

War News

British And Greek Troops Fight Bravely

Athens, April 23.—British and Greek troops fought desperately and unequally against the German steamroller north of Athens tonight after the entire northwest Greek armies collapsed and King George II and his government hastily abandoned Athens for the island of Crete.

British and Greek headquarters reported intact their vastly outnumbered troops who had been holding Thermopylae pass and the Lokris mountains 100 miles to the north but their exact disposition was not revealed. These soldiers apparently had these choices:

Fight and die on the spot; withdraw slowly to southern embarkation ports, or retreat into southwestern Greece, the Peloponnese area.

Says Greece Almost Conquered By Nazis

Berlin, April 23.—Germany's military spokesmen announced tonight the virtual conquest of Greece, claiming the surrender of Hellenic armies of a quarter of a million and the annihilation of a British rearguard at Thermopylae, gateway to Athens.

The Wehrmacht—literally armed forces—was reported in Berlin to be approaching Athens after breaking through the pass where the Spartans of Leonidas perished to the last man.

(One Italian report said the Germans were within 35 miles of Athens when the British began mass embarkations, abandoning heaps of material.)

Turkey Is Preparing For Any Eventuality

Istanbul, Turkey, April 23.—Turkey prepared tonight for any eventuality, guarding against any attack from the axis even though it was declared that such a development was not expected at present.

There was no official comment on reports that Germans have seized Greek islands close to Turkey, but officials in Ankara said their policy still is peace if possible and war if Turkey's independence is threatened.

Australian Warns Japan In Speech

New York, April 23.—In an implied warning to Japan, Richard G. Casey, Australian minister, said tonight that his own country and neighboring New Zealand would fight bitterly for their freedom "if the dark forces of aggression venture to spread into the peaceful waters of the Pacific."

These far-off British dominions, Casey said in a speech prepared for the Australian and New Zealand societies of New York, are of "greater significance than is normally realized in this country."

Gaddy Motor Co. To Erect Plant

New Building Will Be Erected On Highway 421 West Reddies River

Gaddy Motor company has completed plans for erection of a plant west of Reddies River bridge on highway 421, W. F. Gaddy, head of the firm, said today.

The plant will include offices, show rooms, parts department, service department, spacious garage, used car department and a service station, Mr. Gaddy said.

Gaddy Motor company is now located on Tenth street. Mr. Gaddy said that the reason which prompts the company to erect a new plant and move is the lack of space to accommodate all parts of their business at the present location.

The plant will be erected on property recently purchased from J. R. Finley. Plans for the buildings have been completed and will be ready for the contractor in a few days.

Plans call for a modern plant, throughout, constructed according to plans best suited for the automobile business.

Gaddy Motor company is dealer here for Chevrolet automobiles and trucks and Buick automobiles.

Singing School At Harmony Church

Prof. Paul B. Collins, of Lincoln, will conduct a singing school at Harmony Baptist church, beginning Monday night, April 28, 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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For mutual advantage go your buying in North Wilkesboro, the trading center of Northwestern North Carolina.

On Commission



Virgil D. Gulre, a Lenoir manufacturer, who was appointed by Governor Broughton as member of the state highway commission for the eighth division. He succeeds J. Gordon Hackett, of this city, who ably filled the office during the past four years.

\$8,482 Being Paid Monthly To Needy In Wilkes County

Needy Aged Get \$5,859, Dependent Children \$2,113 and the Blind \$510

Total of public assistance payments sent out from Wilkes welfare office this month was \$8,482, records disclosed today.

Of that amount \$5,859 went to 692 needy aged who were granted old age assistance payments.

A total of 318 dependent children in 159 families received \$2,113 and 41 blind aid cases were given \$510 this month.

All three branches of public assistance in the county showed slight increase over figures for the previous month.

Mount Pleasant Finals May 6th

Dr. Kincheloe Will Deliver Commencement At The School On May 4th

Mount Pleasant's graduation exercises will begin Sunday, May 4, at 2:30 p. m., with the commencement sermon by Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor First Baptist church, North Wilkesboro.

The class night exercises will be held Tuesday night, May 6, 8:00 p. m., at which time diplomas, medals, and special awards will be presented. The valedictory address will be delivered by Ovie Blackburn and the salutatory address by Aletha Goforth.

Mr. Rozell Ritchie, of Landis, was the guest of Mr. James Emerson Hart during the week-end.

WPA Rolls Are Cut Australians Welcome U. S. Good Will Squadron

Near 50 Per Cent In This District Many Men Are Released To Work On Farms; Some 18 Months On Rolls

Number of people employed by the Works Projects administration in the seventh district has been reduced almost 50 per cent since the first of this year, C. M. Crutchfield, district WPA engineer, said today.

The total number on WPA in the district in December was in excess of 5,000 but has dropped below 3,500 at the present time, his records showed.

In Wilkes county the number of men employed by WPA has decreased from 1,015 to 531. The number of women employes has not been cut proportionately due to the fact that many were working on projects which could not be dropped at present.

There are two main factors affecting the number of employes on WPA, Mr. Crutchfield said. One is the 18 months continuous employment rule and the other being that all WPA employes who had farms are being released to their farms this spring.

Baseball Players To Meet Saturday To Organize Team

Local baseball players have announced that a meeting will be held at the fairgrounds here on Saturday afternoon, three o'clock, to organize a baseball team for North Wilkesboro. All who wish to play and fans interested in promoting a good team here are asked to attend.

It is understood that several of last year's players and a number of new ones have expressed their desire to organize a team.

Junior Chamber Charter O. K.'d

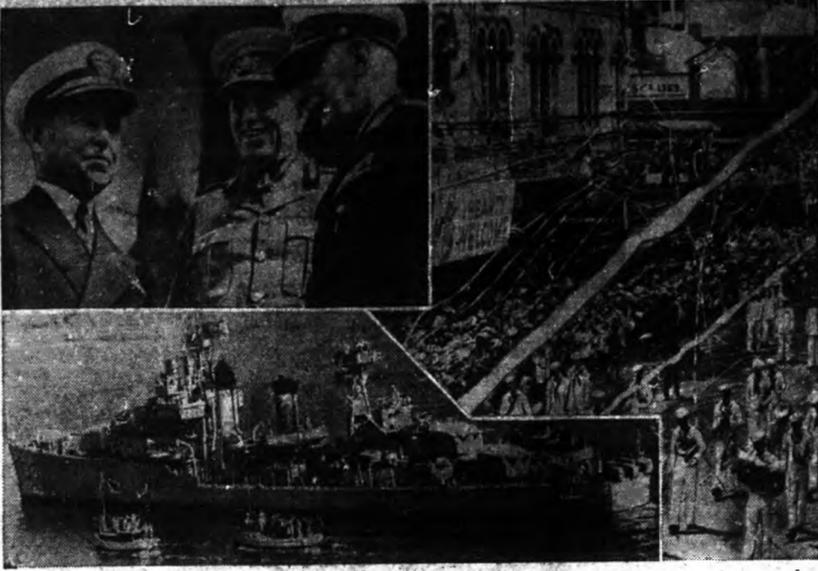
Application By Local Jaycees Accepted By Convention; 41 Members

State convention of Junior Chamber of Commerce which met in Goldsboro the past week-end approved the application for charter by the newly organized North Wilkesboro Jaycees.

Application for the charter for a Junior Chamber of Commerce at North Wilkesboro was carried to the state convention by Tom Broughton, of the Lenoir Jaycees, who was instrumental in organizing the Junior Chamber here.

The newly organized club here now has 41 members with several others expected to become charter members before charter night is held in the near future.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6. W. O. Atcher is chairman and I. H. McNeill, Jr., is secretary of the organization.



Above: The U. S. S. Clark, leader of the destroyer flotilla in the U. S. naval squadron that made the "good will" visit to Australia. At the right, U. S. service men are shown parading through Brisbane, capital of Queensland, in Australia, amid blizzards of confetti. Inset: Rear Admiral Newton (left) commander of the squadron, with Lord Wakehurst (center) and Lord Gowrie, governor-general of Australia.

Elledge Youth Is Seriously Injured; Man and Wife Held

Burlson Elledge Cut 13 Times With Knife; Mr. and Mrs. Young Are Jailed

Wilkes officers on Monday arrested George Young and wife, residents of the Hays community, for seriously wounding Burlson Elledge, 26-year-old son of Sherman Elledge, of the same community, that morning.

Young is said to have inflicted 13 knife wounds on the young man's body and his wife was charged with hitting him on the head with a hoe.

Burlson Elledge's brother, Joe, age 16, had started to school and was passing across some land which Young had rented for farming purposes when Young ran him off with a stick, according to the account of the affair told to Deputies Oscar Felts and Homer Brookshire by the Elledges. The elder brother then volunteered to accompany Joe on the way across the place rented by Young when Young attacked him with a pocket knife.

Elledge's thirteen wounds were dressed at the Wilkes hospital, where he is now a patient. Some hope is held for his recovery.

Five Students To Debate At Wake

North Wilkesboro Teams To Take Part In Debate Tourney At College

Five members of the North Wilkesboro high school student body will be among the 200 participants from thirty high schools throughout the state who are scheduled to take part in the North Carolina High School Speech and Debate Tournament sponsored by the Wake Forest College department of speech at Wake Forest April 24-26, inclusive, according to announcement by Zon Robinson, debate coach and instructor in speech at the college.

Debating a query pertinent to current discussion on military training, the North Wilkesboro team is as follows: Henry Landon and Jimmie Moore, who will debate the affirmative side; Betty Rhodes and Lillian Miller, who uphold the negative. Winners in the debate division will receive a silver loving-cup, appropriately engraved. At the conclusion of the eight rounds of debate Governor Broughton will make the presentation.

Also featured are five speech contests. Billy Wade Estes of North Wilkesboro is entered in the extemporaneous speaking contest. Sponsors who will accompany the team here are Miss Margaret Gourley and Supt. Paul S. Cragan of the high school faculty.

Peanut production in North Carolina in 1940 was \$25,125,000 pounds, the largest production on record for the State, reports the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Duke Power Line Now At Parsonville

Duke Power company has extended its power lines from the home of Branson Benton four miles into the Parsonville community, Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North Wilkesboro branch, said today.

The line, about four miles in length, makes electric service available to 24 families.

District Meeting of Lions In Boone

Twenty-Five From North Wilkesboro Attend Zone Meeting Wednesday

Twenty-five from North Wilkesboro attended the zone meeting of Lions Clubs, which was held in Boone Wednesday night as a prelude to the state convention to be held in Asheville in June.

Gene Wike was toastmaster at the meeting, which was held in Appalachian College cafeteria. Dr. Amos Abrams delivered the welcome address. Other speakers included H. H. Everett, of Chriflotte, district governor and Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian college.

Two minute reports on major contributions to communities and on major club problems were delivered from each club. Miss Margaret Gourley very ably reported for the North Wilkesboro club. Entertainment was furnished by the Tumblers of Appalachian and by the girls orchestra of the college.

Total attendance was about 200. Those from North Wilkesboro were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Absher, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forester, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cashion, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Hampton McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pearson, Miss Myrtle Norrlis, Miss Elizabeth Heath, Miss Margaret Gourley, Bill Carrington, Bill Marlow, Blair Gwyn, Frank Allen, Cody Moore, Grady Church, Richard Johnston and Edward Finley.

After the banquet at Boone a dance was held at Blowing Rock.

Misses Rose Zell Cundill and Margaret Rhodes spent the weekend in Yadkinville, as the guest of Miss Libby Hall.

Coroner Myers Goes On Suicide Call and Brings Back 'Victim' Much Alive

Coroner I. M. Myers went out on a suicide call Tuesday and brought the "victim" back alive and physically sound.

He received a call from the Reddies River community that John Wyatt had hanged himself at his home at Vannoy and for him to take along the undertaker, which he did. The call to the coroner was made by Roscoe Wyatt, son of the suicide "victim."

When the coroner and undertaker arrived at the Wyatt home they found that about 50 people had gathered there and that Wyatt, very much alive, was hanging 65 feet up in a large

Record Number of Wilkes Farmers to Join Soil Program

Complete Report Shows 4,248 Have Signed On Soil Program This Year

A high record number of Wilkes county farmers have signed up for participating in the farm program this year. Lawrence Miller, clerk of the Triple A, said today.

The total who had signed before the deadline April 15 was 4,248, representing an increase of 150 over the 4,098 who signed up last year.

Mr. Miller said that it is probable that there will be a bigger increase in the number who earn payments this year. Last year 3,456 of the 4,098 who signed carried out sufficient practices for which payment is made to secure payments.

Two WPA Projects To Begin April 30

Water and Sewer Project and Widening Highway 18 To Be Started

Two major projects will be started here by the WPA on April 30, C. M. Crutchfield, district engineer, said today.

North Wilkesboro's water and sewer extension project will be started on that date, he said. The project calls for extension of water and sewer lines to several places in North Wilkesboro and for erection of a modern sewage disposal plant. North Wilkesboro authorities have already authorized issuance of \$20,000 in bonds to finance the city's share of the cost of the project.

The other major project to begin on April 30 will be concrete widening of highway 18 a distance of about one and one-half miles north from the city limits. The project will be sponsored by the state highway commission.

Four feet of concrete pavement will be added to the present pavement, which is too narrow to safely accommodate the large amount of traffic on the highway.

Seeking Larger Crowds Sunday At Churches In City

Will Be Last Sunday of "Go To Church" Drive For This Month Here

Sunday, April 27, will be the last Sunday in the current "Go To Church" drive, which has been sponsored during the month of April by civic and fraternal organizations of North Wilkesboro, and sponsors are making efforts to climax the drive with large attendances at all local church services.

North Wilkesboro churches have without exception reported increases in church attendance so far this month and capacity crowds have attended many services. Reports of larger crowds have also been received from churches in Wilkesboro and in several rural communities of Wilkes.

The drive has consisted of various forms of publicity, newspaper articles, window posters, invitation cards and personal solicitation on the part of many people of the city.

Church leaders believe that the campaign has been very beneficial and that interest in church attendance has been aroused which will continue to boost church attendance in the future.

Draft Board Office Hours Announced

W. P. Kelly, clerk of Wilkes draft board number two with office in the city hall here, today announced office hours. Monday through Friday each week the office is open from 8:30 a. m. until noon and from 1:00 to 4:30 p. m. Saturday open hours are from 8:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

The office to date has mailed out questionnaires through order number 4050.

Opening For 300 On NYA Projects

Supervisor Says Large Number of Boys Can Be Placed Here Immediately

Mrs. Lawrence Miller, supervisor of NYA in this district, said today that the NYA has been enlarged to the point where she can place at least 300 boys and girls on NYA projects in Wilkes and those who are interested should make application immediately.

On existing projects 199 boys and girls are now at work and a number of new projects are slated to begin immediately if labor is available. The NYA has a two-fold purpose, Mrs. Miller said, to provide employment and to train boys and girls in different types of work. They work 89 hours per month at 20 cents per hour.

An additional number of boys can be used in the woodworking shop. Projects for construction of lunchrooms at Mulberry and Ronda have been approved and many can be placed at those points. An agricultural project has been made out for the county home if sufficient labor is available.

The program has a place for all eligible boys in the county who are interested. Mrs. Miller said, and there is a limited number of vacancies for girls in the home making project and the clerical project. Unemployed high school graduates are especially adapted to clerical work, she said.

Beer License Due First Day of May To State, County

J. R. Rousseau, collector of revenue for the state, said today that all beer license will expire on April 30 and that all beer dealers are required to secure new state and county license by that date. Penalties are provided by law for those who fail to obtain beer license in the specified time.

Dog Killed Here On Monday Not Rabid

A dog owned by Dewey Templeton and which was killed Monday after it had bitten a child and a number of dogs did not have rabies, according to a report received from the state laboratories by Police Chief J. E. Walker.

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