

SCHOOL OFFICIAL BEATEN IN BERTIE

Herbert W. Early Assaulted In Latest Development In Mars Hill School Problems

WINDSOR, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Herbert W. Early, veteran Bertie school superintendent, was severely beaten today in the latest development of the Mars Hill High school consolidation problems.

A preliminary hearing, Robert Lewis and Clyde Miller, 20, were charged with \$100 bonds. Magistrate P. T. Perry withheld judgment until Saturday to determine the extent of Early's injuries.

Early testified at the hearing that the boys came into his office and demanded that he take off his glasses but he refused.

Early testified, he had been pushed out of his glasses and both sides of his face were hit between 15 and 20 blows on the head and body.

In a meeting this morning prior to the assault, 50 residents of the Mars Hill community pleaded with the Bertie board of education to exert its influence with the state school commission to allot teachers to the continuation of Mars Hill High school.

All other Bertie county schools began operation September 9 out between 60 and 70 high school students from Mars Hill community have not yet enrolled, although they applied unsolicited Monday for admission to Assisi school.

Mars Hill High school was to have been combined with Powellsville High school at the start of this year but patrons and students declared they would never support or attend Powellsville school.

GERMAN PLANES BLAST LONDON

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bursting shells an explosive which leaped high in the air on the other side of the water.

This latest attack on London began last night at 7:45 p. m., after seven daylight attacks on this endlesly harassed city—a city which military attaches agreed already had withstood in recent weeks a greater bombardment from the skies than ever was loosed before, from Warsaw to Rotterdam.

Early this morning, the scene along the French and Belgian coastlines was one of scarlet fury—a leaping, medley of flight and fire from British bombs and parachute flares and Nazi ground guns. The long white beams of the searchlight stretched far out over the channel toward England.

The raid, intended to smash those main facilities for invasion which are closest to England, began soon after 9 o'clock (3 p. m. EST) last night and hours later many miles of the French coast seemed ablaze.

Fresh squadrons of British bombers pounded first at the area of Boulogne and then widened their attack to a violent bombardment of the Calais region, where great fires sprang up into the night.

Early this morning not alone London was being raided; German planes likewise were over southwest, southwest and northeast England and Wales.

During yesterday's seven daylight attacks here, the air ministry said, not a bomb fell in the city itself, although explosives killed an undetermined number of persons along the Thames Estuary.

Interpreting The War

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON

A dreadful moonlight sonata of German bomb attack battered Londoners as the fourth month of the Battle of Britain opened. How many civilian lives were lost in that deluge of destruction, which descended on the great, sprawling city for nearly ten hours, can only be conjectured.

Yet there are circumstances surrounding the fight for air mastery that are definitely heartening for Britishers, whatever the London casualties. The prompt repulse by Royal Air Force fighters of Nazi planes which sought to make a follow-up flight to London in the daytime emphasizes Prime Minister Winston Churchill's contention that daylight mastery of the air is the "crux" of the battle.

Without that, German invasion of England would be a desperate venture, even with assurances of a prolonged spell of favorable weather for a channel crossing. There can be no such assurances at this season of the year. The near-gale that swept the channel September 17 served notice of that.

Neutral eye witnesses in posts of vantage on Britain's channel coast reported that the Nazi follow-up daylight flight, estimated to include 300 or more planes, was more heavily escorted by German fighter ships than any previous thrust at England. Yet it was quickly turned back short of London. Whether its mission was bombing or observation of damage done in the prolonged night raids which preceded it, the British fighters retained day time air mastery.

And if British figures on air loss ratios during the last three months are anywhere near accuracy, daylight air mastery over England appears farther from Germany's grasp today than it was June 18.

when the Battle of Britain began with the surrender of France, Churchill and the world his word that they are accurate. He has stated that German plane casualties during the three months have run three-to-one to British losses an German air personnel losses six-to-one.

To supplement this assertion, British Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair has issued specific figures on losses for the period from August 8 to September 18. Against 621 British planes of all types downed, he asserted that 1,867 Nazi aircraft had been destroyed. Against 600 Royal Air Force fighter personnel lost, he scored against Germany 4,000 airmen killed or captured.

Those figures bear out the Churchill three-to-one and six-to-one loss ratios favoring Britain. If they are even reasonably correct, it follows that the flower of the Nazi air fighters has been expended, yet Britain's relative strength in air has increased instead of decreased since June 18. That is Churchill's boast.

The Sinclair figures presumably include British bombers and their crews brought down in counter raids over the channel and in Germany. If so, casualties among RAF fighter pilots, the vital personnel element, would be far less than the 600 figures he mentioned. A substantial number of British fighter pilots who are shot down fall out safely to fight again.

German casualties over England, however, like British cross-channel flight losses, are not losses. All air men shot down over enemy territory are necessarily killed or captured. That accounts for the six-to-one air personnel loss ratio the British claim. It is the price paid by the aggressor in the air.

Tobacco Market Reports

Table with columns: Market, Pounds Sold, Paid Out, Price, Average. Rows include Chadbourne, Fair Bluff, Fairmont, Lumberton, Taber City, Whiteville.

SALES COMMENT

CHADBOURN — Prices held their same range on the market here yesterday, with most offerings of inferior quality, Garland Warren, sales supervisor, reported.

FAIRMONT — C. B. Stafford, sales supervisor, reported Fairmont's total sales this season are 21,469,284 pounds for \$3,764,418.55 or an average of \$17.51 per hundred pounds. Most of yesterday's offerings were of low quality.

LUMBERTON — All sales were conducted here yesterday by 3 o'clock, with common and low grades predominating, J. C. Fulton, sales supervisor, said. Farmers appeared pleased with returns.

WHITEVILLE — Prices ranged from \$4 to \$44 here yesterday with most of the weed offered being of low quality, however, M. S. Smith, supervisor of sales, reported. The Whiteville market will remain open indefinitely and it is expected that two sets of buyers will stay on the market after next Monday until the season is over.

SENATE SEEKS TO REDUCE DRAFTEES' MONEY BURDENS

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guardsmen called into active service.

The outlay for dependents is expected to be comparatively small at the start inasmuch as the general policy is not to draft men with dependent relatives at present, but to place them in a deferred classification. However, they may be drafted later.

In addition, he is expected to appoint a director of the draft within a few days. Probabilities point toward Lieut. Col. Lewis B. Hershey for the job. At present he is executive officer of the joint army-navy committee which was spent 14 years perfecting plans for conscription.

Preparations of the war department, it was said, have progressed to a point at which money still to be appropriated had been tentatively allocated to the states for the printing of forms incident to the registration. The money actually is included in a \$2,000,000 appropriation bill now pending before a house committee.

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TRIBUNAL GIVES RULING ON TAXES

Says Expenses For Courts Must Be Met From County's Ad Valorem Levy

RALEIGH, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The expenses of holding courts and maintaining a jail are necessary and must be met by returns from the county's ad valorem tax which, under the constitution, may not exceed 15 cents, the state supreme court ruled today.

Deciding 21 civil cases in its first batch of opinions after moving into the new justice building, the court held as "unconstitutional, illegal and invalid" a Cherokee county tax of five cents levied in addition to the 15-cent maximum — for the "special purpose" of meeting court and jail expenses.

These, the court said in an opinion by Associate Justice J. Wallace Winborne, "are general expenses recurring regularly in the ordinary course of and as necessary steps in the orderly operation of county government."

The Southern Railway company paid under protest \$713.93 arising from the five-cent tax, and brought the action to recover that amount. The superior court decided in favor of the railway and the county appealed.

In another opinion, by Associate Justice A. F. Seawell, the court termed as "amazing" the "little regard" paid to the necessity for legality in adoption proceedings.

"A closer understanding of the limitations of jurisdiction and authority of the various agencies dealing with the custody and welfare of children is imperative," Seawell wrote regarding an adoption case from Guilford county.

The court reversed a superior court ruling that Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bullock had legally adopted Ellen Louise Holder, on the ground that the parents' consent was not obtained, that the Guilford county superior court did not have jurisdiction in the supposed adoption, and that there was no evidence the child had been abandoned.

"The necessary steps are easy to understand and to observe, and only a fair degree of attention at the right time will serve to prevent frustration, disappointment and heartbreak," Seawell observed. "One cause of such recurring disappointments seems to lie in the mistaken notion that some of the essential elements of the proceeding may be initiated in the juvenile court. Or, as in this instance, that some institution or agency to which the child has been committed may take over and exercise functions which the statute leaves exclusively to the parent or guardian."

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Addison Hewlett, chairman of the board, who made the announcement, said, however, that all hope for ultimate designation of the field has not been abandoned and it is still quite possible that the army may see fit to develop the field and to use it in training pilots.

Aunt Abby says



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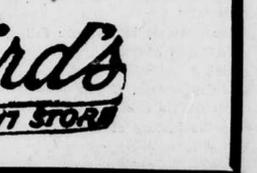
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