

# War News

## German Barrack Block Is Hit By Bombs

London.—The R. A. F. rode the wind down the French coast from Calais to Brittany yesterday for a smashing attack on the port of Quiberon, close to the Nazi submarine base of Lorient, the government announced.

A communique said high explosives destroyed a German barrack block in the town while another bomb was sent crashing into a German escort vessel—an anti-aircraft ship—near Brest.

Two of the bombs which hit the barracks exploded simultaneously, the air ministry news service said, and with such terrific force that a British plane 1,000 feet above was shaken.

The British skimmed the coast at such low altitude that they could see French fishermen and people on the beaches look up and wave "cheerfully" as they recognized the British markings.

## Beaverbrook Says Fleet Biggest In History

London.—A great hidden armada of warplanes "surpassing anything in the history of aviation" is ready to sweep into the skies at a moment's notice when the battle of Britain reaches its supreme test, Minister of Aircraft Production Lord Beaverbrook said yesterday.

In a radio message to the British people—delivered by R. A. F. bombers swept over the Nazi-held Brittany coast in daylight bombing assaults—Lord Beaverbrook said that Britain's vast reserves of bombing and fighter planes are "ready for immediate action."

Lord Beaverbrook, a native of Canada, predicted that, as result of the war, the United States and Britain "perhaps will be joined together again" in an Anglo-Saxon union mighty enough to "subdue the proud, check the wicked and secure peace."

A union of the United States and Canada, he said, has "been a life work with me . . . how I long for that day."

## Greek Gunners Shatter Italian Reserve Units

Athens.—Greek artillery and mortars yesterday shattered and dispersed Italian columns attempting to reinforce Fascist positions in a "valley of death" on the central Albanian front where the battlefield is strewn with Italian dead, a government spokesman said.

For the fourth straight day, it was stated officially, the Greeks hurled back every enemy attempt to recover lost ground in the central sector around Tepelini. A number of Italian patrols were said to have been encircled and captured after penetrating the Greek lines.

## Thousands Stage Demonstrations Against Axis

Belgrade, Yugoslavia.—Yugoslav government leaders, beset by angry demonstrations throughout the kingdom, failed early today to complete a cabinet agreeable to capitulation to Adolf Hitler and thus their plans to sign with the axis in Vienna tomorrow were scrambled again.

Regent Prince Paul, his premier, Dragisa Cvetkovic, and his foreign minister, Aleksander Cincar-Markovic, retired shortly after midnight without issuing an expected communique announcing that the cabinet crisis had been solved.

Instead, a spokesman said "there will be nothing tonight"—and the lights and heat on the special train intended to carry the signatory delegation to Vienna were turned off.

Early Sunday evening it was reported the government, bowing to German pressure, had settled its troubles and the names of the new cabinet members chosen to fill three vacancies would be announced.

## Dave Hamby Home Burned Thursday

The home of Dave Hamby on the outskirts of Wilkesboro on the Moravian Falls highway burned on Thursday night about eight o'clock.

Neighbors saw the house ablaze and called the fire department but the fire had gained such headway that the building was destroyed. Firemen brought the fire under control sufficiently to save nearby houses.

Mr. Hamby, an invalid since he was stricken with paralysis a few months ago, was removed from the home safely. Origin of the fire was not learned.

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## 26 Wilkes Men Leave On Friday For Fort Bragg

Seven From Board Number One and 19 From Board Two; 20 April 4th

Twenty-six young men of Wilkes left here Friday by bus for Fort Bragg to begin a year of military training under the selective service act. Thirteen were volunteers and 13 were conscripts.

Wilkes draft board number one furnished seven and board number two furnished 19. The quota for board number two was 20 but Wopdron Wilson Cooper was unable to go on account of illness.

Board number one had two sets of brothers in the seven volunteers and two of the brothers were uncles of the other pair. They were Arlie and James Dayton Osborne, and Bartie and John Garfield Osborne, all of Wilkesboro route one. The other three of board number one area were James Harley Minton, Charlie Call and Cecil Earp, who was designated leader of the group.

Gwyn (Shine) Kilby, popular drug clerk here, was leader of the group of 19 from board number one. The others were Marcus Steelman, Lloyd Spicer, Joe Wesley Spicer, Andrew Bowers, Albert Bentley Parsons, Tony Clifford White, Ivy Cephus Armes, Troy Woods, Homer Elledge, Charles Ernest Grose, Clate Washington Tucker, Dallas Eugene Church, Vernon Talmadge Mihaffey, Granville Kilby, Charles Hudson, Jr., Edgar Vernon Wheeling, James Welborn Kilby and Joseph Paul Burchett.

Wilkes will furnish eight from board number one and 12 from board area number two on April 4. They will be inducted at Fort Jackson, S. C.

## For Commissioners



HOYLE M. HUTCHENS



RALPH DUNCAN

## Candidates File For All Offices In City Election

Registration Books Will Be Open Saturday, March 29, April 5th and 12th

One candidate for each office to be filled in the North Wilkesboro municipal election on May 6 filed notice of candidacy Thursday with the county board of elections.

The board called the primary to be held April 21 and election on May 6. Registration books open March 29 and will be open April 5 and 12.

Mayor R. T. McNeil has filed for another term as mayor. The candidates for commissioners who have filed are Ralph Duncan and Hoyle M. Hutchens, incumbents, and J. R. Hix, A. F. Kilby and R. G. Finley.

Three members of the present board, W. K. Sturdivant, J. B. Carter and Gordon Finley, it is understood, had previously stated their intention not to be candidates for re-election.

Terms of J. R. Hix and E. E. Eller on the city board of education expire this year. E. C. Johnson and Dr. J. S. Deans have filed notices of candidacy to succeed Messrs. Hix and Eller, who are not candidates for re-election.

James M. Anderson was appointed registrar and books will be open at Insurance Service and Credit corporation office on Main street. J. B. Norris and Monroe Eller were appointed judges for the election.

## School Wins In Music Contest

Three Number 1 Honor Ratings Taken By North Wilkesboro School

North Wilkesboro school made a most excellent showing in the district music contest held Friday in Boone, winning an honor rating in every class entered.

The high school band under direction of W. P. Grier, Jr., received honor rating 1 with the following comment from the judges: "This is an excellent showing for a class D band. A leader who has gotten such fine results in so short a time deserves the support of his community. It would be well to add some additional instruments to the band."

Lucille Casey received honor rating 1 for soprano solo and Billie Rudd Trogon also took an honor rating 1 for alto solo. Lomax Crook won honor rating 2 for tenor solo. The girls' trio composed of Peggy Nichols, Annie Ruth Blankenship and Jackie Frazier, won honor rating 2 and the girls chorus 3. Comment on the girls chorus was: "more work on quality and balance of tone, splendid chorus in making."

The school here plans to enter the band and some of the vocal numbers in the state music festival to be held in Greensboro on April 15.

The following high schools participated: Lenoir, Boone, Cove Creek, Granite Falls, Millers Creek, North Wilkesboro, Taylorsville, Collettsville, Kings Creek, Nathan's Creek, Newland, Orkhill and Harris high, of Sparta.

## Wilkesboro Fire Department Asks All To Cooperate

Arlie Foster, Wilkesboro police and fire chief, asks on behalf of the fire department that the people of the town extend their cooperation by not doing anything which would hinder firemen or fire fighting equipment in reaching fires.

The fire department asks that persons who are not members of the fire department refrain from reckless use of the streets and blocking traffic when the fire alarm sounds. They also ask that persons not connected with the fire department refrain from crowding the fire truck until firemen cannot get on when it streams to a fire. These suggestions, if followed, will enable the fire department to reach fires quickly and expedite fire fighting.

Exasperated Wife: Night before last you came home yesterday, and last night you came home today. If you don't come home tonight until tomorrow, I'm through.

## Church Attendance Campaign To Be Launched Here In April

### THE ADVENT OF SPRING



What better evidence that spring arrived Thursday, March 20, could be shown than this picture of Bill Cranor, left, and Frank Allen, right, basking in the glow of spring's warm sunshine on the sidewalk in front of Allen Theatre Thursday afternoon. It is easy to see they were playing checkers but who could do that on the sidewalk unless spring had arrived? Yes, the calendar was right, Thursday was the first day of spring. (Journal-Patriot staff photo incognito.)

## Civic, Fraternal Organizations To Sponsor Movement

Importance Of Church Attendance To Be Emphasized During Month

Civic and fraternal organizations of North Wilkesboro are launching a "Go To Church" campaign with hopes of reaching every individual in North Wilkesboro during the month of April.

And the several sponsoring organizations are asking that the movement be expanded to include the entire county and that all churches of all denominations join in the movement during the month.

A committee representing several organizations met this morning to lay plans for publicity for the church attendance campaign and to contact other organizations for their active support.

Cooperation of every civic and fraternal organization, business firms and individuals interested in promoting church attendance is asked in publicizing the campaign and in carrying an invitation to go to church to every individual.

Window posters will be displayed throughout North Wilkesboro and cards will be given to every individual if possible, bearing an invitation and an urge that they attend the church of their choice on each Sabbath through the month of April. Services of numerous people will be needed in the work.

In connection with the drive will be a personal canvass of the people of North Wilkesboro, asking every one to attend church during the month. It is respectfully asked that churches and community organizations in rural communities extend this campaign to be county-wide in scope. The campaign will be inter-denominational and its object is to reach all the people.

With civic and fraternal organizations backing the movement, supported, of course, by the churches, it is believed that church attendance can easily be doubled and that the churches will be able to reach more people.

## Varied Program At Kiwanis Meet

Showing Of Film On Progress of Highway Construction Is A Feature

Showing a motion picture depicting progress in construction of highways was a feature of the Kiwanis club program Friday noon.

J. R. McCartney was program chairman for the day. He presented Paul S. Cragen, school superintendent, who showed the picture, "Pennsylvania Turnpike," the highway of tomorrow. The picture illustrated the building of the magnificent highway between Pittsburg and Harrisburg, Pa., and compared it with scenes from the old route.

Other features of the program were reading of a paper by A. H. Casey on styles of clothing worn fifty years ago and singing of "God of Our Fathers" by Joe Parkin, a former member of the club. He also led the club in singing "Pack Up Your Troubles."

The directors' meeting was announced for Thursday night, March 27, with Dr. F. C. Hubbard as host. Guests were: Rev. Roy Fisher, of Asheville, with J. B. Carter; Joe Parkin, of Winston-Salem, with C. O. McNeil; Robert Morehouse, of Oakwoods, and V. K. Ray Spaulding, of Asheville, with H. H. Morehouse.

## Pre-School Clinic Here To Be May 6

May 6 has been set as the date of the pre-school clinic at North Wilkesboro. On that date the county health officer and nurse will give physical examinations to all children who are to enter school next fall.

## 3 Men, 2 Women on Rampage of Crime

Take Automobile, Wheels, Gasoline, Radio and Rifle At Three Homes

Wilkes officers reported today that three men and two women went on a rampage in the Mulberry and McGrady communities Sunday and that officers are still searching for Carl Ballard, Grant Ballard and Raymond Clary.

Mrs. Raymond Clary and Irene Ballard, sister of one of the men, were jailed on charges of being accomplices.

Account of the depredations of the party as given the officers said that the men took two automobile wheels from a car parked at the home of Rob Hayes. Having secured wheels, the men and women proceeded to the home of a Mr. Shumate, by which time they had learned that the car had to have gas and they helped themselves to gas from the tank of Mr. Shumate's automobile.

They proceeded on up highway 18 toward Laurel Springs and near the Wilkes-Alleghany line they decided that a radio and rifle would be handy articles and they took one of each from the home of Mr. Bowen. He is said to have recognized the men and he took out a warrant. Deputy Sheriff Silas Wyatt attempted to apprehend the men but they refused by force to be arrested and he went to Wilkesboro for help. Since then the search for the trio has been in progress.

## Pre-School Clinic Dates Announced

Children To Enter School Next Fall To Be Examined on Dates Announced

The Wilkes county health department has announced dates for pre-school clinics to be held in the larger schools in the county.

On the dates set the health officer and nurse will examine children who are to enter school next fall and parents are urged to cooperate by having the children at the schools on the dates announced.

All clinics will be held in mornings except Benham which will be in the afternoon. The dates follow:

- Wilkesboro, April 1; Mt. Pleasant, April 2; Roaring River, April 7; Ronda, April 8; Millers Creek, April 9; Mountain View, April 14; Traphill, April 15; Pleasant Hill, April 16; Benham, April 16; Moravian Falls, April 21; Union, April 22; Mulberry, April 23; Ferguson, April 23; North Wilkesboro, May 6.

## Seeks Re-election



R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, has filed notice of candidacy for another term as the city's chief executive. The primary date is April 21 and election will be held May 6.

## Good Speaker



Miss Dessie Hanks, a junior in Mountain View high school, will represent the 15th district of five counties in the American Legion area oratorical contest to be held in Statesville this week. She won in county and district contests. Miss Hanks is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Hanks, of Springfield.

## Lomax Twins

Twin daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Martha Virginia, were born Thursday, March 20, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lomax, of North Wilkesboro, at Davis hospital in Statesville. Mother and daughters are doing well.

## Somers Child Is Killed By Tree

Eight-Year-Old Son Of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Somers Victim Of Accident

Gene Somers, eight-year-old son of Otto and Mollie Southern Somers, was killed instantly late Friday by a falling tree.

According to information given Coroner I. M. Myers, the accident occurred near the Somers home in Somers township. The boy's uncle was cutting a tree to go beside a tobacco bed when it fell in the direction opposite that expected and hit the boy.

He was rushed to the hospital here but died on the way. Surviving are the father and mother and one brother, Don Somers.

Funeral service was held Sunday, two p. m., at Union church with Revs. Binkley and Younger conducting the service.

## Humorist Speaks At Lions Meeting

Pete Ivey Speaks On Subject Of "Disadvantages Of A College Education"

Pete Ivey, member of the Twin City Sentinel staff and cowriter of "Pass the Pennants" was the principal speaker before the North Wilkesboro Lions club Friday evening.

In addition to a 75 percent increase in the club membership, there were 23 visiting Lions from Hickory and eight from the Lenoir club.

The speaker spoke on "Disadvantages of a College Education," "Journalism" and gave a hilarious recitation and pantomime of "Casey at the Bat." The crowd was kept in an uproar of laughter.

In addition to the out-of-town visitors, R. W. McIver, of Columbia, S. C., was a guest of Dr. H. B. Smith; Paul J. Hudson was a guest of L. L. Carpenter and Tom Story was a guest of Gordon Forester.

## Food Sale Friday

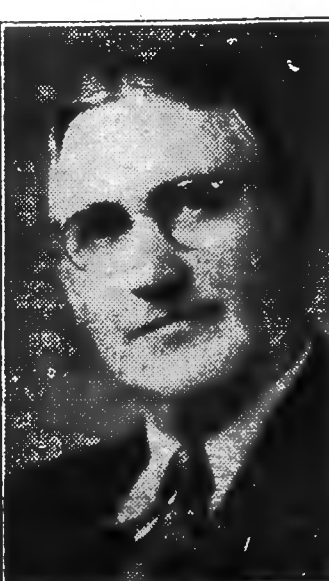
North Wilkesboro Woman's Club will conduct a food sale Friday morning, nine until twelve o'clock, at Belk's department store. All patronage will be appreciated.



ANDREW F. KILBY



RICHARD G. FINLEY



J. R. HIX