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War News

Deep Penetration In Center Is Admitted By Greek Command

While heavy fighting raged on several sectors of the allied line in Greece, a Greek high command communique early today disclosed a German penetration deep into the Greek-British central front, declaring that the nazis are in action in the Grevena region and trying to advance toward Kalabaka.

Grevena is 60 miles south of the Yugoslav frontier and about 25 miles southwest of Kozane, which the Germans already have occupied. Kalabaka is another 30 miles south from Grevena.

The Greek command attributed the advance to the German forces which penetrated the upper valley of the Aliakmon river on the west.

Kalabaka is the northern railroad of a line running to Trikala and connecting with Larisa, Athens and the main Greek rail network.

Most Destructive Air Raid Of War Made On London

London, April 17—(Thursday)—Nazi dive-bombers swooped on London for hours overnight in a seemingly endless chain for the noisiest and apparently most destructive raid launched by the Luftwaffe.

The whistle and crash of bombs mingled with furious anti-aircraft fire as sticks after sticks of explosives smashed down on the sleepless capital.

Seasoned observers agreed that this was the heaviest blow yet loosed on London.

A curtain of anti-aircraft fire arched across the starlit skies and bagged at least one bomber, which burst with an eerie flash and fell in bits.

Casualties were not announced but it was feared they might be heavy.

British Navy, Land Units Strike At Axis In Africa

Cairo, Egypt, April 16.—A lightning-like British blow at the German-Italian rear in Ft. Capuzzo and hand-to-hand fighting just across the border in the Egyptian village of Salum, both backed up by guns of the royal navy, were announced by the British today with intimations that these desert outposts might have been wrested from the axis.

Military circles expressed the view that the nazi-fascist blitzkrieg along the narrow strip between the desert and the sea has about spent its force—at least for the moment.

British Naval Guns Blast 3 Destroyers And 5 Cargo Vessels

London, April 16.—An entire convoy of three axis destroyers and five cargo ships bound for Africa with troops, munitions and mechanized equipment was blown up and sunk between Sicily and Tripoli by a British Mediterranean squadron last night at the cost of one British destroyer, the admiralty announced tonight.

Disclosure of the annihilation—so described—followed an announcement that the Mediterranean fleet is continually bombarding the German and Italian troops, airports and forts along the Libyan shore in support of the hard-fighting imperial desert armies.

Speaking Contest At School Tuesday; Will Present Medals

A speaking and declamation contest will be held at North Wilkesboro high school on Tuesday, April 22, to select a boy and a girl to represent the school in the forensics tournament to be held at Lenoir-Rhyne college on April 25.

Medals donated by Mrs. R. G. May will be presented by Mrs. May to the winning boy and girl in the school here Tuesday afternoon.

Workers Council Formed Today In Wilkesboro Meet

Food and Feed Organization To Be Extended Throughout The County

Representatives of eight agencies met at the courthouse today and organized a County Workers Council, duty of which will be to promote the food and feed program among rural people in Wilkes.

J. B. Snipes, county agent, was elected chairman; P. W. Edwards, of the soil conservation service, vice chairman; and J. B. Highsmith, of the Farm Security Administration, secretary.

Agencies represented were extension service, soil conservation service, Farm Security Administration, Triple A, welfare department, health department, WPA school lunchroom and garden project, and the Grange.

The chairman has called a meeting of the heads of all these agencies to meet at his office Saturday morning, when plans will be made to extend the organization into the county by townships or communities. A chairman, whose duty it will be to organize his township or community, will be appointed.

The aim is to secure production of three-fourths of essential foods and feeds on each farm and each farmer who does that will receive a certificate signed by the governor next fall.

Principal speakers at today's meeting were Mr. Melvin, of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and Miss Anamerle Arant, Northwestern district home agent.

'Loyal' Democrats Publishing Paper In Wilkes County

"The Wilkes Democrat" Is Title; Aim Is To Make Wilkes Democratic

Newest entry into the journalistic field in Wilkes county is The Wilkes Democrat, a three-column, four-page paper termed the "official publication of the Wilkes county Democratic organization."

Volume one, number one of the new publication says it will be issued monthly. Decision to publish an official newspaper for the county Democratic organization, the initial issue said, was reached in a meeting of the Wilkes county Democratic Executive Committee held on March 22. An editorial board for the paper was named, composed of C. B. Eller, W. H. McElwee, W. A. McNiel, Grady Miller, C. O. McNiel, J. R. Rousseau and Miss Zelle Harris.

A statement of the publication under the heading of "Wilkes Democrat to Boost Party Work in County" said: "The Democrat, as its name implies, is Democratic in body and soul. It is to be devoted entirely to the interest of the loyal Democrats in Wilkes county in the hope that it will aid in building up the party and making the party the strongest political organization in the county, as the party is in practically all North Carolina counties."

Hinshaw Boy Is Champion Speller

Mulberry Seventh Grader Will Represent Wilkes In Northwest Competition

Tommy Hinshaw, a seventh grader in Mulberry elementary school, won the Wilkes county spelling championship Saturday and will represent Wilkes in the Journal-Sentinel's northwest spelling bee in Winston-Salem Saturday.

Tommy won over 15 other school champions in the county spelling bee. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hinshaw, of North Wilkesboro route one, and his home room teacher is Mrs. Margaret Barker. Principal of Mulberry school is Grady Miller.

Mr. Tom Lenderman visited friends in Boone Sunday.

AVIATION ENTHUSIAST



This camera study shows plainly that Lindolph Parks is North Wilkesboro's number one aviation enthusiast. This picture was taken Sunday afternoon at the North Wilkesboro airport as "Lindy" sat in the plane owned by Woodruff Wallace, Charles Day, Jr. and Cecil Bumgarner. "Lindy" studies planes night and day and emphatically insists that he could fly one if someone would let him have the controls. Blissful happiness shines all over his face as he fondles the controls in the plane shown here. When told that he was being photographed for publicity as the city's number one aviation enthusiast he said not to forget to say in the paper that he had been up 60 times. And he wanted a plug for his kite business. "Tell 'em I make airplane kits, of modernistic design according to latest approved plans of aviation engineers." (Photo by Kerbaugh).

Farmer - Business Kincheloe Named Man Banquet Will Roll Call Head For Be Held April 25th Red Cross Chapter

John W. Goodman To Address Banquet To Be Held At Roaring River

Dr. J. C. Stokes Assistant Roll Call Chairman; Budget Discussed

Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross in meeting here on Wednesday afternoon elected Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church, as roll call chairman. Dr. J. C. Stokes, pastor of Wilkesboro Methodist church, was named assistant chairman.

Miss Catherine Stewart, field representative of the National Red Cross, was present and led in discussion of Red Cross work. Budget for local Red Cross work was discussed at length, although funds are low at present.

Attorney J. H. Whicker is chairman of the chapter and W. Blair Gwyn is treasurer.

Mrs. Walter B. Cole Dies at Portsmouth

Daughter Of Mrs. D. S. Melville, Of Wilkesboro; Funeral Tomorrow Morning

News of the sudden death of Mrs. Walter B. Cole, the former Miss Louise Melville, of Wilkesboro, was received here yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Cole died in Portsmouth, Va., at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, according to the message received by the family.

Mrs. Cole was the daughter of Mrs. D. S. Melville, of Wilkesboro, and was 31 years of age. In addition to her mother she is survived by an infant child, her husband, one brother, Mr. Donald Melville, and a sister, Miss Gladys Melville.

Mrs. Cole was a graduate of the Wilkesboro high school, and finished her four-year course of study at Gullford College in 1931. She was a member of the Wilkesboro school faculty for six years, and taught one year just prior to her marriage at Sumner in Gullford County.

In June, 1940, the deceased was married to Mr. Cole, and lived for sometime at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Cole was a devoted Christian young lady, and her sudden death was a distinct shock to her family and her many friends here and elsewhere in the state.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the home, after which interment will be made in Mountain Park cemetery.

Moose Lodge To Hold Initiation

Banquet and Other Features Planned For Class On Sunday, April 20th

Final plans have been made by North Wilkesboro Lodge 243, Loyal Order of Moose, for their public initiation and banquet at which time a large class of candidates will join the defending circle under direction of A. Jack Mount, membership director.

Starting with a banquet at 6 o'clock at the Women's Club House on Sunday, April 20th, all Moose and their wives, all candidates and their wives, are invited to be guests.

Exemplification of the Ritual will be put on by North Wilkesboro Lodge 243 degree team in fine style.

Among the principal speakers will be Pilgrim, Chas. Ricker, Judge, Sam M. Cathye, of Asheville, N. C., Moose from many out of town Lodges will be present.

Moose don't forget; Sunday, April 20th, is Moose church day, so all Moose go to church.

Several members of the North Wilkesboro Dokies club are expecting to attend the ceremonial in Winston-Salem Friday, April 22, beginning at seven p. m. at Twentieth Century Area opposite Centenary church. A merry occasion is assured all who will attend.

Approximately 15,000 pounds of lespedeza seed have been purchased through the farm agent's office for Northampton county

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

By W. M. OOPER (Pastor North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church)

Why go to church? An answer to this question is not hard to find. We go to church for one main purpose—to worship. The whole church service is carefully planned to create a reverent atmosphere and to enhance the experience of worship. The prayers, the hymns, the Scripture readings, the sermon, and the reverent attitude of fellow worshippers—all contribute to the worship experience. The church is the easiest place to worship because it is there that we have the supporting fellowship of other Christians and this in itself is a powerful psychological factor. It is possible to worship in the privacy of one's own home or in the quietness of a lonely countryside but it is much more difficult, and few of us are able, alone, to reach the greatest heights of religious experience. When one attempts to substitute private worship for attendance at church he is sure to come to a point of diminishing spiritual returns. If we desire to worship, and if we want to gain the greatest benefits from the worship experience, we will cultivate the habit of going to church.

What is worship? Discerning students of the Bible have pointed out that there are four stages in the process of worship. The first is the sense of the presence of God. The second is a sense of conviction for sin. The third is the experience of divine forgiveness. The last is a sense of re-dedication. The church seeks to bring a man to every stage of this fourfold experience. One comes into the House of God with his soul eager and expectant. It is not long before his soul is flooded with a divine light and he says in his heart—"Holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts." In such a moment he knows that God is real and that His Spirit is present. But this is not the complete experience of worship. One must confess his sins and must feel the touch of God's cleansing power. He must be willing, as was Isaiah, to go out and labor for the cause of the Lord. Only as one completes the cycle can it be said that he has truly worshipped. It is this complete cycle that the church seeks to bring about. It seeks to bring every member to the point where he is willing to say—"Here am I, Lord, send me."

We need the church today. We need the experience of worship. Man reaches his greatest heights along the paths of religion. Dwight Bradley, writing of man's need for the church has defined true worship in these terms: "Worship for men is what song is for a thrush or physical beauty for a tiger or speed for a race horse."

"Worship lifts men to their next level of experience and justifies their existence as men.

"Worship is man expressing his entire personality.

"To neglect worship is to accept a low rating as a man.

"To neglect worship is psychological suicide.

"Ignorant worship is better than intelligent non-worship.

"Intelligent worship is the most remarkable achievement of which a human being is capable."

There is no worship so intelligent as that which is experienced in the House of God. Let's begin now and cultivate for ourselves the church going habit.

In Mayor Race



T. J. Frazier, who filed Tuesday as a candidate for mayor of North Wilkesboro, thus making an election contest. He will be opposed by Mayor R. T. McNeil, who had previously filed for re-election.

T. J. Frazier Is A Candidate For Mayor In This City

Filed On Tuesday In Opposition To Mayor R. T. McNeil; No Others File

An election contest for North Wilkesboro developed Tuesday night, last date for candidates to file, when T. J. Frazier entered the race for mayor.

He will be opposed by Mayor R. T. McNeil, who filed a few weeks ago as a candidate for another two-year term.

Mr. Frazier for several years has been prominent in business affairs here and at other points, having been engaged in the barber shop business, beauty shoppe business, construction contractor and more recently as a jobber for beauty culture products.

No opposition filed for any of the candidates for commissioner or for member of the city board of education. Candidates for commissioner are Ralph Duncan and Hoyle Hutcheson, incumbents. J. R. Hix, A. F. Killy and R. G. Finley, new candidates. The two who filed for membership on the school board are Dr. J. S. Deans and E. C. Johnson.

Wilkes board of elections plans a meeting to decide whether the mayoralty race will be decided in a primary on Monday, April 21, or the election on May 6. The meeting had not been held today.

Ronda Candidates File

One candidate for mayor, R. L. Hickerson, and five for commissioners of the town of Ronda filed with Chairman McElwee for the Ronda offices. The candidates for the five places on the Ronda town board are L. E. Dobbins, E. H. Blackburn, O. D. Bentley, F. T. Moore and M. C. Jones.

Inquest Verdict Absolves Irvin of Jim Davis Killing

Justifiable Homicide Is Verdict; Rites For Davis Held Wednesday

Funeral service for James P. Davis, 55, resident of the Brushy Mountain community who was fatally shot in Wilkesboro Monday at noon, was held at Bethel Church Wednesday, 11 o'clock, with Rev. Noah Hayes conducting the last rites.

Davis died in the hospital here Monday afternoon three hours after he was shot through the head, neck and chest by a .32-calibre revolver in the hands of John T. Irvin, prominent Wilkesboro livestock dealer. A jury empanelled by Coroner I. M. Myers late Monday rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide after hearing evidence of a number of witnesses, including Irvin, who said Davis was advancing on him with a knife when he began shooting.

Davis had been at Irvin's livestock barn on Sunday and was drinking, Irvin said. There was some arguing relative to a settlement of wages which Irvin owed Davis but he was able to get Davis away without trouble that day, Irvin said.

On Monday Davis returned and they went into the business of settling up their business transactions when a quarrel ensued in Irvin's office. Irvin said that Davis started to attack him with the knife when he picked up his gun and fired. The first two shots, he said, did not stop Davis and he kept firing until he fell.

Irvin then called Coroner Myers, who went to the scene of the shooting and found Davis on the floor. In his right hand was a large pocketknife.

In the inquest other evidence came out supporting Irvin's self defense plea. "Shorty" Elliot testified that Davis spent Sunday night at his place, where he left his suitcase and told that he would be back for it after "killing John Irvin."

D. O. Clary, a clerk at Jenkins Hardware store, told the coroner that Davis came into that store Monday morning and purchased a pocketknife. He first picked out a medium sized knife, saying that "it would cut as deep as any," but later exchanged it for a larger one, which was identified as the one found in his hand by the coroner.

John Dancy told at the inquest that he saw Davis enter Irvin's office with the knife in his hand. The coroner's jury was composed of J. C. Miller, E. R. Eller, M. B. McNeill, J. B. Snyder, J. B. Williams and C. P. Walter.

Davis, whose wife died several years ago, formerly lived on the Brushy but for some time had been living with relatives in the Wilkesbros. His surviving children are two sons and two daughters: Clate Davis, Kannapolis; Clifton Davis, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Ethel Kerley, Kannapolis; Mrs. Vanda Campbell, Union Grove.

Second Defense Class Under Way

Fourteen Young Men Receiving Training In Machine Tool Operation Here

Second defense class in machine operation is now well under way in North Wilkesboro. Fourteen young men are in the class under direction of E. C. Johnson, instructor. Mr. Johnson is plant superintendent at Meadows Mill company, where the class meets each afternoon, four o'clock, for twelve weeks.

Members of the class are as follows: Harold R. Blackburn, North Wilkesboro; Mack Brock, Pores Knob; Allen Hall, North Wilkesboro; Dachie Marlow, Gilreath; Rufus Miller, North Wilkesboro route one; James Parker, North Wilkesboro route three; Bracket Parsons, Cricket; James Rash, Millers Creek; Claude Watson, Wilbar; Homer Whittington, Reddies River; Ralph Williams, North Wilkesboro; Guy Wright, North Wilkesboro route three; Edgar Miller and Dean Miller, Laurel Springs.

Seven of the members of the class are high school graduates.

Charles Foster Spelling Champ

Charles Foster, a seventh grader, won the spelling championship of North Wilkesboro school and will represent the schools in the Journal-Sentinel northwest spelling bee in Winston-Salem Saturday.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Foster. His father and mother and his teacher, T. R. Cline, will accompany him to Winston-Salem.

Certificates of award were presented all the grade winners in assembly program this week. The grade winners and runners-up were as follows: fourth, Mary Johnston and Robert Lee Powell; fifth, Carlton Miller and Ray Bowman; sixth, Annie Ruth Jarvis and Billie Moore; eighth, Mary Elmore Finley, Harriet Crutchfield and Pearl Lockhart.

Since the Anson county terracing unit started operations in 1934, 608 miles of terraces have been constructed as well as lava roads, outlet channels, and drainage ditches.

Junior Chamber Commerce Meets

Constitution Adopted, Meeting Dates Set; To Sponsor Softball League

Junior Chamber of Commerce here held its first meeting Tuesday night since it was organized.

After adoption of a constitution and by-laws a membership list was compiled containing 30 young business and professional men to North Wilkesboro and vicinity. The list was composed of those who had expressed their desire to be members and who had been contacted by the membership committee and others. (Continued on page eight)