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Allies Are In Italy

COMMANDOS DASH ASHORE, TAKE BAGNARA

Allied forces throwing commando, claw-like pinners over the top of the Italian toe have seized Bagnara, clamped a firm hold on a 40-mile invasion arc from Melita to Bagnara, and taken more than 2,000 prisoners.

At least 40 coastal and inland towns and villages have been taken by Allied troops.

Carrying the highly-successful American landing jumps along the Sicilian north coast, a big Commando force captured Bagnara 10 miles northeast of San Giovanni, and was joined by infantrymen speeding up the shores against still-feeble enemy resistance. Allied headquarters announced today.

Other Commandos landed at Moltto, rounding the southern edge of the toe 15 miles below Reggio Calabria, but found that road junction were already evacuated by the Italians.

LAE ATTACKED AS SALAMAUA IS BY-PASSED

A powerful Allied force, comprised mainly of Australian troops, has landed on the coast of Huon Gulf east of Lae, New Guinea, isolating the Lae-Salamaua area from supply bases up the coast.

"The investment of Lae has begun," said General Douglas MacArthur who is in New Guinea in personal command of operations. Striking with paralyzing force, the Allied troops stormed ashore under cover of a smoke screen Saturday morning after naval forces had prepared the way with a heavy bombardment. The Japanese apparently were caught unaware.

Lions Club Met Friday

Excellent Program Is Carried Out At Club Meet

North Wilkesboro Lions Club held an interesting meeting Friday evening, which was featured by an excellent program and action on several matters of public interest.

Dr. H. B. Smith was program chairman for the evening. He presented Emmet Johnson, Jr., who rendered two cornet numbers, and he presented his father, who gave another number. They were accompanied at the (Continued on page eight)

Gets Promotion



Seaman Second Class Fred H. Walker, son of Earl W. Walker, of Fallston, Md., and Mrs. Annie Mae Walker, of Hays, has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the Navy in June, was in training at Bainbridge, Md., and is now stationed at Norfolk, Va.

WACS Are Coming To This City

Recruiting Party To Be Here Friday, Saturday

Two members of the personnel of the Woman's Army Corps recruiting office in Charlotte will spend Friday and Saturday, September 10 and 11, in North Wilkesboro interviewing applicants for the WAC.

Lt. Adeline G. Sears and Pfc. Ruth McLarry will set up a booth in the North Wilkesboro postoffice for the two day stand.

In announcing their coming Lt. Sears stated that the age limit has been changed and is now 20 to 50 years of age. All women interested in enlisting are invited to talk with the recruiting officers while they are in this city.

Former Patriot Editor Is Dead

Ben L. Sronce Died Suddenly In Statesville Yesterday Morning

Ben L. Sronce, a former editor of The Wilkes Patriot, died suddenly in Statesville yesterday morning, the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Sronce was editor for sometime of The Patriot which was published here by A. N. Critcher, and during his editorship made numerous friends. He was considered one of the ablest newspaper men in the state, and at the time of his death was editor of The Statesville Daily and Landmark.

Funeral and burial services are expected to be held tomorrow in Statesville.

Summit Youth Tells Of Helena Sinking

Coxswain Ernest Watson, a member of the crew of the cruiser Helena sunk off the Solomons on July 6, is resting at his home at Summit before being assigned to further naval duty.

The Helena took a lot of punishment from the Japs before going down, Watson said, and the crew was in the water about three hours before being picked up by a destroyer and landed at an allied port in the Solomons.

Watson, a son of Mr. and

12 Hurt In Auto Crashes

Accidents Saturday And Sunday Nights

Four persons were injured at 11:30 Sunday night when the car in which they were riding crashed off the highway near the lower Yadkin bridge in this city.

Miss Emma Cheek was driving the car, which was in charge of Ernest Carter and was the property of his father, K. M. Carter, of Elkin. The other occupants were Philo Money and Miss Bernice Owen. Carter is a soldier and Money is a sailor.

The car was completely demolished but none of the occupants were critically hurt and were released from the hospital after their injuries were treated.

Eight were injured Saturday night about eight o'clock when two cars collided on the Congo road near Cricket.

D. C. McGee and L. D. Miller were driving the cars and were accompanied by their families.

All received minor injuries except Mrs. Hammit McGee, mother of D. C. McGee, who was more seriously injured and remained in the hospital for treatment.

Both cars were badly damaged.

Get 60 Gallons Of "White" Liquor

Sergeant Ingle Makes Seizure In Car On Highway 115; Arrest Two

Two Kannapolis men with ten cases of moonshine liquor were nabbed Wednesday by Highway Patrol Sergeant Carlyle Ingle.

The seizure was made on highway 115 about midway between North Wilkesboro and Statesville and in Iredell county.

James Blackwell, 42, and S. W. Miller, 25, both of Kannapolis, were placed under arrest and turned over to Iredell county authorities.

Both ran from the car when it was stopped by the officer and he later found one of them on a bus and the other in another automobile.

The liquor was of the "white" variety and was in half gallon fruit jars.

Ashe Representative Is Seriously Injured

News has reached this city that Representative Fred Blevins, of Ashe county, was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Crumpler Saturday night.

Wounded

Pvt. Cameron H. Hayes was slightly wounded on August 1 somewhere in the South Pacific area of war operations, according to a telegram from the War Department received last week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hayes, of North Wilkesboro route three. Details were not given. Pvt. Hayes entered the service July 21, 1942, and left the United States on January 5.

Red Cross Subject At Club Meet

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon held a meeting program, based on the history and achievements of the Red Cross.

Program Chairman J. E. Caudill was unable to be present but had a fine program. Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., led the program with a discussion on "The Impulse in Human Life that Prompts It to Want to Help Others". All are early possessed with two impulses, the grasping or acquisitive impulse and the generous or social impulse. The direction of these impulses have been responsible for all of our deeds of helpfulness. Examples of the persons who have led in great movements of helpfulness were Dr. Lazier, Dr. Banardo, Madam Currie, etc.



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Following Dr. Kincheloe's address he presented Miss Kathrine Sanford, secretary of the local Red Cross chapter, who gave a fine talk on the history of the Red Cross. It had its origin in Switzerland in 1859 when following a bloody battle in which 40,000 people were injured or killed a man named R. A. Dunant rallied a group of women and men who were willing to aid the injured whether friend or foe. In 1863 a conference was held in Geneva and began the international effort, and in 1864 the treaty of Geneva was signed. Through the efforts of Clara Barton, America joined in the program in 1881. The charter for the National Red Cross of America was not granted until 1905. The first intent of the Red Cross is to give aid to the wounded and sick in war, then aid to those in prison and to other people in great distress.

J. B. Snipes made a report on the "Better Pig Project", stating that three other persons had made contributions to the fund and that there had been in all contributed by members of the club \$285.00; and that ten pigs had already been distributed and three more ordered.

Paul Osborne called attention to the fine article in the last issue of the Kiwanis Magazine on the boys and girls work and the matter was referred to this committee.

Dr. A. C. Chamberlain again called attention to the need of a Y. M. C. A. for this community and stated that other civic groups of the community are working on the matter.

Guests Friday were as follows: Lt. Grady O. Church with W. G. Gabriel; Charles J. Williams with Pat Williams; J. J. Cox of Greensboro, with Dr. F. C. Hubbard; Robert Morehouse with H. H. Morehouse; Mrs. Kincheloe and Miss Katherine Sanford with Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Block Leaders For 3rd War Loan Drive In City Appointed

Fall Mornings Bring To Mind Palmer's Fog Story

Mr. Charlie Coffey tells this one: Some years ago an eastern lumberman was a North Wilkesboro visitor (Mr. Coffey was formerly one of the largest lumber dealers in the county), and the subject of fog came up, it being a foggy morning along the Yadkin. The eastern gentleman said something about the heavy fog on the coast of North Carolina, and he could not believe Mr. Coffey when he told about how foggy it became at Blowing Rock sometimes, so Mr. Coffey asked the late W. J. (Bill) Palmer to tell him how foggy it gets at Blowing Rock on occasions. Mr. Palmer was equal to the assignment. He said: "Say, I've seen it so foggy at Blowing Rock that when you stuck your finger into the fog and pulled it out you left a hole". The easterner dropped his head and said nary a word.

Workmen are engaged with the job of repainting the Forest Furniture Company buildings. This company, one of the oldest in the city, is always up-and-coming, and year-in-and-year-out keeps its property in A-1 condition.

Jeter M. Blackburn, a former attorney of the city, is now a welder inspector at a shipyard in Brunswick, Ga. Turned down following an army examination, Jeter's doing his part by helping turn out ships. He's a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blackburn, almost life-long North Wilkesboro residents.

Theatre-goers in this part of the state don't know how fortunate they are in having two progressive theatres—the Liberty and Allen, operated efficiently by Ivan D. and W. J., respectively. These progressive movie places often show pictures before other cities get to see them. Take the shows for Thursday and Friday, for instance. "Heaven Can Wait", shown at the Allen, was featured as "the movie of the week" in Life a few days ago. "Salute to the Marines", is a brand new picture and shown at few places, if any, before moviegoers here had the privilege of enjoying it at the Liberty. Hats off to Messrs. Allen and Anderson, ever on the alert to give their patrons the best.

If you have any old clothes around the house you want to put to good use, tell Jimmy Piperis about them, or take them to his cafe. Jimmy wants all the old clothes he can get for the people of Greece. They will be forwarded to the Greek relief organization in Winston-Salem, later to be shipped to the country that the Huns have ravaged so thoroughly.

Hearing On Proposed Ban Sunday Beer and Wine Sale Before Board Wednesday

Public hearing on the proposal to prohibit sales of beer and wine in Wilkes county will be held before the Wilkes county board of commissioners on Wednesday, September 8, ten a. m.

The hearing will be in the Wilkes courthouse and all persons interested in the proposal are asked to be present.

3 Cars Phosphate For Wilkes Farms

Three carloads of superphosphate have arrived here for distribution to Wilkes farmers in the Triple A program. Farmers who wish to use some of the superphosphate are urged to call at the Triple A office immediately.

Leaders To Have Meet Thursday

3rd War Loan Drive Will Open On Sept. 9

Block leaders who will canvass every home in North Wilkesboro during the third war loan campaign to open on September 9 have been appointed by Mrs. Gordon Finley and Mrs. Edd F. Gardner, canvass chairmen.

All the block leaders will meet at the North Wilkesboro town hall on Thursday evening, 7:30, to receive instructions relative to the canvass and to learn the various types of securities to be offered during the campaign.

The quota for Wilkes county is \$1,169,000, which is much larger than the quota for the two previous war loan campaigns. W. D. Halfacre is war loan chairman and Mrs. P. W. Eshelman is publicity chairman.

Block leaders in Mrs. Finley's half of the city are as follows: Mrs. Carl Coffey, Mrs. H. F. Bouknight, Mrs. F. B. Hetchcock, Mrs. J. D. Schaefer, Mrs. W. J. Bason, Mrs. J. D. Moore, Sr., Mrs. F. C. Forester, Mrs. W. B. Collins, Mrs. C. C. Faw, Miss Lucile Pierce, Mrs. Hoyle M. Hutches, Mrs. J. T. Kerbaugh, Mrs. W. E. Jones, Mrs. Frank Blair, Mrs. Hill Carlton, Mrs. Walter Newton, Mrs. Boyd Stout, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Mrs. Shoun Kerbaugh and Mrs. Ivey Moore.

Block leaders appointed by Mrs. Gardner are Mrs. Glenn McNeill, Mrs. J. B. Snipes, Mrs. Carlyle Ingle, Mrs. Rufus Church, Mrs. A. A. Cashion, Mrs. Monroe Eller, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mrs. R. T. McNeill, Miss Mamie Sockwell, Mrs. Lewis Vickery, Mrs. J. M. Crawford, Miss Pansy Ferguson, Mrs. U. W. Foster, Belle Thomas is the colored block leader.

Gov. Hoey Coming To City Sunday

Will Address Large Congregation of Men At The First Methodist Church

Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, now a practicing attorney at Shelby, and one of the outstanding laymen of the Methodist church in North Carolina, will come to North Wilkesboro on Sunday, September 12th, to address a large congregation of men at the Sunday school hour, R. E. Gibbs, Jr., president of the Men's Bible Class of the First Methodist church, announced today.

Mr. Gibbs stated that all plans for Governor Hoey's visit had not yet been completed, but it is hoped that he will be heard by a large number of men of this community and county, and arrangement is being made for the meeting to be held in the church auditorium.

Governor Hoey's address is expected to be completed in time for those attending to return to their respective churches for their own church services.

Capt. Fisher To Enter The Army

Capt. L. E. Fisher of the State Highway Patrol, has been accepted for army service, according to news reports from Charlotte, his home.