms in the county, Mr. Miller said.

He also pointed out that the deadline for filing application for cotton allotment under the Triple A will be February 10 and asked that any farmer who wishes to apply for cotton allotment do so at once or before the deadline for such applications. Cotton in Wilkes is grown principally in the southeast section of the county.

All criminals are not in jail.

### Move To Secure Flood Control Dam Is Being Continued

Kiwanis Public Affairs Committee Sends Resolutions To Representatives

The movement to secure a flood control dam on the Yadkin River near Wilkesboro has been given added momentum by the suggestion that the proposed dam could be combined in one national defense project with a munitions plant or some other type of industry dealing in vital national defense work.

Western North Carolina is being considered as a location for a plant of that type and Wilkes is ideally situated, it is pointed out.

The matter was discussed in the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club at its last meeting and the Public Affairs committee was instructed to draft proper resolutions to be forwarded to the senators and representatives relative to the proposed dam project.

It is understood that war department engineers have completed their preliminary survey of the Yadkin Valley and have reported that construction of a flood control dam one mile west of Wilkesboro is feasible. They pointed out that a dam of sufficient height could be used for flood control and for development of water power.

Kiwanis Program

Paul Cragan was in charge of the Kiwanis program Friday noon. After leading the club in singing several numbers, he presented A. H. Casey, member of the club and past lieutenant governor, who delivered an inspiring message on Kiwanis Education topics.

President J. B. Carter announced that beginning Friday night the week end membership fee would be \$1.00, including the luncheon.

### Require Permit To Burn Brush

Permits May Be Obtained From County Or Township Wardens; No Cost

A. A. Trimlett, Wilkes county forest warden today called attention to the fact that it is unlawful to burn brush, broom sedge or rubbish within 500 feet of woodlands in Wilkes county without first obtaining a permit.

No charge is made for the permits, he said, which may be secured from him, from the office of the clerk of court, from any township warden or from Parker-Triplett Electric company in Wilkesboro.

The period during which permits are required for burning began on February 1 and the law is effective in every county which cooperates with the state in prevention and control of forest fires.

There are two classes of people—caught and uncaught.

## Defense Class Here Training Boys In Skilled Machinist Trade



This may appear to be a scene from a Frankenstein thriller but instead it is a scene in the defense class being maintained in North Wilkesboro to train out-of-school young men in skilled trades. The boys here are engaged in electric welding. They wear masks to protect their eyes from the blinding light and their faces from intense heat.

By DWIGHT NICHOLS

Thirteen young men toil earnestly at machines at Meadows Mill Company plant in North Wilkesboro from 4 until 10 p. m., each evening.

They are not a night shift in the factory. They are boys learning defense trades in part of Uncle Sam's gigantic defense program.

They are not trying to get into some job in order to dodge the draft—practically all of them are under 21 years of age and were not required to register.

After several weeks of training, they hope to be in position to do their part for defense by filling some of the demand for skilled laborers in defense plants and to earn higher wages than the ordinary workman receives.

Organized in January

The class in machine operation was organized early in January. Meadows Mill Company offered the use of their machine shop for the training and the company's superintendent, Emmet Johnson, was chosen as instructor. W.



The three young men on the right are operating a key slotting machine as Emmet Johnson, left, instructs them on their work. They learn by doing and are making useful articles for use in industrial departments of the schools here and elsewhere. Left to right the students are Reynolds, Walter Miller and J. D. Morrison. (Photos by Dwight Nichols)

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