

War News

No Key Points Taken By Parachute Troops In Invasion Of Crete

London, Thursday, May 22.—Thousands of German sky troops plummeting down in force on the Greek island of Crete by parachute and glider plane were reported early today to have failed to gain any key points in their audacious battle with British imperial and Greek defenders.

Nazi shock troops also tried to storm the island's rocky shores from speedboat troop carriers but were repulsed, authoritative British sources said.

Calro dispatches said 1,000 nazis were killed or captured in the first day's fighting Tuesday.

Many of the German gliders were reported to have cracked up in landing. It was one of the most fantastic battles in history, marking as it did the first use of gliderborne troops, and the use of blitz tactics in an ancient land of forbidding terrain where guerrilla bands have battled down through the centuries.

Informed sources in London said there was every indication that the attack, in its third day, was increasingly violent, with the possibility that 7,000 parachutists were now in the battle.

Undersized Aircraft Carriers May be Used To Patrol Sea Lanes

Washington, May 21.—A hint that the United States is rushing preparations to employ numbers of relatively small plane carriers to safeguard merchant ships came today from Secretary Knox, who said guardedly that the navy was "very busy" on the undertaking.

Without explaining whether such craft might be used except under actual war conditions, the secretary said that in connection with the controversy over delivery of munitions to Great Britain, it was "silly" to dwell exclusively on world war methods of protecting convoys from surface and undersea attack alone.

A speedy former cargo ship already is being rebuilt experimentally as a carrier, and a score of new type "transports" and conventional plane carriers are under construction or planned, but Knox declined to divulge just what steps were being taken to cope with the problem presented by Germany's aerial blockade of Britain.

Seven Warships Hit In Aerial Bombings, German Pilots Say

Berlin, May 21. German bomber pilots claimed to have dealt a heavy blow to the British fleet in the eastern Mediterranean today, hitting one battleship, five cruisers and a destroyer, and leaving four of them aflame.

In addition, one of the cruisers was last seen to be listing badly, said the official German news agency DNB, which reported the engagement tonight.

Exact location of the attack was not disclosed, but apparently was in the neighborhood of Crete, where the British fleet is reported to have repulsed attempted troop landings by sea.

The D. N. B. report came hard on the heels of a German spokesman's declaration that nazi parachutists had occupied several strategic points in Crete after concentrated dive-bomber attacks softened the British resistance on that important Mediterranean isle.

McNiel Chairman U. S. O. In Wilkes

Is Nation-Wide Organization For Benefit Of Men In The Army Camps

W. A. McNiel, recently appointed by Governor J. M. Broughton as Wilkes chairman for the United Service Organization, attended a meeting of county chairmen in Greensboro Wednesday.

Mr. McNiel, who was recently informed of his appointment by Robert M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, state chairman, said he would announce plans for the organization locally in a few days.

Purpose of the organization, which is nation-wide, is to provide places of wholesome recreation for soldiers near army camps throughout the country. All denominations are cooperating in the movement, which is expected to receive full support from all patriotic and public-spirited citizens.

The quota of funds to be raised in North Carolina is \$124,000, the state's part of a \$11,000,000 total.

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VOL. XXXIV, No. 17 Published Monday and Thursdays WILKESBORO, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1941 \$1.50 in the State — \$2.00 Out of State

Public Assistance Payments In May Totaled \$3,522.00

Aged Get \$5,845; Dependent Children \$2,167; and Blind \$510

Needy Wilkes people received a total of \$3,522 in public assistance grants furnished by county, state and federal governments this month, according to record of the Wilkes county welfare department.

This total represents a slight increase over the amount for April, which set a new record high for the county.

This month grants totaling \$5,845 went to 692 needy aged people. The average grant was \$8.46.

Aid to dependent children grants were mailed to 161 families with 317 dependent children. The total for that department was \$2,167, an average of \$13.27 per family.

Forty-one blind received \$510, an average of \$12.86 per case.

Fred Hubbard, Jr., Heads Jaycees In North Wilkesboro

Officers Junior Chamber Of Commerce Are Elected In Meeting On Tuesday

Fred Hubbard, Jr., was elected president of the North Wilkesboro Junior Chamber of Commerce at its May dinner meeting held at Hotel Wilkes Tuesday night.

He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Hubbard and has been active in civic work here for the past few years.

Other officers elected were as follows: James Ed Caudill, vice president; Charles Day, Jr., secretary; Paul Green, treasurer; J. R. McCartney, Russel Gray and Cody Moore, directors.

The officers will serve for one year.

North Wilkesboro Junior Chamber of Commerce, formed in a meeting of fifteen young men held a few weeks ago, now has a membership of 47. Applications to the state and national Junior Chamber of Commerce organizations have already been accepted and it is expected that charter night will be observed in the near future.

North Wilkesboro, Thomasville Men On Wage Council

Washington.—The Labor Department's wage and hour division announced yesterday the appointment of a committee to meet here June 17 to investigate conditions and recommend minimum wages for the wood furniture manufacturing industry.

Those named to represent the employees included T. Austin Finch, Thomasville, N. C., and John E. Justice, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Associational W. M. U. Meeting Here On Tuesday

The annual session of the Women's Missionary Union of the Brushy Mountain Association will be held on Tuesday, May 27, at the North Wilkesboro Baptist church. The meeting is to open promptly at 10 o'clock and will close at 3 o'clock. During the noon hour a basket lunch will be served at the church.

Revival To Begin At Moravian Falls

Revival services will begin at Moravian Falls Baptist church with the Sunday morning service May 25.

The pastor, Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, will be assisted by Rev. Clarence Gwaltney, pastor of the First Baptist church at Troutman. Hour of the day services will be announced and evening services will be held at eight o'clock. Everybody has an invitation to all the services.

Drivers who did not have the right-of-way killed 3,000 persons in the United States in 1940.

WILL DELIVER SERMON



REV. R. PAUL CAUDILL

Baccalaureate Sermon To Be On Sunday Night By Rev. Paul Caudill

Rev. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist church at Augusta, Ga., will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night to North Wilkesboro high school seniors in a union service at the First Baptist church, eight o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Caudill, an outstanding minister, is a former resident of North Wilkesboro and as alumnus of North Wilkesboro high school, where he graduated in 1924. He is a son of Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Caudill, of Hays.

According to his plans as stated here on a recent visit, he will address a graduating class in Augusta, Ga., Sunday morning and will come by plane to North Wilkesboro Sunday afternoon.

Pastors of the First Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of North Wilkesboro will participate in the service and the choir will be composed of members of the high school girls' chorus under direction of Miss Luella DuBose, school music teacher.

Invocation will be by Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., First Baptist pastor; scripture reading by Rev. W. M. Cooper, Presbyterian pastor; and prayer by Rev. A. L. Lycock, Methodist pastor. Sermon subject by Rev. Mr. Caudill will be "Spiritual Rearmament."

Other programs in the commencement of North Wilkesboro high school will be the band concert on Thursday night and high school finals on Friday night, May 30. The program on that date will be presented by the graduating class.

Gilliam Family To Hold Annual Reunion June 8th

The annual reunion of the Gilliam family is expected to be a delightful feature of the day Sunday, June 8th.

The reunion will be held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Gilliam, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gilliam, of the Bethel community on the Old Wilkesboro road five and one-half miles southwest of Elkin, who will be acting hosts and hostesses to the many relatives, neighbors and friends who are invited, and expected to gather with picnic baskets to supplement the lunch which will be enjoyed by all who attend.

Near this home service will be held at Bethel church at 11:00 o'clock a. m. Many will gather in the church where the late John Gilliam and several of his children were charter members—A number of grandchildren and great grandchildren worship at this sacred place now.

At the home at 12:15 p. m. a brief memorial service will be held for John G. Gilliam, who held for John G. Gilliam, who passed away at his home in Elkin four months ago; Attorney John R. Jones, of North Wilkesboro, will speak at 12:30 and dinner served at 1:00 o'clock p. m.

Music will be furnished by quartets.

Officers in charge of the reunion are: Chairman J. A. Gilliam, North Wilkesboro; secretary, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Ronda.

Perry Child Dies

Jimmy Perry, infant son of Guy and Cordie Watkins Perry, of Vannoy, died Tuesday morning at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem and funeral service was held Wednesday, three o'clock, at Rock Springs church.

27 Wilkes Boys Enlist Tuesday In C. C. Camps

Enrolled At Laurel Springs; All Eligible Young Men Who Applied Accepted

Twenty-seven Wilkes county boys were enrolled in Civilian Conservation camps Tuesday, May 20, Charles McNeill, Wilkes welfare officer in charge of selection of applications, said today.

The Wilkes men were enrolled at the Laurel Springs camp and those not needed there will be assigned to other camps.

The welfare officer said it is now possible to place about all young men who are eligible to serve in the camps and application may be made at any time in the welfare office for enlistment. Dates for enlistments are now twice quarterly instead of four times yearly as formerly.

The Wilkes men who enlisted Tuesday were Virgil Eugene Ashley, Robert Fletcher Absher, Wesley Shelton Anderson, Cecil Otis Brown, Earl Edward Brooks, J. D. Brinegar, Jr., Raymond Lee Ballard, Hoyle Eska Billings, Drevie Aison Ballard, Eugene Wiley Bentley, Wiley Bert Clary, Carl Clinton Dyer, John Barnes Ferguson, Bruce McKinley Hubbard, John Quincy Higgins, Julius Jay Johnston, James Beckley James, Vaughn David Laws, Richard Thomas Lowe, William Alvis Minton, Spencer Sheets, Spencer Coleman Shumate, Dean Ira Rhoades, Charlie Clarence Watts, J. C. Walker, Colbert Whitley and Harold B. Parsons.

North Wilkesboro And Elkin Kiwanis Clubs Will Meet Friday

North Wilkesboro and Elkin Kiwanis clubs will have a joint meeting on Friday evening, May 23, at Ronda.

J. B. Carter, president of the North Wilkesboro club, said today the meeting will replace the Friday noon luncheon here and asked that all members of the North Wilkesboro club attend.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 and will be in the Ronda school gymnasium. The Ronda Home demonstration club will serve dinner and an entertaining program has been planned for the occasion.

Wilkesboro Will Have A Revival

Series Of Services To Begin On Monday Night At Baptist Church

A series of revival services will begin at the Wilkesboro Baptist church on Monday night, May 26.

Rev. T. Sloan Guy, Jr., pastor, will be assisted during the revival by his father, Rev. T. Sloan Guy, Sr., pastor of Snow Hill Baptist church. He has a wide reputation as a minister and speaker and it is expected that the services will be largely attended.

Special song services will be in charge of the pastor. The public has a cordial invitation to all services.

Annual Reunion Colvars June 1st Near Jefferson

Annual reunion of the Colvars, one of northwestern North Carolina's most widely known families, will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Dent near Jefferson in Ashe county on Sunday, June 1, members of the family here announced today.

A most pleasant occasion is anticipated and all Colvars and their relatives and friends are invited to gather to enjoy the day. A basket dinner spread picnic style at noon will be one feature of the program to which all are asked to have a part.

Home Coming At Liberty Grove 25th

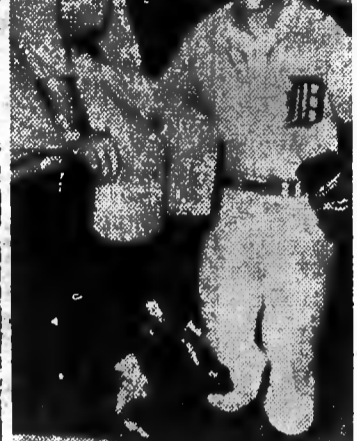
Annual home coming service will be held at Liberty Grove Baptist church on Sunday, May 25, according to an announcement given out here today.

The day's program will begin at the Sunday school hour and continue until in the afternoon. Dinner spread picnic style will be a special feature at noon and all are requested to carry basket dinner to add to that part of the day's enjoyment.

Many Sentenced In Federal Court

Last Time Out Youth Gets Into Trouble While Being Acquitted

Mack Huffman Freed On Liquor Count and Sentenced for Being Drunk



Big Hank Greenberg, (right) the most valuable man in the American league, looks wistfully out towards the diamond before starting his last game prior to his induction in the army. Several hundred friends came to say good-by.

Charlotte Arrest Solves Burglary In North Wilkesboro

Young Men Held For Breaking Into C. A. Lowe and Sons Store Here

Charlotte.—Two young men, one of whom was employed in the engineering department at the city hall a few years ago, and a 16-year-old girl "moll" were turned over by the Charlotte police department yesterday to North Wilkesboro officers and a determined search was continuing for a former Alcatraz convict wanted as their leader in a series of safe-crackings in North Carolina towns.

Last night the local police were expecting almost hourly to arrest Robert Pitts, 30, scar-faced veteran criminal only recently released from the Federal government's grim Alcatraz prison in San Francisco bay to which he had been sent because of his bad conduct at Atlanta Federal prison.

Arrested here were DeArmon W. Williams, Charlotte young man said by police to have been employed a few years ago at the city hall, Claude Wilson, and La Rue Chester, the latter a sliver Hickory girl who had been reported missing for several days from her home. The three, North Wilkesboro police charge, are implicated with Hubert Baker, Charlotte, bootlegger now in jail at Lenoir, and Pitts, thought to be in the vicinity of Charlotte, in the burglary of C. A. Lowe & Sons at North Wilkesboro last Friday night.

The three were arrested in the 600 block of South Church street Tuesday night as they sat in Wilson's car, a new Dodge the description of which had been broadcast by the city police, by Officers C. A. Allen and J. R. Herrin. It developed later that the two officers, members of Captain C. T. Brown's shift, barely missed Pitts who was with the three but had stepped into a

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Cash Shortage Here Tuesday

North Wilkesboro experienced a shortage of currency Tuesday.

It was May 20 and both banks closed for the day, which is a state holiday on the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg independence.

Advance notice of the bank holiday was not published as usual and the 20th found many merchants short of cash. It was semi-monthly pay day at some of the local factories and payroll checks just had to be cashed. Most of the available cash in the city was exhausted before the day was over.

Youth Gets Into Trouble While Being Acquitted

Mack Huffman Freed On Liquor Count and Sentenced for Being Drunk

Mack Huffman, Wilkes youth, got ingloriously drunk Tuesday because he dreaded to "face the man" in federal court at Wilkesboro on a liquor charge.

"The Man," as he referred to Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who is presiding over court, freed Huffman on the liquor charge he dreaded so badly but sent him to Petersburg, Va., prison for six months for being drunk.

Huffman was indicted with two other defendants on a liquor manufacturing count and his case was called Tuesday. He did not answer and officers were sent out to get him. He was totally drunk but later he had sobered up and the case was tried. Judge Hayes directed a verdict of not guilty because the evidence was insufficient but he deemed Huffman's contact in getting drunk when his case was supposed to be tried was not to be tolerated and constituted "obstruction to justice."

Thomas Station, formerly of Florida, who previously had been placed on probation at Durham on an auto theft charge because the state had sentenced him on the same offense, yesterday was sentenced by Judge Hayes to 18 months in Lewisburg, Pa., prison for violation of probation. The probation officer said that Station had been convicted and had served nine months for house

lumbia. Federal court has been in progress at Wilkesboro since Monday and scores of liquor law violation cases have been tried. Sentences have been meted out by Judge Hayes in the following cases: *

Chester Shepherd, year and a day in Atlanta, Ga., prison for violation of terms of temporary probation.

Van Wert Carter, 18 months in Chillicothe, Ohio, reformatory.

R. G. Cheek, \$300 fine and three years probation.

Clifford Vickers, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Harmon Sheets, year and a day in Peterburg, Va.; Fred Sheets, year and a day suspended; Horton Blevins, temporary probation.

Lawrence Triplett, year and a day in Atlanta prison.

Clarence Anderson, 18 months Lewisburg, Pa., prison.

William Mack Joines, '18 months in Chillicothe.

Grady Moore, 18 months in Chillicothe.

Garley Thomas Lowe \$50 fine.

R. G. Cheek, sentence changed to fine of \$300.

Young Thompsons, 90 days in jail.

Hardin Simpson, two years in Chillicothe.

Coy Prevetie, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Beldon Avon Richardson, year and a day suspended and placed on temporary probation.

Walter Barker, fined \$150 and placed on probation two years.

Albert Wiles, year and a day suspended and placed on probation two years.

Morris Crouse, two years probation; Horty Crouse, year and a day in Lewisburg; Garnet Crouse, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Romolus Billings, year and a day in Lewisburg.

Sherman Rash, year and a day in Chillicothe; Alonzo Rash, temporary probation.

Richard Monroe Mathis, 90 days suspended until next term of court.

Robert Grinton, not guilty.

In addition to those mentioned in the foregoing accounts of cases, the following have been placed on either temporary or term probation: Graver Yates, Gene Yates, James Segraves, Mrs. Victoria Sturdivant, James Ed McClure, Glenn Holbrook, Charlie Holbrook, Lonnie Combs, Roby Landon Mitchell, William Fred Mitchell, Wade Hampton, Lester Gentry.

With the exception of Chester Shepherd, who was sentenced, all who were placed on temporary probation at last term of court