

ROME RAILROADS ARE SEVERED

ALLIED SOLDIERS ADVANCE IN ITALY

Capital's Waterworks Reported Destroyed; British Troops Score Successes

A U. S. 15th Air Force Bomber Station in Italy, Jan. 19.—American bombers have cut all the railroads carrying the bulk of supplies into Rome from the north, air force experts said today after examining reconnaissance photographs of the area.

Of the three major lines down the Italian peninsula, only one is open at present. This is the east coast line from Ancona to Pescara, which supplies the Germans opposing the British Eighth Army.

Highways Open

Recent raids have at least temporarily blocked the others and the effects of these disastrous bombings will be more acutely felt by the Germans when supplies now being used are exhausted, experts said. Supplies still may be brought in, however, via bomb-scarred highways.

(London reported a Rome radio broadcast saying that the capital's waterworks were "destroyed" in an Allied air attack today on the outskirts of the city. Residents were urged to use water sparingly.)

Heavy bombers of the 15th Air Force and medium bombers of the 12th have made Rome's major supply arteries virtually useless. The important central line was reported blocked at several points and the west coast line has been out of operation for some time. Subsidiary lines also have been cut and the railroad in central Tuscany, south of Florence, which serves as an alternate to the central and west coast lines, is unusable. The route from just north of Ancona to the Rome area also is cut.

Flying Fortresses, in their recent raids, put out of commission the central line from Florence to Rome on their raids at Pistola, Prato and Pontassieve, all near Florence.

The bridge at Cecina, south of Pisa on the west coast line, has been cut for several weeks and the railroad yards at Pisa were hit by Wellingtons and Liberators Monday night and Tuesday. South of Orbetello, the bridge at Montalto di Castro was attacked by Marauders at the same time but results were not yet certain.

An alternate line which is probably unable to carry the weight demanded by German operations between the west and central routes in Tuesday also has been cut, according to photo interpretation, at Pontedera, Cerveteri, and Poggibonsi, which were attacked by 15th Air Force Flying Fortresses on Tuesday.

Mrs. O. H. Harris Dead

Mrs. O. H. Harris, one of Louisburg's older citizens, died late Monday night at her country home just out of town on the Raleigh road, following an extended illness. She was 77 years of age and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. M. S. Fink, of Greensboro, Miss Jessie Taylor Harris, of Louisburg, Mrs. Walter D. Leonard, of Mt. Airy, and two sons, Col. Hunter H. Harris, of the U. S. Army in England, and William B. Harris, of Louisburg. She was preceded by the grave by her husband, Omega H. Harris, several years ago.

The funeral services were held from the Louisburg Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, pastor, and Rev. E. H. Davis, and interment was made in Oakwood Cemetery. Quite a large number of relatives and friends attended both services. The floral tribute was especially pretty.

The pall bearers were B. N. Williamson, Jr., M. C. Murphy, A. B. Wester, Jr., L. S. Bryan, T. M. Harris, H. C. Kemp.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

The Pastor will preach at the morning and evening services at the Methodist Church Sunday.

Sunday School meets at 9:45 led by Prof. I. D. Moon.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship groups will meet in their respective places Sunday evening at 6:45.

The average farm consumption of electricity has increased by 14 kilowatt-hours in one year, as much as 26 hours in some cases, says REA reports.

AT DAYTONA BEACH



T-4 Mary Frances Greene

Daytona Beach, Fla., Jan. 17.—T-4 Mary Frances Greene, 305 N. Main Street, Louisburg, N. C., is stationed at the Second WAC Training Center doing secretarial work in the training center Director's Office, Major Lathorpe, WAC.

The Infantile Paralysis Appeal

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has begun its eleventh annual appeal for funds with which to carry on the people's fight against infantile paralysis.

The times and dollars of all of us make possible the continuance of this vital effort to safeguard our national health. And national health means YOUR health, your CHILDREN'S health; and the health of your NEIGHBOHS and their CHILDREN.

Too often we forget that the individual forms an integral part of the national pattern and that the nation's physical well-being depends directly upon the physical well-being of its nationals.

Polio-myelitis—infantile paralysis—strikes individually, sectionally or nationally. But whichever manner of its striking it always ATTACKS WITHOUT WARNING.

Fortunately, through the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its nation-covering network of Chapters, the people of America have built up a strong defense against the ravages of infantile paralysis; while night and day in the laboratories of the nation Foundation supported research workers fight on . . . fight on so that a full offensive against the disease may be developed.

By contributing to this cause of the people, we all can bring immeasurably closer the day when the CHILDREN'S VICTORY shall be secured.

If YOU are suddenly stricken with INFANTILE PARALYSIS—regardless of who, what or where you are in the United States or its possessions, here's what The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will do for you through its nation-wide local Chapters:

Provide medical and surgical care, hospitalization, orthopedic equipment, an iron lung, if necessary, and whatever other supplies and material are needed to give you the best care and treatment possible.

At the same time, to reduce the possibility of your being stricken, the National Foundation is sponsoring a program of scientific research to find the cause, cure and prevention of the dread disease.

Whether or not you are stricken with infantile paralysis, you can help fight the Great Crippler. Join the March of Dimes and Dollars by sending your contribution to the White House when the Appeal is on—January 14th to the 31 and help conquer polio!

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for the Third Sunday after Epiphany will be as follows, according to announcement of Rev. H. S. Cobey, rector:

This Sunday will be observed as St. Paul's day, being the nearest Sunday to January 25th, the day of annual remembrance of the conversion of St. Paul.

Holy Communion—8:00 a. m. Church School and Bible Class—9:45 a. m.

Morning Prayer and sermon—11:00 a. m.

Subject of sermon: "St. Paul the Apostle and his Message to the Church today." Morning Prayer chants and appropriate hymns will be sung.

Caller—Good morning, I'm from the gas and electric company. I understand you have something in the house that won't work.

Housewife—Yes, he's upstairs still asleep.

HOLDS MEETINGS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Good Progress Shown By FSA Borrowers at Annual Meetings; G. M. Beam Among Speakers

The annual meetings of borrowers in Franklin County who are buying their farms through the Farm Security Administration were held in Louisburg this week. The white borrowers held their meeting in the Mills High School auditorium Thursday, January 13th and the meeting for the negro borrowers was held in the auditorium of the Franklin County Training School, Friday, January 14th. The number attending these meetings was 54.

There are 58 families in Franklin County who are now buying their farms with loans secured through the Farm Security Administration. The Farm Ownership Program is one of the several phases of aid that is rendered to the small tenant farmer. Funds for this phase of the FSA Program are authorized by the Bankhead-Jones Tenant Purchase Act. This program began in 1938.

The 58 families in Franklin County who are buying their farms are all making good progress as shown by their yearly reports made at the meeting. The majority are ahead of schedule on their payments. To date a total of \$224,772.00 has been loaned by the Government to purchase farms in this County, of this \$25,283.00 has become due and \$40,241.00 has been paid which is a 159% repayment of amount due.

The highlight of the colored meeting was the presentation of the canceled note and mortgage to Dallas and Sarah Davis for their farm. This is the first family in this County, and one of the few in the State, who has paid for their farm in full. Under the terms of the loan they had the privilege of paying for the farm in small annual payments over a period of 40 years at 3% interest. By hard work, thrift, and cooperation of all the members of this outstanding negro family they were able to pay for their farm in full in 5 years. The early repayment of the loan not only gave this former tenant family the satisfaction of owning, free of debt, their own home and farm, but they saved a large sum in interest payments.

Dallas Davis has the satisfaction of knowing that he is the first borrower in Franklin County to pay off his loan in full. He is 66 years old and prior to securing this loan from the F. S. A. he had been a tenant farmer all his life. He and his family of 3 boys and 2 girls had for a long time the ambition to own their farm, but never had the chance before the F. S. A. Program was started. This family not only has their farm paid for, but all the livestock and equipment is free of debt, and they have enough cash to operate the farm and home in 1944 without borrowing money or buying at a store on credit.

The presentation of the mortgage and note to Dallas Davis was made by Mr. G. M. Beam, a prominent attorney of Franklin County. In his remarks Mr. Beam emphasized the fact that home ownership made better citizens of all people and from pride in the results of their own labor they make progress toward a higher economic status and become an asset to their community and nation.

At this annual meeting a panel discussion was conducted by the borrowers, Walter J. Smith, County FSA Supervisor, and Alleen Crowder, Associate FSA Supervisor. This discussion took up improvements of orchards, pastures, increased yields, food and feed crops for aid in the war effort, yard beautification, improved kitchens and storage.

Mr. W. O. Lambeth of the Soil Conservation Service led a very interesting discussion on proper care of the growing timber on the farm. He stated that trees are just as much a farm crop as tobacco and cotton and given proper attention they would yield a good income from pulp wood, stove wood, and saw logs. Mr. Lambeth also talked on the advantages of soil conservation as carried out by crop rotations, terracing, and use of legume cover crops, both summer and winter.

At noon an enjoyable luncheon was served in the Home Economics Department of the High School, served by Miss Marjorie Gardner, Home Economics Teacher, and some of her pupils.

Processors have been ordered to set aside 20 per cent of their February production of oilseed meal for directed distribution to areas designated by the War Food Administration.

MANY DIVORCES GRANTED

Mrs. Sheppard Wins Suit Against F. B. Leonard And Wife; Judge W. C. Harris Presides

Because of the extreme weather conditions last week the regular January term of Franklin Superior Court for civil cases did not actually open until Wednesday morning. Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, was present and presided over the term. Only one case of any public importance was tried, that being the one of Sheppard vs Leonard, involving a note handled by the late W. N. Fuller and was in the possession of Mr. Leonard. The plaintiff claimed the note was her property and the defendants claimed the note was turned over to them for settlement of an account. The jury decided in favor of the plaintiff. Quite a number of divorce cases were disposed of and a few minor matter adjusted.

The term came to a close on Saturday after cases were disposed of as follows:

Marie L. Tripp was granted a divorce from Robert Edward Tripp.

Malcolm C. Jeffreys was granted a divorce from Mae R. Jeffreys.

Elizabeth S. Grice was granted a divorce from Zodie Grice.

Connie Alcorn was granted a divorce from Riley Tobias Alcorn.

Burwell Ayscue was granted a divorce from Ruby M. Ayscue.

Mrs. P. P. Sheppard was granted a judgment against F. B. Leonard and wife Ruth A. Leonard, for the possession of a certain note.

Murray Brown was granted a divorce from Mary B. Brown.

Connie Redwine Bolton was granted a divorce from Ernest W. Bolton.

Claude E. Journegan was granted a divorce from Eva Bell Journegan.

Paul J. Horton was granted a divorce from Gladys H. Horton.

In the case of Nonie P. Richards vs First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., administrators of J. B. Perry estate, the plaintiff was granted a judgment for \$625.00.

The case of William A. Gattis vs Samantha J. Gattis was removed to Wake County.

Jackson Day Dinner, Jan. 31

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—The North Carolina Jackson Dinner will be held this year on January 31 at Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh. These dinners are held every year for the purpose of raising funds for the national Democratic party, but they are more important in the years when the state has to elect a governor and the national presidential campaign is under way.

The 1944 dinner is expected to exceed all former affairs in interest. Apathy has marked both state and national campaigns up to date, and the Jackson Dinner is looked to as the starting point for real interest.

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, chairman of the national Democratic committee, has accepted the invitation to speak at the dinner in Raleigh. He will be introduced by Senator Josiah W. Bailey.

State Senator Joe Blythe of Charlotte again heads the state campaign. This is his fourth consecutive year in this capacity and he has promised to make it the most memorable of them all. Tickets for the dinner are not for sale but are allocated to counties on basis of contributions, each \$25 entitling the county to one seat at the table.

The quota for Franklin County is \$150.00, and Mr. Willie Lee Lumpkin, county chairman, has been asked to raise that amount and get it into state headquarters at Room 1031, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, as soon as possible. Seats at the dinner table are being assigned on basis of "first come, first served."

ROBBERIES

Sheriff John P. Moore reports a large number of robberies of country stores in the county, and says he is having much difficulty in checking the clues when he can visit the scene. He requests the TIMES to ask all who have robberies to report to get together all clues possible and make immediate reports. This will probably help get better results.

VICTORY

The men on the battle lines and the men on the home front form a combination which no one can defeat, providing each group carried its proper share of the load. But we cannot loaf our way to victory, either on the home front or the battle front.

GOVERNOR BROUGHTON NO. 1 SALESMAN



TWO NO. 1'S—Shown here is North Carolina's Governor Broughton, the state's No. 1 war bond salesman, presenting the first 4th war loan shield to Mrs. Beulah Hicks, gold star mother of Raleigh. Mrs. Hicks, whose son, Lt. Norman Hicks, was lost in India in combat flying, purchases her bond from the governor to receive the official bond buyer identification shield that is expected to be displayed by every war bond buyer during the fourth war loan drive opening today.

FOURTH WAR BOND DRIVE GETS OFF TO FINE START

Altho the Fourth War Loan Bond Drive has been on for only a few days, Franklin County has made a splendid start toward selling its quota of \$260,000. All of the townships are organized and sales are being made every day.

Reports could not be obtained from all townships, but Louisburg reports sales amounting to \$45,000, Franklinton \$10,000, Youngsville \$6,000, and Hayesville \$1,560.00.

The Youngsville committee has planned an auction bond sale at the school house next Monday night at 7:30, at which time it is expected that a large portion of the Youngsville quota will be sold. Have you bought your bond in this drive? Every family should buy the largest bond possible.

RAISES \$1,560.00 ICC Blames Crew For Train Wreck

Commission Reports on ACCI Crash That Killed 72; Flag Protection Lacking

Farmers of the Epsom Evening Class made a good beginning Monday night in the "Prize-Giving War Bond Selling Campaign," which is a special feature in the 1944 Educational Program. Following is a list of the prizes given, the donor, the purchaser, and the amounts purchased in bonds:

1. Horse Collar, Moss & Co., Henderson, Walter Bowen, \$600.00.
2. Stick Broom, B. M. Newman, Henderson, D. T. Dickie, \$60.00.
3. Stick Broom, B. M. Newman, Henderson, D. T. Dickie, \$125.00.
4. Seed Sower, FCX Store, Louisburg, Dwight Rowland, \$300.00.
5. 200 lbs. Fertilizer, D. T. Dickie, G. W. Eaves, \$250.00.
6. 200 lbs. Fertilizer, D. T. Dickie, G. W. Eaves, \$225.00.

Total in bonds—\$1,560.00. The class members secure prizes from various business concerns in Henderson and Louisburg and sell them at auction. The highest bidder purchases his bid in bonds and secures sufficient evidence of same, however, before the prize is given. This usually takes one week.

There were thirty nine people present for this first class, and the topic for discussion was "Forestry Management." J. T. Griffin, Agriculture teacher, gave a brief lecture on Forestry Management for Steady Profits and showed a motion picture on Thinning Pines. Literature on the subject was also distributed.

The class was invited to attend a Thinning Demonstration the following day at Lake View (near Ira Weldon's pond) which was arranged by the Franklin County Soil Conservation Service.

Mr. Hughey Tindal, pulpwood buyer of Henderson, also met with the class and explained the need of wood and marketing arrangements for this area. The subject for next Monday night is Increased Fertilizers for Increased Production. Experiment Station recommendations will be given by J. T. Griffin, and followed by class discussion.

Herds of beef cattle in Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood and Macon counties are wintering nicely.

RUSSIANS MOVE FORWARD

Soviet Troops Advance 12 To 19 Miles Through Some of Strongest Fortifications in World During Five Days of Furious Fighting; Several More Points in Poland Fall to Red Army

London, Thursday, Jan. 20.—In an all-out offensive to free Leningrad completely from two and one-half years of siege, the Red Army smashed 12 miles forward yesterday, seizing by storm two key fortress towns and blasting through an intricate maze of steel and concrete fortifications before running up against a second line of equally strong permanent defenses ringing the city's suburbs.

A second drive, closely coordinated with the first, ripped 19 miles across three strategic railroads in the Volkhov River-Lake Ilmen area 75 to 100 miles south of Leningrad in a broad outflanking movement.

Reporting that the Leningrad thrust had captured the fortresses of Krasnoye Selo and Ropsha and in five days had killed 20,000 Germans, the Soviet communique dwelt at length on the German fortifications. Soviet infantrymen, tanks and mobile artillery, it said, "broke through heavily-fortified permanent German defenses made up of reinforced concrete pillboxes, armored domes, blockhouses and inter-communication trenches covered by mine-fields, barbed-wire entanglements and anti-tank obstacles."

"These fortifications, built in the most up-to-date manner, were interspersed by firing positions. Our advancing troops have come up against a second, equally strongly built line of fortifications."

All this was on a front 25-miles wide, from south of Oranienbaum to Pulkovo across battlefields strewn with German dead and smashed equipment. The Soviet booty included 36 of the huge artillery pieces that have been shelling Leningrad for 27 bitter months.

The second drive, on a 31-mile break-through in the German lines north and west of Lake Ilmen, threatened to let the Russians in behind the Nazis who face Leningrad, and already had outflanked the important city of Novgorod both to the north and the south.

The push immediately before Leningrad, however, was by all odds the day's most signal victory. There, the Russian communique said, 20,000 Germans have been slaughtered since Saturday.

In addition, said the communique and an order of the day by Premier Marshal Stalin, that five-day offensive of Gen. Leonid Gorov has:

1,000 Nazis Captured
Stormed and captured the heavily-fortified towns of Krasnoye Selo and Ropsha; retaken Peterhof, summer home of the czars; captured more than 1,000 Germans, smashed seven German divisions; and taken many of the great 16-inch guns with which the Nazis have constantly shelled embattled Leningrad.

In all, 195 guns were captured, including 36 of 152- to 405-millimeter calibres (six to 16-inch), which had been shelling the city from 15-mile range.

CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Hugh W. Perry has been appointed Franklin County Chairman for the Eleventh Annual Celebration of the President's birthday, which sponsors the infantile Paralysis drive beginning January 14th to January 31st, 1944.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Jan. 22:

Saturday—Roy Rogers in "Man From Music Mountain" and David Bruce and Evelyn Ankers in "The Mad Ghoul," also Masked Marvel.

Late Show Saturday—Ethel Waters, Rochester, Lena Horne and Duke Ellington and Band in "Cabin in the Sky."

Sunday-Monday—John Wayne, Martha Scott and Albert Dekker in "In Old Oklahoma."

Tuesday—Bela Lugosi and Frieda Inescourt in "Return of The Vampire," also Batman.

Wednesday—Gloria Jean and Ray Lynn in "Moonlight in Vermont."

Thursday-Friday—Roddy McDowell, Donald Crisp, Nigel Bruce and Lassie in "Lassie Come Home."