

# War News

## Axis Bombers Kill Over 200 In Raid Upon Alexandria

Cairo.—Between 200 and 300 persons were killed Saturday night when axis bombers pounded the Great British naval base at Alexandria in the second all-night raid there within four days. It was estimated today.

Extensive damage was added to that done when raiders attacked the city last Wednesday night. More than 100 persons were killed in that raid, an official announcement said.

Another aerial thrust at the home of the British Mediterranean fleet occurred Sunday afternoon, but there were few details available here as to its extent. A giant three-motored Italian heavy bomber was intercepted over the city during the attack and shot down by British fighter planes. It crashed near Agame.

## Turks' Policy To Be Neutral Toward Syria

Ankara, Turkey.—The Turkish government will observe a hands-off policy towards invaded Syria, taking only such action as is necessary to defend its own national frontiers, the British embassy was reliably informed yesterday.

The Turks, with the Germans already installed on their European frontiers and dominating the entrance to the Dardanelles, were said in informed quarters to view the allied drive into the French territory to the south with considerable satisfaction.

President Ismet Inonu was on the Syrian border inspecting Turkish defense arrangements when the long-rumored British-Free French invasion actually materialized.

A British military source said German penetration of Syria with force detachments and the advance nucleus of an army expedition had endangered the entire balance of power in the Middle East.

## Drive Directed Towards Beirut And Damascus

British Middle East Headquarters, Cairo.—British and "Free French" forces paced by American-made Tomahawk fighter planes last night were reported driving swiftly toward the cities of Beirut and Damascus after a lightning, pre-dawn invasion of French Syria and Lebanon.

Determined to drive the Germans out of Syria and smash the left claw of an axis pincer groping toward the Suez Canal, the British seized the initiative from Adolf Hitler for the first time and plunged into open war with Hitler's beaten ally of only a year ago.

The British and their "Free French" allies believed that French resistance might be brief or of only "token" strength as a result of thousands of pamphlets dropped on Syria and Lebanon from the air proclaiming the two French territories to be "free and independent states."

The formal proclamations restoring Syria and Lebanon to "full sovereignty" and releasing them from France's mandate and protection answered year-long demands of the Arabs and Syrians. Great numbers of them were said to have deserted already to the "Free French" cause.

The United States' strong warning to the Vichy regime against submission to Adolf Hitler appeared to have had a part in launching the invasion.

## British Campaign In Syria Watched Closely By Nazis

Berlin.—British operations in Syria were watched intensely by Berlin last night but a news service close to the Wilhelmstrasse, Dienst Aus Rentschland, said the "affair" was regarded here, at least for the present, as one which "concerns chiefly France."

Thus it was said, the official Vichy reaction was receiving greatest attention.

"The declaration of the French government also that this portion of its empire will be defended to the fullest extent of French strength is not doubted by Germany," the news service said.

"The greatest reserve is being observed in Berlin, but nevertheless it is pointed out that this new act of aggression is in line with earlier British attacks on Oran and Dakar."

In the cases too, Dienst said, British used "false charges of German military plans, preparation or action" to justify attacks, while "selfish British aims really were at the bottom."

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## 31 Stores To Close On Wednesday Afternoons

### Important Meeting of Wheat Handlers Here Wednesday

All Threshers, Combine Owners, Millers and Buyers Wheat To Attend

A meeting described as being of great importance to wheat millers, threshers, combine owners, and all others who buy, harter or sell wheat will be held at the city hall in North Wilkesboro on Wednesday, June 11, ten a. m.

Lawrence Miller, secretary of the Wilkes Triple A, announced the meeting and said that it will be for the purpose of informing wheat handlers about important phases of the wheat control plan voted in the referendum last Saturday.

The following article about the subject as sent out from Raleigh gives additional information:

Here is information of importance to any person who buys, sells or handles wheat this year under the AAA's first national marketing control program for wheat.

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, advising that any combiner, processor or grower of wheat should approach his country AAA office for administrative details of the marketing quota program immediately today.

The non-allotment farmer who harvests wheat in excess of his usual acreage and the allotment farmer who seeded in excess of his allotted acreage must "clear" themselves with AAA authorities—either by paying the penalty of 49 cents a bushel on excess wheat or by providing satisfactory removal of the overage from trade channels—before they may receive marketing cards.

Buyer and producer of wheat sold without marketing card will be jointly liable for payment of penalty. Action will be taken by the office of the U. S. Attorney General in Federal Court if the individual farm is not paid within 60 days after completion of the harvest.

If the producer shows a marketing card, however, the buyer or combiner will know that the wheat may be handled penalty-free.

Special arrangements will be made to accommodate growers who market wheat by telephone or mail, Floyd said.

Annual reunion of the Eller family will be held on Sunday, June 22, at Boiling Springs church about 12 miles west of North Wilkesboro.

### Freed



Princess Stephanie Hobenlohe, who had been held for deportation in San Francisco, with Maj. L. B. Schofield, U. S. Immigration service head, who arranged her release.

### Five Selected To Be Inducted Into Army On Thursday

Wilkes Draft Board Number One To Send Five; No Call For Board 2

Five men have been notified by Wilkes draft board number one to report on Thursday, June 12, for induction into the U. S. Army at Fort Bragg.

The men notified to report were Silas W. Johnson, Jr., of Wilkesboro; James Lester Baldwin, of Congo; James William Hugh Kilby, of Millers Creek; James Monroe Yates, of Purlear; Hute Speaks, of Union Grove. Johnson is the only volunteer.

The draftees include all eligible men through order number 122. Meanwhile the task of sending out questionnaires and classifying men continues. Wilkes draft board number one has mailed out questionnaires through local order number 1247 and Wilkes board number two, which has a larger list of registrants, has mailed them out through local order number 1800. A warning was issued last week demanding that questionnaires be filled out and returned in five days as instructed.

Wilkes draft board number two has not received a call for men this month.

### Juniors Will Meet On Tuesday Night

North Wilkesboro Junior Order council will meet on Tuesday night, 7:30. It will be the first meeting since the council suspended meetings temporarily during current revivals and a large attendance is asked. Degree work will be carried out.

### Lewis Johnson Held For Court Without Bond

Hearing On Murder Charge Held In Wilkesboro On Thursday Afternoon

Lewis Johnson, of the Tronhill community, was ordered held in jail without bond Thursday following a hearing held before Magistrate R. C. Jennings in Wilkesboro.

Johnson is charged with the fatal shooting of Crommie Hutchison, 43, a neighbor of Johnson, at the home of Osco Hincer, another neighbor, on Sunday evening.

Witnesses said that the two men had some trouble about two years ago. On Sunday they were together at the Hincer home and Johnson, who was drinking secured a gun and threatened to shoot Hutchison, who ran. Hutchison secured another gun and Johnson ran outside. When Hutchison went out Johnson fired from behind a granary. Hutchison screamed, ran about 3' yards and fell.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall was assisted in the prosecution by Eugene Trivette. F. J. McDuffie represented the defendant.

### Make Progress On Widening Of Road

WPA Workers Will Soon Complete Widening Of Fairplains Highway

Workers have made considerable rapid progress on the Fairplains road, widening project north of this city and it is expected that the work will be completed earlier than first estimated.

Highway 18 is being widened with addition of four feet of concrete pavement a distance of one and one-half miles north from North Wilkesboro city limits.

The job is being accomplished by means of a WPA project sponsored by the state highway commission. When the pavement is completed the shoulder will be widened and reconstructed, bringing about much needed improvement on the highway.

### Dokies Will Plan For Ceremonial

North Wilkesboro Dokies club will meet on Friday evening, seven o'clock, at Roaring River to lay plans for the Dokies ceremonial to be held in North Wilkesboro on Friday, June 27. All members are earnestly requested to attend the meeting. Roaring River home demonstration club will serve dinner.

### Angels of Mercy for Britain



Some of the nurses who left for England to staff the American Red Cross hospital, now under construction in embattled Britain. Left to right: Miss Theodisia Hawley; Miss Charlotte Raymond; Miss Helen Johnson; Miss Gertrude Madley; Miss Elizabeth Phillips, and Harold E. McKenzie, who is to be the hospital chef.

### Agreement Signed In Canvass Made By A Committee

Half Holiday Movement Is Sponsored By The Junior Chamber of Commerce

Thirty-one North Wilkesboro merchants, representing a big majority of retailers with the exception of grocery and drug stores, will be closed on Wednesday afternoons at one p. m. through June, July and August.

Announcement of the half holiday was made today by a committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the half holiday movement. Richard Deans and Grdy Church composed the committee making the canvass.

The committee explained that due to the brief time before making the announcement it was impossible to contact all retailers and that others will be contacted relative to the half holiday. It is asked that the retailers cooperate, regardless of whether or not they have been contacted.

The half holiday movement was sponsored in order to allow the many employes of merchandise firms a few hours for rest and recreation during the summer season and full cooperation on the part of the public is earnestly requested by those participating.

The stores will close promptly on Wednesday afternoons at one o'clock, beginning on Wednesday, June 11.

The agreement signed was as follows: "We, the undersigned, hereby agree to close Wednesday afternoon, June 11, at one p. m. and Wednesday afternoon, July 10, at one p. m. and Wednesday afternoon, August 7, at one p. m. throughout the months of June, July and August."

- Signing the agreement were the following firms: North Wilkesboro Hardware Deans Jewelry Store Ervin's Men's Shop Lerner's Department Store. Jean's Marlow's Men's Shop Carl W. Steele, Jeweler Payne Clothing Co. Belk's Department Store Prevet's Prevet's Closeout Store J. C. Penney Company Southern Barrain Store Hackney's Department Store Jenkins Hardware Company Shook Hardware Company Yale Department Store Bere's Pair Store Harris Brothers Department Store Hayes Hardware company Church Hardware company Carlton Hardware company Rhodes-Day Furniture company Mark-Down Furniture company Smoak Furniture and Hardware Wilkes Furniture Exchange Tomlinson's Department Store Spainhour's The Goodwill Store Rose's 5, 10 and 25 Cent Store Crest Stores company. Shoe shops, according to previous announcement, will be closed on Wednesday afternoons. The half-holiday movement here is in line with plans which have already been adopted in many other western North Carolina towns.

### Many Taking Advantage Of Free Pen Offer, Which Will Close On June 30th

Since The Journal-Patriot announced last week that the offer to give a Morrison fountain pen with each subscription must close on June 30 many have called for their pens and several have gone out by mail to those who mailed their subscriptions.

The management of The Journal-Patriot announced the closing date of the offer a few weeks in advance in order to give all a free and ample opportunity to take advantage of the offer and secure one of the pens.

The pens are genuine Morrison fountain pens in either men's or ladies' styles, are well constructed, of good appearance and have a life time service guarantee. Many hundreds have been given since the offer was introduced several months ago.

But Monday, June 30, will positively be the last day of the offer and it is asked that those who wish to take advantage of it do so as early as possible in order to avoid the rush during the last days of the month when it may be impossible for us to secure the pens promptly.

The offer applies to all new and renewal subscriptions and a pen will be given to each one who subscribes for one year or more at the regular rate of \$1.50 in North Carolina and \$2.00 per year for out-of-state subscriptions. Those who mail their subscriptions will receive their pens through the mails as promptly as they can be mailed out.

Those who have already received pens may during the remainder of this month secure others by payment of another year's subscription.

The Journal-Patriot does not want anyone to miss this opportunity to secure a high quality fountain pen free and we ask that you tell your neighbors who may wish to subscribe that the offer will close on June 30 and to subscribe now while they can get these beautiful and serviceable pens. We respectfully urge that you act early and by all means do not fail to get your pen while the offer is in force because it must be withdrawn on June 30.

### Rev. H. G. Allen Addresses Club

Lions Name Delegates To State Convention To Be Held In Asheville

Rev. H. G. Allen, of Statesville, was the feature speaker at the North Wilkesboro Lions club meeting held on Friday evening and he delivered a most interesting message.

Rev. Mr. Allen is pastor of Broad Street Methodist church in Statesville and during the past week had been assisting in a revival at the Methodist church in this city.

Twenty-six Lions from the Le noir club were visitors at the Friday evening meeting.

Paul Cashion, W. M. Carrington and I. H. McNeill, Jr., were named delegates to the state convention of Lions to be held in Asheville on June 22, 23 and 24. It is expected that several other members of the North Wilkesboro club will attend part of the sessions. The club also expects to be represented in the Lions International convention to begin in New Orleans on July 20.

### 2 Marriage License

Only two license to wed were issued during the past week by Wilkes Register of Deeds C. C. Sidden. The couples were: Joe Greene, of Mt. Zion, and Velma Johnson, of Hendrix; Russel Harris and Betty Combs, both of Roads.

### Wilkes Superior Court In 2nd Week

Wilkes superior court convened today on the second week of the regular June term for trial of civil cases. Judge F. Donald Phillips, of Rockingham, is presiding.

This morning the jury returned a verdict in the case of Quincy Yates, administrator, versus A. P. Huffman, for the death of Mr. Yates' child in an automobile accident three miles west of this city four years ago. The plaintiff was awarded a verdict of \$100.

Several cases of minor interest were disposed of during the first week.

### Junior Chamber Commerce To Meet

North Wilkesboro Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday night, 7:30, at the city hall. Every member is asked to be present.

### British Captives of Nazis in Africa



This picture, taken somewhere in Africa, shows a group of British soldiers fresh from the fighting lines of the so-called battle of the dark continent. They are shown in the prison camp to which they were removed after their capture by the successful Nazi and Italian forces.