

War News

Belgrade Is Alarmed As German Blitzkrieg Units Are Gathered

Belgrade, April 3.—(Thursday).—Formidable concentrations of German motorized blitzkrieg units were reported in diplomatic messages early today to be stationed in Romania just across the frontier from the Yugoslav town of Bela Crkva. The border point is less than 50 miles from Belgrade and is near the Danube river. The report caused alarm in the capital because it would be one of the logical points from which the Germans might launch an attack on Belgrade itself.

Germany And Italy File New Protests Over Ship Seizures

Washington, April 2.—New and stronger protests were lodged by Germany and Italy today over the seizure of axis ships and crews while the United States prepared replies formally rejecting earlier notes. The new axis notes, said to be couched in stronger language than those delivered on Monday, took special exception to the action of authorities in imprisoning members of the crews.

Italians Believed Ready To Surrender

Cairo, Egypt, April 2.—Between 30,000 and 40,000 Italian soldiers, the beaten remnants of the fascist army in Eritrea, are fleeing southward toward Addis Ababa, Ethiopian capital, as fast as they can, British military sources said tonight. The only major point left under the Italian flag in Italy's oldest colony is Massaua, Red sea port, and that city was described as on the brink of capitulation.

Joint Plan To Stop U. S. Devised

Rome, April 2.—Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka has agreed with Premier Mussolini and Adolf Hitler on a joint plan of action against the United States in the event of American involvement—declared or underdeclared—in hostilities against the axis powers, authoritative Italians indicated today. The Japanese statesman said goodbye to Premier Mussolini before returning tomorrow to Berlin for further conferences with Hitler.

Appeals Board Meets In City

Selective service district board of appeals held its monthly meeting Tuesday in the office of J. T. Pevette, one of its members. The board, which represents 12 counties, passed on six appeal cases. The board is composed of L. A. Martin, of Lexington, chairman; J. T. Pevette, of North Wilkesboro; Dr. T. V. Goode, of Statesville; H. L. Arndt, of Conover; Miss Alice Virginia Price, of Lexington, was secretary to the board in meeting here.

Work Under Way On Lower Bridge

Bowers construction company has begun construction of a bridge across the Yadkin river near the old lower bridge site in this city. Contract was let by the state highway and Public Works commission several days ago and operations began here this week. The bridge will be about 100 yards upstream from the present temporary bridge, which replaced the old steel bridge destroyed in the August, 1940 flood. The new bridge will be of concrete construction with a fill on the north side and will intersect with east Main street at the intersection of the approach from the north of highway 268. The lower bridge serves the short cut road built two years ago from the east end of North Wilkesboro to highway 421 two miles east of Wilkesboro.

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Second Defense Class To Begin Here Monday

Young Men Wanting Training Should Register At Employment Office

The second national defense class to train young men in skilled trades in order that they might be employed in defense industries will open in North Wilkesboro on Monday, April 7. It was announced today. The class will be in machine operation and will be held for twelve weeks at Meadows Mill company plant with E. C. Johnson, the plant superintendent, being the instructor. The defense classes here are conducted under sponsorship of the schools with W. Bryan Collins, industrial arts instructor, as supervisor. Several applications for membership in the class to begin Monday have been received but there are openings for additional young men who wish to obtain this free training. It was learned today. Registrations for the class may be made at the employment service office on the second floor of Duke Power company building on Ninth street. The first class, composed of 10 young men, completed the course on Friday night of last week and members have been registered with the employment service for placement. The class meets each afternoon, four o'clock until ten o'clock, at Meadows Mill company. The course consists of actual work in machine operation in making tools to be used in industrial arts classes of the schools in the state. Welding is also included in the course.

Cranor, Dula In Mayoralty Race At Wilkesboro

Jordan Withdraws From the Race; Kennedy New Candidate Commissioner

Last day notices of candidacy Tuesday and changes brought about additional developments in Wilkesboro town politics when Attorney H. A. Cranor filed for mayor and George Kennedy filed for commissioner. Those who had previously filed for mayor were J. F. Jordan, incumbent, and L. B. Dula. After Cranor filed Jordan voluntarily withdrew from the race and will not be a candidate to succeed himself. George Kennedy filed for commissioner, bringing the total who had filed for the four places on the board to six. Those who had previously filed were W. E. Smithy, James Lowe, Dr. G. T. Mitchell, Wm. A. Stroud, and Sherman T. Colvard. (Continued on page five)

Why Go To Church?

We should go to church, in the first place, for communion with God. A Christian congregation is not primarily a group of people assenting to correct doctrine, though that is implied. But it is a company of believers whose belief finds its living expression in corporate community with God. Bread is important, but we can not live by bread alone.

Then we should go to church for worship. Many people go to church to watch the preacher, or to hear the choir. But they get little, if anything, out of such attendance. We should go to church that we be lifted into higher companionship of kindred aspiring souls. In the next place we should go to church to pray. There is great good in corporate prayer. To have God is to pray. Prayer is the natural expression of human need and desire. It is the necessary link between the human and the Divine. Jesus was first of all a man of prayer. He prayed for Himself. He prayed for others. He taught His disciples to pray. He taught them that men ought always to pray and not to faint. Jesus taught also that prayer is the instrument of greatest power with God.

Then we should go to church to hear the inspiring Word of God read and expounded. The Bible is the word of truth. It is of tremendous and continuous value, that those who give allegiance to Jesus Christ should assemble from Sunday to Sunday to hear the Word of God, for further illumination of their minds, for the chastening of their spirits, for the strengthening of their faith, and the conformation of their hope.

Then we should go to church pretty much as we come home at the close of the day, weary with the perplexing problems of the day, at home we find rest and comfort. At church we should find for our spiritual nature something of what we find at home for our physical nature. Jesus said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

Then we should go to church, because we can not live without it. We can no more live without going to church, than we can live without food. Our spiritual nature must be fed, or we perish. We would not think of doing without food for a day or a week. Neither should we think of doing without spiritual food that long or longer.

The Psalmist said—"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord." A. L. AYCOCK

Mr. N. G. Landis, proprietor of Landis Tire and Parts store, was a business visitor in Lenoir today.

Brame, Smithy Are Re-Appointed On Welfare Board

P. J. Brame Re-Appointed By State; W. E. Smithy By The Commissioners

Two members of the Wilkes county board of welfare have been re-appointed.

P. J. Brame, present board chairman, was reappointed by the state board of charities and public welfare for a term of three years.

W. E. Smithy, was re-appointed by the Wilkes county board of commissioners.

The law provided that the state board appoint one member, the county commissioners one member, and the two members shall appoint the third. Dr. J. G. Dentley is the present third member of the board.

The state board appointee will be for a three-year term, the member appointed by the commissioners for a two-year term and the other two will be for a one-year term.

To date the two appointed have not met to complete the board in Wilkes.

The board of welfare will appoint a welfare officer to begin his duties on July 1. Under the new law the welfare officer will serve indefinitely and not for a two-year term as before.

Charles McNeill is Wilkes' superintendent of welfare.

County Spelling Contest April 12

Will Select Winner To Represent County Schools In Northwest Spelling Bee

Schools of Wilkes county this week are selecting entrants to compete in the county-wide spelling contest to be held on Saturday, April 12, 10:30 a. m., at Wilkesboro school building. C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said today. One entrant from each school will be allowed to participate in the county contest and compete for the county title. The county winner will represent the Wilkes school system in the Northwest Spelling Bee in Winston-Salem, sponsored by the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel.

May Form Jaycee Unit In This City On Friday Night

Young Business and Professional Men to Meet At The City Hall Friday Night

Young business and professional men of North Wilkesboro will meet on Friday night, 7:30, at the city hall here to discuss organization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Thomas Broughton, former president of Lenoir Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be present to address the meeting. He spent several hours Saturday here conferring with a number of young men making arrangements for the organization meeting. He is a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Every North Wilkesboro young man between ages of 21 and 25 is invited to attend the meeting Friday night and hear the movement discussed fully by representatives of the Lenoir organization.

During the past five years the number of Junior Chamber of Commerce organizations in North Carolina has increased from four to 35. Mr. Broughton said. The first one organized was at Morganton, which will receive its charter Thursday. The organization committee here to make arrangements for the Friday night meeting is composed of I. H. McNeill, Jr., Fred Hubbard, Jr., B. G. Gentry, Barney Arthur, Frank Allen, Phillip Brame, J. R. McCartney, Grady Church and Dwight Nichols.

Senator Bailey Will Press For Appropriation For Flood Control

Picketing at Bethlehem Steel



Under the watchful eyes of Pennsylvania state troopers, C.I.O. pickets, some of them carrying American flags, demonstrate outside the Bethlehem, Pa., plant of the Bethlehem Steel company. Work-bound men, singly and in small groups, passed into the mill unmolested. The strike held up the production of defense materials.

Head Commerce Committee Will Ask Appropriation

Senator Satisfied Flood Control Will Be Brought About On Yadkin

Replying to a letter from John R. Pevette, chairman of the Wilkes committee of the Western North Carolina Industrial Council, Senator Josiah W. Bailey said relative to flood control on the Yadkin: "It is my intention to press for an appropriation for this flood control measure with all earnestness, and I am satisfied we will get it sooner or later, and the sooner the better."

Senator Bailey said that he introduced the amendment to a flood control measure which authorized a comprehensive survey of the Yadkin valley and that he had been informed that the survey would be ready for congress within a few weeks.

The survey has been made by War department engineers and has already been examined and passed on to Washington by the regional office.

Senator Bailey is chairman of the Committee on Commerce and in that position will be able to wield a great influence in the request for an appropriation to affect flood control in the Yadkin valley. It is understood here that War Department engineers in their comprehensive survey, which included damage by the disastrous flood of August 14, 1940, have recommended construction of a flood control dam one mile west of Wilkesboro at

County Board Of Education To Name County Superintendent And School Committees In Meeting On April 7th

Change In Law Provides Continuing Contracts For Principals, Teachers

Wilkes county board of education will meet on Monday, April 7, to elect a county superintendent of schools and to name committees for all the school districts in the county. Appointments will be for a two-year period.

It is expected that C. B. Eller, now completing his fourth term, will be re-appointed as county superintendent.

The board of education is composed of C. O. McNeil, chairman, R. R. Church and D. F. Shepherd. The term of Chairman McNeil expired this year but he was re-appointed in the omnibus bill of the legislature for a six-year term. He was recommended for re-appointment by the Wilkes County Democratic convention last year.

School committees appointed Monday will elect principals and teachers for the coming year. Supt. Eller pointed out today some changes in the school machinery act. The change of greatest interest to teachers is the continuing contract provision. The superintendent must notify a teacher of his or her rejection for the next school term by the end of the present school term of the teacher is automatically re-employed for the next term.

District committees shall elect principals, subject to approval of the county superintendent and board of education. The principals shall nominate and the committees shall elect teachers, subject to approval of the county superintendent and board of education. Teachers shall enter into a written contract before becoming eligible to receive pay for teaching.

One other important change provides that the state school commission shall give each bus a rated capacity and it shall be unlawful to load any school bus more than 25 per cent above its rated capacity.

U. D. C. TO MEET

Wilkes Valley Guards chapter of the U. D. C. will meet on Monday afternoon, 3:30, at the home of Mrs. Minnie Hunt.

Respect your kitchen garden.

Britain's Most Powerful Battle Wagon



Great Britain's newest and mightiest battleship, the King George V, is shown here—somewhere in the Atlantic—firing its quadruple 14-inch guns on the quarterdeck. This was the ship on which Lord Halifax, the new British ambassador to the U. S., was brought to the United States. He was quite safe, judging from this picture.

Firemen, Police Benefit Ball 4th

Friday night, April 4, is the date for the North Wilkesboro police and Firemen's Benefit Ball to be held at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. Advance sale of tickets for the ball has been large and many are expected to attend.

Wiley Kyser and his orchestra, of Winston-Salem, one of the best dance orchestras in this part of the state, will furnish music and a full evening's entertainment is assured.

Dokies Club Dance

North Wilkesboro Dokies club will sponsor a dance to be held at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse on the night of April 11. Jim Suddreth and his Dorktown Swingsters will furnish music and there will not be a cake walk, announcement of the dance said. The dance will be to raise funds to carry out activities of the club and admission will be one dollar per couple.

Church Going Families Are Happier Families' -- Attend Church