British Smash Main Iraq Line; Conflict Reported Near End

Cairo, Egypt, May 7,-British troops and the RAF were declarod officially tonight to have dealt crushing blows to the Iraq forces of Premier Rashid Ali Al Gailani, and militery quarters expressed belief that the conflict was near an end because Germany sent him no aid.

British airmen systematically destroyed most of the Iraq sir force, ground troops regained control of a pumping station near Rutba on the vital Mosul-Haifa oil pipeline, and the Iraq siege of the RAF base at Lake Habbaniyah was broken.

Howitzers and cannoneers flown by blane from Basra, near the Persian gulf, helped the Habbaniyah garrison and Iraq levies fighting with the British to rout the Iraquis holding dominating plateau positions around the airdrome yesterday.

Senate Gets Measure proposal for construction of a

266 to 120, the house passed first of July Senator Josiah W. President Roosevelt's ship seizure Bailey, chairman of the powerful bill today and sent it on to an uncertain future in the senate.

The measure, requested by the administration, would empower the President to seize foreign vessels idle in American ports and Thus he would be enabled to use Italian, German and Denish vessels recently taken into protecland program.

and there Progressives: opposed were 19 Democrats, 100 Republicans and one American Laborite.

By Vote of 447 To 3; trol dam not be delayed.

London, Tay 7 .- Warned in is yet infinitely too little to beat Germeny, the British house of mandate to carry on with a confidence vote of 447 to 3.

half the white maned world war premier and the prime minister of this war engaged in a sober June Term Court oratorical duel before an intent chamber. It was the end of a two day debate, a totaling up of Britain's newest reverses and a summation of her determination and hopes, and it left Churchill to all appearances unshaken before parliament and country.

and rare demonstration by the convene on Monday, June 2

Two Are Held On Burglary Charge

Zane Foster and J. D. Gettys. Jr., Arrested; Confessed Many Thefts

Wilkes officers today arrested Zane Foster, 18, and J. D. Gettys, Jr., 17. North Wilkesboro high school students, on a charge of burglary.

They are charged with having entered the home of Gilbert Foster, in which he was sleeping, at Millers Creek on Tuesday night.

Wilkes officers said both had confessed, not only to entrance to the Foster home, but to entering R. J. Eller's home near Millers Creek on the same night and to many other housebreakings over a period of several months.

Deputy R. C. Jennings said that Foster had signed confession to entering many homes and that Gettys had concurred in the confession.

Listed in the statement which officers said Foster signed were admissions of entering the home of E. C. Johnson in North Wilkesboro last August, to the theft of \$18 or \$20 from Motor Market in North Wilkesboro, entering the homes of O. K. Whittington, Homer Brookshire and Raymond Foster in Wilkesboro: entering four houses near Mountain View; the home of Walter Revis at Moravian Falls; and the home of Bozo Davis, where \$25 in quarters was taken.

Fifty dollars was taken from the home of R. J. Eller Tuesday night. Foster said that Gettys went into the house and that he did not know any money was taken until today. Foster said he ered Gilbert Foster's house aran when Mr. Foster aroused. Officers said that the two boys had been under suspicion for two months and decision to make their arrest was made following the robberies on Tuesday night. graduation.

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Proposal Flood

Control Soon to Be In Congress

Surveys And Recommendations By War Department Engineers Completed

Preparations are being made for fight on the part of the people of North Wilkesboro and elsewhere in the Yadkin river valley for an eppropriation by congress to construct a flood control dam on the Yadkin river one mile west of Wilkesboro, the site selected as practical by War Department engineers.

Authoritative information from Washington some time ago was to the effect that the surveys and On Seizure Ships flood control dam will be ready Washington. May 7.—Voting bout the last week in June or the for consideration by congress acommerce committee, has given assurance that he will lead the demand for an appropriation for construction of the dam.

John R. Prevette, chairman of the Wilkes county division of the put them to any use he sees fit. Western North Carolina Industrial Council, has prepared for Senator Briley a portfolio showing North Wilkesboro before and tive custody, and others not yet after the disastrous flood of Aurequisitioned, in the help to Eng- gust 14, 1940, when damage estimated at five million dollars Voting in favor of the bill were was suffered here and two indus-212 Democrats. 51 Republicans tries employing about 500 people were included in the destruction. Letters will go from many

prominent and influential local people. Mr. Prevette said, urging Prime Minister Wins | that construction of a flood con-

Assurance has been given Ralph T. Dunaway, assistant inthe anxious tones of David Lloyd dustrial engineer of the North George that America's war help Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, that he will do everything possible to commons today gave Prime Min-bring about flood control on the ister Winston Churchill as new Yadkin

Session Monday Transact Routine Business

Wilkes county board of commissioners in session Monday He walked from the crowded drew jurors for the June term of house in the midst of a rousing Wilkes superior court, which will Students Carry Out Final in a joint meeting with the out-

> Little other business of public interest was transacted by the board, which was busy with routine matters. List of jurors for the June term of court follows: First Week

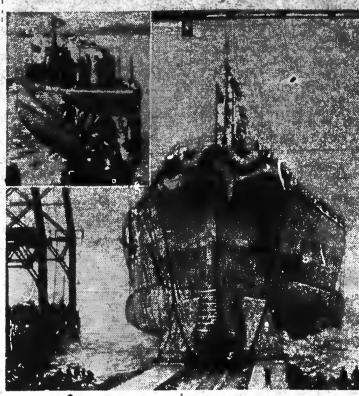
Willie A. Sparks, Antioch: Moravian Falls: James E. Mc- seniors. Cann. Edwards: Walter Miller. North Wilkesboro: J. H. Hagar. New Castle; J. Q. Wiles, Rock ette, president of the student Creek: Henry Wiles and E. H. Cheek. Edwards; J. A. Anderson, Brushy Mountain; John F. Lamberth, North Wilkesboro; S. H. Swanson, Boomer; H H. Smithe, Elk Andrew J. C. hren. Edwards: Carl Minton, North Wil- bers. kesboro: John I. Lyon, Traphill: W. T. Masten, New Castle: J. Parks Roberson, Brushy Mountain; W. T. Billings, Rock Creek; Major Blevins. Walnut Grove; Arthur Sale, Antioch: E. R. Lowe. Wilkesboro: J. C. Adams, New Castle; A. S. Eller. Stanton.

Second Week Floyd A. Perry, North Wilkesboro; B. C. Hayes. Reddies River; T. Y. Inscore, Somers; L. E. Holselaw, Traphill; J. F. Coffey, Mulberry; E. N. Elmore. Rock Creek; Watson Cheek Traphill: T. S. Myers, Walnu Grove; J. B. Key, Edwards; W.

Royal. Rock Creek; Walter War- citizenship medal went to Doris ren, Traphill; Sebon West, Edwards; L. D. Wellborn, New Casle; Grover Sebastian, North Wilcesboro; Ovid Johnson, Traphill; W. B. Luffman, Rock Creek; A. X. Wyatt, North Wilkesboro; O. Bumgarner, J. T. Vannoy, Junior I. Gentry, Edwards; Q. B. Blankenship, North Wilkesboro; Paul Kilby. Holbrook, Traphill; Daniel Webster, Boomer; W. C. Scroggs, Moravian Falls.

Finals Tonight

John A. Lang, state administrator of NYA, will speak tonight n the graduation exercises st Wilkesboro high school, eight o'clock. Fifty-five seniors will receive diplomas of high school More Might for Uncle Sam's Navy



Two powerful fighting ships will be commissioned on May 15, when he 253-foot submarine Mackerel (upper left), and the 35,000-ton superdreadnaught Washington (below), are placed in service. The Washington will join her sister ship, the North Carolina, which was commissioned last month. Four other battleships will be launched within a year.

Northwestern

Semi-Annual Convention To City Council, With Three Be Held In Wilkesboro Sunday, One P. M.

The Northwestern Carolina Singers Convention will hold its only one ticket and no contests. semi-annual meeting in Wilkes- almost 250 people voted in North boro, Sunday, May 11.

The convention will be held in Tuesday. the high school building, the Baptist church, and the Metho- for re-election, received 230 buildings.

The convention is having its For nearly two hours and a Draw Jurors For and is expecting singers from all Kilby, 240. J. R. Hix, by virtue joining states.

The public is cordially invited mayor pro-tem. to attend this convention and en-Commissioners In Regular joy the good singing that will be in store for all.

43 Graduate At

Program Of Commencement Tuesday Night

Millers Creek high school seniors did the speaking and conducted the program of their commencement on Tuesday night. James E. Johnson, Lovelace; G. when diplomas of high school D. Smith, Edwards; T. C. Hester, graduation were presented to 43

Presiding at the commencement program was Beatrice Lovbody. She presented A. V. Nolen, faculty member, who led the invocation. Mable Eller delivered the salutatory and presented each member of the class, after which the glee club rendered two num-

Clark Kilby presented the theme of the program, which was 'A Well Rounded Personality." Physical, mental, social and spiritual phases of the subject were discussed in short talks by J. T Vannoy, Clate Snider, Hazel Hayes and Edna Whittington, respectively. Doris Tulbert rendered

a piano solo. R. V. Day, principal, talked of and urgent need for additional school facilities and then presented a number of awards. Gordon Finley, of the Wilkes post of the American Legion, presented A. Groce. Wilkesboro: Percy the Legion medal for honor, cour-Chambers, New Castle; W. M. age, scholarship, leadership and Holbrook, Walnut Grove; Odell service to Clate Snider. Another

> Tulburt. Cecil Vannoy, athletic coach, presented basketball letters and

A medal was presented for 11 years perfect attendance to Conrad Parsons and for seven years to Doris Nichols, Fred Reeves, Arnold Hurley and Truitt Cock-

R. R. Church, member of the county board of education awarded the high school diplomas. Valedictory was by Clara Bum-garner and benediction by Mrs.

Valeria Belle Fester.

No Contests But Singing May 11 Many Vote Here

New Members, Meets Tonight For Organization

Despite the fact that there was Wilkeshoro's municipal election

Mayor R. T. McNiel, unopposed dist church, and will begin votes. The votes received by the promptly at one p. m. in all three unopposed candidates for ... commissioners were: Ralph Duncan, 236; R. G. Finley, 237; J. R. Hix, econd meeting since organization 243; H. M. Hutchens. 235; A. F. parts of this state and from adr of his having received the highest vote, automatically becomes

Dr. J. S. Deans received 233 Sunday. and E. C. Johnson received 236 votes for membership on the city election.

The city council, composed of Millers Creek Hi the mayor and five commissioners, will meet on Thursday night going members and will organize

The three new commissioners are A. F. Killey, J. R. Hix and R. G. Finley. They succeed W. K Sturdivent, Gordon Finley and J. B. Carter, who were not condidates for another term.

Kiwanians Hear **High School Band**

Band Showed Great Improvement Over Program Given One Year Ago

Six numbers given by the high school band at the Kiwanis meeting Friday noon were well received and the band, under leadership of Prof. Bill Grier, director, was highly complimented.

A. F. Kilby was program chairman and he presented Paul S. Crag. n, who introduced Prof. Grier and the band. The numbers endered were "America," "Chapel Shrine," "Prince and Pauper crowded conditions at the school Overture," "Saho March," "Military Escort" and "Star Spangled

> Mr. Fogalman was a guest of J. R. Prevette and Dr. R. M. Brame was a guest of J. B. Carter at the meeting.

F. C. Forester Is Hit By Automobile

second year emblems to Richard painfully injured Saturday night McGlamery, Conrad Parsons, Rex when he was hit by a cor. The accident occured on the corner of Livingston, Don Elliot and Clark A and 10th streets when a car driven by Marvin Greer, colored, turned the corner and hit Mr. Forester as he was creasing the street. He sustained severe bruises but was not critically hurt. Rex Whittington. Poris Tulburt, However, he has been confined to his home since that time.

TRON

Experiments at the University of California revealed that iron sppears in cow's milk within The banquet will be held a five minutes after the animal is Hotel Wilkes." fed fron-containing food,

Women To Ask **Assistant Home Agent In County**

Committee Appointed By County Federation Of Demonstration Clubs

Wilkes county federation of home demonstration clubs will ask the Wilkes county commissioners and the North Carolina! extension service for an assistant home agent for the year beginning July 1, according to Mrs. F, T. Moore, president of the federation.

In the federation meeting held last week a committee was named to head the drive for an assistant home agent and it is expected that the committee will appear before the county board of commissioners soon to formally present their request.

If an assistant home agent is employed the cost will be paid about one-third each by the county, state and federal governments.

Camp Mulberry

Boy Scout Camp East Of This City On Sunday

Boy Scout Troop number 35 invites the public to visit its Camp Mulberry, which is located two and one-half miles east of this city, on Sunday, May 11.

Open House will be observed at the camp after 12:30 p.m. and visitors are invited to picnic on the camp grounds if they wish.

by 40 cabin, which has a kitchen, and 22 bunks. There are outdoor tables, fireplaces, and other camp facilities on the ground. Camp Mulberry is the result of

many days of hard labor on the ry Pearson, of North Wilkesboro, part of the Scouts and officials. They are proud of their accomplishments, and invite all to visit the camp during Open House

"Show the boys that you are prise awaiting you," Scout officials said.

Lions Club Will Sponsor Tourney

Fifth Annual Wilkes County Tournament To Be Held In June This Year

Lions Club of North Wilkes-County Tennis Tournament again, it was learned today from W. Blair Gwyn, president.

It will be the fifth year of the tournament, which has grown each year to include an increasing number of players of the Wilkeshoros and rural communi-

The divisions this year will be men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, mixed doubles and junior singles. All who play tennis are asked by the club to be practicing for the tournament and to enter when the entry per-

Grady Church is chairman of the tournament, to be held in

Association Will work were Mrs. Arnold, Kirk, of Cooleemee, Missionary Education F. C. (Tom) Forester, prominent local husiness man, was Have Annual Meet wrs. T. A. Redmon, of Farming-

Officers, Directors, Guests To Meet Saturday Evening In This City

Annual meeting of Reins-Sturdivant Mutual Burirl association, which has home office here and branches at Sparta, West Jeffer son, Boone and Lenoir, will be held on Saturday evening, Max 10, 6:30 o'clock, according to a: announcement made today by A A. Sturdivant, president

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Inspects Plant

Air Marshal "Billy" Bishop of the Royal Canadian air force (right) inspects the huge Douglas sircraft plant at Santa Monica, Calif., where many planes for the RAF are made. He is shown with Donald Douglas, president of the plant.

Open House 11th Women's Society Public Invited To Inspect Of Methodists In Meeting

By MISS MAMIE SOCKWELL

Mrs. C. C. Weaver, of Winston-Salem, and conference president: Miss Leila Epps, missionary to Brazil and who is now home on a furlough; and Miss Mable Cherry, of Brevard College, and a returned missionary from Ko-Included in the camp are a 20 rea; brought inspirational messages to the meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Ellis held at the Wilkesboro Methodist church on Wednesday, Mrs. Har and president of the district presided over the meeting, while Mrs. B. S. Call, of Wilkesboro. served as recording secretary.

The worship period for the morning session was led by Dr. backing them up. One good way J. C. Stokes, pastor of the host to encourage such projects is by church, using as his theme "I will also without opposition in the attending the Open House at life up mine eyes unto the hills Camp Mulberry. If you have not from whence cometh my help. seen the camp there is a big sur- my help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." Dr. Stokes pointed out different Visitors may reach the camp by ways in which hills and moun. following signs from the lower lains have played a large part in jacent to the municipal building, the religious life of people. At where the election was held, was this time Mrs. Ruth Wright Persianoff, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. R. E. Prevette, both of whom are members of the Wilkeshoro school faculty, sang The Spirit of God."

To open the morning session Blest Be the Tie" was sung after which Mrs. Call read the scripture lesson, this being followed by prayer by Mrs. J. C. Stokes. Words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. N. O. Smoak, president poro will sponsor the Wilkes of the Wilkesboro Society, to which Mrs. Mason Lillard, of Elkin, responded.

Mrs. Weaver at the morning session conducted an impressive pledge service, at which time the president of each society or some representative came to the altar and made the pledge while quoting some scripture verse, afterwards all knelt at the altar for the dedication prayer. In the afternoon she made a talk on the work of the Society. Miss Epps during the morning session spoke on "Open Doors for Service in Brazil," and in the afternoon led the opening devotional period. Miss Cherry told about some of the committee which will handle her work in Korea, and presented Brevard and Scarritt Colleges.

Mrs. Lillard, district conference secretary, made a talk on the work were Mrs. Arnold, Kirk, of ton; supplies; Mrs. J B. Henderson, of Wilkesboro, children's work; Mrs. Ward Eshelman, of North Wilkesboro, Christian Social Relations and local church activity; and Miss Mamie Sockwell, of North Wilkesboro, Young.

Women and Girl's work. Around a 150 attended the meeting and at the noon hour the a plate lunch at the Community House, The invocation was offered by Rev. A. C. Gibbs, of Eikin. the Sperta church extended an

Wilkesboro Town Elected Cranor Ticket on Tuesday

E. B. Duley Wan. A. Stroud And George Kennedy De feated In The Election

In probably the most spirited election ever held in the old cap-ital of "The State of Wilkes." Wilkesboro voters on Tuesday elected a new mayor and four commissioners by majorities ranging from '89 to 164.

H. A. Cranor, veteran political leader who had the distinction several years age of being the only Democrat elected to the legislature from Wilkes in half a century, was elected for the eleventh time as mayor, defeating L. B. Dula 308 to 219.

Four commissioners were chosen from six candidates. Commissioners elected and votes received were: S. T. Colvard, 305; James Lowe, 359; W. E. Smithey, 380; and Dr. G. T. Mitchell, 472. Dr. Mitchell had the support of both actions.

Defeated candidates for commissioners were Wm. A. Stroud, a veteran political leader, who received 245 votes, and George Kennedy with 216 votes.

The newly elected mayor and commissioners will have their first meeting in a few days, J. F. Jordan, incumbent mayor, did not choose to run.

It was a non-partisan election as far as major party alignment was concerned, but factional politics was predominant. The defeated candidate for mayor and commissioners, Republicans, had the active support of Democratic Sheriff C. T. Doughton and several other active organization Democrats, while Republicans freely supported Cranor.

The hotly contested election he bitter school fight in the town two years ago, when T. E. Story was ousted as superintendent of Wilkesboro district schools. Defeated candidates in Tuesday's election had the active support of J. T. Prevette, secretary of the district school committee which

discharged story. Interest in the election ran so high all except about 50 of the town's registered voters east votes Tuesday and both sides had workers busily engaged throughout the day.

After polls closed Tuesday evening the courthouse square adthronged with hundreds anxious ly awaiting the election results. The scene was reminiscent of election returns night after the general election. The election had attracted the interest of many people outside of the town, who gathered to learn the outcome.

S. S. Convention At Maple Grove

Program For Two-Day Session Stone Mountain Association Announced

Program of Stone Mountain Sundry school association to he held at Maple Grove church May 24 and 25 has been announced.

The convention will open on May 24, ten a. m., with devotional by Rev. L. E. Sparks and sermon by Rev. T. E. Blevins. Organization and election of officers will complete the morning session.

Beginning at one p. m. the following subjects will be discussed in talks of ten minutes each: "Why The Sunday School," hy John McGrady and Mrs. J. L. Gregory; "How To Increase Sun-Reins - Sturdivant work of the district, and others day School Attendance." by Mrs. presenting some phase of the Brown and Mrs. W. V. Nix; 'Who Is The Sunday School For," by Rev. S. L. Blevins, Rev. C. M. Caudill and W. M. Pruitt; "When Is A Sunday School Properly Functioning?", by Rev. D. C.

Miller and Mrs. Winfred Luffman. Sunday's session' will open at ten a. m. with C. C. Gambill and Mrs. W. V. Nix discussing "Methods of Teaching A Sunday School Class." Rev. Grant Cothren will preach at eleven o'clock.

Dokies Barbecue On Friday Evening

North Wilkespore Dokies club will meet at Pine Ridge Picale grounds near Moravian Fails Fitnewtonion for the zone meeting day evening, 6:80 o'clock. A baro be held there sometime during becae dinner will be an enjoyable feature of the meeting.