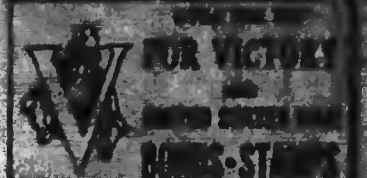


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A MINE GOT THIS ONE— AS COLLIER SINKS IN BATTLE OF ATLANTIC



A naval convoy, escorting U. S. merchant ships on the Atlantic coast, lost one collier to a mine planted by enemy subs, because there was no wake. In picture at left a survivor dries his face after being nearly blinded and choked by the oily waters. However, in war no chances are taken, and depth charges were tossed with the result shown in picture at the right, just in case a sub was lurking around.

SEE CAPT. PEARSON— State Guard Unit In N. Wilkesboro Needing Recruits

Recruits are needed for the North Wilkesboro company of the State Guard. Captain Harry Pearson, commanding officer, said today. The company has been doing some excellent work and has rated high at every inspection. However, men called to service and others leaving for war jobs have thinned the ranks and the need for recruits is urgent. Plans are under way for a week's training and outing for the company, Captain Pearson said, and the company soon will receive some much needed equipment, which will facilitate training. Men who can enlist in the company are urgently requested to get in touch with Captain Pearson at the earliest possible date.

RATIONING— Tire Permits By Wilkes Board 2

Weekly meeting of Wilkes rationing board number 2 was held in the Bank of North Wilkesboro building, and all members were present. The following were issued certificates to purchase new tires or tubes: Roosevelt Wood, North Wilkesboro, two tires, two tubes; Dr. E. M. Hutchens, one tube; Thomas Garfield Brown, Hays, two tires, two tubes; John Thomas Royal, McGrady, two tires; B. J. Caudill, North Wilkesboro, one tire; James M. Crawford, North Wilkesboro, one tire, one tube; Tal J. Pearson, North Wilkesboro, one tire; Bradford Hendren, North Wilkesboro, one tire, one tube; North Wilkesboro Ice and Fuel, North Wilkesboro, two tubes; Curtis Johnson, Roaring River, two tubes, two tires; Dewey M. Adams, North Wilkesboro, two tires; Joe Patrick, Vannoy, one tube, one tire; Alva E. Foster, North Wilkesboro, two tires; Eliza E. Haynes, Mertie, two tires, two tubes; Glenn Hawkins, Hays, one tire and one tube. Those issued certificates for recaps or retreads were: Dr. E. M. Hutchens, North Wilkesboro; Walker W. Luffman, State Road; Hickory Auto Parts, North Wilkesboro; Wilkes Baking Company, North Wilkesboro; J. L. Cothren, Elkin; Estel Bell, North Wilkesboro; City Cab Company, North Wilkesboro; I. Everette Pearson, North Wilkesboro.

To Repair Church

Bids for placing a new roof on the Wilkesboro Methodist church are now being received by the board of trustees, which hopes to have propositions to place before the church membership within a short time for approval. Other improvements about the church are also being planned, it was learned from members of the board yesterday.

BY COMMISSIONERS— Order Sheriff To Turn Over Liquor

Board Chairman Says Part Of Large Amount Of Tax Paid Liquor Can Now Be Sold And Proceeds Go To School Fund

Wilkes county commissioners in July session this week ordered Sheriff C. T. Doughton to turn over to the board of commissioners quantities of seized, tax-paid liquor now in his custody. Discussing the subject, M. F. Absher, chairman of the board, said that the sheriff has several thousand dollars worth of liquor on hand, which was seized by him, his deputies and highway patrolmen. Some of this liquor can now be released to the board of county commissioners for legal sale through the state ABC board, he said. Proceeds from such sale go into the county school fund. The law provides that seized tax paid liquor can be sold by the county after the case in which it was involved is disposed of in court.

Gas Registration Will Begin Today

Basic ration books for automobiles and motorcycles will be issued at the following schools Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, one to six p. m.: North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Boomer, Ferguson, Moravian Falls, Mountain Crest, Lovelace, Mt. Pleasant, Maple Springs, Millers Creek, Clingman and Lincoln Heights. All passenger cars will get "A" books at schools.

Application forms for "B" books may be secured at registration places at the above named schools and are to be filled out by the applicant and delivered to the ration boards directly or by mail after July 15. The boards will pass on the applications within ten days.

Ration books for trucks, buses, taxicabs, ambulances, government vehicles, and other vehicles except passenger automobiles and motorcycles will be issued at the North Wilkesboro town hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Application forms must be secured at rationing boards offices, Yadkin Valley Motor company, Culler's Esso Station, sheriff's office, bus station, Wilkes Auto Sales company, Motor Service company, and must be filled out before going to get ration books at town hall. Capable persons are asked to help people fill out applications.

Ration books for tractors, stationary engines and other non-highway uses will be issued at the federal building in Wilkesboro on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Volunteer helpers will register for canning sugar at the schools along with gasoline registration Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons of this week. Persons registering must have registration cards for their motor vehicles. All motor vehicle owners are

British Try Attacks; Reds Lose Ground

British Guns In Egypt Allowing Germans No Rest

Long Range Fighter-Bomber Planes Do Much Damage to Nazi Battle Positions

Cairo.—British lightning columns have joined a new force of long range fighter-bomber planes in savage attacks against the axis army on the Alamein line 60 miles west of Alexandria, a Middle Eastern command communique said today.

The mobile columns, made up of tank, artillery and motorized infantry, struck at the enemy line throughout yesterday, the communique said.

They destroyed some enemy tanks and took a few prisoners at the coastal end of the line, west of El Alamein.

Strong forces of fighter-bomber planes, bombed and machine-gunned the enemy lines and attacked tanks, trucks and gun batteries throughout the battle area, the communique said.

Direct Hits Scored. Direct hits were scored on many axis targets, it was said, and fires were started at oil dumps.

Light bombers, joining in an intensified aerial offensive caused violent explosions and fires in areas farther to the enemy rear.

Detailing aerial activities, the communique, issued jointly by the Middle Eastern command and the Royal Air Force, said that three enemy fighter planes were shot down yesterday.

Last night, it added, Royal Air Force planes successfully attacked targets in the area of the enemy base at Tobruk on the Libyan coast.

It was noted that axis planes continued an intensified attack on Malta yesterday and the communique said that nine enemy fighters were shot down and others damaged.

Furniture Men At Chicago Exposition

Local furniture industries are displaying their new lines this week at the midsummer furniture exposition in Chicago.

Representatives of local firms there are as follows: J. R. Hix and A. B. Johnston, of American Furniture company; John E. Justice, Jr., of Oak Furniture company; N. O. Smoak, of Forest Furniture company; Henry Moore and Ray Hoover, of Home Chair company.

WINGS IN NAVY— Clyde Waugh Commissioned

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Waugh Now An Ensign In U. S. Navy

Clyde Waugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Waugh, has received his commission as an ensign in the U. S. Navy.

Ensign Waugh, who graduated from North Carolina State College, enlisted in the navy on August 15 last year and was stationed at Atlanta, Ga., until December 24, when he entered into intensive training at Jacksonville, Florida.

Ensign Waugh is a pilot in the naval air force and at the end of his leave on July 18th he will report back to Jacksonville, Florida, for service. He is now spending a few days with his parents.

Name Committee To Secure Pastor

A pulpit committee has been appointed in Wilkesboro Baptist church to secure a pastor to succeed Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Jr., who will leave after July 28 to enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

The committee is composed of Carl A. Lowe, T. E. Story, Kyle Hayes, Mrs. G. T. Mitchell and Mrs. Wm. A. Stroud. They will make their report to the church upon completion of their duties.

BONUS EXPLAINED— When And How To Buy Sugar

To clear up some misunderstanding about the current sugar ration, here are some condensed facts which should be easy for everybody to ascertain:

Stamp number 5 may be used up to and including July 25 and is good for two pounds of sugar.

Stamp number 6 will be good from July 26 to August 22 and will be good for two pounds of sugar.

In the meantime stamp number seven is good for a two pound bonus, or extra allotment, and may be used between July 10 and August 22.

Killed In Wreck Two Teams Will Tie For Lead In Softball League

Presbyterians 'Romp Over Local Methodists 14-0; Local Baptists Win

With only one playing date left, four of the five teams in the churches' softball league are all tied up for first place at four games won and three lost.

And after the games to be played this evening two teams will be tied and a playoff will be necessary to decide the first half championship.

On Tuesday evening the Presbyterians surprised everybody, including themselves, by blanketing the North Wilkesboro Methodists, who at that time held a slim first place lead, by a score of 14 to 0.

Finley did a great job of pitching for the Presbyterians and allowed only one hit, a single by Collins, while his team slashed out 16.

First Baptist got into a tie for first place by knocking off Wilkesboro Baptist 10 to 4. Walsh for the North Wilkesboro Baptists and Reavis for the Wilkesboro team led in hitting with two each.

Wilkesboro Baptists will not play Thursday evening, leaving the four top teams to eliminate each other.

The standing now is as follows:

TEAM	W	L	PCT
N. W. Methodist	4	3	571
W. Methodist	4	3	571
Presbyterian	4	3	571
N. W. Baptist	4	3	571
W. Baptist	2	6	250

—BUY WAR BONDS—

Nazi Relentless Offensive Makes Gains In Russia

Hitler's Big Push Toward River Don Under Way Despite Big Losses

Moscow.—The Germans' relentless offensive toward the River Don gained momentum today as they threw additional machines and widened their salients west of strategic Voronezh and southwest of Stary Oskol.

The latest Soviet advices said the enemy still was storming the approaches to the river, but they did not confirm the establishment of bridgeheads, let alone the capture of Voronezh, which the Germans claimed yesterday.

The front-line correspondent of Izvestia, organ of the Soviet supreme council said all evidence pointed to the German belief that this was one of the most decisive battles of the war, and that the Nazis were sparing nothing that might endanger its success.

While uninterruptedly pushing forward their wedge west of Voronezh, through which runs the last important rail link between Moscow and the oil of the Caucasus, the Germans took a series of precautionary moves to forestall attacks on their flanks.

Artillery Moved Up. They moved up heavy artillery immediately behind their tanks and kept up a terrific bombardment from the edges of the salient. They also attacked from the flanks.

Some German losses were heavy. In the last two days, in fighting on a river bank, dispatches said, the Germans lost 200 tanks, Soviet air reconnaissance yesterday reported that 10 trainloads of damaged German tanks and armored vehicles were moving westward for repair.

The strongest blows of the German offensive were directed—for the fourth straight day—at the central sector before Voronezh, although the entire battlefield was more than 100 miles long.

"Mammoth Cemetery." Dispatches described a "mammoth cemetery of German men and machines."

Navy Recruiter Coming Two Days

A representative of the Salisbury office of the navy recruiting service will be at the town hall here Thursday and Friday of this week to accept applications for enlistment in the navy. All young men interested are asked to see the recruiting officer here on Thursday or Friday.

TO REPLACE LOSSES— NEW METHODS SPEED UP SHIP PRODUCTION



You have seen pictures of big ships, powerful planes and giant guns for Uncle Sam's armed forces. But here is an item that seldom gets into the news, but is just as vital as any other item of war. It is the cow ventilator, without which Liberty ships that carry war materials to the battlefront could not get to sea. A Los Angeles firm, engaged in this work, turns out thousands of cow funnels. Galvanizing the cow is one of the most vital parts in the process. Photo (left) shows a huge cow being given a "bath" in a vat of molten metal. Center: Workers in the ventilator are freed out by a small hammer. Right: A workman welding the seams of a huge funnel.