

War News

THE JOURNAL-PATRIOT

For 30 years the Journal-Patriot has blazed the trail of progress in the state of Wilkesboro, the center of Northwestern North Carolina.

London Envisages Hitler Squeeze On Russians

London. — A authoritative British statement issued today envisaged the possibility of a German attack on Russia and claimed that Nazi troops were being massed on a big scale all along the Soviet frontier. The British Press Association circulated the statement, describing it as "authorised," soon after reliable sources said Soviet Ambassador Ivan M. Maisky had assured Britain that Russia was refraining from any new military, political or economic ties with Germany. "The possibility of a German attack on Russia is visualized, and there now is no doubt that Hitler is massing troops on a big scale all along the Russian frontier," the statement said. "For a long time rumors have been heard throughout the world that German forces were moving toward Soviet territory, but these stories first were received with a good deal of skepticism, as it was thought that some ulterior motive on the part of German propagandists might be behind their dissemination."

Nazis Assert 2 Million Tons Of Ships Sunk

Berlin.—The high command reported last night that 2,235,000 tons of enemy shipping was sunk during the first four months of 1941 and that the Luftwaffe, in 38 "reprisal raids" on the British Isles, had blasted the key points of British shipping and armaments. The high command's specially announced review said that the British bear full responsibility for the reprisal bombings because "it was England who, despite all warnings, began night raids on German towns."

In addition to the 2,235,000 tons of enemy shipping claimed sunk, an additional 1,200,000 tons were said to have been damaged in U-boat, warship, plane and sea-raider attacks. In the air war, the high command reported the destruction of 441 British planes—271 in air losses of "considerable loss" than half the British losses.

Vichy Admits Loss of Territory To Attacks

Vichy.—Heavily reinforced De Gaulle's charges behind British tanks and armored cars yesterday and drove almost to the outskirts of Damascus, Syrian capital. After only four days of Middle East warfare, it was reported here last night. The Free French were reported stopped just 12 miles south of Syria's largest city by the most bitter fighting on the road through Kissoune. Late in the day the Free French attacked violently to the east of that village, 10 miles south of Damascus, attempting to drive around the French defenses, but again their attacks were said to have failed.

This news capped a day-long flurry of French communiqués and dispatches detailing one reverse after another in which heavy activity by aviation (of undisclosed nationality) and the severe damage of two British destroyers in a naval battle were the only favorable factors for the defenders of Syria.

British Raid Nazis' Ship Base At Brest

London.—The Nazis' Atlantic raider haven at Brest on the occupied coast of France has been subjected to a new series of aerial bombardments in the belief that a 10,000-ton cruiser refuged there is the Prinz Eugen, long-sought consort of the destroyed battleship Bismarck. The Royal Air Force showered explosive Tuesday on the Brest anchorage and docks in a concentrated renewal of the regular attacks aimed at the 26,000-ton German warships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst. While the air ministry communiqué did not claim hits on the Prinz Eugen, it said "a large weight of bombs was dropped on docks and anchorages" where a hipper class cruiser believed to be the Prinz Eugen is taking refuge. For the operations against the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau the British have used armor-piercing bombs—explosives capable of going through even the heavily reinforced decks of such ships.

Episcopal Service

Service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday evening, June 15th, at 7:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

'Ham' Honored



Pictured among the gadgets of his home-built station, W9BSF, in Olathe, Kan., Marshall H. Ensor, school teacher, was cited as the amateur radio operator who "contributed most usefully to the American people." The citation came with the William S. Paley amateur radio award.

Half Holiday For Stores Is Started Here Wednesday

Over 30 Retail Firms Will Be Closed On Wednesday Afternoon In Summer

Retailers, with exception of grocery and drug stores, began on Wednesday with a half holiday. More than 30 stores closed their doors at one o'clock on Wednesday and will close at the same hour each Wednesday afternoon through June, July and August.

The movement to bring about the half holiday was sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Junior Chamber of Commerce, newly organized civic organization.

Included in the closing were the department stores, hardware stores, and variety stores. Also closing were the shoe repair shops, pressing clubs and barber shops.

The half holiday was arranged in order to allow time for a few hours rest and recreation each week for employes of retail firms and cooperation from the public is respectfully asked.

The public is asked to keep in mind the Wednesday afternoon closing in order that no inconvenience may result.

Traffic Situation Here Is Improving

Police Effectively Enforcing Traffic Ordinances In North Wilkesboro

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that the traffic law enforcement procedure here is getting better. Tickets are being issued to double parkers, overtime parkers, wrong side parkers and to those who violate the traffic ordinances in other ways. If tickets are not returned to the city clerk's office within 36 hours the offenders are cited to city court. Generally speaking, the police are receiving good cooperation in their efforts to improve the traffic situation, Chief Walker said. He emphasized that traffic must be maintained in an orderly manner and that offenders may expect to pay for whatever offenses they commit.

Yellow Jacket Lake Being Reconstructed

Yellow Jacket Lake, which was destroyed in the August flood, is being reconstructed, R. Don Laws, of Moravian Falls, owner, said today. Damage to the dam is being repaired and the four-acre lake bed will be thoroughly cleaned, Mr. Laws said. The lake will be well stocked with big mouth black bass and will be used entirely for fishing. No swimming will be permitted. The lake will have a capacity of eight million gallons of water and will be excellent for fish.

Booher Clings To Story Of Assault Robbery May 28th

Service Station Attendant Writes His Story Of What Happened At Store

Johnnie Booher, who was transferred from the Wilkes hospital to the Wilkes jail last week after Wilkes officers decided his account of the robbery and assault at Yates service station near Parlear was a fake and that he engineered the stunt himself, clings tenaciously to his account of the affair. Johnnie, handsome young man who came to Wilkes about two years ago, continues to insist that three men came to the service station, where he was the attendant, on the night of May 28, slugged him on the head, broke open the safe and took between \$1,600 and \$1,900.

He was found there about two o'clock on the morning of the 29th in what appeared to be an unconscious condition. Blood was on the floor and on the walls. There was a slight cut on his head. He was carried to the Wilkes hospital where physicians were unable to find any serious injury sufficient to cause unconsciousness.

Later officers found the money in an oil can in a pile of debris back of the service station. A dead rabbit was found on the premises. Officers said evidence indicated that Booher faked the whole thing and intended later to make a getaway with the money after he "recovered." The theory was advanced that the blood which was so gruesome on the floor was animal blood placed there by Booher as one detail of the fake assault and robbery. But when questioned by a reporter today Booher steadfastly claimed he is innocent and that he was assaulted and robbed. He said he is wondering whether an innocent man can be punished and is just going to wait and see. He said he did not know whether or not he would try to obtain bond before August term of court because he had never had any experience with legal matters and had never been jailed before.

He declined to discuss the matter further but voluntarily suggested that he write an account of what happened in his own words. His story follows: "As I sit in my cell tonight I am just wondering if an innocent man will be punished. "I came to your state about one and one-half years ago from Bristol, Va. I went to work at Benton's place and soon had many friends. I was soon to like this country and people very much. "Later on Benton's place was burned down and everything I had went down with the building. Next day found me with borrowed clothes on, even down to my socks, thanks to my friends giving me clothes to wear. "I soon went to work on the Boone Trail for Webb Byers and worked for him for the past eight months until Tuesday night the last of May; I cannot remember the date. I was alone at the service station, also the night before and many nights since I had been working for Mr. Byers. I closed up as usual and soon was called for groceries. I made this sale and before I got back to bed I was called again, this time by a lady from Boone. She also wanted groceries, which amounted to \$15.01. I carried her groceries to the car for her and then got to bed and went to sleep. I was called later, about one o'clock. I asked who it was. The reply was "The Boone boys." As I knew the lady was from Boone, I told that she had already got the groceries. He said her order wasn't for them. I asked them their order and told them I would get it ready and pass it out the door to them. The answer was 'O. K.' "As I stepped to the door and opened it I could see no one or hear no one. I stepped out in the door to call them and I was grabbed by the legs and went down. I was being slugged at and hit over the head. I got hold of my gun and fired one shot. It jammed. It is hard for me to say if anyone was hit or not. But one of the three jumped or fell inside the building. Then as I turned around I saw one which I think I recognized back against the building. Then a blow on the head put me out. All that I remember is that I was dragged or pitched into the building. It seems

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Build 5-Ton, 200-Foot Bridge in 16 Minutes



In a demonstration at Ft. Belvoir, Va., a motorized war-strength company of the Fifth Engineers dismantled from its trucks, unloaded equipment, and within 16 minutes constructed a 200-foot pontoon bridge strong enough to carry ammunition trucks. In picture at right, runways are laid across gunnels of light pontoons. Inset: Company "E" of the Fifth Engineers is shown crossing waterway on bridge.

Junior Chamber Commerce Meets

Civic Projects Are Planned; Committee To Arrange For Charter Night

Junior Chamber of Commerce in meeting Tuesday night laid preliminary plans for charter night to be held early next month and discussed a number of civic projects, one or more of which may be launched within a short time. President Fred Hubbard, Jr., presided at the meeting, which was devoted entirely to business.

Local Chapter O.E.S. Honored

Mrs. Byerly, Local Resident, Retiring Grand Matron In The State

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star held its thirty-sixth annual session in the new million dollar Civic Auditorium at Asheville June 8-11 with Asheville Chapter No. 191, as hostess. The Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Leola M. Byerly has been a resident of the Wilkesboros for some time and this town has received recognition throughout the State. She is manager of the Social Security Office here.

Mrs. Byerly honored the local Eastern Chapter at the beginning of the grand chapter year by appointing C. P. Walter and Mrs. H. T. Clark as Grand Committee members and at the close of her year selected Miss Mable Hendren as Grand Representative of the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Miss Hendren received her appointment and badge from the Worthy Grand Matron of the state of Pennsylvania and she represented that state at Asheville.

Several members from Wilkes Chapter were selected by Mrs. Byerly as Honorary Officers for the "Mother-Daughter-Garden Session." Mrs. Ira D. Payne, Worthy Matron of the local chapter served on the registration committee. Others who attended and were honored were Miss Mabel Hendren, Mrs. Kyle Hayes, Mrs. Charlie Day, Mrs. H. T. Clark, Mrs. Sina Walsh, Mrs. G. G. Foster, Miss Elizabeth Cashlon and Miss Florence Guigon of the Valley Chapter.

The session closed Wednesday evening with the installation of new officers. Miss Bessie Gaddy, of Raleigh and Wingate, was elected Worthy Grand Matron and Hawley C. Cobb, of Wadesboro, was named Worthy Grand Patron.

All members of the local chapter are asked to be present at the regular meeting Thursday night as all honorary officers will be presented in the costumes worn during the session at Asheville.

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Rains Effectively Break the Drought

Rains Best News Of Week; Gardens and Pastures Had Suffered From Drought

Showers beginning Tuesday have effectively broken the drought in this immediate section of the state. There had been no rains of substantial quantity in many weeks. Early gardens were badly damaged and pastures were becoming exceedingly short. Some anxiety was expressed over prospects for the main field crop—"and the rains came." J. B. Snipes, county farm agent, said that gardens and pastures had suffered most from the drought but it is not too late to plant additional vegetables and replenish the home food supply.

Superior Court Term Is Near End

June term of Wilkes superior court for trial of civil cases will adjourn tomorrow. Court has been in session two weeks with Judge F. Donald Phillips presiding.

A \$237.50 judgment was awarded Mrs. Lela McNeill versus C. A. Lowe, administrator, et al. A default judgment of \$1,200 was awarded N. S. Forester, Jr., versus F. L. Edens. Several other matters of minor interest were disposed of during the past few days.

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Mass Meeting Of Retailers, Clerks To Be Held Friday

Will Be Held At City Hall; Cotton Area Representative Will Speak

All retailers and their clerks, and wholesalers of American grown and manufactured cotton merchandise are urgently requested to attend an important mass meeting to be held in the City Hall at eight p. m., Friday, June 13.

W. V. Nix will preside. Speakers will include—I. H. Younts, Cotton Area Representative. In announcing the meeting, J. B. Snipes, county agent, stated that as far as possible not only merchants but their clerks should attend this important discussion of how merchants may participate in the benefits of the Supplementary Cotton Stamp Program, soon to be launched in this area.

He said that in order to be eligible to accept Cotton Stamps for redemption from the Government, merchants must first complete a "Retailer's Statement" form which will be available and fully explained at the meeting. Mr. Snipes added that \$25,000,000 worth of Cotton Stamps are available for distribution to cotton farmers during 1941, and any merchants unprepared to accept these stamps in trade in the prescribed manner would be at a distinct disadvantage. "The simplest way for merchants to fully understand the Program," said Mr. Snipes "is to attend this meeting. They will learn how they may get their share of this additional business; what good may be exchanged for stamps; the rules and regulations they must comply with in making cotton stamp sales; how to redeem the stamps for cash."

"By aggressive merchandising methods pushing the sale of cotton goods not only to those using stamps—but to every family in the community—retail merchants will make a substantial contribution toward solving the problem of price-depressing cotton surpluses and under-consumption of cotton goods by a large part of our people."

Mrs. Crosby Church Claimed By Death

Mrs. Little Bullis Church, of this city, 55, wife of I. C. Church and for many years a well known resident of Wilkesboro, died at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon. She suffered a stroke of apoplexy Wednesday morning and died at the Wilkes hospital. Mrs. Church for several years operated Rock Diner Cafe in Wilkesboro, where she made many friends. Surviving are her husband and four children, Misses Geneva, Lolla and Pauline Church and Conrad Church, all of North Wilkesboro. Funeral service will be held at the residence in this city Friday, two p. m., and burial will be in Mountain Park cemetery.

Series Services At First Baptist Will Begin On Monday

Pastor's Father, Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Will Assist In The Services

The annual series of special evangelistic services at the First Baptist church will commence next Monday evening, June 16, at eight o'clock, and will continue each evening, except Saturday, through Wednesday, June 25. Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, of Rocky Mount, N. C., will be the guest minister for the series of meetings.

Dr. Kincheloe has had pastorates at Crewe, Virginia; Princeton, W. Va.; Richmond, Va.; and Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He has been pastor in Rocky Mount for twenty-five years, and his church membership numbers over eighteen hundred. He is the father of the First Baptist pastor here.

Special music for the meeting will be given by adult and young people's choirs under the direction of Mrs. Andrew Kilby. There will be congregational singing of many of the best loved Christian hymns and songs. The meeting is being advertised throughout the community and a large attendance is expected at the services. "How To Have A Spiritual Revival" will be the sermon subject of the pastor at the morning worship service this Sunday. At the 8 p. m. service the pastor will speak on "Demands and Petitions."

S. S. Association Meeting On Sunday

Will Be Held With Pleasant Ridge Church Near Elkin

Program for the Stone Mountain Baptist Sunday school association to convene on Sunday, June 15, at Pleasant Ridge church four miles north of Elkin was announced today. The program will open with congregational singing at two o'clock and invocation by the pastor, John R. Jones and Winfrey Luffman will discuss the first topic, which will be "Value of the Sunday School to the Community."

Mrs. J. L. Gregory and Mrs. Hattie Brown will discuss "Value of the Sunday School to the Church." Treley Kilby and Mack Pruitt will speak on "Value of the Sunday School to the Individual." Topic for discussion by Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro, and C. C. Gambill will be "Value of the Sunday School as an Opportunity." Mrs. Winfrey Luffman and J. A. Gilliam will discuss "What is the Mission of the Sunday School?" W. V. Nix and C. M. Lyons will conclude the program with a discussion of "Shall we have a Sunday school revival in all our churches and when shall it begin?"

Announcement of the association meeting urged every church and Sunday school in the association to be well represented.

Several Joined U. S. Marines

Recruiting Officers To Leave Here On Friday After Ten-Day Stay

Sergeants of the U. S. Marine corps here this week on recruiting duty have enlisted several young men and have taken applications from others. The first ones sent to Parris Island from here for training during this period of the temporary recruiting office were George Edward Porter, Earl Burchette, Claude Sparks and a Mr. Broyhill. Applications were accepted from Don Smoot, Ford Adams, Fred Hardin, Hal C. Owens, George Edwards Gambill, James D. Call and Ralph O. Shumate. At Elkin the officers accepted applications from Earl Winston Salmans, Paul Franklin Coneh and James Ralph Collins. They will leave Friday. Mr. Paul Harvel, Jr., was a visitor to Chapel Hill Tuesday.