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London Press Says U. S. Is Virtually At War With Axis

London.—Morning newspapers proclaimed today that after President Roosevelt's speech the United States is virtually at war with the axis powers and predicted that "it is guns that will speak next." Banner headlines over page one dispatches from Washington said "We are in," says America" and "U. S. declares country already at war." The speech was widely recorded as a pledge the United States will use armed force if necessary to check further German expansion anywhere in the north or south Atlantic. "America is at war with Germany without yet being in a state of war," the Daily Mail said. "President Roosevelt in his great speech could scarcely put the matter more plainly outside of a formal declaration."

Nazis Claim British Seek Ways To Flee

Berlin.—British forces are trying desperately to evacuate Crete after losing Canaa, the capital, to German mountain troops, authoritative quarters said last night, and it was predicted the entire strategic Mediterranean Island would be in German hands within a few days. Fighting in fierce heat, the Nazi invaders were reported by the high command to have "broken" British resistance, captured Canaa and to be pursuing the defenders south of Suda Bay. The high command said the British were trying to remove their troops by boat on Suda Bay, but that swarms of Nazi dive-bombers were harassing the removal attempt. Authorized sources said that until all of Crete had been occupied—now confidently considered only a matter of a short time—the high command would continue its policy of revealing no names of places where fighting is occurring which might in any way assist the British. Details beyond those released by the high command and the official DNB news agency were not available.

Purple Rhododendron Flame Azalea Bloom

Purple rhododendron and flame azalea are now at the height of their beauty in Bluff Park and at other points on the Blue Ridge along the Parkway. In order that park visitors may have more access to beauty of the mountains park service officials plan to open the road constructed through the park from the foot of the Blue Ridge near Springfield to the Parkway soon.

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German Blitz Warfare—on Two Fronts



These pictures show German blitzkrieg machines at rest after victories in Greece and North Africa. At top, Stuka dive-bombing planes being serviced at a Greek airport with gas, oil and bombs. Below: Some of the huge German tanks are shown in the North African desert at El Brega, after rushing the British back into Egypt.

Reach End Long Docket Cases In Federal Court

Large Number Of Cases Disposed Of During Term; Many Sentenced

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Banks To Be Closed Friday, Memorial Day

Both banks will be closed here on Friday, May 30, observed as Memorial Day and is a national holiday.

Service Station Man Is Slugged, Robbed Of \$1,900

Johnnie Booher Is Knocked Out At Phil Yates' Service Station At Purlear

Robbers assaulted the lone employe at Phillip Yates' service station and cabins place near Purlear some time Wednesday night and stole an undisclosed sum of money reported to be as high as \$1,900.

Today the affair was shrouded in mystery, due mainly to the fact that Johnnie Booher, who was at the station and who was slugged on the head, presumably by the robbers, had not regained consciousness. Booher, age about 23, was found in the station at about two a. m. today. He was unconscious and was carried to the Wilkes hospital, where his condition today remained critical. There were wounds where he had been slugged on the head, presumably by some weapon of sufficient weight to cause severe concussion. Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies visited the scene of the holdup shortly after Booher was found and there saw indications that a struggle had taken place. There was blood at several places on the floor and walls of the building. The struggle apparently had extended outside of the door. An automatic which had been kept in the station was found lying there and appeared to have jammed, possibly after one shot had been fired. Officers have apparently reached an impasse in the investigation until Booher recovers consciousness—if he does.

Commencement Friday Night

North Wilkesboro Seniors To Render Program; 49 Will Graduate

Seniors of North Wilkesboro high school will carry out their own commencement program on Friday night, May 30, beginning at eight o'clock. Bob McCoy, president of the student body, will preside and invocation will be by Katherine Finley. A group song and pledge of allegiance will be by the audience. Betty Halfacre will deliver the salutatory address and Henry Landon, class president, will present the class. Certificates of promotion to high school will be awarded seventh grade graduates, after which the class president will present the theme of the program. Short addresses will be delivered by Sherwin Turner and Betty Rhodes. Presentation of awards and high school diplomas to 49 graduates will conclude the program. Marshals at the program will be Mable Kilby, Grant Stewart, Joyce Kilby, Joe Clements, Mary Moore Hix, Frances Rousseau, Bill Halfacre, Tommy Kilby and Bill Gabriel. Baccalaureate sermon was delivered on Sunday night at the First Baptist church by Rev. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist church at Augusta, Ga. The next program of the commencement will be the high school band concert on Thursday night.

Butter Plant Is Being Established

Rosemary Creamery, Of Atlanta, Ga., Erecting Plant South Of The Railroad

Rosemary Creamery, of Atlanta, Ga., which has been operating butter routes in North Carolina for four years, has established a butter plant here. C. E. Jameson, the production manager, who came to North Wilkesboro several days ago, stated in an interview, that after visiting several cities and locations, they have decided to erect plant here in North Wilkesboro on the corner of Cherry and 9th streets, as this city is the ideal location. Heretofore, route men have picked up farm butter once a week, and in the future will pick up farm butter two and three times a week. Their program in North Carolina is to get (Continued on page eight)

Revival Begins Here On Sunday

Rev. H. G. Allen To Assist Pastor Of The Methodist Church In Services

Rev. H. G. Allen, pastor of Broad Street church in Statesville, will do the preaching during a series of revival services to begin on Sunday, June 1, at North Wilkesboro Methodist church. He is a former pastor of the North Wilkesboro church and has many friends in North Wilkesboro. The pastor, Rev. A. L. Aycock, will begin the series of services Sunday and will be joined by Rev. Mr. Allen Monday. Day services will be held at 8:30 a. m. and evening service at eight o'clock. The public has a cordial invitation to attend any and all the services.

4 Types Skilled Workers Wanted

The Employment Service office here has received rush calls for four types of skilled workmen. Milling machine operators, engine lathe operators, machinists and shaper operators are wanted immediately on defense projects. Experienced men who can work on close tolerance and who can read blueprints are desired but consideration will be given to applicants with defense class training. All who are interested in the jobs must register at the employment office here Friday because Saturday will be too late.

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TEN MORE TO THE ARMY

These ten young men of the Wilkes draft board number two area boarded the bus Tuesday for Fort Bragg to be inducted into the army. Pictured here they are, left to right, front row: Raymond Rafford Pierce, James Homer Zeigler, Ivan W. Luffman, Ira DeWitt Blackburn, Everett Carson Holbrook; back row, standing: Walter Lee Jolly, Ira Calloway Billings, Henry Solomon Lyon, Jesse Major Joines and John Vernon Sebastian.

President Proclaims Unlimited Emergency

Washington, May 27.—President Roosevelt tonight proclaimed an unlimited national emergency and pledged full use of United States armed might, if necessary, to crush Hitlerism.

Presidential Proclamation

Whereas on September 8, 1939, because of the outbreak of war in Europe a proclamation was issued declaring a limited national emergency and directing measures for the purpose of strengthening our national defense with the limits of peacetime authorizations. Whereas a succession of events makes plain that the objectives of the axis belligerents in such war are not confined to those avowed at its commencement, but include overthrow throughout the world of existing democratic order, and a world-wide domination of peoples and economies through the destruction of all resistance on land and sea and in the air, and Whereas indifference on the part of the United States to the increasing menace would be perilous, and common prudence requires that for the security of this hemisphere we should pass from peacetime authorizations of military strength to such a basis as will enable us to cope instantly and decisively with any attempt at hostile encirclement of this hemisphere, or the establishment of any base for aggression against it, as well as to repel the threat of predatory incursion by foreign agents into our territory and society. Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, do proclaim that an unlimited national emergency confronts this country, which requires that its military, naval, air and civilian defenses be put on the basis of readiness to repel any and all acts or threats of aggression directed toward any part of the Western Hemisphere. I call upon all the loyal citizens engaged in production for defense to give precedence to the needs of the nation to the end that a system of government that makes private enterprise possible may survive. I call upon our loyal workmen as well as employers to merge their lesser differences in the larger effort to insure the survival of the only kind of government which recognizes the rights of labor, or of capital. I call upon loyal state and local leaders and officials to cooperate with the civilian defense agencies of the United States to assure our internal security against foreign directed subversion and to permit every community in order for maximum productive effort and minimum of waste and unnecessary frictions. I call upon all loyal citizens to place the nation's needs first in mind and in action to the end that we may mobilize and have ready for instant defensive use all of the physical powers, all of the moral strength and all of the material resources of this nation. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the following to be proclaimed: (Continued on page eight)

Marine Office Here June 3-13

Recruiting Officer Will Be Stationed At City Hall For Ten Days

Representatives of the U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Service will establish a temporary office at the City Hall in North Wilkesboro, from the 3rd through the 13th of June, for the purpose of interviewing and examining young men for enlistment in the United States Marine Corps. Only volunteers serve in the Marine Corps. Due to the existing national emergency, the Marine Corps is expanding rapidly, and has reduced its minimum age requirements to seventeen years. Vacancies also exist in the Marine Corps Reserve. Reservists are enlisted for the duration of the emergency only, and have the same opportunities for advancement as regular marines. The Marine Corps trains hundreds of young men yearly in its vocational schools. This in addition to correspondence courses on any desired subject are offered free of charge to all men of the Corps. A young man enlisting now has an excellent opportunity to further his education, travel extensively, and serve his country with liberal pay. Applicants to be eligible must be unmarried, without dependents, white, 17 to 29 years of age, and of good moral character. The recruiting officer at the City Hall in North Wilkesboro will furnish full particulars to anyone interested. The Marine Corps also has recruiting stations in the Post Office building in Raleigh, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and Hickory.

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Woodrow Wilson Johnson Is Hurt

Condition of Woodrow Wilson Johnson, Oakwoods resident badly injured in an auto accident on the Oakwoods road Saturday, was reported today as very critical. Johnson, a son of Noah Johnson, sustained spinal fractures and other injuries which may prove fatal. State highway patrolmen who investigated the accident said that Johnson was in Hugh Robertson's car and it was reported that Robertson was driving, although he has not been apprehended. The car apparently was traveling at a great rate of speed, turned over on the road a few times and finally stopped on the lawn of a home near the road.

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