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Not A Small Town Any Morel

FARMVILLE, PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1940

### Floods Claim at Least Six Lives in The State

### Western N. C. Streams United States IS Are Flooded by Heavy Rains; Heavy Damage Over Wide Area

Asheville, Aug. 14. - Mountain streams swollen by torrential rains of the last three days, surged out of their banks today, bringing damage to roads, crops and lowlands' industrial plants expected to run into millions of dollars and claiming at least

Highways throughout the stricken area were blocked by washouts landslides or inundation.

North Wilkesboro, a town of 4,000 persons, was cut off from the outside world by the flooded

Mayor R. T. McNeill of North Wilkesboro estimated that damage in the town would be \$2,000,000 and he said it probably would reach \$5,000,000 for Willes county as a whole. He said that 500 persons were homeless and at least 2,500 were out of work. At an emergency meeting of the city commissioners of North Wilkesboro this afternoon arrangements were made to take care of the homeless. food were provided.

A woman excitedly grabbed an electric wire near North Wilkesboro and was killed when flood waters surged about her automobile. A man extra-settlement roads in the sodrowned when his boat was swept called "badlands" district. over a dam near here.

Two persons were drowned in southwest Virginia and two others in

water reservoir with a 24-hour capa- ficers and a French observer. city today after floods washed out all main lines leading into the city of 51,000 inhabitants.

ed on all residents to conserve wa- ment formerly protected by police of ter as the level fell in the reservoir the Japanese-sponsored Chinese rejust above the city. There was no gime. estimate of the length of time the supply would last.

Two 16-inch mains leading from fense chiefs Thursday. the watershed northeast of the city failed about noon yesterday and the third 24-inch line went out around Japanese naval garrison in Shanghai,

Meanwhile the State Highway department reported that all roads ertheless was viewed as greatly leading into Asheville, except the strengthening the American stand one from Erwin, Tenn., had been reopened.

Flash floods sweeping out of the mountains and foothills of western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee killed at least two persons and aroused fears for the safety of

The torrential rains followed a hurricane that raked the coast of South Carolina and Georgia last

Property damage was expected to run into millions.

### State College Develops New Variety of Wheat

"Sarala," a new variety of wheat, has been developed by the North Carolina Experiment Station, Dr. Gordon K. Middleton, acting head of the State College Agronomy Department, announces. It is an early-maturing, high-yielding variety recommended for the central and southern Piedmont and the Coastal Plain.

The major part of the work in developing the new small grain variety was conducted on the Piedmont Branch Experiment Station at Statesville, of which J. Wade Hendricks is assistant superintendent in charge. Part of the hybridization work and the growing of the first year crosses was carried on in the State College greenhouses. Dr. Middleton and his associates directed the work through-

lina, and "ALA" for Alabama. variety showed up as follows: Carala, bushels per scre; Purplestraw, 25.6; year. Leap 157, 24.0; Euleaster 151, 20.1; to typhoid and diphtheria, has been Dairy, cafe, and mest market in- adequate to confront a major emer-

is a stiff white-strawed variety that It is common knowledge that a de- H. Moore for the County, and J. T. Britain. stands wall for combining. It is not crease in the incidence of a disease Welch for the City of Greenville. resistant to loose or covered smut or tends to decrease the interest of the Much time has been given by the The National Guard stands upon Mr. Lang went with the Wage and escape ordinarily serious rust injury. The attendance at the maternal tary Officer to malaria drainage work With an authorized strength of taking an extensive training course The Tennesse Valley Authority in one group and four in another. In winter hardiness, it is not equal and infant welfare clinics was 220 and in cooperation with J. H. Conley, about 16,000 officers and 285,000 in Washington, and was placed in has announced that work has been to Pulcaster, and it is not recome for July against 290 for June. It is Supt., of the County Schools, much enlisted men, it needs training charge of organization inspection started on the national defense exmended for the mountain region. believed that farm work in green work is now being done to improve and, in addition, new equipment work of the division for the Southern panalons amports of the southern panalons amports of the division for the division f Seed can be secured from the topicco is a factor in this decreased the sanitation of certain County and weapons. Moreover, some ob- states, with headquarters in Atlanta, increase the TVA's installed power Exports from the United States in Statesville gration, or from certified attendance.

# **Assuming Firmer** Policy In Far East

# tions With Japs

Shanghai, Aug. 15-Admiral Thomas C. Hart, United States Asiatic Africa. fleet commander, arrived by submarine Wednesday from Tsingtao troops in far off Somaliland, bomband immediately conferred with Col. ing of industrial cities in Italy and Dewitt Peck of the 4th U. S. Marines regarding a foreign defense council meeting Thursday at which Colonel Peck is expected to oppose Japanese on defense at home. demands for control of the British sector in the international settle-

Some observers believed the meeting might result in a compromise whereby the American would take over certain important downtown areas from the British, who are withdrawing their troops from China, while the would take over British north of Soochow Creek and along

Marine officials said they were unable to confirm reports Colonel Peck already had made suchproposal at a meeting Monday at-Asheville drew on an emergency tended by British and Italian of-

The Japanese already have moved their gendarmes are patrolling in City Manager P. M. Burdette call- front of a large gambling establish-

Admiral Hart was not expected to attend the meeting of foreign de-

This means that Rear-Admira Moriji Takeda, commander of the will preside as senior officer. Admiral Hart's presence here nev-

on reassignment of the British defense zone.

### COTTON

Some cotton authorities are forecasting a record-breaking home consumption of more than 8,000,000 bales of cotton in the new season which began August 1.

Because of poor crop prospects Argentina has prohibited the export of wheat and wheat flour, government officials saying there will be but a slight surplus.

## Pitt County Health Department Report For Month of July

The principal activities of the July consisted of immunization work, shelters or that adequate housing drainage, and school sanitation.

The contagious disease situation is scarlet fever, and it was the third of our complaints," Parrish declared consecutive month with no diphtheria. Carala resulted from a plant se- The month showed 4 cases of tuber- stated that failure to provide houses lected of the Alabama Blue Stem culosis against 8 cases for last July, large enough to permit the chickens variety, and the new wheat was nam- making a total of 29 cases this year freedom of movement and fresh air ed for the states-"Car" for Caro- up to August 1st against a total of has always been a serious problem on Dr. Middleton reported that eight- year. We had 1 case of typhoid allow birds to pile up, crowd up, or year tests at the Statesville experi- fever reported in July and 1 in March become over-heated after, handling, ment station showed the following a total of 2 cases for this year up to we are sure to receive ill results," comparative yields: Carala, 27.6 August 1st, while for the same period Parrish concluded. bushels per acre; Leap 157, 25.7 bush- last year, we had a total of 12 cases. els per acre; Redhart, 25.3; and Ful- In so far as we know, this is the farm work in tobacco is responsible caster 24.1 bushels per acre. Three best record in the history of the also for decreased attendance at the tests were conducted in 1939-40 in Health Department. Of course, the clinics. Our records show that our the Coastal Plain area and the new typhoid season is just beginning, but highest attendance for veneral dithe comparison we have made has sease clinics for the year was in April of the Regular Army to 875,000 by office of the division. 32.7 bushels per acre; Redhart 5, 29.2 been for the same period of each when we had 2729, and that there the end of the year is continuing at

and Frondosa, 21.8 bushels per acre. promoted, but the response has not spections have been pushed energetic gency, such as would result from a Officer with headquarters in Char- G. Lang, of Beaufort, a number of Earlier reports said 11 German The agronomist says that Carals been as good as it should have been, cally by the two Sanitary Officers, J. complete German victory over Great lotte. During his tenure of this of-

growers, a list of whom will be sent. The attendance at the veneral di- schools in September. anyone writing the N. C. Crop Im- seem clinics for July was 1786 Respectfully submitted provement Association, State College against 2096 for June; a falling off

# Attacked By RAF Planes

### Britain Strikes Back In Engagements From North Sea to Africa

London, Aug. 14. - Armadas Visit of Asiatic Fleet to 200 of them swarming over the south Shanghai May Influ- east coast alone, renewed the relent diving and fighting German planes, ence Course of Rela- less prelude of invasion of England in murky skies today, as Britain struck back at the axis powers in engagements from the North sea to

> Fleet bombardments of Italian a battle in the North sea were evidence of her efforts to take the initiative of war afield even while

Authorities sought to round up the users of German parachutes, apparently those f regular Nazi pilots whose planes were shot down. The parachutes were found in the heart of the industrial midlands.

Masses of German planes dived on balloon barrages and were en- son and J. Edger Hoover, Chief of were in attendance. gaged by British fighters and ter- the Federal Gureau of Investigation, riffic fire of anti-aircraft batteries. One furious 90-minute battle end- counter-espionage work so that sub- timer Dantzler, of Columbia, S. C. ed about noon after a great wave of versive elements will not be tipped Arthur F. and C. Hubert Joyner and 80 bombers, protected by fast pur- off that they are under investiga- W. D. Dildy, of Farmville.

clared to have fallen harmlessly on other person unknown to officials.

was fought on the south coast with new alien registration act was de-British and German craft so closely signed as much to protect the loyal Eason, D. G. Allen, G. E. Ballew, mixed it was impossible for ground observers to tell friend from foe.

shot down on the southeast coast discharge all aliens. and several were ripped away and sent crashing on the south coast.

At least 10 German planes were unofficially reported downed in the various battles, bringing to 275 the German losses since Germany Thursday.

### Disease Spreads When Poultry Over-Heated

Poultrymen are complaining that they are losing birds during the process of culling and vaccinating for and over-heating.

or in any way become over-heated," he says. "In many cases this results in outbreaks of respiratory troubles which take a heavy toll at this season of the year.

"If the birds are to be culled, and they should be culled to weed out the 'loafers', it would be well to cull them at night, if at all possible. Take a flashlight and remove the non-layers from the roost without disturbing the others.

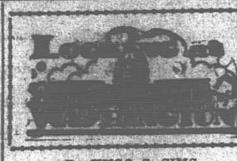
"If flocks are vaccinated for chicken pox, then it is suggested that they Health Department for the month of be placed on range in summer range maternal and infant welfare clinics, facilities be provided, and that these venereal disease clinics, dairy, cafe, birds be permitted to range at large and meat market inspections, malaria or at least be provided with adequate

"The system of vaccinating pullets decidedly better this year than in any and placing them back in a tight previous year. In July there were no stuffy brooder house is giving us cases of whooping cough, measles, or poor results and is the cause of many

The Extension specialist further 36 cases for the same period of last North Carolina farms. "When we

Health Officer and the County Sani- the threshold of a new future. Hour division January 15, 1939, after Schools prior to the opening of servers may that it needs reorgani. After completing his duties there, he capacity by 300,000 kilowatts.

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By HUGO S. SIMS (Washington Correspondent)

STRICTER SPY LAWS. OFFICIALS OUTLINE PLANS. FIFTH-COLUMN ACTIVITY. THE ARMY TAKES THE FIELD. WHY SOLDIERS ARE NEEDED. CONTRACTORS' WORRIES. WHAT WILL JAPAN DO?

Federal, State and local officials conferred in the Capital last week about measures to be taken in connection with law enforcement problems associated with national defense. The President, in a letter, suggested that Congress and the state legislatures enact additional laws to deal with "subversive things which might slow up or break down our common defense program." He emphasized Holmes sang "Asleep In Jesus," that the task of law enforcement "Lead. Kindly Light," and "Now The against internal enemies is one for trained officials and agencies to handle and not for vigilantes or "fussy and malicious busybodies."

emphasize the need of secrecy in Jr., and Paul Noel, of Charlotte, Morsuit planes, lost themselves behind tion. This, they asserted, represented banks of clouds long enough to get far more effective preventive action J. W. Joyner, A. Q. Roebuck, O. G. inland where they dropped bombs .. than arrest and exposure of a plotter Spell, E. W. May, J. Frank Harper, Many of the explosives were de- whose place would be taken by an- M. V. Jones, J. E. and Joe N. Bynum

warned that "hateful treatment" may Freeman, J. C. Brock, Ben Stepp, R. Here a lightship was attacked and make "sullen enemies of those who LeRoy Rollins, A. W. Bobbitt, C. F. wish to be good Americans" and Baucom, J. H. Paylor, B. F. Weaver, At least one barrage balloon was opposed suggestions that employers all active members of the Farm-

fifth-column activities in this country John T. Thorne, G. M. Shirley, and take three forms. These are, first, Marion Shirley, of Raleigh. open proselyting for alien beliefs; Mr. Lang succumbed Tuesday second, efforts to divide the people evening at 11:50 o'clock in the United launched her major attack last by sabotaging their morale and dis- States Veterans hospital in Columbia crediting their leaders to prevent ef- | S. C., after an illness of two weeks fective action or strong defense; and, duration. His condition had been finally, attempts to gain sympathy critical following a heart attack, suffor foreign nations through fear of fered at the beginning of his illness repfisals or promises of reward.

tivities of his agency in fighting sub- sisters and brothers were with him versive forces and the difficulties of when the end came. fowl pox. C. F. Parrish, poultry its task. He urged all communities The body, accompanied by the famspecialist of the State College Exten- to provide a maximum of protection ily, arrived in Wilson at midnight sion Service, says most of the losses for their public utilities picturing the Wednesday, and was met there and are due to crowding up, piling up, chaos which would result from the escorted to Farmville by friends, and shutting off of a city's water supply. taken to his former home, the Lang "It is very unwise, even in the He urged prompt action to bring local residence on South Main street, now Mexican Senate culling of flocks, to permit the birds police departments up to date in occupied by a brother, James R. to crowd or jam up in the corners, training and equipment. He said the Lang." time is rapidly approaching, when, as Mr. Lang, the eldest son of the late a nation, we must choose between the William Moye and Mrs. Annie Philwelfare of the great masses of Amer- lips Lang, was descended from disicans and a few interlopers who hide tinguished pioneer families of Pitt behnd the Bill of Rights while they and Lenoir counties, and his paternal

> Guardsmen and Army Regulars con- ly in the business, civic and educacentrated in five manoeuvre areas, tional interests, and contributed much the Army is in the midst of its to the general progress and developgreatest peace - time military exer- ment of the town. cises. The newly-organized Armored Mr. Lang volunteered for military Corps of the Army will not partici- service at the age of 16 years, and pate and only a small air force will rendered meritorous service to his take part in the manoeuvres. The country as a veteran of the World armored divisions are completing war, serving overseas in the Thirtieth their organization and training and Division, "Old Hickory". Company l the air force is in the midst of its 119th Infantry, as Sergeant. This expansion program. It was thought was the division credited with breakbest not to interrupt these processes. ing the Hindenburg Line. He fought

has a peculiar significance demon- Bellicourt and St. Quentin. strating that the Government fully He was a zealous member of the ed sufficient equipment would be understands the importance of field American Legion, and the Forty and available by October to place the training. For many years, the Army Eight Club, and took an enthusiastic units on a combat strength basis. has had no sizeable formation of interest in its activities from the troops with which to experience the time of its organization until his ton to take charge of the offices practical side of handling large passing, rendering a signal service June 1; and was then transferred to bodies of men. Various units of the to his comrades through this channel; Columbia as supervising inspector in Army were stationed in certain areas He was a Shriner and also a member charge of the offices there. but, until last May when a small of the Elks. field force of Regulars was concen- At the time of his death, Mr. Lang a warm cordiality of manner and tensive sabotage there." trated, the Army in the words of was supervising inspector of the magnetic personality, Mr. Lang had General George C. Marshall, Chief of Carolinas regional office of the a wide acquaintance, was popular sified a day-long search. Staff, "had no Army."

has been a gradual chopping off each the rate of about 15,000 a month. Department of Labor as chief in and Mrs. P. E. Jones of Farmville; found in two areas of England and This force, it is felt, is entirely in- spector in 1933 and 1934, after which three brothers, W. Harry, of Kinston, one in Scotland, last night and early

zation to eliminate the influence was transferred to Charlotte as actof politics in certain State units, ing regional director, Some officers, it is said enjoy. He served in this capacity until largely attributable to the faults of the name being caused by movement 

# Here Thursday For

Succumbed on Tuesday To Heart Attack In Columbia, S. C.

Final rites for Jack Phillips Lang, 42, of Columbia, S. C., and Farmville a well known and highly esteemed regional official of the Wage and Hour division of the United States Department of Labor, were held here in historic Antioch Christian Church, of which he had been a member since boyhood, by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, on Thursday afternoon, at three-thirty o'clock.

A choir, composed of Mrs. M. V Jones, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert C. Holmes and John D. Day Is Over," with Mrs. Haywood Smith as director. Interment was made in the Lang plot at Forest Hill cemetery, beneath one of the largest and handsomest floral tributes seen Representatives from forty-two here. A large number of Legionstates heard Attorney-General Jack- naires and friends from other towns

Active pallbearers were: Fred Cox,

Honorary pallbearers: W. E., and Jim Barrett, Z. M. Whitehurst, J. L. Creech, Dr. Dennis Keel C. W. Wel-Another battle among 150 planes Mr. Jackson pointed out that the lons, W. S. Royster, Joe Moore, L. ville Post American Legion; June Rose and J. Knott Proctor, of the According to the Attorney-General, Greenville Legion Post; G. A. Rouse

and his passing was not unexpected Members of the family had been at J. Edgar Hoover described the ac- his bedside throughout, and all of his

grandfather, William G. Lang, and his own father were prominently With more than 300,000 National identified with Farmville, particular-

with the British in Pelgium and on The troop concentration this year the famous battlefrents of Ypres,

Wage and Hour division of the Unit- and highly regarded by all classes.

He was with the North Ca veterans hospital for Favetteville.

# Knox Proposes Huge Army In Backing Conscription

cussed and Planned: noons After August 21 feat in 60 days was possible.

Farmville Funeral Home, with the debate. newly elected president, S. A. Garris, At the White House President ing the local office of the East Caro- went over the legislative slate, conlina Railway, Leslie Yelverton, of sisting chiefly of defense bills. Af-George Hart, of Snow Hill, were pres- ate would act on the Burke-Wadstaining to freight shipments by this week. Others at the meeting were

shipments an a decrease in broken (D-SC) said that Admiral Harold carloads, and that these respective R. Stark, chief of naval operations, tion of shipping receipts. The Asso- fighting planes and for aviation ciation voted in favor of requesting maintenance. the Railroad to provide a fence around the coalyard South of Farm- asserted that the nation faces a the time coal cars are stationed None in this country can tell the

The finance committee reported an audit of the books of the organization made, showing all receipts and controlled communiques. disbursements to be in order, and recommended that a new system be adopted for keeping of records. The advertising committee reported

the first radio program, sponsored by this group, to have made with a good response and that a second one will be broadcast on Thursday, Aug. 22. The organization voted to keep the stores open here on Wednesday after-

noons after August 21. Advertising the Farmville Tobacco Market was discussed, and the presi- 5. What is the authorized size of dent appointed George W. Davis, L. the U. S. Army? E. Walston, T. E. Joyner, Sr., and John B. Lewis as a committee to work Secretary Hull attended in South with the Farmville Advertising Ser-

vice in this connection. A request will come from this group to the local tobacco companies for the use of local help in so far as practical for Hoover in 1928? during the coming season.

# **Approves Draft**

Mexico City, Aug. 14.-The Mexican Senate approved compulsory military training by 57 to 1 vote late Tuesday and sent the measure to President Lazaro Cardenas, who sponusored it as a defense necessity. The Chamber of Deputies passed the act several days ago.

The measure calls for training 50,000 reserves annually, starting next year, until a reserve of 200,-000 men has been developed. the program will be tapered off. Men between 18 and 45 are subject

# Work On Armored

Fort Knox, Ky. Aug. 14.-Brig.-Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, commander of ently any information they may have the Army's first two armored divisions, said Tuesday he was convinc-

Endowed with an affable nature,

Major A. L. Fletcher left Weshing, old people,

### Defeat of England In Sixty Days Seen As Possibility

Washington, Aug. 14. - Secretary Knox declared today that the United Improvements Along States, lacking a two-ocean navy, Business Lines Dis- needs a "huge army" and he urged that one be created by conscription. Should England be defeated by Stores to Remain Open Germany, he said, "we will be left On Wednesday After- without a friend in the world." He expressed the opinion that such a de-

The navy secretary appeared be-The Board of Directors of the fore the House Military committee Farmville Chamber of Commerce and in support of the Burke-Wadesworth Merchants Association, held its regu- compulsory service bill, on which the lar meeting Tuesday evening at the Senate undertook its fourth day of

presiding. C. W. Wellons, represent- Roosevelt and congressional leaders Fountain, E. G. Narron, of Maccles- ter the conference Democratic field, S. B. Kittrett, of Pinetops, and Leader Barkley predicted the Senent for a duscussion of matters per- worth measure some time next Speaker Bankhead and Democratic Reports, from the towns represent- Leader Rayburn of the House.

ed, showed an increase in carload At the capitol, Senator Byrnes communities are 100 percent behind has asked a Senate appropriations the railroad and are working to sub-committee to increase by \$47,wards its support, in spite of the ab- 000,000 the funds which would go normal conditions brought about by to the navy in a pending \$4,963,000,reduced crops and large inventories, 000 appropriation bill. The increase which would tend towards a reduc- would be used for armaments, for

Before the House committee Knox "very grave crisis."

trend of the battle for Britain, he ligerents comes through officially-

2. What per centage of men volunteered in the World War? 3. Of what are synthetic automo-

bile tires made? 4. How many people have been added to the Soviet through annexations in the past year?

6. How many conferences has

7. Who is the new chairman of the Democratic Natoinal Committee? 8. What Southern States voted

9. How many American cities have populations of over 500,000?

10. What is the population of the British Isles?

# (See "The Answers" on Page Four)

# Found in Midlands Of England

### All Traffic In Area Being Halted By Home Guard

London, Aug. 14.-Seventeen parachutes bearing German markings Divisions Rushed were found today in Midland villages as the Ministry of Home Security appealed to the public to report urgabout parachute troops landing in England.

Police and home guards stopped all traffic in the area where the parachutes were found. A farmer who found several of

of any men near them. "The Midslands is England's great industrial area and a few parachute

troops might be able to conduct ex-Finding of the parachutes

The ministry said police, the milied States Department of Labor, and Surviving are: his widow, formerly tary and home guards were con-Recruiting to increase the strength was in charge of the Columbia, S. C., Miss Josephine Funderburk, of tinuing a widespread search begun Charlotte; three sisters, Mrs. Nannie immediately after reports were reolina Moye Humphrey, Mrs. J. Y. Monk, ceived that parachutes had been

planes and left parachutes behind them. Seven were reported taken

The faults of young, people are from \$286,164,000 to \$380,456,000