

War News

Predict Submarine Drive By Nazis

London, Feb. 19.—A great German undersea offensive this spring with 600 submarines let loose against British shipping was predicted today by a neutral naval source.

Such a campaign would be for one to two purposes—either to prepare the way for invasion of these islands or to provide a momentary substitute for Adolf Hitler's promised assault, this observer said.

"The deciding battle of the war more likely will be fought in the northwestern approaches to Britain than on her beaches," this source said, as a result of what he pictured as a "vast" Nazi submarine building program.

In the event Hitler elects to substitute such an offensive for a spring invasion attempt, the results he would seek to achieve were predicted as twofold: To choke the flow of American supplies and empire reinforcements and to exhaust the royal navy's already overworked anti-submarine forces.

The Germans are reported equipped to throw 300 submarines at a time against Britain's shipping lanes. This is three times the number of U-boats attacking British shipping at any one time during the undersea campaign of 1940, the naval expert declared.

Japan Offering To Be Mediator

London, Feb. 19.—Britain announced today receipt of a Japanese offer to mediate in the war—an offer couched in "courteous terms," but also accusing Britain and the United States of "warlike preparations" in the Pacific.

The announcement was made to the house of commons by Richard Austen Butler, undersecretary for foreign affairs, who said "the terms of this communication are at present receiving due attention."

The diplomatic correspondent of the British Press association, who has close foreign office contacts, commented that "the Japanese will not be ready for some time."

Authoritative London quarters reiterated that the British government would entertain no peace proposals "until a complete victory has been gained."

Greeks Say Italians Shoot Own Men

Athens, Greece, Feb. 19.—A Greek government spokesman asserted tonight that members of an Italian company retreating on the Albanian front were fired on by their own comrades and forced to return to their line.

This claim was made without amplification, along with a statement that during the day's fighting Greek troops ousted the fascists from the fortified villages and took 300 prisoners, including a lieutenant-colonel and six subalterns, along with important quantities of materials.

British Prepare For Wars With Japs

Singapore, Feb. 19.—British, Australian, Malayan and Indian regiments stood in strength in Malaya tonight, manning the mighty bastion of Singapore to meet any spread of the war in the Pacific, and by bringing in heavy reinforcements of war planes the British appeared also to have seized the balance of air power in southeastern Asia.

The irrepressible Australians, who arrived yesterday in singing thousands after a 3,000-mile trip under convoy, took up their stations along with fellow imperial troops at every vital position in Malaya and the already mobilized civil defense units—including the Chinese—prepared to do their part.

Maj. Gen. Gordon Bennett, the Australian commander, who brought a wholly-equipped force dependent upon Malaya only for food and fuel, told the people here that his men were trained shock troops, and added:

"Your war is our war. Should any enemy come this way, Australia will be there!"

Seed Lespedeza At Rate 30 lbs. To Acre

J. B. Snipes, Wilkes farm agent, has recommended that lespedeza be seeded in Wilkes at the rate of 30 pounds per acre for best results. It is false economy to use a smaller amount.

It was also pointed out that payments under the soil program will not be allowed unless lespedeza is seeded at the rate of at least 30 pounds per acre.

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

Union Service To Welcome Pastor Of First Baptist Here

Methodist And Presbyterian Congregations To Join In Sunday Evening Service

Congregations of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches here will join the First Baptist congregation in a union Service Sunday night in welcoming Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., new pastor of the First Baptist to this city.

Members of all churches are invited to the service, which will be held at the First Baptist at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening. Rev. A. L. Aycock, Methodist pastor, and Rev. Watt M. Cooper, Presbyterian pastor, will take part in the service.

Dr. Kincheloe began his duties as pastor of the First Baptist Sunday, February 18, and was greeted by large congregations at both morning and evening services. His messages have been the subject of much favorable comment.

He came to North Wilkesboro from Emporia, Va., where he had been pastor of two churches for six years. Prior to that time he was pastor at Owensboro, Ky., for four years.

He is a son of Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Sr., pastor of the First Baptist church at Rocky Mount. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and received Th. D. and Ph. D. degrees at the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He was married in August last year to Miss Barbara Farmer, daughter of a Baptist minister at Bluefield, W. Va. He and Mrs. Kincheloe have established residence in the parsonage here.

As pastor of the First Baptist church here he succeeds Rev. Eugene Olive, who resigned last year to accept a pastorate at Forest Baptist church and chaplain of Wake Forest College.

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Repeal Trustee Act Is Ratified

Senate Bill Repealing Local Act Of 1937 Passes In House At Raleigh

An act introduced in the senate several days ago by Miles Shore, 21st district senator, was passed by the house yesterday and ordered ratified.

The act repeals an act passed in 1937 which validated appointment by former clerk of court, Wm. A. Stroud, of trustees for the North Wilkesboro Academical and Industrial Institute for Colored People, and involves title to some valuable real estate in the northern part of this city.

Local attorneys appeared in committee hearing in both house and senate for and against the measure.

"Tell me, sir, who was braver than Lancelot, wiser than Socrates, more honest than Lincoln, wittier than Mark Twain, and more handsome than Apollo?" "My wife's first husband."

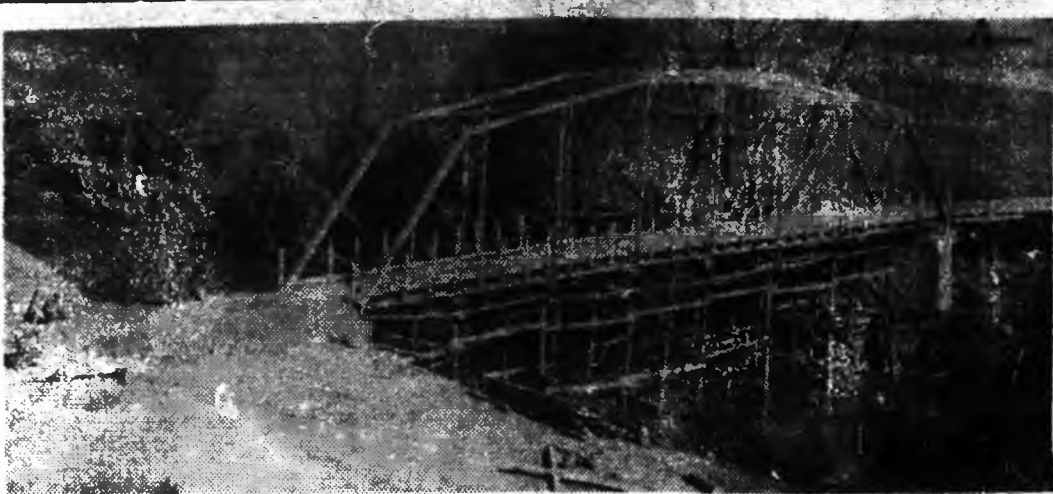
Trouble in Paradise

With plenty of snow and nice cold (br-r-r) water, Mr. and Mrs. Polar Bear at the Prospect Park zoo, in New York city, indulge in a family squabble. Mrs. Bear is sore because the old man used up all the ice water before she had a chance to take her bath.



Secretary of Labor, Frances Perkins, (above) is scheduled to address a special group banquet for women at the Education Congress which will be held in Atlantic City, N. J., February 22-27.

BRIDGE DESTROYED BY FLOOD IS REPLACED



Shown here is the Curtis Bridge, which has just been completed across the Yadkin River near Wilkesboro, replacing a structure destroyed in the August flood. Construction of this bridge has reduced to two the number of bridges across the Yadkin, which have not yet been replaced. The two are the Adley bridge at the Brown's Ford site and the bridge at Goshen. Until the Curtis bridge was rebuilt, traffic from the vicinity of Wilkesboro and west of that town, including the Wilkesboro rural mail route number one, had been forced to detour through North Wilkesboro. (Photo by Dwight Nichols).

N.C.S.E.S. Office Sent 185 To Jobs During Past Week

Office Here Has Busy Week As Workmen Seek Jobs On Defense Projects

North Wilkesboro office of the North Carolina State Employment Service referred 185 to jobs during the past week, according to figures released today by B. G. Gentry, manager.

Practically all of that number Mr. Gentry said, were referred to defense projects at Fort Bragg and Holly Ridge.

The week was a busy one in other respects for the office. There were 173 new registrations for work and 100 renewals of former registrations.

workmen at Holly Ridge now include the following: 1,000 laborers at 40 cents per hour; 20 linemen at \$1.25 (hot work); 50 plumbers at \$1.30; 15 steam fitters at \$1.30; one civil engineer at \$1,800 yearly.

Fort Bragg openings include: 25 sheet metal workers at \$1.00 per hour; 4 back hoe operators and 4 shovel operators at \$1.00; 4 dragline operators at \$1.25; one male stenographer at \$120 month; 4 first cooks, white males; 2 white male bakers and two colored male bakers at \$1.32 per year.

The office also has a call for a tool clerk at Sinford at \$25 weekly, must have sufficient machine shop experience to know terminology and names of tools, and a call for a graduate dietitian, female, at Washington, D. C., salary \$1,620 yearly.

Loan Application Blanks Arrived

Farmers May Make Application For Loans At Office Of Clerk Of Court

Mrs. Wayne Yates, appointed Wilkes representative to receive applications for emergency crop loans, said today that she has application blanks and asked that farmers interested in that type of loan make application without delay.

The loans are being made to farmers who cannot obtain credit elsewhere for purchase of seed fertilizer and feed for livestock in financing the 1941 crop. Terms have been liberalized in order to provide greater assistance to flood stricken farmers in this part of the state, who lost crops and were otherwise damaged in the August, 1940, flood.

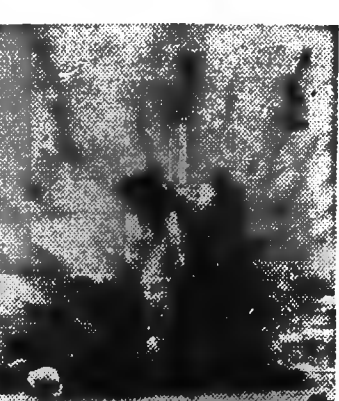
Mrs. Yates may be found in the office of clerk of court.

Adolphus J. Taylor Claimed By Death; Funeral Monday

Funeral service was held Monday at Lewis Fork Advent church for Adolphus J. Taylor, 82, well known citizen of that community who died Sunday evening at his home. Interment was in Thompson family cemetery.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters: Bob Taylor, of Mount Airy; J. H. Taylor, of Cornith; W. C. Taylor, of Salisbury; Mrs. G. H. Proffit, of Fort Bragg, Wyo.; Mrs. J. D. Stokes, Purlear route one.

Land Mine!



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Over \$19,000 Farm Checks Are Paid

Three Groups Of Checks Arrived During Past Week Increases Total

Three groups of government vouchers which arrived during the past week swelled the total cash payments for 1941 compliance with the Agricultural Conservation program in Wilkes to over \$19,000 to date. It was learned today from Mrs. Rosa R. Church, treasurer of the Wilkes unit.

This represents cash payment to about 1,500 farmers after all deductions were made for lime, phosphate, seed and other materials purchased at government price under the program.

The last three groups of checks received were as follows: 50 checks for a total of \$465, 86 checks for \$1,346.22 and 50 checks for \$419.77.

The farmers to whom the checks were made payable were notified by mail when they arrived and distribution has been made of practically all checks received at the office.

County Basketball Championships To Be Decided In Tourney Finals Tonight

Millers Creek and Ronda boys' basketball teams have eliminated all other competition and will play in the finals of North Wilkesboro high school football basketball tournament here tonight for the county championship titles.

The first game tonight will begin at 7:30. The tournament, which is sponsored annually by the student body of North Wilkesboro high school as a goodwill and sportsmanship endeavor, began on Monday night and every game has been thrilling and cleanly played.

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'Lone' Republican Solicitor May Lose Out In Yadkin Step

Bill Would Move Yadkin County From 17th To 21st Judicial District

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Yadkin county, which slightly over two years ago seceded from the Republican party long enough to name its first Democratic representative in 40 years, has now taken its first action toward getting from under the only Republican solicitor in North Carolina.

This is provided in a bill introduced in the senate today by Senator Marshall of Stokes, which proposes to remove Yadkin from the 17th to the 21st judicial district, and to do so next spring for the county in the new district.

And to avoid complications, the bill provides that the solicitor of the 17th judicial district, now a resident of Yadkinville, may continue to reside outside the 17th district until his term expires.

Background for this measure lies in the past election, in which the Yadkin Democrats, lost by narrow margins in certain county offices, and in the previous election, in which the Democrats but after which some of the leading Democrats were prosecuted for election law infractions.

Yadkin Democrats charge that during the past election numerous party workers were "intimidated" by Solicitor Avalon E. Hill, who threatened to apply the Hatch act. Party leaders pointed out that while the act was not applicable, they could not go to each party worker and explain to him individually that he could not be touched by the act in purely state and county contests.

So the Yadkin Democrats want to get under a more sympathetic solicitor ere another election comes around. And maybe they will.—Greensboro Daily News.

Erskine Freshmen To Play Lions Here

Basketball Fans In This Section Will Be Given A Special Treat At The North Wilkesboro High School Gymnasium On Tuesday Night, February 25, When The High School Team Here Will Play The Freshmen Team From Erskine College.

The game, which should display some of the best basketball of the season, will begin at 7:30 and there will be a cake walk between halves. Admission charges will be 10 and 25 cents and all are invited.

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Junior Rally On Tuesday Night Here

North Wilkesboro council of Jr. O. U. A. M. will hold a rally and district class initiation on Tuesday night. Plans will also be made for the annual banquet and a large attendance of members is urgently requested.

Eighteen Wilkes Men Enter Army At Ft. Bragg Today

13 Volunteers And Five Conscripts Make Up Wilkes Quota For Month

Eighteen Wilkes men boarded the bus here today for Fort Bragg to begin a year of training as draftees.

Wilkes board number one furnished seven, including three replacements, and board number two 11, two of whom were replacements. One man, Albert Bentley Parsons, who was in the number selected by board number two, was unable to go on account of illness.

The seven from board area number one were Commie Guy Roberts, Raymond Earl Greene, Felix Lunsford, Ben Parrish, William Earl Estep, Garvey Huffman and Boone Lane. All were volunteers.

The 11 from Wilkes board number two were Ronald B. Sturgill, Edward Lee Gregory, Robert Winfield Church, Clinton Ray Smoot, James Harvey Holler, Charlie Howard Owens, Joseph Owens, Lawrence Alonzo Handy, Howard Cothren, Howard Frazier, and Rufus Hall. Six were volunteers and five were selected by conscription.

Seven from Alexander county draft board also boarded the bus here. They were Fleets Carrigan, Roland Ruff, Burette Payne, Walter Cavin, Donald Deal, Ernest Matheson and Dock Kerley. All were volunteers.

O. K. Whitington, draft board member, and Wm. A. Stroud, draft board clerk, of area number one in Wilkes, and W. P. Kelly, draft board clerk of Wilkes area number two, were present to see the new army recruits off. All the young men were cheerful and eager to get on their way.

Ten From Wilkes Will Enter C.C.C.

All 14 Applicants To Be Taken For Examination At Camp On Monday

Charles McNeill, Wilkes county welfare officer, said today that his office has received notice that ten from Wilkes may be inducted into the C. C. Camp at Danbury next Monday, February 24.

Mr. McNeill said that only 14 applications are now on file and that it is probable that all the 14 will be taken in order to have a sufficient number should any fail to pass the required physical tests.

To Speak

Secretary of Labor, Frances Perkins, (above) is scheduled to address a special group banquet for women at the Education Congress which will be held in Atlantic City, N. J., February 22-27.



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Man Charged With Murder Breaks Out Wilkes County Jail

Ed Shew Escaped Monday Night; Faced Charge Of Killing Colored Man

Ed Shew, young white man jailed on January 13 in connection with the slaying of Sinclair Adams, local colored man, escaped from Wilkes jail some time Monday night.

Officers said that Shew, who was being held in default of \$2,500 required bond, used a piece of pipe to pry loose a window bar and jumped a distance of several feet to the ground.

None of the other prisoners had escaped. Officers partially attributed their failure to escape to the size of the opening. Shew, age about 18, was small, his weight about 120 and his height five feet and eleven inches.

Ed Shew, with "Matt" Shew and Ira Williams, was placed in jail last month after a coroner's jury charged them with fatally beating Adams, inflicting a brain concussion which caused his death.

The jail break was carried out without raising any alarm and the jailer did not discover it until Tuesday morning. Shew's case was calendared for trial in Wilkes term of court to begin on March 3.

Winners Egg Show Monday Are Given

W. K. Sturdivant And Guy Hutchison Take Two First Prizes At The Show

An egg show with ten prizes given for the best white and brown eggs was a feature of the regional poultry school held Monday in Wilkesboro under auspices of the North Carolina extension service and State College.

T. T. Brown, extension specialist, judged the many entries of eggs and announced the winners. The egg show was highly complimented.

The prize winners in the order of the awards and the prizes donated by several firms were as follows: Best dozen brown eggs—W. K. Sturdivant, 100 chicks donated by Blue Ridge Hatchery; Hazel Sherman, 75 chicks donated by Wilkes Hatchery; Aileen Greene, 100 pounds starting mash, donated by E. E. Eller; C. G. Mitchell, egg basket donated by Hayes Hardware company; O. O. Kilby, feeder donated by Carlton Hardware company.

Best dozen white eggs—Guy Hutchison, 100 chicks by Champion Feed and Hatchery; Ernest Walsh, 75 chicks donated by Champion Poultry farm; A. B. Fairchild, 100 pounds starting mash donated by Blue Ridge Hatchery; E. M. Huffman, egg basket donated by Hayes Hardware company; Mrs. Carl Hendrix, feeder donated by Church Hardware company.

In addition to Wilkes poultrymen, extension workers and poultry producers were present at the short course and egg show from Ashe, Alleghany, Alexander, Caldwell, Surry, Yadkin, Watauga and Iredell counties.

Wilkes County Youth Badly Injured In Fall

Elkin, Feb. 19.—Robert Burcham, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burcham of the Benham community and a senior at Traphill high school, is in a serious condition in Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital here as the result of injuries suffered when he fell from the second floor of a barn at the home, a distance of 10 feet. His injuries included a fracture of the skull, a broken collarbone and numerous bruises.

He has never fully recovered consciousness since the accident Tuesday evening and no improvement in his condition is apparent yet.

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