

# War News

## 'Victory' In Libya Turning Point

Berlin — Germans emphasized the heightened tempo of their own warfare yesterday with accounts of new blows against British shipping and hailed reported action of Nazi land forces in Libya as a turning point in favor of the axis in Africa.

With more than 250,000 tons of British ships declared already sunk "in the past few days" the following additional achievements were claimed yesterday:

Sinking of a British destroyer by a Nazi speed boat off southeast England and destruction of an 8,000-ton armored merchant ship and a British patrol boat by submarines.

Three British cargo ships totaling 21,000 tons bombed and set afire by the Luftwaffe northwest of Ireland early today, and damage to a 10,000-ton British munitions ship and another merchant vessel of equal size in a raid—time unspecified—on British-occupied Tobruk, Libya.

## Dodecanese Base Near Turkey Seized

The British hammered relentlessly at Italy's empire yesterday, unofficially claiming control of Italian Somaliland with the capture of its capital, Mogadiscio, and announcing the occupation of a small Italian island seaplane base in the Mediterranean.

London revealed the first capture of an island of the blockaded Dodecanese—Castellorosso, 10 miles off the southwest coast of the Turkish mainland.

A joint admiralty and war office communique said the occupation was carried out Tuesday. Naval circles described the operation as a "very small and unimportant" one, undertaken chiefly to get possession of the island's seaplane base.

Although the operation thus was played down officially, naval quarters did not deny that Castellorosso, only 80 miles east of Rhodes, could be used as a British jumping-off place for attacks on other strategic Dodecanese guarding the entrance to the Aegean Sea.

Garrisons Cut Off  
Garrisons on the Dodecanese, declared cut off from supplies from Italy except by airplane, are reported short in many essentials.

## Rome Reports Victory For Nazis In Desert

Rome—German armored troops and fliers are taking over efforts to blunt the British spearhead driven deep into Italian Libya, the Fascist high command indicated yesterday in a report of the first battle between Nazi and British mechanized detachments in that North African colony.

"Enemy trucks and tanks were destroyed," the Italian war bulletin said, "and prisoners were taken without German losses" in this initial contact.

The battleground was described as an area southeast of Agadabia, 100 miles south of Benghazi and near the spot of the farthest British advance from Egypt toward Tripoli.

## Nazi Troops Rule Northern Holland To Quell Rioting

Amsterdam—Six civilians were killed and a number wounded yesterday in clashes between the police and "disturbers of the peace," it was official announced last night.

A brief German announcement stated that these deaths had occurred in police actions during which "the ringleaders of nightly attacks against the police patrol and a secret Jewish organization were uncovered."

"During the act of restoring order six disturbers of the peace were killed and a number more or less severely injured."

"A great number of persons responsible for the disturbances or having participated therein were arrested."

The riots brought the imposition of a German military administration upon all the province of North Holland today and the people were warned that violations of orders might result in 15-year sentences and even the death penalty.

Strikers were ordered back to work by Thursday, and all parades, demonstrations and assemblies on the streets were forbidden.

### BROILERS

H. G. Walker of Washington, N. C. is now constructing a broiler plant which will accommodate 40,000 chickens, reports W. G. Andrews, assistant farm agent of Beaufort county.

During 1940 larger numbers of purebred animals than in any recent year were certified for free entry into the United States under provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930.

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## Home Guard Officers Ready For Enlistments

### 'Defender'



A sentry stands framed in the doorway as workmen at Baldwin Locomotive Works, Eddystone, Pa., put finishing touches on new eight-inch railway gun for U. S. army. The gun, which fires a 65-pound shell 18 miles, is the first built in a private plant since 1916.

## Seek Opening Of Lime Deposit In Yadkin County

Would Reduce Cost Of Lime  
To Farmers In This Section About \$1.00 Ton

Wilkes County Agent J. B. Snipes, Lawrence Miller, secretary of the Triple A, and J. M. German, member of the Wilkes Triple A committee, were in Raleigh today with county agents and interested people of neighboring counties seeking to have the state open a lime mine in Yadkin county.

The Wilkes county agent and Mr. German attended a meeting of county agents, Triple A leaders and county commissioners of six counties in Yadkinville Wednesday. Counties represented were Stokes, Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes, Forsyth and Davie.

It was explained that the lime deposit is covered with stone and is not easily accessible until the stone is removed. Efforts will be made to have the state remove the stone and crush it for use on country roads.

It was estimated at the Yadkinville meeting that if the lime deposit in Yadkin county is developed that the cost of lime in the six counties would be lowered an average of \$1.00 per ton. On the basis of the amount of lime used last year, that would represent a saving of approximately \$22,000 for the farmers.

It was decided at the meeting that all those who could would meet in Raleigh today and seek a conference with Governor Broughton, at which time they would ask that the state make the lime deposit available for agricultural use.

## Charlotte Youth Will Fight Axis

Charlotte.—Sam Glasgow is going across the Atlantic this spring to fight against the axis partners. The 22-year-old Charlottean got the flying bug a long time ago and in recent months has taken quite a hankering for the British cause. He wanted to go across, even more when they told him in Canada:

"Well, fellow, this isn't any picnic. We're expecting them to shoot the works this spring and chances are you'll be over in England rather than in Canada." So Glasgow qualified as an aerial gunner.

Sam, his folks say, is a lucky, good-humored fellow who has a way of making narrow escapes.

## Episcopal Service

Vesper Service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, March 2nd, at four o'clock. Friends and visitors are invited to attend.

## Officers Receive Appointments and Take Their Oaths

Harry Pearson Captain, Malcolm Wyatt and John Wells Lieutenants

Men recommended as officers for a Home Guard company in North Wilkesboro have been appointed by Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts and have received their commissions and executed oaths as officers.

Harry Pearson, well known young business man here, was appointed captain. He is a former Marine officer, having completed six years in the Marine corps in 1934. Malcolm L. Wyatt, former lieutenant in the National Guard, is first lieutenant of the Home Guard company and John Wells, a former officer in the National Guard, is second lieutenant.

Captain Pearson said today that he has application blanks and would be glad to accept applications from all who are interested in being members of the company. The authorized strength will be fifty men.

The North Wilkesboro unit will be an infantry company and will meet once each week.

The substantial manhood of the community is desired in making up the members of the company and certain rules for enlistments have been outlined by Adjutant General Metts as follows:

The men will be enlisted between the ages of 18 and 45 years, excepting men ages of 18 and 36 unless such persons are subject to call into federal service because of dependents or assets.

Men must be physically sound and judged to be capable of performing such military duties as may be incumbent upon them. Men must be citizens of the United States.

Enlistments should be representative of the community at large and not necessarily confined to any particular organization or group.

Those who make application are asked to give three references, which will be helpful in selecting the type of men desired.

Captain Pearson said that a meeting will be called soon to accept enlistments but urged that any persons interested make application to him as soon as convenient and not wait for announcement of meeting.

He further stated that he hoped a very creditable company could be formed and that he would strive to make membership in the unit beneficial to each individual. He said that in addition to military drills and instructions in military tactics that emphasis would be placed on physical education and training.

Captain Pearson is much interested in formation of the company and solicits the wholehearted cooperation of all public spirited citizens.

## Penalty On County Taxes To Increase

Attention of persons who have not paid their 1940 taxes due Wilkes county is called to the fact that the penalty will increase after March 1.

This means that those who will pay their county taxes this week will save the amount of the increase in penalty, which will be added in accordance with the state law to all county taxes not paid on or before March 1.

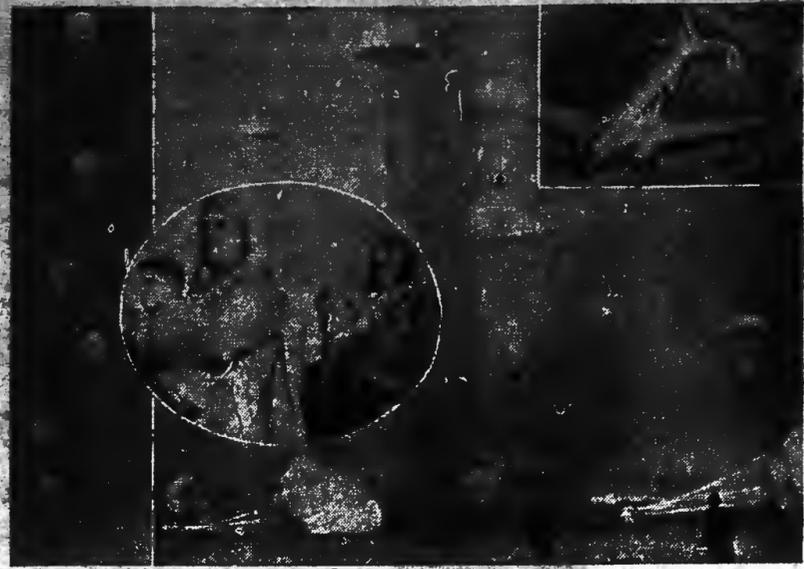
J. R. Henderson tax collector for the town of Wilkesboro, also calls attention to the increase in penalty which will be added to unpaid town taxes after March 1.

## W.C.U.N.C. Alumnae Will Meet Thursday

Dr. W. C. Jackson of W. C. U. N. C. is going to talk at the Alumnae of Wilkes County at a dinner meeting at the Woman's Club House, Thursday, March 6, at 7:30.

"We have a list of 126 Alumnae in this county. Let's get together and see who we are. If you know some one who hasn't get a letter please to send a postal for a response plate to Mrs. Vernon Deal."

## Here Come the Marines—Out of the Sky!



Uncle Sam believer that parachute troops may come in handy some day. These pictures, taken at the U. S. naval air station at Lakehurst, N. J., show how U. S. marine parachutists are being trained to meet the threat from abroad. Shown in oval are men waiting to go aloft for a jump. The other pictures show what happens later. In six plane trips aloft 52 marines jumped.

## Young Man Is Held Charge Criminal Assault On Girl

Ashe County Girl Charges  
Parsons Youth With Capital Offense

James Robert Parsons, alias Stacey Parsons, was ordered held without bond on a charge of criminal assault following a hearing on Wednesday before Magistrate J. B. Metts.

Parsons is alleged to have sexually assaulted Miss Minnie Jordan at the home of Parsons' father, William Parsons, in the Adkin Shop community of western Wilkes on the night of February 15.

The prosecutrix, a daughter of Mrs. Beasie Jordan, of Fleetwood, was staying in the Parsons home the week of February 9-15 and she testified that on Saturday night in the absence of other members of the family that he beat her up, forced her to her room and criminally assaulted her twice.

The defendant did not testify at the hearing and the magistrate said he could not fill bond because there was probable cause on the capital offense charge.

## Mrs. Mary N. Grist Claimed By Death

Aged Lady Died Tuesday  
Afternoon At Home Of  
Mrs. A. A. Cashion

Mrs. Mary N. Grist died Tuesday afternoon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. A. A. Cashion, in this city.

Mrs. Grist, formerly of Lenoir, was a member of a widely known family and was the mother of Frank Grist, of Charlotte, former North Carolina commissioner of labor.

She had made her home with Mrs. Cashion and family since 1928 and during the past 18 months had been in invalid. She was the widow of the late John T. Grist, of Lenoir, who died in 1903.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Alice Eddinger of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. W. C. Harless of Lenoir, Mrs. Cashion, Mrs. T. W. Steading of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. S. J. McClure of Lakeland, Fla.; and four sons, Frank Grist of Charlotte, H. B. Grist of New Haven, Conn., R. G. Grist of Greenville, S. C., and J. W. Grist of Washington.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Watt M. Cooper, assisted by Rev. A. L. Aycock, conducted a brief service at the Cashion home at two o'clock and a service was held at the Lenoir Methodist church at 3:30 with the pastor, Rev. Mr. Moser in charge. Burial was in Lenoir.

"Listen to me, I'm sick and tired of hearing you talk about 'my car' and 'my furniture' and 'my son'. It's getting on my nerves and you're going to learn to say 'our.' What are you looking for now in that closet?" "Our pants."

## A. T. Sebastian, 58, Succumbs Wednesday

Arthur T. Sebastian, well known citizen of the Haymeadow community of Hays town one, died last night at his home. Funeral service will be held Friday, 11 a. m., at Haymeadow Baptist church with Revs. Blevins and Hayes in charge.

He was 58 years of age and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Prudy Sebastian, and the following children: Theodore and Early Sebastian, Basset, Va.; Ray, Percy, Charlie, Claude, Troy, Arthur, Laura and Myra Sebastian, Hays; Mrs. Minnie Childress, North Wilkesboro; and one brother, E. T. Sebastian, of Hays.

## World Day Of Prayer Friday

Many Home and Church Services Will Be Held In  
Wilkesboros Friday

The World Day of Prayer is to be observed here Friday, February 28, with a number of union services to be held in Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro. Prayer groups will start in North Wilkesboro on Thursday night and will be held at the following places and times:

Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Mrs. A. M. Handy, Hinshaw street. Friday at 9:45 a. m., Mrs. M. L. Gilreath, B street; Mrs. A. B. Johnston, B street; Mrs. Carl E. Vandeman, C street; Mrs. C. C. Kilby, D street; Mrs. F. C. Forester, D street; Mrs. W. J. Bason, K street; Mrs. P. J. Brame, E street; Mrs. T. C. Caudill, 9th street; Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, 9th street; Mrs. J. C. Smoot, 10th street; and Mrs. W. F. Gaddy, Trogdon street.

Friday, 2 p. m. at the First Baptist church and at the Kiwanian Luncheon, and the Assembly periods of the different schools.

Two special services are planned in Wilkesboro, the first at the home of Mrs. N. O. Smoak at 10 o'clock Friday morning, and at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon at the Baptist church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these meetings, and you are asked to attend the cottage prayer group that is most convenient for you to attend.

## Special Tabernacle Services Sunday

Everyone is invited to attend the services Sunday afternoon, two o'clock, at the S. M. Fox four-altar tabernacle two miles west of Moravian Falls. There will be a special service with music and singing by the Bolynduet from Gastonia. Evangelist Kathryn Bolynd and other gospel workers from Gastonia will be present to arrange for a preachers' convention to be held soon at the tabernacle with every preacher of every denomination invited to attend. Further announcements will appear later in this newspaper.

## Ralph Duncan's Home Damaged On Monday

Fire thought to have originated from a flu did considerable damage to the home of Ralph Duncan on C street Monday afternoon.

Firemen did a prompt job extinguishing the flames, although the fire was burning rapidly.

## Public Assistance Grants This Month Set New High Total

Over \$8,000 Paid To Needy  
Aged, Blind and Dependent Children

Public assistance payments to needy in Wilkes exceeded \$8,000 this month and reached a new high for monthly grants, according to figures released by Charles McNeill, welfare officer.

The exact total of grants for the month was \$8,196, of that amount \$556 was paid to 38 blind, while 635 needy aged received \$5,501 in old age assistance grants. Aid to dependent children funds for 152 families totaled \$2,135.

## Jail Breaker Is Again in His Cell

Ed Shew Taken On Sunday  
Morning Near Dobson By  
Sheriff And Others

Ed Shew, young white man who broke out of Wilkes jail several days ago while awaiting trial for murder, was recaptured early Sunday morning.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton, Highway Patrol Sergeant Carlyle Ingle and Surry county officers arrested Shew at the home of his brother, Lloyd Shew, near Dobson in Surry county.

The officers aroused Shew while he was sleeping and he had no opportunity for resistance, although a 45-calibre automatic was by his side.

Shew escaped from Wilkes jail by using a piece of pipe to pry a bar loose from the window and jumped several feet to the ground.

He and "Mut" Shew and Ira Williams, all of the Call community, were jailed last month for the death of Sinclair Adams, local colored man, who died of brain concussion. They are charged with having inflicted the fatal blows.

Bonds were fixed by a coroner's jury at \$2,500 each but neither of the men were able to post the required bonds.

## Guy Will Accept Wilkesboro Call

Statesville.—Rev. T. Sloane Guy Jr., has accepted the call to become pastor of the Baptist church at Wilkesboro.

Rev. Mr. Sloan has been assistant pastor and educational director of Western Avenue Baptist church here since last June, his work among the boys and young people being outstanding. He received the call to Wilkesboro several weeks ago, but deferred decision as to acceptance. He announced his resignation to the church here Sunday. He plans to go to Wilkesboro April 1.

## Health Officer Warns Parents To Abide By Laws

Require Blood Tests For Expectant Mothers And Diphtheria Immunization

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer, said in an interview today that many people continue to claim they are ignorant of compulsory features of the public health laws of the state.

He specifically mentioned the laws which require expectant mothers to have a blood test and the statute which requires that children be immunized against diphtheria when they reach six months of age.

He explained that the laws are to prevent suffering and death for the children and that parents should not need any threats to comply with them. Blood tests to ascertain whether or not an expectant mother has syphilis is in order that treatments may begin and that she may give birth to a healthy baby even if she has the disease and diphtheria immunization is to save lives of children, he said.

He also said that under the law a physician or midwife may refuse an expectant mother attention at childbirth unless she has had a blood test as the law requires.

## March Court To Open on Monday

About 175 Criminal Cases  
Are On Wilkes Docket  
Awaiting Trial

March term of Wilkes superior court for trial of criminal cases will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, March 3.

Rockingham, will preside and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall will prosecute the docket.

More than 175 cases are pending trial. A full daily calendar was made for the first week and cases of major interest will be tried as they are reached during the last week of the term.

Solicitor Hall has stated that witnesses in cases continued from preceding terms must attend court without being re-summoned and that witnesses in cases not reached on the day calendared must remain in attendance at court until the case is disposed of or dismissed by the solicitor.

## Ten Wilkes Boys Enter C. C. Camp

All Applicants Accepted On  
Monday And Enrolled  
In Camp At Danbury

Ten Wilkes boys were admitted into the Civilian Conservation Camp at Danbury this week, Charles McNeill, Wilkes welfare officer, said today.

The welfare officer explained that the enrollment this week was the intermediate enrollment recently instituted between quarterly enrollments in order to keep camps at full strength and that there will be another enrollment some time in April.

The enrollment of ten this week represented the total number of applicants and Mr. McNeill said that other young men interested in enrolling in camps should make applications now for the April enrollment.

He also stated that there is a strong likelihood that part or all the boys who enroll in April may be sent to camps west of the Rocky Mountains.

The Wilkes boys accepted into the Danbury camp this week were: Glenn Calvin Dameron, Charlie Dancy, Roscoe Houck, Hugh Hudson Hurley, Spencer Arvil Johnson, Fred Edward Laws, Ewert D. Lowe, James Boyd McGuire, Monroe Dancy, Daniel Pennell.

## T. T. Billings Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held at Round Hill church for T. T. Billings, age 61, well known citizen of the Traphill community who died Tuesday at his home.

Surviving are five sons: O. Egston Billings, North Wilkesboro; C. O. Billings, Fresno, California; Roy Billings, Traphill; Ira C. Billings, Traphill; Oliver Billings, Fayetteville.