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Soviets Say Strength Nazi Drive Dwindling

Moscow.—"The blitzkrieg is a washout," Russian official press spokesmen declared early today as the Red army continued to combat the German spearheads in the advanced zones defending Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev.

As the Nazi invasion dragged into its 37th day, the Soviet information bureau reported no major engagements except in the Smolensk, Nevel and Zhitomir sectors, names grown familiar with nearly two weeks of conflict in these same areas.

Soviet accounts described the strength of the German offensive as definitely dwindling and meeting with local counter-attacks tending to stabilize the long line. The press spokesman, S. A. Losovsky, vice-commissar of foreign affairs, said the battlefront is "a gigantic, continuous Verdun," referring to the celebrated city where the Germans were stopped on the Western Front during the World War.

In addition to the land fighting, the Soviet information bureau credited the Red air force—which the Germans long since have claimed was knocked out—with destroying 104 Nazi planes and sinking two German torpedo boats, two tankers, a submarine and some patrol boats in the Baltic all on Saturday.

Saturday night also was marked by air battles in the approach to Moscow. The capital was under alarm for three hours and 45 minutes but the Russians said night fighters and anti-aircraft kept all but five to seven of the German bombers away from the city.

Nazi Drive To 43 Miles Of Leningrad

Berlin.—Advance German "Panzer" forces are reported last night, on the basis of official news agency accounts, to be within 43 miles of Leningrad after shattering resistance of the Red army's 41st division and isolating large units of Soviet troops.

German motorized forces strike eastward from the Estonian border were said to have reached the vicinity of Volosova or perhaps beyond—along the main railroad running from Tallinn and Narva to Russia's second city. German military officials withheld any confirmation, however.

Southward on the vital central front Soviet resistance, which had slowed down the German drive on Moscow, was said to have been crushed with the "complete annihilation" of two Russian divisions around Mogilev, 90 miles southwest of Smolensk.

Japs Prepare Quick Drive, Eye Siberia And Thailand

Chingking, China.—Japan is making feverish preparations for an opportunistic move in either two directions, south into Thailand or northward into Russia's Siberia, operatives of the Chinese intelligence service reported yesterday.

Close upon her moves to occupy air and naval bases in French Indo-China, Japan presented demands for Thailand to join the Japanese "new order" in East Asia, said a statement by the national military council which made public the intelligence reports.

At the same time, the Japanese were said to have drafted a quarter of a million men into service between July 7 and 18, and swelled the forces in Manchoukuo and Korea to 17 full divisions.

These forces are in position to be moved up to a new front in Siberia should the Japanese decide the course of the German-Russian conflict was favorable to an incursion.

Whittington Lad Saves Playmate

Billie Whittington, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Whittington, of Wilkesboro, is in line for a Scout life saving medal and other well deserved honors.

Billie saved the life of Thomas J. Smith, 11-year-old son of T. B. Smith, while swimming in the Yadkin recently. Billie and Thomas, with other boys, were swimming in Moravian Creek near the Yadkin when Thomas was swept out into the Yadkin and deep water by the current. He went down twice and by heroic action Billie dived in and rescued Thomas, taking him to safety on the north side of the river.

Billie is a member of the Wilkesboro Boy Scout troop. Immediately after taking Thomas out of the water he used artificial respiration methods which he had learned as a Scout.

Aluminum Drive Here Is Success; Two Shows Given

Scouts Make Canvass of Two Towns; Shows At Theatres Get Good Results

Aluminum collection drive in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro was very successful and a large quantity of the metal was donated for national defense.

The drive began on Thursday afternoon with a house to house canvass in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro by the three Boy Scout troops.

The Scouts worked faithfully throughout both towns and collected a truck load, which was deposited at the city hall.

On Friday morning a show was put on by the Liberty Theatre with the admission being a piece of aluminum. Response was very satisfactory and a capacity crowd, all of whom donated aluminum in varying quantities, saw the show.

On Sunday afternoon Allen Theatre gave an aluminum matinee with excellent results. The theatre was filled and more than 1,000 pieces of aluminum were given. Don Snyder, of Millers Creek, had the distinction of giving the largest number of pieces, his collection numbering 25 articles.

Both theatres gave the shows without cost, including use of all their facilities, and the shows were responsible for collection of a large amount of aluminum.

Scenic Funds Are Approved By FDR

Allocation Of \$188,632 To Develop Additional Units Okeyed By President

Allocation of \$188,632 to develop additional units of the Blue Ridge Parkway has been approved by President Roosevelt.

The funds will be used to carry forward a number of parkway improvements in 12 North Carolina counties, including Ashe, Avery, Alleghany, Wilkes, Surry, Watauga, Mitchell, McDowell, Burke, Yancey, Buncombe and Caldwell.

Plans for the project, forwarded to Washington by State WPA Director C. C. McGinnis, call for the restoration, conservation and protection, of natural resources along the parkway, including water, soil, forest and wildlife. Sponsored by the national park service, the project will cover many activities, such as the development and improvements of operating units for organized camping, camps, picnic areas and similar facilities; to provide park structures, fences, telephone and electrical facilities; beautify roads, develop swimming facilities and beaches; reduce fire hazards; the planting of trees and general landscaping work; perform mosquito control, and undertake surveys for future improvements.

Grand Officers Visit Chapter

Order Of Eastern Star Chapter Here Receives Officers At Official Visit

In the new and beautiful lodge hall, amid a background of gorgeous flowers, Wilkes Chapter No. 42, Order of the Eastern Star, was honored in a special meeting Thursday evening July 24, when the Worthy Grand Matron, Miss Beattie Gaddy, of Wingham and Raleigh, made her official visit to the local chapter. She in her own pleasing manner made a very interesting and instructive address. She praised the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Ira D. Payne, and other officers for the splendid way in which they opened the chapter, and commented very favorably on the work of the chapter as a whole. The chapter presented the Grand Officers with corsages which carried out the Worthy Grand Matron's colors of red, white and blue. To show its appreciation for services rendered, Mrs. H. T. Clark, presented on behalf of the chapter a little token of love to Miss Gaddy. To Mrs. Elizabeth Cassillon Robinson, youngest member of the chapter, and the daughter of the conductress, Mrs. A. A. Cashion, Mrs. L. Carpenter appropriately presented (Continued from page five)

BARRAGE AT CAMP DAVIS



Balloon barrage crew of the 301st balloon barrage battalion at Fort Davis, N. C., shown inflating a D-5 dilatible type which holds 27,000 feet of helium. It is made of synthetic rubber fabric, and can be inflated in less than a half hour. This is the first barrage balloon to be inflated at Fort Davis.

Eight Homicide Cases on Docket

Two First Degree Murder Cases Are On The Calendar

Solicitor Hall Says Murder Cases Will Be Tried During August Term

Eight homicide cases, including at least two in which the death penalty will be asked, have been calendared for trial during the August term of Wilkes court, it was learned today from Solicitor Avalon E. Hall.

Excepting a few jail cases and some minor matters which can be disposed of quickly, the calendar for the August term contains only cases in which felonies are charged and there is little likelihood that all those can be tried during the two weeks.

First homicide case will be called Monday, when J. C. Drum will be tried for the death of Bristol Mathis at Ronda more than a year ago. A verdict of second degree or manslaughter will be asked, Solicitor Hall said. Jim Pruitt, charged with manslaughter in connection with an auto death, will also be tried Monday, according to the calendar.

Trials of Everett Wiles, desperado charged with the murder of Constable Nathan Wyatt nine years ago, is set for Tuesday, August 5. The set will ask the death penalty.

The other first degree murder case will be Lewis Johnson for the murder of Crommie Hutchison in the Traphill section of Wilkes last month. Johnson is alleged to have shot Hutchison from behind a building after they had some trouble.

Charlie Faw will be tried for second degree murder for the death of Hamp Eller a few weeks ago in the Reddles River community.

The case of Ambrose Shepherd, charged with the murder of George Johnson, is calendared for trial Wednesday. It has not been (Continued on page eight)

Play In Tennis Tournay Begins

Annual Wilkes Tennis Tournament Sponsored By Lions Under Way

Play in the Wilkes county tennis tournament sponsored by North Wilkesboro Lions club opened today in the men's singles division.

The tournament, which is expected to attract a record number of players and much interest from sport followers, will also have men's doubles, mixed doubles, women's singles and junior divisions with trophies for winners and runners-up in each.

The six seeded players in the men's singles in order are Dr. Wm. L. Bundy, defending champion, Albert Garwood, Blair Gwyn, Paul Haigwood, Mike Williams and Dr. J. C. Stokes.

Other entrants in men's singles are Archie Tomlinson, B. G. Gentry, Frank Allen, Grady Church, Ed Caudill, Ralph Crawford, Frank McNeill, Lawrence Critcher, Fred Hulbard, Bill Brame, Rev. Watt M. Cooper, Pat Williams, Carl Coffey, Harry Pearson, C. C. Faw, Jr., and Clyde Pearson.

Pairings and scores will be posted daily at R. M. Brame and Sons Drug store window.

Jeter, Caldwell Speakers Friday At Annual Picnic

Kiwanians Guests Of Farmers At Enjoyable Occasion At Millers Creek

Annual Wilkes county farmers' picnic was held Friday at Millers Creek school six miles west of this city with a large attendance of farmers and members of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club were guests.

After a sumptuous picnic dinner on tables in the grove an interesting program was carried out in the school auditorium with F. H. Jeter, of Raleigh, editor of the extension service, and Harry B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, master of the State Grange, as speakers.

Program for the day was arranged by J. B. Snipes, Wilkes farm agent, and was opened by remarks by J. B. Carter, president of the Kiwanis club.

Jeter was introduced by the county agent. The speaker told of progress and expenditures for education and for roads in North Carolina but deplored the fact that greater efforts and expenditures had not been made for agriculture. He said that although the state ranked third in value of farm crops that the surface had not been scratched in development of a balanced agriculture.

He urged greater cooperation between farmers and business men and asked constructive criticism and assistance from business men in building a greater agriculture.

T. W. Ferguson, master of the Wilkes Grange, introduced State Master Caldwell, who delivered a brief and inspiring message dealing with farm problems.

He described business and labor relations as being "almost a class war" and that farmers are caught between two vices and are entirely out of line. While farm prices have reached parity—1909-1914 level—other prices have advanced far more, he said.

The speaker declared that democracy could not thrive with but any one class predominant but that all had to have a square deal and their place of economic importance. He urged the use of patience and tolerance among business men, labor and agriculture in order that problems may be solved for the mutual good of all.

In conclusion he urged greater organization among rural people in order that they wield an influence to assure a square deal for agriculture along with labor and business.

Guests in addition to the Kiwanians included R. V. Day, Millers Creek school principal; Frank Strupe, overseer of the State Grange, and Mrs. Strupe, of Forsyth county; Miss Pearl Thompson, secretary of the State Grange, H. J. Thompson, Mrs. R. C. Adams, Mrs. Jack Thompson, Miss Mary Lou Moore, Miss Nellie Sue Moore, Bennie and Hugh Thompson, all of Rowan county; L. L. Ray, agricultural engineer Duke Power Company.

NOT ALL LOSS

"I expect to get something out of my teeth."

"But I thought you were going to have them pulled?"

"I am; but I'm going to sell the gold fillings."

Daylight Saving Time Is Adopted

Enemy, Beware

Factories, Stores, Offices All Move Up Time One Hour

Faster Time Went Into Effect Sunday Midnight In Southeastern States

North Wilkesboro today was operating on daylight savings time.

Time keeping devices were moved up one hour last night and practically all factories, offices, stores, banks and other places of business here today were operating on daylight saving time.

Daylight saving time was adopted in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and several other southeastern states at the request of President Roosevelt. The move was in the interest of conserving electricity to be used in defense works.

Governor J. M. Broughton issued a proclamation putting the state government on the earlier time and asked private industry to cooperate.

On Friday Mayor R. T. McNeil issued a proclamation here urging full cooperation in adoption of daylight saving time.

With but few exceptions, which include railway, bus and airline schedules, business in the state is on the earlier time.

The proclamation issued here by Mayor McNeil follows: Whereas, the President of the United States, by communication with the Governor of North Carolina, has called attention to the fact that the country is faced with a serious shortage of electric power, which is impeding the national defense, and that studies indicate that extension of daylight savings time would reduce civilian use of electricity and leave it available for defense work, and

Whereas, J. Melville Broughton, governor of North Carolina, has by proclamation directed all divisions of the state government to go on daylight saving time effective at 12 o'clock, Sunday, July 27, and

Whereas, the city council of North Wilkesboro in meeting on July 18 went on record as cooperating with the Governor of North Carolina:

I, R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, do hereby proclaim that all departments of our city government shall operate on Eastern Daylight Saving time, effective midnight, July 27, and

I earnestly urge and request that all industries, offices, stores and business houses in North Wilkesboro and vicinity, by voluntary action, conduct their businesses and activities on the basis of daylight saving time.

To avoid misunderstanding and confusion, I ask that each and every one on the night of Sunday, July 27, move your clocks and watches forward one hour, which will be in accord with the time to be observed throughout the southeastern as well as northern states.

R. T. McNEIL, Mayor of North Wilkesboro.

Marriage At Last Minute No Good For Deferment

Registrants who get married on the eve of induction or after being ordered to report to the doctor for physical examination will do so at their own risk and will find that their marriage will not keep them out of the Army.

This was made clear today by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, as he announced a modification of the former policy of leniency toward married men which has been recommended by State Headquarters. General Metts stated that a modification in this policy was made necessary by an increasingly large number of registrants who are apparently undertaking to abuse the policy of leniency in an effort to evade military service.

The modified policy, which was passed on to all Selective Service agencies in the State today, is as follows:

"When a registrant acquires married status after issuance of 'Notice to Appear for Physical Examination', it should be assumed that both parties concluded the marriage knowing that the registrant was subject to early call for service and were prepared to take the consequences, and therefore deferment in such cases would not appear to be justified. But when a registrant has indicated on his questionnaire that he is engaged, giving the date set for the wedding, or has given similar information in writing to the local board and the wedding date falls after issuance of 'Notice to Appear for Physical Examination', his case should be considered in the same way as those who married after registration, as provided by Amendment No. 77 to Selective Service Regulations. Of course, there may be other conditions which would obviously temper the above announced modification of policy, e. g., proof that the wife was pregnant, or conclusive evidence of absolute dependence wherein the wife would suffer undue hardship if compelled to live on the registrant's income as a soldier, etc."

This modified policy, General Metts pointed out, is in line with a recent amendment to the regulations, which is as follows: "It is not advisable to defer any such registrants if he acquires such status for the purpose of avoiding training and service, and, therefore, no registrant should be placed in Class III if he acquired such status after the day when he was required to be registered unless (1) he or his claimed dependent or dependents present to the local board written (Continued on page eight)

LARGEST DRAFT QUOTA FOR BOARD NO. TWO



Here are shown the men in the largest call for either board in Wilkes county, the 19 who left July 18 for Fort Bragg from Wilkes board Number Two. Left to right in the front row: John Frank (Bill) Day, leader, Alger Clifton Walls, assistant leader, John Harley Glass, Homer Aldine Huie, Robert Clay Mayberry, James Garfield Barker, Robert Lee Adams, Matson Dewitt Blackburn and Oliver Adams; back row: Ira Calloway, Burchett, Earl Watts, Paul William Brooks, Floyd Hinchey, Fred Bowers, George Thomas Wyatt, Wallace Douglas Wiles, James Vernon Staley, Truman Clyde Stone and John Carl Owens.

Morning Mail To Hays and Traphill

Star Route Leaves Here At 7:30 A. M. Instead Of 12 O'Clock Noon

Hays, Dockery, Traphill, and other postoffices in northeastern Wilkes get morning mail service as the result of a change which went into effect today, according to information from C. E. Billings, postmaster at Hays.

Effective today, the star route from North Wilkesboro to Traphill by way of Hays and Dockery leaves North Wilkesboro at 7:30 a. m. instead of noon.

The carrier will arrive at Traphill in one and one-half hours. On the return trip he will leave Traphill in 15 minutes after arrival and arrive in North Wilkesboro one and one-half hours later.

The change is considered a great improvement in the mail service to the offices on the route because they will receive the greater part of their mail about six hours earlier each day.