

# War News

## German Drive Goes Deeper Into Ukraine

Moscow.—The Russian high command acknowledged today that strong German forces have struck closer to Leningrad and have driven deeper into the Ukraine in the vicinity of the important communications center of Uman, after swinging wide around Kiev.

For the first time in a week the Red Army command reported new advances by the Germans along the long, bending front from the Gulf of Finland to the Black Sea and told of fighting raging in two new sectors deeper into Russia as the war entered its eighth week.

In the north, a communique said, the Red Army is "stubbornly resisting" and Germans in the sector of Soltsi, 120 miles south of Leningrad and 40 miles closer to Russia's second city than Perekhov where the biggest struggle of the north previously was reported to be centered.

On the vital Ukrainian front Germany's new major offensive apparently is passing by Kiev to slice into the heart of the Russian "bread basket" and south upon the great Black Sea port of Odessa.

Fighting is under way around the railroad hub of Uman, 130 miles south of Kiev along the main railroad to Odessa, the high command said in its first mention of Uman as a sector of fighting.

## Nations Fear Japan Plans To Disregard U. S. Warning

London.—A sudden, critical turn in the Far Eastern situation was reported from Australia last night, and from informed quarters in London, from Chinese diplomats and Australian and New Zealand sources it was evident that all eyes were turned on Washington.

Fear was widespread that Japan intended to disregard the week's warning by Secretary of State Hull and Foreign Secretary Eden and perhaps embark upon moves north and south in a grandiose joint plan of German and Japanese strategists eventually to seize all the strategic points dominating the world's oceans.

It was clear that Britain is clinging to a policy of defense of British interests in the Far East with respect to Japan. Informed sources said it was evident that when Britain acts it will be jointly or on parallel lines with United States measures which, it was predicted, would beyond the present economic blockade of Tokyo.

The rise in storm clouds was recorded in Australia, always a sensitive barometer to Far Eastern developments. Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies declared the situation was grave.

## Vichy Events Are Getting Close Study

Washington.—A break in diplomatic relations with the Vichy government was reported likely last night in the event it became evident that decisions of its leaders on defending the French empire would mean Germany's gaining full use of strategic Atlantic bases on the French African coast.

Whether American reaction would stop with this, no official would say, but it was indicated that the whole question of Western Hemisphere interest in French possessions was under intensive study here in the light of developments in Vichy.

From these, it appeared there was slight hope here that United States diplomacy might yet forestall French capitulation to Nazi demands for a "share" in defending French empire territory—areas more than once declared by American officials to contain potential threats to the security of this hemisphere.

(Dispatches from Vichy said another conference on the matter of French defense was held yesterday and that the cabinet would meet today. Saturday night the government made public an interview granted in Paris by Fernand Brinon, Vichy envoy in the occupied zone, in which he said France had decided to accept the German version of the new world order as opposed to that of Britain and the United States.)

## G-Men To Address Lions Here Friday

Roy L. Morgan, of Greensboro, resident agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will address the North Wilkesboro Lions club in meeting Friday evening, 6:30, at Hotel Wilkes. An interesting program is anticipated and a large attendance of members is expected.

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## NYA Student Work Officer Is Coming

Watkins Will Interview Students During Term

According to an announcement made today by Superintendent C. R. Eller, of the Wilkes County Schools, William Watkins, NYA Student Work Officer, will be at the Wilkesboro school building at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, August 20, to interview white and negro students reading NYA in-school assistance in order to attend the county schools during the coming year. To qualify for NYA Student Work Program a boy or girl must be at least 16 years of age and must need the funds to properly continue his or her education.

Each year the NYA program has assisted thousands of worthy and needy boys and girls in the State to enter or remain in school who otherwise would find it difficult to continue their education.

## Beauty and the Peach



Pretty Dot Harris, student at St. Mary's School for Girls at Raleigh, N. C., has a smile as refreshing as fresh peaches' cream as she helps launch an intensive drive, led by the nation's stores, to market a 66,102,000-bushel peach crop, 20 per cent greater than last year, for the country's growers. Dot's keeping an eye on the peaches as they roll up a conveyor belt in a Spartanburg S. C. packing plant.

## Pleads Guilty Of 2nd Degree Murder At End of Evidence

Trial Ended Friday Afternoon With Acceptance of Second Degree Plea

Everett Wiles in Wilkes court Friday afternoon was sentenced to from 22 to 30 years in the state penitentiary for the murder of Nathan Wyatt, Rock Creek township constable, March 24, 1932.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge Clarence E. Blackstock after Wiles through counsel entered a plea of guilty to second degree murder, which was accepted by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall and J. H. Whicker and T. S. Bryan, of the private prosecution.

Solicitor Hall said he accepted the plea reluctantly, but realized that the state's case was weak in proving premeditation and deliberation, two essentials for conviction of first degree murder.

Judge Blackstock commended both sides for the plea, saying that there was little likelihood that the jury would have returned a verdict of first degree murder, and that the evidence of the state and defense was contradictory on several points.

Wiles, who was showing the strain of the trial which began Tuesday, took the sentence calmly without comment. He had said during his testimony that the seven years in federal prison, which he received for counterfeiting, had hurt his nerves and physical condition.

Judge Blackstock commented that Wiles, who confessed to a long list of crimes in many states, was remarkably intelligent, and that his testimony and that of corroborating witnesses was sufficient to cast doubt on the outcome of the case.

First witness Friday was Mrs. Janie Wiles, mother of Everett. She said she was washing clothes on the premises when the killing occurred. She said that all the men left the scene after the shooting, which she did not see, and that no one went about the body. This evidence was offered to contradict that by the state that Wyatt was robbed after he was killed.

Elbert Wiles, a brother of (Continued on page 4)

## FIRST IN U. S. TO SIGN NEW CONTRACT



Assuring North Wilkesboro Liberty Theatre patrons that they will continue to receive the best in motion pictures, Ivan D. Anderson, manager of the theatre, received the distinction of being the first theatre manager in the country to sign the

new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer contract for the coming season, and is shown here affixing his signature. To the left of Mr. Anderson, who is seated in the center, is Benn H. Roenwald, manager for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and on the right is Ray Ervin, sales representative.

## 14-Year-Old Wilkes Lad Draws Praise For Sketches and Cartoon Drawings

Archie M. Miller, a 14-year-old boy of the Ferguson community in western Wilkes, has been drawing sketches, caricatures, and cartoons which have amazed all who have seen them.

Two years ago he began making pencil sketches of pictures of well known characters in the newspapers but he has now advanced to the state of cartoonist and he delights in making bloc cartoons depicting the various nations and rulers in the war.

His characterizations of Hitler and Mussolini on paper have brought praise from all who have seen them and those of Joe Stalin are equally interesting. But, the most amazing part of his work is his original ideas about which he forms the cartoons. The ideas are always interesting and often humorous.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Miller, of Ferguson, and is a student in Ferguson school.



ARCHIE M. MILLER

Rev. Lloyd Barnes, of Hiddenite, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fletcher at Purlear.

## Lewis Johnson On Trial For Life In Superior Court

State Asks The First Degree Murder Verdict for Death of Crommie Hutchison

Lewis Johnson, 26-year-old farmer of the Joynes community went on trial for his life in Wilkes court today for the shotgun shooting of Crommie Hutchison at the home of Osco Hincer, neighbor of both men, near Joynes on Sunday evening, June 1.

Johnson, calm and apparently unafraid, was arraigned in court Friday afternoon and a special venire of 75 men were summoned to report at court today. Judge Hoyle Sink is presiding.

According to an account of the affair as pieced together from witnesses by Coroner I. M. Myers immediately following the shooting, there were some exciting events at the Hincer home prior to the shooting of Hutchison.

Hutchison and Johnson were at the Hincer home. They began quarrelling and Johnson secured a club, with which he threatened to kill Hutchison and is reported to have said that he had waited two years to do just that. But he lay the club down on a bed and walked to another room in the house where he secured a shotgun. The account as gathered by the coroner said he cocked the gun and told Hutchison that he would kill him but Hutchison dodged into another part of the house and secured a gun for himself.

Johnson then left the house and Hutchison also left. Johnson, who had stepped behind an outbuilding, is said to have called to Hutchison and then fired. Hutchison cried "Oh Lord," ran about (Continued on page 4)

## N. Y. A. Director For State Speaks At Kiwanis Meet

Tells of Plans For Larger Program of NYA Training In Wilkes County

John A. Lang, supervisor of the National Youth Administration in North Carolina, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday on the subject of "Our Youth Problem of Today."

He said that NYA is endeavoring to fit the youth of North Carolina for its present day requirements. He stated that there is a shortage of skilled labor in practically every trade. The NYA, he said, has had 10,000 boys and girls in charge during the past year and is placing 500 each month in regular jobs.

He stated that his organization has plans for a greater program of training in Wilkes and asked Kiwanians to lend their cooperation to the movement.

O. G. Bane, of Salisbury, chairman. (Continued on page eight)

## Thirty Wilkes Men Left Today To Be Inducted At Bragg

Next Call Will Be On September 16th When Each Board Will Furnish 15

Thirty Wilkes men left today by bus to be inducted into the army at Fort Bragg under provisions of the selective service act. Thirteen were from Wilkes board number 1 and 17 were from Board area number 2.

Going from board number 1 area were Howard Russell Segreaves, Joseph Dwight Ferguson, Chadde Lee Pennell, Charles James Everett, Russell Dean Anderson, Carlos Johnson Stout, Vernon Stokes Woods, Lillard Lunsford, Dachie Albert Marlow, Odell Clarence Bentley, Robert Myers and Verlin Blankenship. The first four named were volunteers.

Board number 2 had one volunteer, John Eugene Bengel. The conscripts were Charles Roby Spicer, Garvey Reece Cheek, Elbert Burton Wishon, Reginald Pickens Jackson, Jr., Charlie Clay Bauguess, Willard Finley Higgins, Morris Shumate, Crom Olen Sparks, Roy Madison Wooten, Samuel Quentin Byrd, John Starling Mastin, Bruce Charlie Felts, Earl Johnson Gambill, James Lee Frazier, Jackson Mitchell Vannoy and Fred Farrington. Leader was Charles Roby Spicer and Bruce Charlie Felts was assistant.

Next call to be filled by the Wilkes boards will be on September 16 when each board will send 15 men to Fort Bragg.

## Whitner Speaks At Jaycees Meet

State President of Junior Chamber Commerce Visits the Jaycees Here

Basil L. Whitner, of Gastonia, president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, addressed the North Wilkesboro Jaycees in meeting Friday night at Hotel Wilkes.

The speaker, who was presented by Fred Hubbard, Jr., North Wilkesboro president, gave many facts about the state organization. He said there are 41 Junior Chambers in the state organization, which has three members on the national board of directors. Each club has two members on the state board of directors.

He told of quarterly awards by the state organization to locals for outstanding projects and the award for the outstanding club throughout the year.

Prior to his address a short business session was held, during which a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a dance to be held on August 30 for entertainment of delegates to be in the city for the annual Carolina Moose conclave. The committee is composed of James Ed Caudill, Hampton McNeill, Hadley Hayes, Frank Allen.

A committee was also appointed to handle registration of Moose delegates and secure rooms for them. The committee is composed of B. G. Gentry, Richard Deans, W. O. Absher, Paul Cashion and Fred Hubbard, Jr.

A standing membership committee composed of Paul Green, Conrad Kilby and Mack Reavis was appointed.

J. H. Whicker, Jr., and C. C. Faw, Jr., have been added to the board of directors to replace Cody Moore and J. R. McCartney, who are leaving North Wilkesboro for positions elsewhere.

## Stone Mountain Singing Aug. 31

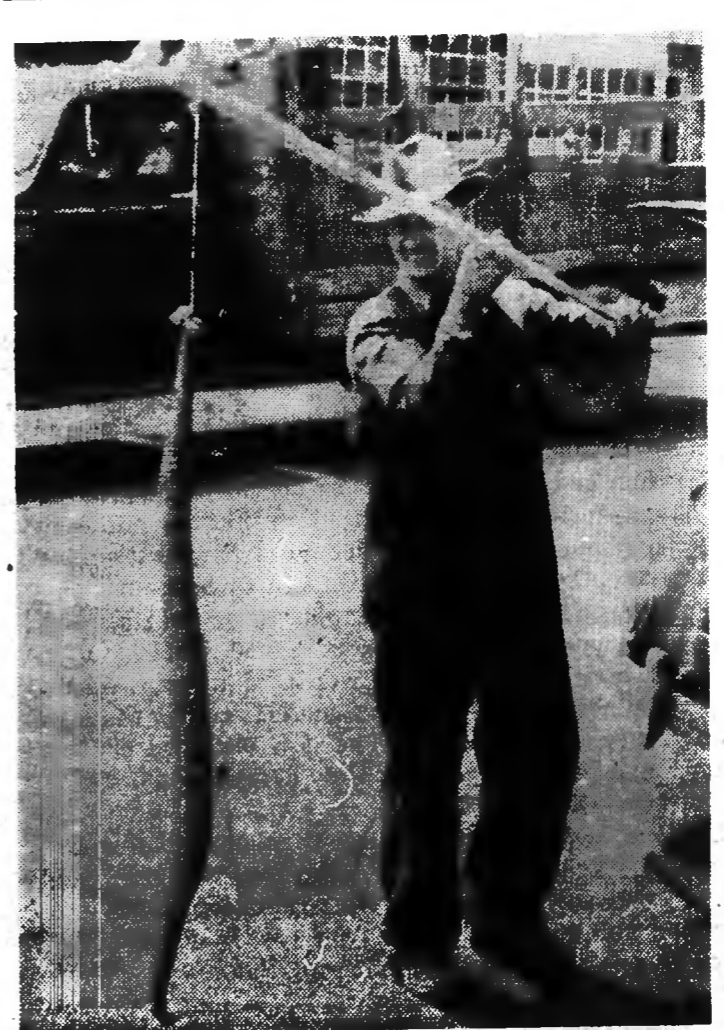
Union Singing Will Be Held At Welcome Home Church West Of City Aug. 31

Stone Mountain Union Singing association will convene at Welcome Home church on Sunday, August 31, 10:30 a. m.

Welcome Home Baptist church is located three miles west of this city and one mile east of highway 421.

J. A. Gilliam, chairman, made announcement of the singing. The program, he said, will open with devotional by the pastor and songs by Welcome Home choir. All singing classes are invited to take part in the day's program.

## GIANT RATTLER SHOWN HERE



A large crowd was attracted to Ninth street recently when Eugene Reavis, of the Brushies, showed a five-foot rattler which his collie dog "Spot", had caught near the Reavis home. It was the fourth rattler caught by the dog this year. Reavis is shown here holding the snake after he had placed a string halter around its neck.