

British Experience Reverses In Africa And In the Balkans

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down through Monastir (Bitolj) Pass upon the Phlorina sector.

Late reports from German sources declare the main British-Greek defense line has buckled at each end, and that Nazi troops were fifty miles within Greece. London denied repeated reports that British troops were withdrawing from Greece, and maintains that its forces fell back the thirty miles to straighten out the British-Greek defense line. Reports stating that Yugoslavia was seeking an armistice were declared unfounded.

Britain today reported the successful defense of Tobruk and referred to the war in the Balkans and in Africa as serious but not grave.

No general air alarms have troubled England during recent nights, but several cities including Birmingham have been raided by small groups in the past two nights. British airmen damaged Brest and virtually wrecked two German ships.

In this country, Secretary of War Stimson laid the cards on the table and declared that the United States must be ready to fight anywhere in the Western Hemisphere and maybe in other places. The United States is now in greater danger than she was at any time during the World War, but the Secretary added that the country is in a better way to defend itself now than it was nearly a quarter of a century ago.

Secretary of Navy Knox said today that he believed the war is now approaching a decisive stage.

The labor front shows a brighter picture today, but disturbances were reported in Tennessee coal mines where four persons were killed this morning.

The Russo-Japanese neutrality pact is another of those puzzling documents one that is subject to be broken at any time, and one that has no definite meaning as it relates to the main war. Germany hails the pact as a victory for the Axis, but it is pointed out that the neutrality agreement will allow Russia a better opportunity to defend itself in the Balkans. The agreement also frees Japan's hand, giving the Japs a better opportunity to move in the south Pacific.

Wilson Growers Reporting Tobacco Plant Shortage

Some Wilson County growers are reporting a shortage of tobacco plants, a condition due largely to the extended winter, says J. A. Marsh, assistant farm agent of the Extension Service.

The Interdenominational Young People's meeting, scheduled to meet at the Sweet Home Christian Church Sunday, will not be held, according to an announcement by the president today.

Miss Elizabeth Coburn, student nurse in a Washington hospital, spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Coburn.

Messrs. David Grimes and Tom Roebuck, of Robersonville, were attending court here today.

Number Of Workers Returning To Jobs In Basket Factory

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ing it difficult to get trained help even for key positions in the plant.

While the plant is now operating to a great extent in a period of adjustment, Superintendent H. P. Dupuy stated he was encouraged with the progress made during the first day of activities and is now fairly certain that a normal production schedule will be reached in a much shorter time than had been expected. The plant, as a whole, was in good mechanical condition, according to Mr. Dupuy and his assistant, LeRoy Shone, who explained that they were continually on the run yesterday morning effecting minor adjustments and placing one machine after another in normal production.

Within a short time after operations were started, one machine after another was placed in normal production, the workers, many of them entering a basket factory for the first time in their lives, "catching on" to their new duties quickly. For the most part, machines in one entire section of the plant were operating smoothly and without very little interruption. The assemblies had the precision of an intricate clock. One or two of the basket machine operations were pushing toward normal production by early yesterday afternoon, but time and experience will be necessary before all interruptions are eliminated in that battery of machines.

No stopping schedule has been posted, but the plant is expected to start moving out its products within a few days.

Two of the new owners of the plant, Messrs. N. C. Green and G. H. Harrison, were at the plant yesterday morning, but they offered no comment. A third partner, Mr. Jesse Whitley, was liberally painted by a spray gun last Friday afternoon as he inspected the machines in the main plant.

To Nominate Mayor And Commissioners At Public Meeting

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hents expire next June 30.

The date, hour and place for holding the convention are being formally announced over the signature of Mayor J. L. Hassell today. Every citizen is cordially invited to attend and express his political aspirations and if not aspirations then his preferences.

Symphonic Choir To Appear In Local Church On Sunday

The North Carolina Symphonic Choir under the direction of Mr. Lewis Bullock will give a concert in the Memorial Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. All the pastors of the various churches have promised their cooperation for this concert. No admission will be charged, but a free will offering will be taken.

Bombs, Then This—But What of Victims?



SUCH SCENES OF DESTRUCTION occur in London hospitals during nearly every bombing raid—destruction that adds to the number of injured and maimed, and impairs or halts the work of mercy. This is a ward in one of twenty hospitals "adopted" by Bundles for Britain, to which \$110,500 already has been cabled to replace lost apparatus and to help maintain other vital war time services. Here nurses clear away debris in a ward from which patients have been moved.

"Minute" Bomb Shelter Suits



SIMPLICITY AIR-RAID SHELTER SUITS, here demonstrated in cellar of New York's City Hall, zip on in a minute and protect little bodies from head to foot. Hood covers ears and back of head without interfering with adjustment of gas masks. Thousands of these suits are being made in Bundles for Britain sewing rooms over the country from patterns contributed by Simplicity Pattern Co., to safeguard the health of children in England when they are forced to flee their homes and seek safety in bomb shelters at the warning of the air-raid sirens.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Martin County's chain of automobile accidents continues unbroken—the ghastly business maintaining its record last week with a single link. Occupants in a wreck involving a car and truck escaped uninjured, but the property damage cost some one \$167.

Motorists on Martin highways are doing better than they did a year ago in holding down the number of accidents, lowering the injured count and cutting the property loss almost in half. But the glaring record with its count of two in the death column should remind us that it is best to drive carefully.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident-trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

15th Week Comparison			
Year	Accidents	Inj'd	Killed
1941	1	0	0
1940	1	0	0
Comparison To Date			
1941	30	17	2
1940	31	23	0

Drunken Driver Runs Off Bridge

Daniel Bond, Bertie County Negro, escaped unhurt last Sunday morning about 6 o'clock when he drove his old model Chevrolet through the railing on a temporary bridge over on the river fill. The car, rendered worthless except for junk, landed upright after turning over at least once. Facing the bridge, the car was in about 16 inches of water.

Drunk to the saturation point, Bond was found sitting on the running board of the car with his feet in the muddy water. He could not tell Patrolmen Whit Saunders and John Scarborough which way he was going, but he did try to say that he was not drunk. Slipping on a pair of boots, Patrolman Saunders went into the water and hooked a line around Bond and guided him along as Patrolman Scarborough pulled him up the 12-foot embankment. Bond was jailed in Windsor.

Results Of Cotton Demonstrations In County Announced

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Coker 4 in 1, Strain 3 1920

Coker 4 in 1, Strain 4 1600

Shows only first picking. It should be noted that Mr. Everett's yields include first pickings only. It is understood that his first pickings were considerably larger than those reported by Mr. Roberson.

Martin County farmers, as a whole, reported high cotton yields last season, and the demonstrations may not receive much recognition over the county, but it is apparent that more tests are necessary if the county is to plant a recognized variety or two or three varieties of about the same staple.

The tests were conducted without any great weevil infestation, the results of which may have been far different had there been a heavy boll weevil attack.

Carrying his experiment to the gin, Farmer Everett states that the seed cotton produced 38 per cent lint, and that the germination of the seed averaged 92 per cent against a normal high average of around 85 per cent.

Body Of Falkland Carpenter Has Not Been Recovered

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from a radius of almost 100 miles, have fallen into the river but Mr. Adams is the first person to lose his life this fishing season.

The victim was the son of C. C. Adams, of Pitt County, and Mrs. Lovie Suggs Adams, a native of Greene County. His wife, the former Miss Lillie Smith, survives with two children. He was employed as a carpenter by K. R. Wooten, of Falkland.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Gurganus announce the birth of a son, James Arthur, Jr., on Monday, April 7. Mrs. Gurganus is the former Miss Beulah Elizabeth Roberson, of Farm Life.

Manager Building Up Pitching Staff

Fairly certain that he has his infield and outfield well rounded out the Martins' skipper, Frank Rodgers, is searching everywhere for promising pitchers. At the present time only four moundmen are under contract. Club President Fowden stating that Red Swain's return is quite doubtful. The old standby is policing in Penny. Skipper Rodgers is depending to a great extent on Ted Miller and "Slim" Gardner to carry on the mound work. Then there's Nathan Edmondson, of Robersonville, and a new recruit is due in from Pennsylvania.

Virtually certain that Swain will not return, the management is dickering with Pete Kunis, a performer in the Coastal circuit with Goldsboro season before last.

Manager Rodgers is looking over the Reading, Pa., team in training at Wilson today, and he plans to go from there to Richmond where he will make a bid for additional support from the Gots.

The appearance of baseball weather is having its effect here. The park is already taking on signs of added life, quite a few of the fans going there to see the work done on the diamond.

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Weighing Stations Operated In County

Operating two weighing stations in this county last week, members of the highway patrol collected approximately \$1,500 from owners carrying excessive loads on their trucks. Thirteen of the 35 trucks weighed at the temporary station in Jamesville carried excessive loads, the patrol forces directing the owners to buy "over-all" licenses. At a similar station operated here last Friday, 65 trucks were weighed, the patrolmen finding 27 of them overloaded. The combined licenses for the excess tonnage weighed here cost approximately \$1,000.

In addition to weighing the trucks, the patrol force, composed of Sergeant L. L. Jackson, Corporal Bill Hunt and Patrolmen Saunders, Spivey and Lynch, checked drivers' licenses and equipment.

Rural Population Shows An Increase

Maybe you hadn't noticed it, but the census bureau reports that there is 'more life' in the small towns and rural areas these days. Conversely big cities aren't growing so fast. During the last 10 years city population increased only 7.2 per cent, compared with 16.1 between 1920 and 1930. At the same time rural population went up 6.4 per cent—against only 4.4 the previous decade.

Experts say the trend means more men who work and trade in towns are seeking "greater personal freedom" by building homes in the country.

An increasing number of workmen were building new homes on small farms within easy driving distance of work. Not all these new farm dwellers milk cows, raise chickens and grow wheat. At least half of them are simply folks who want more outdoor life.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Lucian Gaylord Peel, who was called away April 16, 1937.

Just four years ago today, Our darling little boy was taken away.

His age was seven, Oh, what a consolation to know he is in Heaven.

Yes, we know Heaven is your home.

Yet, we feel so alone, When I see your little playmates dear.

It still seems you should be near. It was a sad, sad day, When I put your clothes and toys away.

You had been so much joy, You were such a loving little boy.

To skip and run, He thought such fun, He was so jolly and gay, He liked very much to play.

And all these years, Many are the tears, I have shed, When at night I go to bed.

When I place flowers on your grave, I try so hard to be brave, But in my mind there is none other, But your sweet voice saying "Thank you, Mother."

Another has come with us to live, To help your place to fill, Though we love him very dearly too, We still miss you.

You were so patient in your suffering, dear, When death's dark shadows hovered near.

Our Father knew best, So He took you to rest.

We hope to meet you Little One, When our work here is done, When smiling face to see Will be so much happiness to me.

By His mother, MILDRED WATERS PEEL.

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