

War News

British Place Many Divisions In Greece; May Attack Germans

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, March 16.—Britain poured more mechanized troops into the Balkan arena today as the feeling increased in diplomatic quarters here that apparent Nazi hesitation to attack Greece at once might be due to anxiety over Russia.

The Nazis, these quarters said, appear to be studying the peril to their extended communications from Soviet Russia on one side and from Yugoslavia, still unyielding to axis pressure, on the other.

Diplomatic messages said another British mechanized division was disembarking at the Greek mainland ports of Piraeus and Volos.

Authoritative sources said yesterday that almost 100,000 British troops—vanguard of a force of 300,000—already had been landed in Greece with all equipment necessary for war, including flame-throwers, tanks and mechanized equipment.

British observers in London said that the zero hour is near in the Balkans and that British is ready to give Greece all-out support in meeting an expected German thrust.

Big Offensive Under Il Duce's Direction Turned To Massacre

Athens, March 16.—At least 50,000 Italian soldiers in a fascist army of 120,000 were thrown out of action and Premier Mussolini's personally-directed "blitzkrieg" aimed to smash the Greeks at all costs turned into what his own men bitterly called a "real massacre," authoritative Greek sources declared tonight.

The official Greek spokesman asserted that Italian prisoners said the fascists were "furious" because the seven-day offensive in the Tolepi sector was crushed at terrific losses.

Mussolini himself has gone down "with his prestige weakened and his authority shaken," the Greek radio said in a broadcast heard in New York by CBS. The radio also said the Italians suffered "terrible losses."

A Greek army inferior in numbers to the fascists attackers hurled them back and today the thrusts had dwindled almost to local actions, the Greeks said.

Hitler Declares Aid From Outside Can't Save Great Britain

Berlin, March 16. Adolf Hitler declared today that no amount of additional outside help for Britain can wrest final victory from the axis.

Germany's armed forces, he said in a memorial day speech in the historic Zeughaus, or army museum, will take the lead during the spring and summer from the Italians, who bore the brunt through the winter, in wearing Britain down and winning ultimate victory.

Facing some 150 field marshals, generals, admirals, higher staff officers and about 100 cabinet members, reich leaders, gauleiters, blackshirt and brown-shirt chiefs and party bigwigs, the Fuehrer spoke not in his usual fervent manner, of a man trying to win the German people over to his viewpoint. Instead he spoke calmly, almost monotonously—as though he were once again restating what his thinking is long accustomed to—German victory.

Hitler grasped both sides of the reading desk and—with one exception—changed position only to turn the pages of his manuscript.

That exception was when, with an emphatic gesture of his right hand and in a raised voice, he said:

"No power and no support coming from any point of the world can change the outcome of this battle in any respect. England will fall."

Egg With 3 Yolks

Mrs. Albert Church, of Millers Creek, brought an unusual freak to The Journal-Patriot office Saturday. It was the biggest hen egg ever seen by those here who examined it and when Mrs. Church broke it, it was found to have three average size yolks.

Weight of the egg was over four ounces. It was three and one-half inches in length and of proportionate circumference. She said it was the ninth large egg produced by her flock of 20 hens in two weeks, but none of the other large ones had more than two yolks.

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Defendants In Two Murder Cases Get Sentences Friday

Hort Absher Gets 10 to 15 Years; Ed Shew, Ira Williams Get Eight to Ten

Judge F. Donald Phillips in Wilkes court Friday passed sentence on defendants in two cases convicted of second degree murder.

Hort Absher, who was convicted Thursday for the knife slaying of Leonard Lankford at the Lankford home three miles west of here in September, was given 10 to 15 years in the penitentiary. Eugene Trivette, counsel for Absher, gave notice of appeal to the supreme court.

On Friday the jury convicted Ed Shew, Ira Williams and Mutt Shew, three whites of the Call community, of second degree murder for the death of Sinclair Adams, local negro, a few months ago. Ed Shew and Williams were sentenced to eight to ten years in the penitentiary and Judge Phillips set the verdict against Mutt Shew aside. He entered a manslaughter plea and was sentenced to the county home for four months.

According to the evidence Mutt Shew, younger member of the trio, had little part in the assault which caused the negro's death from concussion of the skull.

Court adjourned Friday afternoon.

Industrial Arts, Defense Classes Highly Praised

Federal Agent and State Supervisor Spend Afternoon With Classes Here

The national defense training class and the newly established industrial arts department of North Wilkesboro school drew high praise Friday afternoon from E. M. Claude, special agent for the United States office of education, division of defense training, and from Q. E. Mathis, assistant supervisor of industrial education.

They spent some time with the industrial arts class in the school and the defense class in machine operation at Meadows Mill company plant.

Both were very complimentary to W. B. Collins, industrial arts instructor and supervisor of defense classes, and to E. C. Johnson, defense class instructor.

Speaking of the industrial arts department of the school, Mr. Claude said: "This is one of the best school shops I have seen anywhere in the south, and I am particularly impressed with the seriousness with which the boys are going about their work. Mr. Collins and the administration are to be complimented on the fine work being done in the industrial classes."

Both supervisors were well pleased with the progress of the defense training class under Mr. Johnson. They were particularly impressed by the fact that none of the 13 boys who started the class had dropped out since its organization early in January.

Local School Wins Honors In Debating

Debaters of North Wilkesboro high school as a unit won second place in the forensics tournament held Friday at Appalachian high school in Boone.

About 25 high schools in the western part of the state were represented in the tourney.

The affirmative debating team composed of Henry Landon and Jimmie Moore won third place. Betty Rhodes won second place among the girl debaters. Others from North Wilkesboro taking part were Lillian Miller and Billy Wade Estes, the latter being an alternate. Miss Margaret Gourley, faculty member, is coach of the debating teams.

The query this year, debates the question of a policy of compulsory military training for one year of all men before they reach the age of 23.

North Wilkesboro teams will debate Landon in the triangular debate at Boone on March 28.

GROWING STEAKS RAPIDLY



County Agent J. B. Snipes is shown here inspecting baby herefords which five children in the family of W. R. Hutchison at Abshers have as their 4-H club projects this year. Last year three of the children realized almost \$400 from three baby heaves. The children plan to show five calves at the fairs this fall. (Photo by Dwight Nichols).

Hutchison Boys and Girl Making Progress With 4-H Beef Projects; Will Show Five At Fairs Next Fall

Four boys and one girl of the family of W. R. Hutchison, farmer of the Abshers community, are making progress on the 4-H club projects this year.

This progress consists of five baby heaves, some of which are already nearing the 500 pounds mark and may reach a thousand pounds each by fair time next fall.

Last year three of the children had baby beef projects and from the three animals they realized almost \$400, of which \$25 was in prizes at the county and state fairs.

This year five of the children, Glenn, Jesse, Robert, Paul and Mary, plan to show animals at the fairs.

Their three calves last year were sold for about 14 cents per pound on the hoof. If they do that well this year, and they plan to do better, they will make a neat sum of money.

Mr. Hutchison is fully as much interested in the calves as are his children. While they are in school he watches after them and see to it that they get the best of care and feed. When the children arrive home from school they take that job off his hands and do what they like.

Mr. Hutchison is a member of the 4-H club and a great majority of these are young herefords to be fed out into high quality beef animals. He doesn't expect to get rich but by providing grazing and growing his own feed he is earning a comfortable living for himself and family.

Greensboro Columnist Blasts Outside Legislators For Trying To Run Wilkes

Tom Bost Says "Democracy Ceases By Such Processes To Be a Way of Life, a Principle, and Degenerates Into Pure Caprice"; Says Minority Denied Rights

Under the sub-title of "This Is Democracy," W. T. Bost, Raleigh columnist of the Greensboro Daily News, on Sunday commented as follows on the treatment accorded Representative T. E. Story in the legislature Friday:

Until people in this country understand that a Republican has just as much right to be in the general assembly as a Democrat has, and that when a constituency sends a Republican to Raleigh it does so because it desires a Republican, things like Friday's general assembly will happen and the rights of minorities will be held in contempt.

For some reason some Democrats in counties touching Wilkes, likewise in Wilkes, do not like one of the newspapers in Wilkes county. There are kinds of legal advertising which must be made in newspapers. Generally the county commissioners who are the business directors of the county, place such advertising and naturally enough they lay that matter in papers that are friendly to the commissioners themselves. But Democrats demanded that the sheriff of Wilkes, who is a Democrat, have the right to insert this legal advertising, and that took it away from the Republican county commissioners. If there is another county in the state which has any such arrangement nobody was thoughtful enough to bring the evidence into the assembly.

It was argued with much fury and some plausibility that the Wilkes sheriff should have the placing of this legal business. This officer, again it was announced, is the son of Farmer Bob Doughton, one of the most important men in the United States government and congressman for 30 years in the ninth district. Nobody could blame an advocate for making use of such a tall-

Community House For Woodlawn Is To Be Constructed

Churches of City Organize Committee To Raise Funds For The Building

Churches of North Wilkesboro have launched a campaign to erect a community house in the Woodlawn section of North Wilkesboro.

Need for a building of that type in Woodlawn became evident last summer when a group of young people from the churches began operation of an inter-denominational Sunday school there. The Sunday school was held under the trees because no building was available and the attendance of children averaged between 75 and 100.

A group of interested citizens petitioned the city commissioners to act as sponsoring agent for a WPA project in order that a community building for use by the inter-denominational Sunday school and other community meetings might be constructed.

Plans were made for such a project, the total cost to be about \$3,500 and the sponsor's share of that amount about \$1,200.

An adequate lot in the center of the Woodlawn community was donated for the community building by N. B. Smith, prominent local business man.

The committee to raise the sponsor's share of the cost, about \$1,200, has been organized and the drive for funds will be carried out this week.

Rev. Watt M. Cooper, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, is general chairman.

P. M. Williams is chairman of the group to contact industrial firms. His assistants are Blair Gwyn and Edward Fisher. J. B. Williams will head the drive in the business section of the city with Wm. H. Duhling and John Walker as assistants. W. K. Sturdivant is chairman for the canvass among professional people with Paul S. Cragan and Miss Ila Holman as assistants. Dick Cashion is chairman for contact with fraternal organizations. Carl E. Vandeman is house-to-house canvass chairman with Mrs. Vandeman, Miss Ruth Webb, Miss Mary Lane, Mrs. J. L. Clements and Miss Margaret Faw as assistants. Plans are to conclude the canvass this week.

Women's Defense Training Class Is Started In City

Home Economics Teacher At City Schools Instructor For Evening Classes

A defense training class for women of North Wilkesboro and surrounding communities was begun tonight in the North Wilkesboro high school.

The class will meet for one hour each Monday and Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock, until April 3 and all women and girls not in school are invited to enroll and attend every class session possible.

First aid, home nursing and care of the sick will be the principal phases of the training with Miss Evelyn Sharpe, vocational home economics teacher, as class instructor. The training received will be a valuable part of the education of each class member as well as being designed to be extremely helpful in case of emergencies.

Some of the subjects will be practical aids and appliances used in care for sick, proper care of sick room, preparation and service of foods, common sense methods of preventing sickness and accidents, home medicine chest—what it should contain and how it should be used.

Women's civic organizations of the city readily gave their endorsement to the class, which is sponsored by the school. No charge is made for class membership.

Episcopal Service

Lenten service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church Thursday evening, March 20th, at half past seven o'clock. Friends and visitors are invited to attend.

Two Wilkes Bills Killed; One Passed

Appointees



Left: Ralph Austin Bard of Chicago, who was appointed assistant secretary of the navy. Right: Robert A. Lovett of New York, appointed special assistant to secretary of war for air.

Chief Walker's Name Forged To Telegrams Here

Did Not Sign Or Authorize His Name To Be Signed To Telegrams Favoring Bills

J. E. Walker, North Wilkesboro police chief, said here Thursday night that he did not sign or authorize anyone to sign his name to telegrams to representatives in Raleigh favoring passage of two bills introduced in the senate by Senator Harry Miller, of Alexander county, notwithstanding the fact that it was learned here that at least five representatives had received such telegrams bearing the name of Chief Walker.

Asked Thursday night whether or not he had sent the telegrams, Chief Walker said he had not and had not known anything about the bills being introduced until he read about them Thursday night, although the telegrams had been received in Raleigh hours earlier.

After being informed that telegrams bearing his name had been received in Raleigh urging passage of the two senate bills relative to Wilkes, Chief Walker wired five house members that he had not signed or authorized anyone to sign his name to the telegrams which they had received that day.

It was not learned here immediately who forged Chief Walker's name or who filed the telegrams bearing the forgery.

Registration Of All Veterans In Wilkes Is Asked

Is For Purpose Of Making Survey Of Civilian Defense Possibilities

The present survey of civilian defense functions in modern warfare being made in England by an American Legion mission is directly connected with the voluntary national defense registration of the nation's 1,078,119 Legionnaires, and thousands of unaffiliated World War veterans, scheduled for Saturday, February 22.

This was the statement here today of Commander Lewis Nelson of the Wilkes County Post No. 125, of this city, who has abetted the machinery rolling for the local registration. He added:

"The American Legion mission overseas is headed by National Commander Milo J. Warner. He is accompanied by Past National Commander Franklin D. Oliver and Major General Frank Parker, U. S. A., retired, a member of the Legion's national executive committee.

"The findings of this mission will frame the pattern of future American Legion home defense activities. What this mission will learn overseas will serve to support our own efforts here."

House Kills Bill To Raise Election Officials' Wages

Also Kills Story's Bill To Repeal Commissioner Districting Act Of 1939

The state house of representatives on Friday killed two and passed one of the three Wilkes bills introduced last week.

The measure introduced by Wilkes Representative T. E. Story to repeal the 1939 law dividing the county into three districts for nomination and election of commissioners, which was passed in 1939, was killed in a committee, and the districting law stands.

A bill introduced by Senator Miller, of Alexander county, to allow the Wilkes sheriff to place advertisement of the delinquent tax list in whatever paper he chose and would compel the county commissioners to pay charges for same immediately on completion of the publication, was first killed in the house and later recalled, passed and ordered ratified into law over protest of Wilkes Representative T. E. Story.

On third reading Representative T. E. Story sought an amendment to the bill as follows: "The county commissioners shall receive bids from all the local papers and shall advertise the sales of tax liens on real estate in the paper making the lowest bid." Representative Story won his fight to kill the bill, also introduced in the senate by Senator Miller, to raise the pay of election registrars and judges in Wilkes to five and four dollars per day, respectively, and to allow them five cents per mile for attending each meeting and for delivering elections returns.

The Raleigh News and Observer on Saturday morning carried the following account of the fight for and against the bills in the paper's "Under the Dome" column:

Rescued

Gray-haired, soft-spoken T. E. Story, the Representative from Wilkes, got the House to come to his rescue yesterday. He stayed rescued for about two hours. He needed help, too, because he is a Republican and two Democratic bills affecting Republican Wilkes County were on the verge of skipping through to passage.

First to be called was SB 323, which was introduced by Senator Harry Miller, Democrat of Stony Point. That would have fixed the pay of Wilkes judges of election at \$4 a day and the pay of registrars at \$5 a day for the time spent in making returns and attending meetings called by State and county boards of elections. The Wilkes registrars are Democrats and the bill would have forced the Republican board of commissioners to pay them at a rate higher than that set in the general State law.

"This bill was introduced by a Senator from outside my district and outside my county," Story told the House. "It looks as if I should have the privilege of introducing bills for my county." Representative W. I. Halstead of Camden came to Story's rescue, asking if the rate of pay set in the bill was not higher than that provided by the State-wide law. Story replied it was and then moved to table the bill.

A motion to table is not debatable but Rep. Henry Dobson of Surry, a Democrat, rose to his feet and Speaker O. M. Mull let him talk. Dobson said he had a number of telegrams favoring the bill.

After Dobson finished, Mull called for the vote and the House tabled the bill 40-31.

Story's troubles did not end there, however. Next on the calendar was SB 324, also introduced by Senator Miller. It would have allowed Sheriff C. T. Doughton, the first Democratic sheriff elected there in years, to pick the newspaper in which notice of sale of tax liens shall be published. The county commissioners would have been forced to pay the cost of advertisement.

Sheriff Doughton is a son of Congressman R. L. Doughton and Story made this plea:

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