

# War News

## Nazis Declare Reds Are Fighting British

Istanbul, Turkey, May 18.—German quarters declared today that Russian "volunteers" already are in Iraq—despite previous soviet denials—and expressed unconcealed satisfaction over the prospects of joint Russian-axle intervention against the British in the middle east battle for oil.

The Germans contended that among soviet volunteers permitted by Moscow to go to Iraq were pilots to join the Iraq air force, already declared by the British to have been augmented by axis planes and technicians flown across French-ruled Syria.

(Tass, soviet official news agency, last Friday branded as "fabrications" Iraq newspaper reports that Russian pilots were joining the Iraq air force).

## RAF Takes Offensive On All East Fronts

Cairo, May 18.—Britain's RAF took the offensive on all fronts in the middle east today, destroying 22 axis aircraft, and damaging a score of others while losing only three of its own, the middle east command announced in a communique.

Heavy British bombers raided principal axis bases at Cyrenaica while fighters supported ground troops harassing columns of convoys, destroying at least 20 vehicles and damaging others on the Tobruk-Bardia road.

Six German war planes were destroyed in attacks on bases in Greece and at least a score were damaged, the communique said, while the Germans lost another eight aircraft in raids over Crete and three more in the Suez canal area.

## Duke Of Aosta Asks British Terms

Cairo, Monday, May 19.—British terms for the surrender of the Duke of Aosta trapped at Amba Alaji in northern Ethiopia have been given the duke's emissaries. It was reported here early today.

The British last month demanded unconditional surrender of the duke—viceroy of Ethiopia—but the terms now given in the reported request of the duke were not immediately divulged.

It was said the viceroy has with him 7,000 Italian officers and men in addition to an unspecified number of colonial troops.

Earlier reports said the Duke of Aosta had given up and sought terms for an entire force estimated at 38,000 troops surrounded at the mountain stronghold to which he fled from Addis Ababa.

The stand at Amba Alaji, 280 miles northeast of Addis Ababa, was the main point of resistance in the duke's last ditch fight in East Africa.

## May 24 Will Be Poppy Day Here

Poppy Day Chairman Explains Purpose Of Poppy Day Saturday, 24th

Memory of America's war dead in the first World War will be honored here on Saturday, May 24, when everyone will be asked to wear a memorial poppy in tribute to their service and sacrifice.

Plans for the observance of Poppy Day are being completed by the Wilkes County Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. W. D. Half-acre, Poppy Day Chairman. The memorial flowers, made by disabled war veterans, will be offered on the streets throughout the day by the Auxiliary women.

"This year, with the threatening shadow of a new World War falling across America, the memorial poppy has new significance. It shows that America still

## Dance Revue On Tuesday Night

With rehearsals daily, and the fitting and finishing of all costumes completed the Finley Studio of Dance is ready for their fifth annual revue.

Thirty-six students will take part in this years recital which will be given on Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Liberty Theatre. A news review and a short comedy will be shown in the pictures before the program starts. A full length picture will be shown after the revue. A section in the center aisle has been reserved for parents of the children.

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

## Fire Demon Takes Heavy Toll in East



Damage estimated at about \$2,000,000 was caused in the Ocean Bluffs, Mass., area as the result of a fire that destroyed a church and leveled more than 450 cottages. Only a timely shift in wind saved hundreds of other houses. The above photo shows a row of cottages burning fiercely when the fire was at its height.

## Open House New Church Building Here On Thursday

Religious Education Building Presbyterian Church Open House From 8 to 10

Open House at the new religious education building of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church will be observed on Thursday evening, May 22, from eight until ten o'clock.

The building, which has been in use for the past few weeks, is of native stone construction and its appearance has been the subject of much favorable comment.

The interior of the building is well arranged to accommodate all departments of the Sunday school. All are invited to attend the Open House and to be shown throughout the building.

The Religious Education part of the church plant was erected at a cost of about \$30,000 and is adjacent to the church auditorium. Plans of the church are to replace the old auditorium with a new structure of the same type construction as the Religious Education building in the near future.

## Soldiers, Take Your Post!



While buddies gathered round to watch and learn, members of the Fifty-eighth Signal Battalion at Camp Forrest, Tenn., show off their pole-climbing prowess in exercises designed to school men in the fine art of field communications. In actual warfare, soldiers of signal corp must be adept at tree-climbing. Climbing irons are used.

## Nineteen Leave Here On Friday For Fort Bragg

Ten From Board Number One and Nine From Board Number-2 Enter Training

Nineteen Wilkes men left here Friday for Fort Bragg to begin a year of training under provisions of the Selective Servic Act.

Those going from board number one were: Martin R. Gray, leader, Ernest Walker, Maurice Roberson, George Kilby, Henry Anderson, Warren Combs, Cubert Huffman, Clint Call. Only Campbell and Charlie Franklin Gambill.

From board number two were John Eustace Williams, leader, Earl Foster Johnson, George Herman Owens, Jasper Cardwell, Connie Kilby, Vaughn William Brown, Manley Richardson, Albert Brooks and James Lex Meadows.

Wilkes board number two has selected three colored men to fill the call on May 26. The three, Sam Hall, Jr., Willie Henderson Fikes and Hill Gibson, are volunteers.

Board number two has also received a call for ten white men to be inducted at Fort Bragg on May 27.

Wilkes board number one will not have to furnish men on either May 26 or 27.

The ten white men to go from Board number 2 on May 27 have been selected as follows: Ivan Wilson Luffman, Charles Roby Spicer, Ira Callaway Billings, Walter Lee Jolly, Everett Carson Holbrook, Raymond Rafford Pierce, Henry Solomon Lyon, Howard DeWitt Blackburn, John Frank Day and James Homer Zelgler.

The last named in the above group has local order number 900.

## Flood Control Is Theme of Program At Club Meeting

Local Men Tell of Efforts Being Made To Secure Construction of Dam Here

Flood control was the theme of the program at the meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon.

J. R. Finley was in charge of the program. J. G. Hackett was his first speaker, followed by J. R. Prevette, John E. Justice and S. V. Tomlinson. It was argued in the talks that construction of the dam would be very beneficial to North Wilkesboro and all the Yadkin valley.

Letters pledging their cooperation to secure congressional appropriation for the dam were read from Senator Josiah W. Bailey, and from representatives of the War department and the North Carolina Department of Conservation and development. Local citizens were urged by the speakers to do all in their power to bring this greatly needed improvement about as early as possible.

In the business session Dr. E. N. Phillips, inter-club committee chairman, announced that North Wilkesboro and Elkin clubs will meet at Ronda on Friday evening 6:30 o'clock. The inter-club meeting will replace the regular Friday noon luncheon meeting here.

## Negro Found Dead Near Wilkesboro

Coroner's Jury Verdict Says Malcolm Brown Died Of Exposure, Intoxication

Malcolm Brown, 27, negro, was found in the woods dead near Wilkesboro yesterday morning by a searching party. He had been missing from his home since last Sunday.

An inquest, as well as an autopsy, was held here Sunday following examination by Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, and Dr. John Morris, the jury selected by Coroner I. M. Myers rendered a verdict that Brown came to his death from exposure suffered while in an intoxicated condition.

Following the disappearance of Brown, Lester Higgins, white man, and Jurn Williams, colored, were placed in the county jail on a charge of murder. Sheriffs deputies reported, however, Higgins was released from jail yesterday afternoon under bond of \$100 pending further investigation. Williams had not filed bond this afternoon.

Brown was 27 years of age and a member of a well known colored family of the Wilkesboro community, his parents being Monroe and Belle Brown.

Funeral service was held Sunday at Brown cemetery with Rev. Horton in charge.

## Parkway Pilgrimage

The second annual Blue Ridge Parkway pilgrimage, covering a 555-mile route, started at Marion, N. C. Wednesday.

The two-day trip took the party into the high altitudes and scenic points in Western North Carolina, Western Virginia and Northeastern Tennessee on the route to Marion, Va., and return. About 150 cars were expected to make up the motorcade.

## Home-Coming At Friendship Church

Sunday, May 25, is home-coming day at Friendship church near Millers Creek. It is held regularly on the fourth Sunday of May each year.

Sunday school will begin at 10:00 o'clock, in charge of the superintendent, Galther A. Bumgarner. At eleven a former pastor, Rev. S. N. Bumgarner, will preach. There will be a number of special song features during the morning services.

The noon hour will be observed with a spread of dinner on the outdoor tables, and all are invited to bring dinner and partake in this part of the day's pleasures.

At about 1:30 the afternoon exercises will begin with a song service. The program will be varied, with talks from former pastors, roll call of charter members, a brief business session, and a memorial service at the close. Visiting choirs and quartets are expected to take a part in the afternoon program.

Nearly 4,000 persons were killed while "jaywalking" in this country last year.

## McNeill Named President Lions Club On Friday

Officers For Year Named In Meeting Of Local Club Held On Friday

I. H. McNeill, Jr., was elected president of the North Wilkesboro Lions club in meeting Friday evening. Mr. McNeill, clerk and treasurer of North Wilkesboro, has been active in civic work here for several years.

Other officers elected were as follows: E. C. Johnson, first vice president; Dr. H. B. Smith, second vice president; Don Wadley, third vice president; Paul Cashion, secretary; Vernon Deal, treasurer; Bill Carrington, tall twister; Fred Hubbard, Jr., lion trainer; Dr. J. S. Deans and L. L. Carpenter, directors.

For the program Friday evening Wilkes Representative T. E. Story delivered an instructive and interesting address relative to legislation of the 1941 legislature. Another feature of the program was a cornet number by Mike Williams and Andrew Johnson.

## Jaycees To Meet Tuesday Evening

North Wilkesboro Junior Chamber of Commerce will have a dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, 7:30, at Hotel Wilkes.

Election of officers for the coming year will be the main feature of the meeting and every member is asked to attend.

In North Carolina last year, 331 pedestrians were killed.

## Music Recital On Friday Night Here

Pupils of Mrs. A. F. Kilby's music classes will be presented in a recital on Friday night, May 23, eight o'clock, in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium. An interesting program is planned and the public has a cordial invitation to attend.

## Navy Will Seek Recruits Here

Officers Here Make Arrangement For Temporary Office 3 Days This Week

Representatives of the Salisbury office of the U. S. Navy recruiting service were in this city Friday making arrangements to set up a temporary recruiting office here.

They announced that a temporary office will be maintained at the city hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 21, 22 and 23.

They will interview all interested in enlisting in the navy for the regulation term or as reserves to serve only during the period of national emergency. While here the naval officers stressed the opportunities afforded recruits, regulars or reserves, for trade training, saying that they especially wished to contact high school graduates interested in continuing their education while serving their country.

## Food Sale Friday

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Wilkesboro Methodist church will have a food sale Friday, May 23, beginning at 10 o'clock, at Newton's Drug Store, Wilkesboro.

Cakes, candies, salted nuts, pies, salads and rolls will be sold.

## Turning Out Tanks in Quantity Lots



One of the large cogs in the U. S. defense machinery is this production plant of the American Car & Foundry company at Berwick, Pa., where tanks are turned out by mass production methods. Here is an assembly line with tanks reaching as far as the eye can see, while workmen put on the finishing touches. (Inset) New tanks leaving the plant for their first road test.

## Foy K. Cheatwood Kills Himself At Home Near Joynes

Wilkes Native Was Former Resident Of Winston-Salem; Ill Health Cause

Foy K. Cheatwood, formerly a resident of Winston-Salem for more than 20 years, committed suicide by shooting himself in the left chest with a shotgun at his home at Joynes, near Traphill, Wilkes county, at 2:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Cheatwood was an employee of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company until his health failed about the time of the death of his wife last year. He went to his former home in Wilkes county to recuperate, but grew steadily worse in health. It is believed his continued ill health was the cause of his suicide.

Wilkes Coroner I. M. Myers investigated the death and pronounced it suicide. He had shot himself with a 20-gauge shotgun which stood near his bed. Cheatwood had been ill with no hope held for his recovery.

Mr. Cheatwood was born September 4, 1901, in Wilkes county, the son of A. Cheatwood and Sarah Kennedy Cheatwood. He was married to Miss Sallie Blevins in 1922. She died April 10, 1940. Mr. Cheatwood went to Winston-Salem to reside in 1917. He was employed by the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company for about 19 years. He was of the Baptist faith.

Immediate survivors include two sons, Boyce and Voyce; two daughters, Rosa Mae and Maxine.

The funeral will be held at Round Mountain Baptist church at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Max Brooks will be in charge. Burial will be in the church graveyard.

The body will remain at Wall Funeral Home in Winston-Salem until this afternoon when it will be removed to the home of Hardin Kennedy, uncle of the deceased, at Joynes, Wilkes county, to await the hour of funeral.

## Federal Court Convened Today

Begins Two Weeks Term In Wilkesboro For Trial Of Criminal Cases

May term of federal court for the Wilkesboro circuit of the Middle North Carolina district convened in Wilkesboro today with Judge Johnson J. Hayes presiding.

Activity on the part of federal alcohol tax unit investigators during the past six months resulted in many cases involving alleged violations of the liquor tax laws being docketed for trial. It is expected that the greater part of two weeks will be required to dispose of the cases on the criminal docket.

Twelve counties in North Carolina averaged a bale or more of cotton to the acre in 1940, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

## Improvements At Phone Exchange

Additional Facilities Makes Possible More Prompt, Efficient Service

Central Electric and Telephone company has made extensive improvements here, it was learned today from George Kennedy, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the company.

The improvements at the exchange, which involved an expenditure of about \$5,000, has made possible a greatly improved and more efficient service.

A fourth position has been added on the switchboard and four operators now handle the calls of all types with a maximum of promptness and with a minimum of errors.

The circuits have also been changed, Mr. Kennedy said, to make it possible for either operator to handle long distance or rural calls.

He also explained that during the installation of the fourth position that it was necessary to have one of the three positions at that time "killed" while the work was in progress and that service was necessarily slowed down during that period. New operators have also been trained, he said.

Better service is now available, not only on local calls, but on long distance and rural telephone service.

## Robbers Make Big Haul Friday Night

Over \$350 In Merchandise Taken From C. A. Lowe and Sons Store Here

Police Chief J. E. Walker said here today that over \$350 in merchandise was taken in a robbery of C. A. Lowe and Sons wholesale house on Friday night.

Entrance to the building was gained from the back. Five and one-half cases of cigarettes and a quantity of chewing gum were taken. There were signs of attempts to open the safe.

On the same night Gulf Refining company's plant was entered and several tires were taken out of the building but apparently had been abandoned on the grounds. So far no clues which promise to lead to the identity of the thieves have been found.