BLANTON SPEAKS AT LEGION MEET

Twenty Members Of Local Post Plan To Attend Lake Waccamaw Session

Members of Wilmington Post, No. 10, American Legion, met at the Sorosis clubhouse last night and made plans to send a delegation of from 15 to 20 to the district Legion meeting at Harry's Anchorage at Lake Waccamaw, tonight at 7 o'clock.

W. R. Dosher, commander of the post, presided over the meeting, at which the Rev. Sankey Lee Blanton, pastor of the First Baptist church, was the principal speaker.

R. Dave Hall, commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion, will be the principal speaker at the district meeting tonight. He will outline the Legion program for 1941 and will also present a citation to the Wilmington Star-News for winning honorable mention in the American Legion national contest recently.

Legion posts from Wilmington, Whiteville Southport, Chadbourn, Tabor City and Fair Bluff will be represented at the session, which will be presided over by A. J. Krahnke, of Whiteville, district commander.

The Rev. Mr. Blanton spoke last night on the theme of "America Is Well Worth Sacrificing For." He declared that if we are to continue to live the American way that we will have to make some sacrifices.

"Anything worth enjoying is worth paying a price for," he said He said that a "nation has to be morally sound to win in times like these" in pointing out the duties of each citizen of the country

Members of the Legion voted last night to deliver Christmas baskets to the families of needy ex-service men. On December 16, 17 and 18 a group of women will be at the chamber of commerce offices to accept the contributions.

Davidson Meets Union In Cage Season Opener

DAVIDSON, Dec. 5—(AP)—Davidson college's basketball team will open a 22-game schedule here tomorrow night in meeting Union Theological seminary.

Coach Norman Shepard's squad will leave next week on a trip into Virginia and New Jersey.

Captain Jimmy Hoag, the only senior on the starting five, and Tommy Yarborough, diminutive forward, and Bob McLeod, rangy center, are the lettermen back forming the nucleus of the new team.

Ed Lucas, out with injuries most of last year, likely wil pair with Hoag at guard. Bill Loy, who saw little service last year, is a likely man to round out the squad.

Other promising candidates are footballers Don Bell, Johnny Fredericks and George Marsh who joined the workouts this week. 1

VERDICT RETURNED IN HOUSING CASE

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property in question through condemnation proceedings and the prices set by a special master were not satisfactory to Sidbury.

Trial of the case of W. N. Harris vs. the Progressive Building and Loan association will be resumed at 9:30 o'clock this morning before Judge Williams, who is presiding over the December civil term of court here. 1

ATLANTA, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Bert Niehoff, former manager of the Jersey City club in the International league signed tonight to manage Little Rock, in the Southern association, for the coming year. He succeeds Herb Brett.

De Luxe Draftee

Officers of the Fourth Corps Area decided to induct the section's first draftee into the army in style. Lucky conscript was Clyde Odell Brown, of Heard County, Ga. The general bought him a custom-tailored uniform, took him to the Governor's Mansion for lunch, to a night club in the evening and put him up for the ngiht in Atlanta's swankiest hotel. Pictured above is the finale of the induction de luxe as Brown had breakfast in bed the morning after.

GREEK SOLDIERS ENTER OUTSKIRTS OF PORTO EDDA

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were "quite heavy" and that more than 500 Italian prisoners were aken.

The Greeks marching beyond Premet, he asserted, were "received enthusiastically by a population liberated from Fascist servitude."

Reports from the front said the Greek airforce had dive-bombed mechanized Italian units, virtually destroying some of them, and had attacked barracks which later became enveloped in black smoke. Italian trenches also were reported bombed.

CAPTURE ITALIANS

OCHRIDA, Yugoslavia, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Greek forces, gathering speed in their counter-invasion of Italian-held Albania, were declared by Greek sources tonight to have entered the southern port of Porto Edda and to have captured 1,500 Italians in the thrust towards Elbasani in central Albania.

Greek informants said their troops were expected to seize the Italian southern base of Argirocastro by tomorrow, while on the central front the Italians were withdrawing down the Viosa river valley towards Tepeleni.

Neutral observers reported, however, that elements of three new Italian divisions had just arrived in Albania.

Withdraw

At the opposite end of the mountain-broken battlefront, near the Yugoslav border, Greek troops, fighting in snow and fog, were said to have cleared their foe from the last positions on Kamia and Mokra mountains, forcing a continued Italian withdrawal toward Elbasani, on the road to Tirana, Albania's capital.

Meanwhile, Albanian refugees arriving in Yugoslavia declared that Italy faced a general uprising in her Albanian protectorate unless she could deliver food and supplies. They asserted that hundreds of Albanian deserters from the Italian army were hiding out in mountains and forests.

VIRTUAL COLLAPSE

The reported new successes in the astonishing Greek campaign would mean virtual collapse of the Italians' southern operations.

Thirty-nine days ago when this Balkan war started Italian forces of invasion in the southern sector were aimed at capture of Ioannina, in northern Greece, and eventually Athens, the Greek capital, itself.

At the other end of the Albanian front other Fascist columns atttemped to drive east onto Phlorina, Greece, enroute to Salonika. This northern drive was squelched by Greek assaults which brought capture of the Italians' base, Koritza, and later Pogradetz.

Now if the reports on Porto Edda and Argirocastro are to be credited, Italy has lost the principal sea gateway into southern Albania and stands to lose her last remaining base in the frontier region for conquest of Greece.

Heavy fighting was reported in southern and central sectors of the Albanian front with Italian aviation attempting to stim the Greek advances. The British Royal Air Force, according to Athens reports, also was taking a strong hand in the Greek offensive.

Louis To Defend Crown Against Godoy In April

DETROIT, Dec. 5—(AP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs announced tonight that Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis would defend his title for a third time against Arturo Godoy, the Chilean, at Los Angeles in April in the windup of Joe's "Winter Tour."

Thus the rugged Godoy, who stayed the limit of 15 rounds in his first fight with Louis, will be the only man to face the Brown Bomber three times. Bob Pastor tried his luck twice. Godoy, on his second chance, was knocked out.

Leland Basketball Teams Beat Long Creek-Grady

LELAND, Dec. 5— The Leland high school basketball teams defeated Lon gCreek-Grady in a doubleheader here tonight, the girls winning 19-16 and the boys 35-8.

Ethyl Douglas was the high scorer for the Leland girls, scoring 8 points. Dorothy Clay with 10 points led the visitors. Leland held a 10-7 advantage at the half.

The Leland boys won in a walkaway, being out front 33-4 at the half. Paul Robbins with 13 points was the high scorer for the night.

TWO WINNERS

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Dec., 5.—(AP)—Jockey Walter L. Taylor, the little 19-year-old Texan who is battling for the year's riding honors, piloted two winners home over the Charles Town strip today, one of them in the featured Marshall purse.

Each month airline business is from 50 to 70 per cent better than in the same month of the preceding year.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS PLANS TO RESIGN

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clear that he would not resign during his Christmas vacation. He and Mrs. Daniels are to leave by train Dec. 16 to spend the holidays at their Raleigh, N. C., home. "I'll be back after Christmas," Daniels said.

The ambassador said on the night of the presidential elections in the United States a young grandson was permitted to remain up late to hear fhe election returns.

When the returns showed President Roosevelt's re-election, the youngster said "A third term is fine for Mr. Roosevelt, but not for grandpa. I want him to come home."

Daniels added that the boy's comment "just about sizes up the situation." 1

AFL Estimates 46,063,000 Persons Employed Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5— (AP) — The American Federation of Labor estimated today that 46,063,000 persons had jobs in October—the highest total of employment since 1929.

Its monthly survey of employment said, however, that there were still 8,130,000 unemployed. Of these, it added, about 6,000,000 probably will find work in the next 12 months as a result of the defense program.