

# War News

## Revolts May Prove Serious Trouble For Axis

Rioting in Sarajevo and Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and in French Syria, offered serious existing and potential trouble for the axis last night and brought a curious echo of old events that started and changed the course of the last great war.

In Syria where heavy detachments of the old French middle-eastern command still stand as the obstacle of a union of the British African forces with those of her non-belligerent Turkish ally twelve persons were killed in fighting variously attributed by French sources to food shortages, to foreign agents and to agitation for independence.

In Sarajevo, where the assassination of the Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand set off the long fire in 1914, was symbolized yesterday the rebellious anger of Yugoslavian nationalists against the forced entry of their country into Germany's train. More than a thousand persons fought with the police there.

It was the success of the British and the fabulous Lawrence of Arabia in turning the Middle East against the central powers, and specifically the Turks, who then were Britain's enemies, that had an enormous and perhaps decisive importance in the Allied victory of 1918.

## Germans Lose Ships In Air, Naval Battle

London.—Battles between British and German naval and air forces in the North Sea in which two German military supply ships were sunk and several Nazi torpedo boats "probably" were destroyed were reported last night in British official communiques.

A German tanker and a Nazi supply ship totaling 14,000 tons were said to have been sunk in the North Sea by British airplane and submarine attacks.

Light British warships, presumably destroyers, were said in an admiralty communique to have driven off a series of attacks on British convoys in the North Sea in the last few nights by Nazi E-boats, or swift torpedo-carrying craft.

Several of the E-boats were hit and several probably failed to return to their base, the admiralty said, while "no damage or casualties were sustained either by his majesty's ships or merchant vessels in the convoys."

## Seizure Of Plant Looms Behind Ultimatum

Washington.—Government commandeerings of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wis., under plant seizure provisions of the selective service act became a possibility last night when defense chiefs called for a quick end of the 64-day-old strike there.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and Director General William S. Snudsen of the office of production management, served what amounted to an ultimatum demanding that the company—working on vital defense contracts—and C. I. O. Local Union 248 of the United Automobile Workers resume operations immediately.

"We can no longer wait for settlement of the strike by ordinary means," the two officials telegraphed Max W. Babb, president of the company, and Harold Christoffel, head of the union. "We must ask you to notify your entire force to report for work and start operations immediately."

More than 7,000 Allis-Chalmers workers walked out after the company rejected their demands for "union security." Protracted negotiations have failed to break the deadlock.

The selective service law empowers the government to draft recalcitrant industries. The government also can remove the preferential draft status of employees on urgent defense projects if they refuse to co-operate.

## Singing Sunday At Little Rock

Regular Fifth Sunday singing of the Southside Singing association will be held with Little Rock Baptist church near Boomer Sunday, March 30, Attorney J. J. McDuffie, of Wilkesboro, chairman, said today.

The singing will begin at ten a. m. and continue through the day. All singing classes are invited to attend and take part in the day's singing. Lunch will be served in the style of noon.

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## Sale Easter Seals Benefit of Cripples To Begin March 31

County Organization With J. B. Williams As Chairman Announced Here

Organization of the campaign to sell Easter seals and thus raise funds to aid underprivileged and crippled children in Wilkes was announced today.

J. B. Williams, who heads the underprivileged child committee of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, is county chairman and T. E. Story is treasurer. Plans call for a more extensive campaign than has ever been carried out here previously.

P. W. Eshelman is chairman of the Personal Solicitation and Ordinance Sale committee and other members are R. G. Finley, J. R. Hix and A. F. Kilby.

T. E. Story and J. C. Reins compose the mailing committee. Paul S. Cragon, city school superintendent, and C. B. Eller, head of the Wilkes school system, will carry the seal sale into the schools.

Mrs. T. A. Finley heads the Lilly Parade Committee and the other members are W. P. Grier, Jr., and Mrs. E. H. Helms. A big parade is planned by this committee for April 5th.

W. D. Halfacre is publicity chairman and other committee members with him are Dwight Nichols, John Sikes and W. E. Pharr.

The sale of seals will get under way on March 31 and continue through Easter Sunday, April 13.

Half of the proceeds of the sale will remain in the hands of the (Continued on page eight)

## Appointments To Welfare Board To Be Made By April 1

State Board To Name One, Commissioners One and Two Will Name Third

Re-appointments to the Wilkes county welfare board will be necessary before the first of April under new legislation enacted by the 1941 General Assembly, although it is possible no change may be made in the present board setup.

Chairman of the local board now is P. J. Brame, and Dr. J. G. Bentley and W. E. Smith are the other two members.

One appointment is made by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and one appointment by the Wilkes county commissioners with the two appointees selecting the third person with whom they will be associated in supervising the local welfare program.

Before this year the commissioners could not name one of their (Continued on page eight)

## Using Stones To Construct A Silo

D. B. Swarining Constructing DeLuxe Silo For Herd Dairy Animals

D. B. Swarining, who lives on a farm in the Traphill community of Wilkes county and boards at the same place, is making good use of stones which formerly infested his fields.

He has gathered up the stones, many of them of flint types, and is making them into a stone silo beside his modern dairy barn.

Work is in progress on the silo now. Its bottom is ten feet below the earth's surface and its top will be 30 feet above when completed, making the depth of the silo 40 feet.

Its outside measurement is 36 feet in circumference and it will be ten feet across on the inside. Wilkes County Agent J. B. Snipes has estimated that it will have a capacity of about 100 tons of feed when completed.

Cement is being used to hold the stones together and the silo will be a very attractive addition to the farmyard as well as being highly practical and useful. A retaining wall of the same material has been constructed along the bank between the silo and dairy barn.

Mr. Swarining now has a herd of 25 Jerseys but plans to expand his cattle production to include a herd of herefords for the beef market.

## Training U. S. Aviation Mechanics



An impressive view of one of the "class rooms" at the Academy of Aeronautics, LaGuardia airport, New York, showing some of the students of aviation mechanics at work in a mass welding session. The school is training civilians and army men. About 300 enlisted men will take the course.

## Dinner Speaker



Senator Scott W. Lucas of Illinois, prominently mentioned for the Democratic nomination for vice president last year, who will deliver the principal address at the annual Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh on Friday night, April 4. A World War veteran and staunch friend of the farmer and labor in Congress, the senator was a staunch supporter of the "aid to Britain" bill that recently became law. National Democratic Chairman Edward J. Flynn will also attend the dinner.

## Robt. Wood Finley Class Salutatorian

Robert Wood Finley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Finley, has been elected salutatorian to represent the class of Davidson College in the class day exercises this spring.

## Democrats Ask Governor to Name Hackett On Group

County Executive Committee Members in Meeting Here Saturday

A resolution by the Wilkes County Democratic executive committee endorsing J. Gordon Hackett for another term on the state highway commission was adopted at a meeting of the county Democratic Executive Committee.

Democrats representing a majority of the county's precincts gathered here on Saturday and enthusiastically recommended to Governor Broughton that Commissioner Hackett be retained on the highway commission.

The resolutions pointed out his untiring efforts in behalf of better roads and also cited his record in the Democratic party.

The resolution follows: "This resolution, made this 22nd day of March, 1941, by the Democratic Executive Committee of the County of Wilkes in meeting duly called and assembled at the Wilkes Hotel in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

"Witnesseth: That, whereas, it has been called to the attention of this committee that Mr. J. Gordon Hackett's term as a member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission will soon expire; and whereas, this Committee is composed of citizens and Democrats representing each and every township and voting precinct in Wilkes County, and familiar with the very, very splendid work and service which Mr. Hackett, in his official capacity, has rendered to each nook (Continued on page eight)

## Builds Machine?



Governor J. M. Broughton, says The Charlotte News, is building a political machine to his own liking in North Carolina, having exercised complete control over the legislature.

## Broughton Welding Iron-Clad Machine

(By C. A. PAUL, Charlotte News Staff Writer)

RALEIGH — A political machine as great, if not greater, than the famed Simmons machine, is now under construction in the office of Governor Broughton and if he puts it in high gear he will doubtless land in the United States Senate, taking the place of Senator Josiah William Bailey.

And he will name his successor and put either State (Continued on page eight)

## Schools Will Take Part In Spelling Contest This Year

Wilkes county schools will furnish an entrant in the Northwest Spelling Bee to be put on in Winston-Salem by The Journal-Sentinel.

Schools will hold contests to select a winner and a county contest will be held soon to select the county's entrant for the big spelling bee in Winston-Salem. The prize there will be a free trip to Washington, D. C., to take part in the national contest, which will have \$500 as first prize.

## Albright Talks Of Usefulness Of NCSES Office

State Director Spends Wednesday Here With Local Branch Service

R. Mayne Albright, director of the North Carolina State Employment Service, said here yesterday while on a visit to the North Wilkesboro branch that each community should be interested in full registration of available skilled labor because the amount of skilled labor available will be considered in location of defense industries.

He made that comment in talking of the drive now being made to secure a full registration of skilled labor, saying that the results of the survey of skilled labor will be turned over to the Defense Commission.

While here the state director said he was well pleased with the way the public is using this branch of the employment service under management of B. G. Gearty, manager. He also complimented the new quarters for the offices here.

Talking of the work in the state, he said that North Carolina is the only state where the employment service has been able to handle the labor situation entirely for defense construction projects. He said that over 100,000 placements were made in the past six months and the service has a larger active file than when the projects began, indicating that the labor situation can be handled for future projects. He urged that unemployed persons, especially those who are skilled in any trade, register with the nearest branch of the employment service or renew previous registration if made over 60 days ago, in order that the employment service might have a comprehensive picture of the labor supply situation.

## Tax Penalty Will Increase After 1st

Taxpayers Urged To Pay Now and Save Amount of Increase In Penalty

County authorities called attention of taxpayers this week to the fact that the penalty on unpaid county taxes will increase to two and one-half per cent after April 1.

It was pointed out that payment of county taxes on or before the first day of April will result in a saving of the amount of the increase in penalty and all who can are urged to pay now because the county needs the money.

Attention is also called to the fact that penalty on unpaid town taxes for North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro will also increase after April 1.

One Carolina muscadine vine has brought joys and good food to 15 generations of American freemen and promises fruitfulness for another 300 years.

## Class In Machine Operation To Get 'Diplomas' Friday

Thirteen Boys Will Complete Course; Other Courses To Begin Soon

Thirteen young men will have completed the first defense class here on Friday night and will be presented appropriate certificates.

The class in machine operation at Meadows Mill company plant will have completed 12 weeks of training Friday night. All thirteen who began in the class remained to complete the course under direction of E. C. Johnson, instructor and plant superintendent.

The 13 to receive certificates will be Burton Carlton, James Harvel, Granville Myers, Glenna Reavis, Dean Miller, J. D. Morrison, Russel Absher, Edd Miller, Walter Miller, Bill Reynolds, Bill Transon, Nelson Osborne, Bill Severt.

Their names will be registered at the employment service here as available for any openings in that trade which may occur.

Plans were announced for beginning of another class in machine operation as soon as possible and young men between ages of 17 and 24 who are not in school and who wish to enroll should register at the employment service office here between hours of 8:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. on the earliest convenient date. All who want to may register and if the number is too large for one class a second may be started.

Those who register are asked to meet at North Wilkesboro school on Monday, March 31, four p. m. Classes will be held each afternoon and night from ten p. m., for twelve weeks.

The defense classes here are carried out under sponsorship of the city schools system. M. Bryan Collins, industrial arts instructor, is supervisor of the classes.

## Greek Relief Fund Being Raised Here

Theatres Will Accept And Forward Donations; Jars Placed In Stores

With many individuals and business firms backing the movement, a drive has been started here to raise Greek relief funds.

The theatres here, Allen and Liberty, have consented to accept contributions and forward them at once to Greece to aid that nation in its fight for existence. Those wishing to contribute may carry or mail their contributions of any amount to Liberty Theatre, or Allen Theatre, North Wilkesboro.

Jars to receive donations have also been placed at a number of business places in North Wilkesboro.

## M. R. Hamby Home Damaged By Fire

The home of M. R. Hamby in this city was badly damaged by fire early Tuesday morning and the furnishings in the home were destroyed. Origin of the fire is not known. The house was in flames when Mrs. Hamby awoke.

## Cripple Clinic On April 10th

The county health department has announced that the April clinic for crippled children will be held at the Wilkes hospital on April 10, nine a. m., and asks that people of the county cooperate in providing means for crippled and deformed people, especially children, to reach the clinic for free examination and advice relative to treatment.

## Sunday School Association To Meet At New Hope Church

All Missionary Baptist churches in the Brushy Mountain Association have been invited to send delegations Sunday afternoon, March 30, to the New Hope church, near Purlcar, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Sunday School Association. It is especially desired that pastors, superintendents, teachers, and others, attend the meeting. All others who are interested are cordially invited to attend. The session will begin at 3 p. m. and close about 4:15 p. m. An interesting program is being arranged. Rev. E. P. Sullivan, of Hickory, will be the chief speaker of the afternoon. He will distribute free literature, relative to Sunday school work, to those who are present.