

YMCA Sets Conference

The annual Spiritual Emphasis Conference of North and South Carolina Young Men's Christian Associations will be held in Winston-Salem on Oct. 13, 14, and 15. J. Wilson Smith, interstate secretary, announced today.

Speakers for the conference, who have accepted their invitations, will include Dr. G. Ray Jordan, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and Dr. Hunter Blakely, president of Queen's College. The theme of the meeting will be "The Place of Jesus in the Life of Today."

"This conference," said Mr. Smith, "is especially designed to process and discuss religious objectives of the YMCA for the coming year."

THE dates for the conference were voted upon at a meeting yesterday of the executive committee of the Interstate Committee of the YMCA. George M. Ivey presided over the meeting, which was attended by the following committee members: J. Luther Snyder, Frank Dowd Jr., W. H. Barnhardt, Frank O. Sherrill, Guy O. Enayrell, W. R. Cuthbertson, and J. Wilson Smith. R. H. Thigpen attended as a guest.

In a report heard on Camp Elliott, it was learned that some \$7,000 had been raised in private contributions toward the new building program for the camp, and that officials were seeking authorization to install a new water-work system.

Mr. Smith also reported the organization of a new YMCA in N. Wilkesboro.

First Floating Dock Christened

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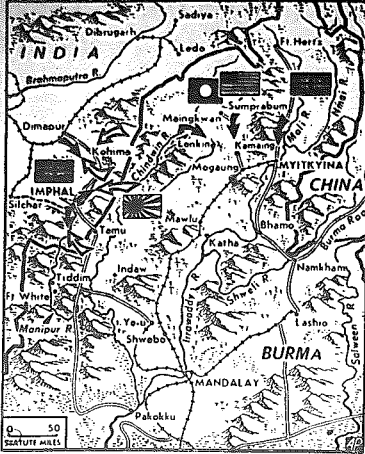
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ALLIES GAIN IN INDIA—Allied troops, indicated by solid arrows on the above map, were on the offensive from positions threatening the Kohima-Dimapur Rd., pushed outwards from their positions about Imphal and, in the north, took a town 25 miles by road from Kanning. (AP Wirephoto.)

Legislature Adjourns After Primary Repeal

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—Legislators adjourned their special session last night convinced by their leaders that they had blocked efforts of Negroes to vote in Democratic primaries, and had protected the party's traditional white supremacy by clearing State statutes of primary laws.

Democratic Party elections to nominate officials from local county wardens to U. S. Senators hereafter will operate solely under party rules which were expected to be expanded at present, county and state organization meetings this month and next to replace scores of laws removed in 147 acts of the special session called weeks ago by Gov. Olla B. Johnston.

The brief session adjourned at 10:30 P. M. after stripping titles laws of the word "primary" as a eleventh hour protective measure against possible repetition in this state of a recent Texas case in which the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the party's primaries were a part of the general election machinery, and as such were open to Negroes.

"After these statutes are repealed, in my opinion, we have done everything within our power to guarantee White Supremacy in our primaries of our state under an legislation approved should this prove inadequate, we South Carolinians will use the necessary methods to retain White Supremacy in our primaries and to safeguard the homes and businesses of our people," Gov. Johnston told the Assembly when he convened it last Friday night.

The Democratic Party will not only continue to operate its primaries without the sanction of state laws but will continue to furnish general election polling places, with its ballot boxes, laws have never provided for a State-printed, single ballot.

The Governor in a brief message told the Assembly they had accomplished the task he had outlined after a State Democratic Executive Sub-Committee had expressed fear of repercussions in South Carolina from the Texas case.

Wac Aims At Colleges

A Wac recruiting program aimed at some 12,000 students of women's colleges in North and South Carolina is now in progress. Lt. Col. Walter Schiller, commandant of the Charlotte Army Recruiters' Office, announced today.

Two recruiting teams, working from the Charlotte District Office, currently are visiting women's schools in the two states to acquaint them with the Wac and its classes with the needs of the Women's Army Corps and the opportunities offered to those who enlist.

In North Carolina recruiters already have visited Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory; Breward College, Brevard; St. Genevieve, Asheville; St. Mary's College and Peace College, Raleigh; and Catawba College, Salisbury.

The itinerary for North Carolina schools for the remainder of this month and next is as follows: April 24, Meredith College, Raleigh; Duke University, Durham; Greensboro College at Greensboro.

April 26, Elon College at Elon; St. Elizabeth's, Raleigh; Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem.

April 29, Guilford College, Guilford; May 1, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

May 4, High Point College, High Point, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

May 5, Pembroke State College, Pembroke.

May 7, Woman's College of North Carolina, Greensboro, and East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville.



"ACE LETS SHAKES"—Major Richard T. Bong, Army Air Force ace, has no time to be jittery during combat but "lets the shakes when it's all over," according to his attractive sister, Eugene S. Blaine. Former chief justice of the State Supreme Court, often mentioned as a prospective candidate for the U. S. Senate this year, declared today.

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New Deal Scored By Judge Blaise

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Charlotte Men Take Part In British Review

A number of Charlotte men were among thousands of American troops who participated in a recent parade in England in connection with Great Britain's "Sixth to Soldier" war savings campaign.

The Charlotte men were: Pfc. Curtis M. Morris, Sgt. Arthur L. Beatty, T-Sgt. Albert D. Sharpe, and Pvt. James A. Sauter.

Lt. Gen. John G. B. Lee, deputy commander of the European Theater of Operations, reviewed the troops at Trafalgar Square, London landmark, accompanied by high British military and civilian officials.

Pvt. Walter Moretz Gets Purple Heart
HICKORY—(AP)—Pvt. Walter D. Moretz, who was wounded in Italy, has been awarded the Purple Heart by his mother, Mrs. W. C. Moretz of Hickory, R. 2, has been informed.

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