

# War News

## British Quarters Foresee New Move Against Greeks

London—Germany's full-force military occupation of Bulgaria may begin today, according to information reaching authoritative British quarters, for the purpose of forcing Greece to submit to a dictated peace with Italy.

These quarters said they were convinced that the main forces of Adolf Hitler's Balkan army would begin pouring into Bulgaria across the Danube this week and that it would be "not in the least surprising" if the big push began today.

Bulgaria, however, was said to be only a "minor station" on the way to a much more important destination which Hitler appears to have fixed as his ultimate objective.

The German army and air forces, it was believed in informed British quarters, will pause in Bulgaria and fasten its tentacles firmly upon the nation of King Boris while Hitler gives Greece a "last chance" to come to terms with Italy.

Even if Germany invades and subdues Greece, it was speculated in London, and obtain strategic Greek and submarine and air bases the Nazi forces are to be expected to push on to even bigger objectives at an early date.

Turkey, Syria and Iraq are believed in British quarters to be the major goals of Hitler's Balkan thrust and, for obvious reasons connected with the vast appetite of the Reich's mechanized war machine, the Iraq oil fields may be regarded as "the No. 1 prize."

## Mussolini Admits 10th Army Defeated

Rome—Admitting that Italy has suffered enormous blows in Africa, Premier Benito Mussolini yesterday told his Blackshirt followers that German mechanized detachments as well as dive-bombers have arrived in both Libya and Sicily to herald a "new season of success for us."

"Great Britain soon will be reduced to the German aid, after he had called upon the Italian people to 'intensify our struggle and 'intensify our hate' in order to achieve a final victory over Britain."

He told the Italian people frankly that it may take "a long time" to obtain victory, but that an Italo-German triumph was certain.

In a 44-minute exhortation to a Blackshirt rally in the Theatre Adriano, Il Duce said that "our tenth army has been destroyed" in Libya and the fifth Fascist air squadron wiped out but "we will fight to the last drop of blood against England."

Mussolini said Italy's "destroyed" 10th army in Libya numbered 10 divisions—about 170,000 men—including native Libyan warriors. Up to January 31, he said, a total of 410,355 officers and soldiers had been sent to Libya and organized into two armies, the fifth and tenth.

(The Italian army shattered in Libya has been estimated by the British at about 250,000 men of which the British army of the Nile is reported to have taken more than 125,000 as prisoners.)

He asserted that the United States need not fear any Italo-German attack any more than she has cause to arm against "an attack by the inhabitants of Mars" and, in reply to rumor and speculation abroad that Italy might soon be knocked out of the war, said:

"To speak of a separate peace for Italy is to speak idiotically. It is ridiculous to count on Italy's being more weakened. . . Italy has 2,000,000 men under arms now but before the end of the year, if necessary, we will have 4,000,000."

Istanbul.—A warning that Turkey might be forced to go to war against Bulgaria if the German army is permitted to use Bulgarian territory as a base for aggression was seen in informed quarters last night in a statement by Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoglu.

Saracoglu said that Turkey is prepared to back up her alliance with Great Britain and "cannot in any way remain indifferent to foreign activities which might occur in her zone of security."

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## March Term Of Superior Court Begins Monday

### Over 150 Cases Are Listed For Trial On Calendar Made By Solicitor

Wilkes superior court for trial of criminal cases will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, March 3, with Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, presiding. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, will prosecute the docket.

The calendar as made out by Solicitor Hall lists over 150 cases for trial during the term, which will be for two weeks, and it is expected that late reports will swell the total of cases pending to 175 or more before court opens Monday.

However, there are only a few cases in which felonies are charged and many cases involving misdemeanors only are calendared for trial. A full calendar has been announced for the first week and homicide cases are set for trial Monday and Tuesday of the second week.

The solicitor said that witnesses in cases from the preceding term of court are required to attend court without being re-subpoenaed. Witnesses in cases not reached on the day they are calendared are required to remain in court until the case is disposed of or the witnesses are dismissed by the solicitor.

Cases not appearing on the calendar, the solicitor said, are subject to call during the second week of the term.

The court calendar is published elsewhere in this newspaper.

## Associational S. S. Meeting Will Be Held With Maple Grove Church On Saturday, March 15th

J. A. Gilliam, chairman, has announced that an associational Sunday school meeting for Stone Mountain Baptist association will be held with Maple Grove church on Saturday, March 15. The day's program will begin at ten a. m. and continue until three p. m.

All pastors, Sunday school leaders, teachers and workers are invited to attend and take part and the Sunday School Board will send workers to assist in the program. Mr. Gilliam said.

## Army Recruiters In Auto Accident

A telegram received by The Journal-Patriot Saturday from Sergeant W. D. Montgomery, of the Charlotte office of the Army Recruiting service said that he and his associates who were scheduled to be here during the week-end were prevented from being here on account of an automobile accident. No details of the accident were given.

G. O. P. PROPAGANDA? Teacher: "Harold, where is the elephant found?" "But teacher, the elephant is so big that it couldn't get lost."

## Friday, February 28, Will Be Observed As Day Of Prayer; Services Planned

Friday, February 28, will be observed in Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro as a Day of Prayer for the world. It has been the custom for the past years of celebrating the World Day of Prayer in North Wilkesboro by a program held in one of the churches in the afternoon. This year an hour for prayer when a program will be presented will be held in the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro at 2 p. m. and at the Baptist church in Wilkesboro at 3:30 p. m. Besides the special hour for prayer there will be cottage prayer meetings at 9:45 a. m. in North Wilkesboro and at 10 a. m. in Wilkesboro. It is hoped that these prayer groups will be well attended in each neighborhood.

Special attention to the World Day of Prayer will be made in the Kiwanian meeting and at assembly hour in the high school of Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, and Lincoln Heights, also at the colored graded school in North Wilkesboro.

The program for this year has been prepared by a committee at Shanghai, China. This committee, composed of women of eight or ten different nationalities, has chosen the theme "Thy Kingdom Come." Christians of more than fifty countries of the world will be praying together for God's mercy, guidances and forgiveness. The world and all its people without regard to color or race, or geographical position need this prayer. Beginning at the day break of February 28th, (which will be the night of the 27th here) in the Fiji Islands the first prayers will be made. The close of that day will hear the same prayer being made (thirty miles from the International date line off the Alaska coast). Let us be present at the meetings in our town and join our petitions to the many that will ascend to God, our Father.

## Eighteen Wilkes Men Begin Year Training



Here are the eighteen young men who made up Wilkes county's draft quota for February and who entered into training at Fort Bragg Friday. The front row are from Wilkes draft board area number 1 and are all volunteers, left to right, Commie Guy Roberts, Raymond Earl Greene, Felix Lunsford, Ben Parrish, William Earl Estes, Garvey Huffman and Boonie Madison Lane. Back row, from Wilkes draft board area number two, left to right: 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, Rufus Hall and Howard Frasier. Albert Bentley Parsons, who had been selected from board area number two, was unable to go because of illness. Six from area number two were volunteers and five were conscripts.

## Membership Drive Of Public Library Is Continued Here

### All Are Asked To Join Library Association And Help Maintain Library

Drive for membership in the Wilkes County Library association will continue this week. It was learned today from members of the executive committee of the Library Organization.

The campaign was initiated last week in order to raise funds for the purchase of books for the library and to secure memberships in the association which determines the policies of the library as a county institution.

The drive was continued through this week to give all an opportunity to join the association and to have a part in promoting progress and growth of the library. Those who will join the library are asked to take their membership dues to the library, which is located in the city hall building here, or mail to Wilkes County Library Association, North Wilkesboro.

The minimum membership fee was set at 25 cents but it was pointed out that no limit was placed on any contribution.

The library was opened four years ago as a project sponsored jointly by local civic organizations and interested individuals. Without public appropriations it has grown rapidly and the association seeks to continue its growth and broaden its usefulness in Wilkes county by continuing additions of desirable books and reading matter as it becomes available.

The membership fees are the principal source of income and the success of the present drive and response on the part of the people of the county will determine the future growth of the institution.

## H. J. Steelman Is Claimed By Death At Moravian Falls

Funeral service was held this afternoon at Moravian Falls Baptist church for H. J. Steelman, well known citizen of that community who died Sunday morning at his home.

Mr. Steelman was 86 years of age. As long as his health permitted he was active in church and community affairs. He was a deacon of Moravian Falls Baptist church.

He had been in ill health for the past few years, having suffered with apoplectic strokes several times.

Survivors are three sons and two daughters: A. C. Steelman, Yudinville; M. G. Steelman, North Wilkesboro; J. S. Steelman, Moravian Falls; Mrs. Julia Burcham, Courtney; Mrs. Myrtle Tish, Clemmons.

Funeral service which was largely attended, was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ernest Bumgarner.

## Holiness Services Three Evenings Here

Rev. C. A. Stroud, of Marion, superintendent of the Winston-Salem district of the Pentecostal Holiness church, will conduct services each evening, seven o'clock, at the Pentecostal Holiness church in this city Wednesday through Sunday. The public has a cordial invitation to the services.

## Basketball Game On Tuesday Night

Erskine College freshmen basketball team will play North Wilkesboro high here on Tuesday night in what should be the outstanding game of the season. There will be a cake walk between halves and all are invited. The game will begin at 7:30 p. m.

## Measure To Pay Wilkes Deputy For Injury Is Passed

### R. C. Jennings Will Receive \$300 From County Under Provisions Bill

A bill introduced in the state house of representatives by Wilkes Representative T. E. Story to pay R. C. Jennings, deputy, for serious injury sustained while in performance of duty has been passed by house and senate and ratified into law.

Deputy Jennings was critically hurt on September 22, 1939, when he was hit in the chest by a shotgun charge fired by Silas Higgins, whom he was apprehending for the attempted holdup of Miss Toby Turner on the Brushy Mountain Road as she was driving to North Wilkesboro early that morning.

Higgins was later declared insane. The officer was badly hurt and was a patient at the Wilkes Hospital for several days.

The provisions of the bill as passed by the legislature make payment of \$300 by the county to the officer mandatory.

## Mountain View Girls And Millers Creek Boys Are County Champions

Mountain View girls and Millers Creek boys won their respective basketball championships of Wilkes county Thursday night in finals of the annual Goodwill Basketball tournament conducted here under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro high school for the other high schools in Wilkes.

Mountain View girls defeated Ronda girls 18 to 14 in the fastest girls' game on the local court.

## Special Meeting Planned To Talk A.A.A. Program

### February 28 Wilkes Date; Cotton Stamp Plan Will Receive Attention

A county-by-county campaign to acquaint North Carolina farmers with provisions of the double-barreled 1941 supplementary AAA program begins this week, announces John W. Goodman, assistant director of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

First of the meetings start Thursday in ten counties, as an equal number of teams of agricultural specialists open the drive. Last of the meetings will be held March 8. In the time intervening, every county affected by the program will have been reached.

In Wilkes county, a special meeting has been called for Friday, Feb. 28, 9:30 a. m., at the courthouse in Wilkesboro. Representatives of all farm agencies and organization and others interested are asked to attend.

As outlined, the new program will enable growers to take cotton land out of production for which they will receive Federal stamps exchangeable in retail stores for cotton goods manufactured in this country.

Then, too, Goodman explained, those who qualify for cotton stamps may also receive a payment for producing and conserving food supplies. A payment of \$1.50 per farm garden is already allowed by the AAA in North Carolina. Now an extra \$3 may be earned by growing additional garden produce, storing food products, or planting small fruits to add to the family food supply. However, to earn this special payment, growers must cooperate in the cotton stamp plan.

"Because of the importance of this program to the cotton farmers of North Carolina," Goodman said, "we hope that every grower affected will make a special effort to attend the meeting in his county so as to get full details of this new plan."

## MUSIC RECITAL ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Miss Ellen Robinson's music pupils will be presented in a recital in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium on Thursday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Mountain View Girls And Millers Creek Boys Are County Champions

The teams were evenly matched in playing ability but size and height were with the Ronda girls.

Millers Creek boys made four consecutive county championships by coming from behind twice to defeat Ronda boys 20 to 14. The game was not "in the bag" until late in the final quarter when Millers Creek succeeded.

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## Against Il Duce



Thousands of Ethiopians have joined the British forces in Libya. This 14-year-old boy of Bardia has been waging war against the Italians for five years. He is wearing the cap of an Italian officer captured during one of his encounters with the enemy.

## Lions Will Help Needy Children Obtain Glasses

### \$50 Made Available For Immediate Use For Underprivileged Children

North Wilkesboro Lions Club directors in February meeting voted to make \$50 immediately available for purchase of glasses for underprivileged children in Wilkes and also appropriated \$10 yearly to be used by the Girl Scout organization in North Wilkesboro.

Aid to underprivileged children with defective vision is one of the principal projects of the club and this work will be carried out as thoroughly as possible.

In the club meeting Friday evening Paul S. Cragan, school superintendent, and Emmet Johnson, instructor of the defense class here, addressed the club concerning progress being made in the defense class and exhibited a drill press and other objects which were made by the class.

Entertainment at the meeting was furnished by Garley Foster, radio and recording artist, who gave delightful imitations and rendered musical numbers.

Phillip Brame and T. G. McLaughlin were in charge of the program Friday evening.

Several members of the North Wilkesboro club are planning to meet with the Avery county Lions club at Banner Elk Tuesday evening.

## Defense Class Is Program Subject

### Drill Press Made By Defense Class Is Shown Before Kiwanis Club Here

Feature of the program Friday noon at the Kiwanis Club meeting was an account of progress being made in the defense class maintained here.

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent of schools, B. G. Gentry, manager of the Employment Service office here, and Emmet Johnson, instructor of the defense class being conducted at Meadows Mill company, talked concerning the class and a drill press made by the boys in the class was exhibited before the club. They explained that the 13 boys in the class are fast developing mechanical skill in the course and have made many useful objects, which will be placed in the industrial arts department of the school here and in other schools in the state.

Another feature of the program was vocal and instrumental numbers by Ruth Mouney and Prof. Frank Parker, of the local colored school.

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., new pastor of the First Baptist church, joined the club and received his Kiwanis button at Friday's meeting.

February meeting of the board of directors will be held on Thursday evening, 6:30 o'clock, with Dr. F. C. Hubbard as host.

A bricklayer working on the top of a high building accidentally dropped a brick on the head of a passing colored boy. "Be careful, big boy," yelled the dandy, "you made me see my tongue."

## SCOUTS DO GOOD JOB ON WINDOW DISPLAY



Here is shown a part of the window display which Boy Scouts of North Wilkesboro Drug store window during Boy Scout Week. The window were records of each member of the troop and several exhibits which portrayed accomplishments in Scouting. (Photo by Paul Harvel, Jr.)