

# War News

## German Penetration Into Smolensk Area Admitted By Soviets

German troops were reported today to have stabbed to within 110 miles of Moscow and to be advancing toward Leningrad while Russians themselves acknowledged a deep German thrust to the vicinity of Smolensk, only 230 miles short of the capital.

A German news agency, DNB, dispatch from the eastern front declared that German spear troops cleared a battlefield of several thousand Russians encircled in a forest near Gorodische two days ago and had swept on to the east.

Authoritative German sources said the village is near Rzhev, on the Riga-to-Moscow railway, and is about 110 miles west of Moscow.

Russian acknowledgement of the German advance to Smolensk—an abrupt, unfavorable turn in soviet fortunes—was contained in an early morning Moscow communique which reported that heavy battles were in progress in the Smolensk area.

Thus admitted was a German breakthrough some 50 miles deeper than any previously acknowledged.

Farther to the south, on the famed central front, the soviet command reported, however, that a nazi tank battalion retreating from the vicinity of Rogachev on the Denipier river had been encircled and destroyed. This was in an area where unofficial Russian accounts claimed a continuing advance in a Russian counter-offensive.

A soviet reference to fighting about Bobruisk—which for some time had been behind and west of the front—suggested that the Germans had been thrown back in that sector by as much as 50 miles.

Too, unofficial German claims that nazi troops in the north were rapidly advancing on Leningrad were in effect denied by the soviet war bulletin with the declaration that fighting in that sector still was centered about Pskov, more than 150 miles southwest of that important city.

Similarly, the German drive on Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, was described as still held up in the region of Volynsk, 130 miles to the west.

## Tokyo Cabinet Quits; Washington Predicts On-The-Fence Policy

Tokyo, Thursday, July 17.—The cabinet of Prince Fumimaro Konoye, which allied Japan with Germany and Italy and a few months later entered a neutrality accord with soviet Russia, announced today it had resigned to permit formation of a government more capable of coping with the ever-changing world situation.

The premier journeyed to the imperial summer villa at Hayama, on the seacoast southwest of Tokyo, to present the on bloc resignation to Emperor Hirohito last night. The sovereign asked him to remain in office until a successor could be chosen.

(Tokyo dispatches give no clear indication of what direction Japanese imperial policy may take as a result of a change in government, but there has been recently a rising tide of sentiment in favor of siding with Germany against Russia and increasing clamor against what is called "the encirclement of Japan" by the United States, Britain, China and now the soviet union.)

(The British-Russian alliance, the strengthening of British, American and Dutch defenses in southeastern Asia and the possibility that United States aid might reach Russia by way of Vladivostok have been viewed with alarm in Japan.)

The phrasing of the government's announcement of its fall indicated that Konoye, who already has had two terms as premier, might receive the imperial command to assemble a new cabinet from which some of the retiring ministers would be omitted.

## Dokies Install Officers Friday

Dokies club in North Wilkesboro has installed officers for the coming year.

Lawrence Miller, secretary of the Triple A in Wilkes and for years an active civic leader, is president. Paul Cragan is vice president; Vernon Deal, secretary; Paul Church, treasurer; and J. L. Wells, bazooka.

The club is looking forward to another year of activity in civic as well as fraternal activity.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Brown and children, of Moravian Falls, visited relatives at McGrady Sunday.

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## Defense Council Organized Here

### In Dad's Shoes



Sen. Andrew Houston of Texas, 85, who takes seat occupied by his father, Sam Houston, in 1846. He is shown (left) with Sen. Tom Connally of Texas.

## Charlie Faw Held In Default \$5,000 Bond For Murder

### Judge Hayes Witness In Hearing Held Monday Before R. C. Jennings

Charlie Faw, Reddies River resident, was ordered held for court in default of \$5,000 bond following a hearing Monday before Magistrate R. C. Jennings on a homicide charge.

Faw is charged with the death of Hamp Eller, of the same community, in an altercation which occurred on July 3.

Testimony was to the effect that Faw, who had some previous trouble with Eller, knocked Eller down and he was badly injured. Faw put Eller into his car, started to the hospital here and wrecked the car. Eller died three days later with a broken neck and Faw was charged with inflicting the fatal injury when he struck Eller.

Principal witnesses at the hearing was Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, judge of the Middle North Carolina District of Federal court. Judge Hayes and Virgil Church were on highway 16 in a car on the evening of the altercation between Faw and Eller. Seeing the man injured, Judge Hayes volunteered to help Faw bring him to the hospital but after the car had traveled a short distance Judge Hayes got out. Faw started on toward North Wilkesboro and the car crashed at high speed into a bank less than a mile from the point where Judge Hayes had Faw stop the car and got out because Faw was driving recklessly.

Judge Hayes and Church proceeded behind the Faw car toward North Wilkesboro and at the point where Faw wrecked picked up Eller and carried him to the hospital.

At the hearing Faw admitted knocking Eller down. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall represented the state at the hearing. The case is calendared for trial at the August term of Wilkes court.

## Pythian Class To Perform Friday

### Will Present Plays At Lodge Hall Over Reins-Sturdivant Friday Night

Thirteen members of the Knights of Pythies orphans' home at Clayton will present three one act plays in a program Friday night, eight o'clock, in the new lodge hall on the second floor of the Reins-Sturdivant building.

The group, which has given performances in many cities and towns in the state, has a very entertaining program, which give the public an opportunity to observe results of the high type training being given the children in the home.

D. W. Huggins, superintendent of the home, will be in charge of the class.

Admission charge will be one 25 cents and all who attend assured of excellent entertainment.

## Aluminum Drive Is First Project; Scouts Doing Job

### W. H. McElwee Chairman of Council; First Meeting Held Wednesday

Wilkes County Council of National Defense, a unit of the state council, has been formed here and the first meeting was held on Wednesday night at the city hall.

W. H. McElwee, local attorney, was appointed by Governor J. M. Broughton as chairman for Wilkes county, who suggested formation of a county council composed of representatives of several agencies and organizations.

The council as appointed by Chairman McElwee follows: C. B. Eller and Paul S. Cragan, representing the schools; Max Foster, county commissioner; Mrs. Bertha Bell, public health; J. B. Snipes, agriculture; J. B. Carter, civic; Dr. John W. Kinchloe, Jr., churches; J. E. Walker, law enforcement; P. W. Eshelman, industry; A. F. Kilby, American Legion; Dwight Nichols, newspapers.

Dwight Nichols was named secretary at the meeting Wednesday night.

The first defense activity to be carried out by the council will be the collection of aluminum for defense use.

It was announced in the meeting (Continued on page four)

## To Begin Revival In Wilkesboro 20th

### Dr. Mack B. Stokes, Brother Of Pastor, To Assist In The Services

The Wilkesboro Methodist church will begin a series of revival services on Sunday morning, July 20th. Dr. Mack B. Stokes, brother of the pastor, will be the preacher. While he holds the position of Assistant Professor of Christian Doctrine at the Candler School of Theology of Emory University, Dr. Stokes is an ordained minister of the Western North Carolina conference and served a pastorate for several years in this state. He comes to Wilkesboro with high recommendations for his work with young people, and it is believed that his messages will be of interest not merely to the Methodist constituency of the church, but to all who are personally interested in a vital religion.

Dr. Stokes will bring the message at the Sunday morning worship hour, and through the courteous invitation of the Rev. Sloan Guy, who was scheduled to preach—at the Sunday night union service, which will take place at the Methodist church.

Throughout the week there will be services each morning at 9 a. m. and each evening at 8 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all who desire to attend.

## New Anti-Aircraft Guns for U. S.



The army officially receives, at Akron, Ohio, the first two 14-caliber anti-aircraft guns ever made in the U. S. Photo shows, L. E. S. Harvey Firestone Jr., Congressman Dew W. Harter (Akron), Brig. Gen. Charles T. Harris, and J. W. Thomas, president of Firestone. (Man at extreme right unidentified). The guns were completed in Akron.

## Boy, 15, Girl, 13, Hitchhike From Missouri

Wilkes officers have in Wilkes jail a boy, age 15, and a girl, age 13, whose homes are in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

George Cauble, 15, and Betty (Tiny) Evans, 13, were taken into custody early Monday when a Kannapolis man who picked them up on a highway claimed that they took \$200 from him.

The boy and girl told the officers that they were brother and sister who had left their homes in Missouri. Sheriff C. T. Dougherty contacted relatives in Missouri and learned that they were not related. They left Missouri on July 7 and traveled 1,361 miles in one week before landing in Wilkes jail.

The girl, pretty and talkative, told what she said was a true account of their adventures. She and Cruble, with Willa Dean Payne, age 15, who left them in Birmingham, Alabama, decided on July 7 to start rambling and after packing a few clothes in small bags began hitchhiking.

She said she was one of four children, that her mother received an aid to dependent children grant of 30 dollars per month, that her father had divorced her mother and the family was having a tough time making ends meet. The real reason she left home, she said, was because she and her mother did not get along very well and she was afraid her mother would try to place her in some reform school.

She said she had helped run the family by picking potatoes ten hours per day and that it was awfully hard work in the hot weather.

She said she had completed the eighth grade in school and George had graduated from the ninth. (Continued on page eight)

## Farmers' Picnic At Millers Creek Friday, July 25th

### Jeter and Caldwell Will Be Speakers; Kiwanis Club To Meet With Farmers

Wilkes county farmers picnic will be held on Friday, July 25, at Millers Creek school six miles west of this city on highway 421.

J. B. Snipes, county agent, Lawrence Miller and W. M. Absher have worked out plans for the occasion. The Grange is active in promoting the picnic and the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club will be guests.

An interesting program has been arranged featuring addresses by F. H. Jeter, agricultural editor at State College, and H. B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, master of the North Carolina state Grange.

Announcement of the picnic by committee urged all farmers to attend and with well filled baskets for the picnic dinner. It was explained that the picnic will be held regardless of weather conditions because the gymnasium may be used for the picnic and the school auditorium for the program in case of rain.

Following the speaking a program of recreation has been planned and a most enjoyable occasion is anticipated.

## Attending Bankers' Meet at Chapel Hill

Both of North Wilkesboro's progressive banking institutions are represented at the bankers' conference being held this week at Chapel Hill. W. B. Gwyn is representing the Bank of North Wilkesboro, and W. J. Young and Miss Anne Duncan, are representing The Northwestern Bank.

## Wilkes County Tax Rate Set At \$1.38

### An Increase Of 33 Cents Over Levy For The Past Year

#### More Bond Maturities, More Funds For Welfare, and Building Improvements

Wilkes county tax rate for 1941 will be \$1.38 on each hundred dollars valuation of property, M. F. Absher, chairman of the Wilkes board of commissioners, said today.

The 1941 rate will represent an increase of 33 cents over the rate of \$1.05 for 1940.

The chairman of the board of commissioners listed three funds where practically all of the increase will be used. Principally among these will be an increase of 20 1-2 cents on the levy for debt service. This increase was mandatory, Mr. Absher said, because of heavy bond maturities during the fiscal year which began on July 1.

There is an increase of five cents on the combined levy for welfare administration, Welfare Miscellaneous, old age assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to blind.

Chairman Absher said it was necessary to increase the levy in order to match state and federal funds, thus providing that those eligible under the law may receive assistance. The county he said, will receive less funds from the state and the county had to make up the difference.

Five cents were added to the levy for repairs to the courthouse and jail. The board chairman said that the funds from the levy will make possible the carrying out of an order of Judge Phillips relative to the buildings. New plumbing is being placed in the jail and a heating plant is planned for the courthouse.

Total for operation of the county (Continued on page 4)

## U. S. O. Closing Drive In Wilkes

### Additional Donations Needed to Reach Quota, Chairman Carpenter Says

L. L. Carpenter, chairman of the United Service Organization for Wilkes county, said today the drive would be closed this week.

The amount raised to date is considerably under the \$1,000 quota for the county but the chairman expressed the belief that contributions during the latter part of this week may raise the quota in full.

He urged that those who have not contributed to the fund, which is being raised in order to maintain places of recreation and social activities in the vicinity of army camps, not delay sending their donations to him or to one of the banks in North Wilkesboro.

All are invited to contribute to the fund in any amount they are able to give and donations will be gladly received through the mails, Mr. Carpenter said.

## 'Iron' Man



Ald. L. E. Couplin of St. Louis is finding real work pleasant. Because he had grown flabby, Couplin went back to iron working, his trade before entering politics, and is making \$70 a week. He still holds his aldermanic job at \$1,500 per year.

## Wilkes Hospital Modern Home For Nurses Is Open

### Located Next Door To Hospital; Hospital Capacity To Be Enlarged Soon

Nursing staff of the Wilkes hospital today moved to the highly modern Wilkes Hospital Nurses Home, which has just been completed.

The nurses home is just across E street from the north side of the hospital and is conveniently located.

The large building was entirely renovated and made into a most attractive home for nurses with every modern convenience for health and comfort.

The three floors of the building, all of which has been attractively refurnished, contain ten bedrooms, living room, reading room, kitchen, dinette. Each floor has a bathroom with tubs and showers.

The entire building is attractively decorated and furnished.

The furniture, which was manufactured in North Wilkesboro, is of solid maple construction. Comfortable, upholstered chairs, beautiful curtains, innersprings mattresses and durable materials are furnished throughout every room. The building has a central oil heating plant, gas stove and electric refrigeration.

The new nurses' home was the subject of much favorable comment today from many visitors.

Moving the nurses' home quarters from the building of the hospital plant will increase the bed capacity of the hospital materially. The quarters formerly occupied by the nurses home will be remodeled and an arcade will be constructed to connect with the new hospital building.

## Judge Blackstock To Preside Over Superior Court

### New Judge Will Substitute For Judge Sink First Week August Term

Judge Clarence E. Blackstock of Asheville, one of the three new special judges appointed recently by Governor Broughton, has received his first assignment.

Judge Blackstock will hold one week of superior court opening August 4 in Wilkes county.

Judge Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, was scheduled to preside over the Wilkes court but a substitute was named for the first week because of some important matters which had been set to be heard before Judge Sink at that time. Judge Sink will preside over the second week of the term.

## Ice Cream Supper

An ice cream supper sponsored by Union Methodist church will be held at Charlie Elliot's store at Cricket on Saturday night, 7:30 o'clock. Home made ice cream, cakes, etc., will be sold and all patronage will be appreciated.

## Army's Newest Bomber Comes Out of the Clouds



This big aerial dreadnaught coming out of the clouds for a landing at Ford Airport is the new Consolidated B-24. It is regarded by the U. S. Army as the world's most formidable bomber.

The Ford Motor Company, under government contract to produce sub-assemblies and parts for five complete B-24D bombers a day, is erecting a \$18,000,000 plant for the job, 25 miles

from Dearborn, Mich. The bomber weighs 56,000 pounds loaded and carries four tons of bombs at a speed of 300 miles an hour. The ship has a cruising range of 3,000