

Rome Hit By Allied Bombs In Big Raids

THIRD OF SICILY HELD AND 30,000 ARE CAPTURED

Latest war news dispatches from the European war area today told of bombing of Rome, the capital of Italy.

U. S. bombers in gigantic daylight raids rained tremendous explosives on military objectives in Rome, starting great fires. Prior to the raid the people were warned by airmen dropping pamphlets of what was going to happen. They were told that bombing would be in daylight in order that military objectives only would be hit.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa.—American troops, scoring new gains of eight to 10 miles along their entire front, have captured Porto Empedocle and are closing in on the communications key city of Enna in the center of Sicily as the British boat at the gates of Catania, dispatches reported last night.

(The Algiers radio said that British tanks had broken into the outskirts of Catania and a London Daily Mail dispatch reported that fighting was raging in the suburbs from street to street and from house to house).

The conquest of Sicily has been expanded to one-third of the island's 9,936 square miles. It was announced, and the Americans at some points were reported 40 miles inland from their beachheads. The British had driven 60 miles to the Catania area from Cape Passero and the city was expected to fall at any hour.

Guire Speaker At Friday Meet Of Kiwanis Club

Highway Commissioner Tells Of Highway Work and Talks About War

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club on Friday held an interesting luncheon meeting.

Program chairman C. G. Day presented Judge J. A. Rousseau, who introduced the speaker, Virgil Guire, of Lenoir, who made a splendid talk, first giving some account of his work as Highway Commissioner. He stated that the engineering department of the commission is doing everything possible to have in readiness every project that had been planned by the commission before the beginning of the war so that at the end of the war work can begin immediately on every project. He said the list of projects included No. 18 from McGrady to Sparta.

The speaker then gave attention to the war situation. He said he is not a preacher nor the son of a preacher but is giving as his opinion that the hand of God is directing in the present great conflict. He feels that it was the guidance of God that the Germans did not go into England after Dunkirk. He thinks it is His direction that two great heathen nations, the Germans and the Russians, should be in conflict until the Christian nations could get busy. He believes the Christian nations will win but will pay in blood and tears and sacrifice.

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Shortage Of Tires Is Seen

Warnings Given On Use Of Gasoline Coupons

Rationing Officials state that the next six months will be the critical period in so far as tires are concerned. Rationing Board tire quotas are not now sufficient to meet the demands of automobile owners in Wilkes county. Each motorist is warned to save his tires to the last mile.

Rationing Board Officials are again warning the public that no person, dealer or individual, is allowed to exchange tires on any passenger vehicle, unless authorized to do so by the Rationing Board. The only tires that may be transferred without a rationing certificate are worn out tires being sold to the 'junk' dealer for junk.

The tire inspection record sheet must be presented to the rationing board with all applications for gasoline and tires. The tire inspection record sheet must also go with the automobile when it is traded.

Gasoline Warnings

Beginning July 16, 1943, rationing boards are not allowed to issue any temporary gasoline for trucks. No gasoline may be issued for trucks until the owner has his ODT certificate.

Rationing boards are not allowed to replace any gasoline books or coupons which have been lost or stolen. This makes it necessary for each person to see that his gasoline coupons are not lost.

Persons driving on "B" books must display "B" stickers on the windshield of their car. Persons driving on "C" books must display "C" stickers on the windshield of their car. Any gasoline dealer who delivers gasoline on a "B" or "C" book is violating the rationing regulation. If the car into which he pumps the gasoline does not display the correct windshield sticker.

School Here To Open 30th

Calendar For School Term In City Is Announced

North Wilkesboro schools will open on Monday, August 30.

Paul S. Crahan, superintendent, said today that the calendar for the school term was set in a recent meeting of the city board of education.

School opening date will be on August 30 and the next date in the school calendar of interest to the public will be Thanksgiving holidays on November 25 and 26.

Christmas holidays will begin on December 17th and classes be resumed on January 3.

The term will close on May 25. The calendar of school events will follow closely the dates of the last term.

"V" Cucumbers

Growing in the abundance are growing in the shape of a V, and which was grown in Leslie Miller's garden at Wilbur, is now on display in The Journal-Patriot office.

CAMERA LADY "CATCHES" JOURNAL-PATRIOT EDITOR ATTENDING PRESS MEETING



Shown above are three of the large number of newspapermen attending the annual convention of the N. C. Press Association held in Winston-Salem last week-end. They are: J. Frank Stroud, publisher of The Davie Record, Mocksville; Dwight Nichols, editor of The Journal-Patriot; Bert L. Chipman, representative for many years of the Bowers Ink Co. (Photo courtesy Journal-Sentinel).

State Conventions In Twin City Big News Of The Week

North Carolina Press Association and State Bar Association Members Gather In Winston-Salem For Meet

The big news in North Carolina the past week was centered around the holding of the 71st annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association and the State Bar Association, and, believe us, any city that can undergo the entertaining of newspaper men and women and lawyers at the same time in such a splendid way is a real city, indeed.

Naturally, where publishers of the daily and weekly press and the lawyers of North Carolina converge for their annual convention, politics is in the air even though the state-wide primary is ten months away. The candidates were on hand. Senator Gregg Cherry and Mrs. Cherry were guests at the press association luncheon Friday noon. Editor Stuart Atkins and Mrs. Atkins, (the former Miss Clara Blanche Pugh) of the Gastonia Gazette, played host and hostess to gubernatorial candidate Cherry and Mrs. Cherry of their home town. At the dinner at 8 o'clock Dr. Ralph McDonald was the guest of friends. The Doctor, who made such a fine showing eight years ago as a candidate for governor, had a wonderful time mingling with the newspaper folk. And then, Governor Hoey was there to renew his many friendships and acquaintances with the press and members of his own profession. In the best of health and in the best of spirits, Governor Hoey found enthusiastic support of his senatorial candidacy. But it was not all Hoey. There were both newsmen and lawyers present who warned: "Don't sell Bob Reynolds short. He has the knack of getting the votes." Congressman Burgin and Mrs. Burgin were also among the convention visitors.

Didn't see a single practicing Wilkes lawyer in Winston-Salem for the state bar meeting. Judge and Mrs. Julius A. Rousseau, of this city, arrived Saturday morning and were Wilkes' only representatives. They heard Governor Broughton's splendid address at noon, this being a joint meeting of the press and bar.

Missed the presence of Rob Rivers of the Watauga Democrat (Boone); Ben Sronce of the Statesville Daily and Landmark; Bill Johnson, of the Mount Airy News; Dan Thompkins of The Jackson County Journal; Conway Sharpe of The Taylorsville Times; Roy Wallis, of the Lenoir News-Topic.

Joel H. Clark, editor-publisher of the Greenfield Gazette, Greenfield, Tenn., who has recently become nationally famous for his newspaper efforts, made one of the finest addresses of the convention. He spoke to the non-daily group Friday afternoon and, in the language they understood, Clark talks in no uncertain terms.

Capt. Johnston Is On His Way Home

Captain Johnston, who has been with U. S. Army Air Force in the South Pacific area since early in the war, will arrive home tonight on furlough. Captain Johnston, who is credited with shooting down at least two Japanese planes and one ship, who received a wire today that he would arrive in Greensboro tonight.

Food Ceiling Prices Listed For This Area

Sen. Wherry Visitor Here

Prominent National Figure Is Guest Here

Senator Kenneth G. Wherry, of Nebraska, a figure of national prominence since he defeated the veteran Senator George W. Norris in last November, spent Sunday in North Wilkesboro.

Senator Wherry, a member of the Small Businessman's Committee of the United States Senate, has been inspecting furniture plants and their connection with the war program and civilian economy.

While here Senator Wherry, Mrs. Wherry and children, Marilyn and David, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Justice at luncheon at Hotel Wilkes and also at Roaring Gap, where Mr. Justice met them on route to North Wilkesboro.

In North Wilkesboro he also conferred with J. R. Hix and A. B. Johnston, of American Furniture company; N. O. Smoak, of Forest Furniture company; and Henry Moore, of Home Chair company.

Senator Wherry later was quoted as saying that it was obvious to him that the plants were not equipped to go wholly on war contract business because the products they were capable of turning out were not required for war purposes. On the other hand, he said it was absolutely necessary to keep the furniture industry in production because it was furnishing the chairs, beds, tables and household necessities needed by the workers producing war materials.

"There are 185,000 persons employed in the furniture industry, and it is necessary to keep those people occupied in the furniture industry else there will be a complete breakdown," he said.

"We have recently appropriated five hundred million dollars for housing for war workers in areas of concentration. What good will that housing be if furniture is not provided. The family that occupies one of those houses must have beds to sleep in, tables and other furniture."

Senator Wherry said that he was intensely interested in all small business.

Food Meets Scheduled

Food conservation demonstrations are being conducted throughout rural communities in Wilkes county, Mrs. Annie E. Greene, home demonstration agent, said today.

Mrs. Mabel Santhey, former WPA lunchroom supervisor in Wilkes, who recently employed by the county commissioner for a period of six weeks to assist the home agent in carrying out the food conservation program.

Two demonstrations in canning and drying will be held this week on Thursday, July 22, 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. A. F. Conner in the Shady Grove community.

List Top Prices For Groceries In 2 Store Grades

Wilkes rationing boards have announced the exact ceiling prices on many food items for this territory.

OPA community ceiling prices have been set for a district composed of Wilkes, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Iredell, Lincoln, McDowell, Rowan, Rutherford, Surry, Watauga and Yadkin counties.

Ceilings differ in stores of the four classes, which were set according to volume of business. Class I and III are the classes which contain a great part of the stores in this vicinity. Class I includes the small, independent stores and class three includes the chain groceries.

For that reason, the rationing boards here have requested publication of ceilings for class I and class III stores. Each store must have a conspicuous marking on the front of the store to which class it is in. The ceiling prices are now posted in stores and will be published in the Journal-Patriot Thursday.

Ordination Of Sidney Crane Is Carried Out Here

Impressive Service Held Sunday Evening At Local Presbyterian Church

Rev. Sidney Crane, supply pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, was ordained in an impressive service held at the church Sunday evening.

Composing the commission which ordained the pastor, who recently completed his theological training and began his duties here, were the following: Rev. P. J. Garrison; pastor of George W. Lee Memorial Presbyterian church in Winston-Salem; Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, of the First (Continued on page eight)

Rations

BLUE STAMPS

(For canned, frozen and certain dehydrated foods)

Stamps N, P, Q, became effective July 1 and remain so until August 7.

COFFEE

Stamp No. 21 in War Ration Book One, good for one pound of coffee, became valid July 1 and is good through July 31.

GASOLINE

"A" book coupons No. 5 good for three gallons each and must last till July 31.

RED STAMPS

(For most products, canned fish, most edible oils and cheeses)

Red stamps P, Q, R, S became effective on the following dates and are good through July 31—P, June 27; Q, July 4; R, July 11; S, July 18.

SHOES

Stamp No. 2 in War Ration Book One, good for one pair of shoes, became valid July 1 and is good through July 31.

All who are interested in conserving food are asked to attend.

JUST WAR BONDS