

**Honor Dead at Vimy  
Spanish War Pitiless  
Russia Aids Loyalists  
Hitler Watches Spain**

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**Children In Fighting Ranks on Spanish War Fronts**



These young boys and girls are now at the front in the ranks of the militia and in desperate battles which are being waged against the rebel forces marching on the capital of Spain. Many children, even younger than those in the picture, have marched out of Madrid to the battle front.

The dedication of the magnificent war monument, designed by a Canadian artist, recently unveiled by the king of England in memory of the Canadian soldiers that fell at Vimy Ridge, is important to all our friends north of the boundary in Canada. It will interest, also, all Americans that were sent abroad in that famous fight, with which we had nothing to do except lose our men and our money. American soldiers, who liked the Canadian and Australian troops better than any others they met, according to statements made by many, testify to the courage with which the colonial Englishmen fought at Vimy Ridge and elsewhere.

Statistics of the war show that, on the side of the allies, the percentage of death was higher among the Canadians than among any other troops involved, excepting the French themselves, who fought at their own frontiers to defend their own homes.

Sixty thousand Canadians lie buried, each one an "unknown soldier," around that great monument. The king of England, after a long and really admirable speech of appreciation, lowered the flags that hid the monument which, as he said, will forever honor the courage of the Canadians that fought and that lie dead and buried.

The war that killed so many millions, blowing them to pieces, leaving them to die shattered and agonizing on the battlefield; suffocating, making them insane with the poison gas just coming in fashion, seemed between 1914 and 1918 as horrible as any war could be.

But the civil war, the worst, most savage, pitiless and ferocious of all wars, now going on in Spain, makes the big war comparatively mild.

Lord Rothermere's London Daily Mail eclipses in the horror of one published statement all stories of horror in the war and goes beyond anything that could possibly be believed.

When the French newspaper, the Friend of the People, described fighters for Madrid's radical government digging up and throwing from their graves the bodies of Catholic nuns, that horror seems beyond belief.

But Lord Rothermere's newspaper prints the statement that other nuns ALIVE were seized—three of them—their clothing saturated with gasoline, and burned to death. The Daily Mail also quotes the statement that in the city of Barcelona, when the radical forces had conquered the rebellious insurgent inhabitants, "any Catholic priest in the city was butchered without mercy."

Russia is, according to reliable reports, in constant communication with the Madrid government by radio.

Newspapers in England, and the more conservative newspaper in France, declare that Russia, in addition to advising Madrid concerning the immediate civil war and helping the Spanish government by the purchase of Spanish bonds, is also sending by radio detailed information as to the organization in Spain of a "Soviet government" similar to that existing in Russia.

France, thanks to the existing alliance with Russia—resented by many of the old-fashioned Frenchmen, who ask, "Is Stalin the real ruler of France?"—is under pressure from Russia to help the Madrid government against the insurgents.

If Spain should become really sovietized, under the guidance of Russia, the Spanish peninsula would be practically a branch and a dependency of Soviet Russia at the southwest corner of Europe.

Russia, whose planes have been taking information on manufacturing poison gas and building factories to the nations that are friendly to her in central Europe, might build up a chain of Communist states too powerful even for the dictator governments of Italy and Germany, and the remaining "democratic" government of Great Britain. It is not a happy time for Europeans, or for any interested in Europe's future peace and welfare.

Hitler is reported on the point of siding with the Spanish insurgents against the radical Madrid regime, because of savage attacks made on Nazi officers in Spain. It is reported that a woman in charge of the Hitler office was threatened with death if she would not reveal the whereabouts of her principal; dragged into the streets, her dress was soaked with gasoline. An interruption prevented applying the match.

**A CORRECTION**

In an announcement last week of the wedding of Miss Hilda Cooke to Mr. Frederick Craig, the date of the ceremony was given as August 16th, whereas the wedding actually took place May 16. This error is regretted.

**PROJECT PLANNED  
AT BLOWING ROCK**

**Summer Resident Of Neighboring Town Sponsors Project for Model Playground.**

The development of a model playground at Blowing Rock High school, outlined in a WPA project now being prepared for submission to the Raleigh and Washington authorities, states T. D. Heffner, district engineer who was a visitor in Boone last week.

Mr. Heffner states that the project is under the joint sponsorship of the town of Blowing Rock and Mrs. J. N. Wheelwright, a summer resident of the resort town, and although final estimates are incomplete as to what will be done, it is tentatively planned to spend about three thousand dollars in grading a three-acre playground, constructing a concrete slab for roller skating; fencing the entire athletic field, planting native shrubs and doing miscellaneous landscaping. Very little work has been done in Blowing Rock, states Mr. Heffner, on account of the relatively small number of certified relief cases in that vicinity; however, it is planned to transport labor into the community to carry on the operation of the playground project when it gains approval.

It is stated that Mrs. Wheelwright is manifesting keen interest in the worthy project and is expecting to make a liberal contribution.

**Mother Of Mrs. Kelly  
Dies in Ashe County**

Mrs. Virginia Lee Lowman, mother of Mrs. Ethel Kelley of this city, died Monday at her home in the Nathans Creek section of Ashe county, from an illness with a heart ailment. Mrs. Lowman was 71 years old.

Funeral services are to be conducted from the Center church in the home neighborhood by the Reverend Curtis Swain and interment will be in the nearby cemetery.

Surviving are the husband, A. L. Lowman and the following sons and daughters: Wiley Lowman, Faraday, Va.; Wade Lowman, Bishop, Va.; John Lowman, Roger, Ky.; Mack Lowman; Mesdames H. T. Snyder, Marlon, Va.; Will Sanders, West Jefferson; Ethel Kelley, Boone; sisters, Mrs. Mary Shook, North Wilkesboro. Four brothers also survive, Lewis Kelley, Coburn, Va.; Charles Kelley, North Wilkesboro; Richard, Nathans Creek; Barnett Kelley, Elizabethton, Tenn. Thirty-four grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive.

**RECORDER'S COURT**

Following are the cases disposed of in Judge John H. Bingham's Recorder's court last Tuesday:

Robert Garron, carrying concealed weapons, 8 months on roads. Bond to Superior Court on charges of having stolen the two pistols involved in the first court.

Oka Henson, driving while intoxicated, \$50 and the cost.

Troy Norris, assault with deadly weapon, \$25 and cost.

Allen Mast, charged with slaying Lloyd Presnell, waived examination.

**REPORTS LARGE YIELDS**

Mr. Andy Greer of Villas reports the ownership of a tomato vine on which he has counted 78 tomatoes. He also believes he has established a good record in producing 85 bushels of wheat on two and one-half acres of land.

**MANY ARE JAILED**

Sheriff Howell reports that the county jail was occupied over the week-end by 25 prisoners, most of them charged with drunkenness and other liquor law violations.

**FINANCES READY  
FOR R.E.A. LINES**

**State College Authority Urges Rural Districts to Take Immediate Action.**

The policy of the Rural Electrification Administration is to help those who help themselves, said David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer at State College.

In communities where farmers show they are making an organized effort to secure electricity, he added, the REA will make loans to help finance the construction of power lines and the wiring of buildings.

But it is not going to pour money into communities that are making no effort to obtain electric power, he declared.

The national REA has set aside \$1,000,000 for loans in North Carolina, he pointed out, and is ready to allot an additional \$2,500,000 if North Carolina farmers go after it.

To get it, they must push the rural electrification program and convince the REA that they will make good use of the money. Otherwise, it will be loaned in other States.

The state REA and the State College extension service are endeavoring to help push the rural electrification program in all communities that are interested and willing to cooperate, he stated.

Already, more than 1,300 miles of rural power lines have been strung in this State, he went on, but that is only a beginning. At the close of 1935, he pointed out, only 11,558 of the 300,967 farms in the State, or 3.8 per cent, were served by electricity from a central distributing station.

"With all this money available from the national REA," he said, "we face the best opportunity we have ever had for electrifying rural districts. Let's take advantage of it."

**CONGRESSIONAL MEET  
AT TAYLORSVILLE 3RD**

The Democratic District Congressional meeting will be held at Taylorsville on Thursday, September 3, according to advices coming to County Chairman Cleve Gross from Congressman Doughton.

The principal address will be delivered by Hon. Charles West of Ohio, under-secretary of the interior, and Congressman Doughton, together with State Chairman Winborne, will address the gathering. Chairmen of the different county executive committees of the ninth district will also make remarks.

The meeting will get under way at 11 o'clock in the morning and will continue throughout the day, with the addresses coming at the afternoon session.

It is urged that there be a large delegation attend the meeting from Watauga county.

**Boone Streets Are  
Ready For Surfacing**

The work of surface treating those Boone streets which have been improved as a part of the local WPA program, is expected to start today and two five-hour shifts of laborers will be used daily in an effort to dispatch the work as early as possible.

Mr. D. W. Wooten who has been engaged as foreman on the Boone streets has resigned to take employment with a scenic highway contractor and Mr. Thompson, who has completed a street repair job in Salisbury and who has several years experience in the application of bituminous surfacing, has taken Wooten's place as foreman.

**MAST CONFESSES  
FATAL SHOOTING  
LLOYD PRESNELL**

**Youthful Prisoner Admits to Officers That He Shot Companion On Hunting Trip—Claims Self-Defense—Bullet Is Clue.**

Allen Mast, 16 years old, who had been held in the county jail since the first of last week in connection with the slaying of Lloyd Presnell, 15 a neighbor youth, admitted to Sheriff Howell and Police Chief Litten last week, that it was he who fired the fatal shot from a .22 calibre rifle, when he found that the slain man had his gun pointed in his direction.

The confession came after the Sheriff and Solicitor Zimmerman had taken the guns carried by Mast, Presnell and Clinard Hicks, a third member of the hunt, and the missile which was found in Presnell's body, to a ballistics expert at the Charlotte Police Department. There it was definitely determined that the lethal bullet was fired from Mast's gun. On their return the Sheriff and Mr. Litten secured the confession from the youthful prisoner. Young Mast stated that he was walking in front of Presnell in the woods, and that upon turning, found himself covered by Presnell's gun. He fired, he stated, in an effort to save his own life. The bullet penetrated Presnell's left forearm and entered the heart.

Officers state that Mast denied ever having had trouble with the deceased, and stated that they were playmates in former years, had since been companions, attended Sunday School together and lived altogether amicably.

Mast waived a preliminary hearing before the Recorder's court Tuesday and will be tried at the regular fall term of superior court in September.

**INJURED IN COLLISION**

Thos. W. Hubbard, of Washington, D. C., was severely cut on the head and Mrs. Hubbard suffered a sprained ankle, when the car they occupied was struck by a truck driven by W. A. McRary, of Lenoir, near the college campus. The injuries are not thought to be serious, and no criminal action resulted, the damage to the vehicles having been arranged between the drivers.

**ENTERS BARBER SHOP**

Willie Folk, colored, was jailed at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning on charges of robbing the City Barber Shop of currency in the amount of about six dollars. It is said that a glass in the door was broken, and the latch on the inside loosed by reaching through the opening. Police officers arrested Folk at the log cabin near the city limits shortly after the robbery was reported.

**CEMETERY IMPROVED**

The colored people of the community have just finished two days most effective work in the beautification of their cemetery. All rubbish and broom sedge has been removed and the area sown in suitable grasses, adding much to the appearance of the landscape.

**TO UNVEIL PORTRAIT**

Arrangements are being made at the college for the unveiling on Friday, September 4th, a portrait of Miss Celeste Henkel, who was a member of the Board of Trustees of the institution.

**FORMER EDITOR LAUDS  
PROGRESS OF THE CITY**

Hon. J. F. Spainhour, of Morganton, founder of the Watauga Democrat and its editor for a year, stopped by Saturday, to felicitate the present publisher on the improvement in the newspaper, and to state that Boone is showing the most rapid strides along progressive lines of any town in North Carolina.

"Watauga County has always had the best type of citizenship of either of the mountain counties. This condition existed when I was solicitor in the nineties and prosecuted the criminal court dockets throughout the region, and to this day there is less crime in Watauga," stated the well-known attorney.

Mr. Spainhour in company with Mrs. Spainhour and son Ralph left Saturday after visiting for a while with relatives in Boone and in the county.

**BOONE HIGH SCHOOL  
TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 1**

The Boone demonstration and high school will open on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The buildings are now being gone over and put into first-class condition for the opening. The school authorities are anxious for all school children to enter school at the opening so that all may get started together.

**SPEAKS IN COUNTY**



M. A. Adams, District Director of Temperance Education, who spoke at the Three Forks Association Tuesday morning and who also spoke at the Ashe Association Saturday morning and Sunday at Brushy Fork at 10:00 a. m., at Cove Creek at 11:00 a. m., at Mt. Calvary at 3:00 p. m., and at Willow at 7:45 p. m.

**BIG CROWD URGED  
AT REA MEETING**

**Rural Electrification Possibilities to Be Aired at Meet Next Tuesday.**

A full attendance of the people of Watauga county is asked at an open meeting to be held at the courthouse Tuesday, September 1, at the noon hour, looking to the inclusion of Watauga county in the far-reaching program of the Federal government, whereby electric current will be made available to rural residents, where sufficient interest warrants such procedure.

Hon. Robert L. Doughton, through whose auspices the meeting was arranged for this county, will be accompanied to Boone by Mr. Chester Lake, of the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington and the program will be minutely outlined.

If sufficient interest is shown in the program, a project covering the desired lines in the county, will be submitted, and will very likely be approved in Washington, it is said.

**Mrs. Anders Dies At  
Home Of Daughter**

Mrs. Anna Anders, who for many years has spent the summers in the mountains and who was well known in Boone, where her son, Dr. McG. Anders, was a former resident, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Will Pennington at Sturgills, last Monday. She was 86 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Anders home in Gastonia Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Rozelle, Methodist minister, and interment was in the city cemetery.

One son and one daughter survive: Dr. McG. Anders of Gastonia, and Mrs. Will Pennington, Sturgills.

Mrs. Anders was the former Miss Anna H. Gallant of Mecklenburg county and the widow of Rev. J. J. C. Anders. She loved the mountains of northwest Carolina and had a host of friends in Boone and Watauga county.

**WPA Projects Said  
To Be Successful**

The projects carried on during the summer by the WPA in connection with the Cove Creek School, have been very successful, according to the principal, Prof. S. F. Horton. Mr. Horton states that three gardens have been cultivated and the vegetables produced are being canned for use in the lunch room this winter.

The clerical projects, it is stated, has also been very helpful. All permanent record cards and all reports have been typed and brought up to date. The library has been kept open and books, newspapers and magazines have been distributed. The music, recreation and sewing projects have enrolled a large number of children who have been given valuable training. Prof. Horton states.

**WILEY FOLK DIES**

Wiley Folk, aged 74, highly respected citizen of the town, died last Wednesday from a recurrent stroke of paralysis.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Thursday afternoon by Rev. E. S. Swan, and interment was in the Boone cemetery.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters: Clay and Edward Folk of Boone; Jennie McNeil, Shell Creek, Tenn.; Mayme Ray, Johnson City, Tenn.; Maggie McClelland, Jellico, Tenn.

**SPEEDING TRUCK  
SERIOUSLY HURTS  
LOCAL WOMAN**

**Driver Of Truck Did Not Stop Machine—Ralph Critcher, Arrested Later, Alleged to Have Been Driver of Machine That Struck Mrs. Barnes.**

Mrs. Gurdy Barnes, Boone woman, was seriously, if not fatally, injured last Thursday afternoon, when struck by a motor truck near her home in Perkinsville, as she walked along the highway, and Ralph Critcher, resident of the Bamboo section, jailed later on charges of driving while intoxicated, is alleged to have been the driver of the machine, which did not stop at the scene of the accident.

Mrs. Barnes suffered a broken arm, a compound fracture of the left hip, and an extremely serious laceration of the side, when the front end of the truck bed is alleged to have struck her. After having been given a hurried examination by Dr. Perry, she was rushed to a North Wilkesboro hospital, where for the time being, no hope whatever was held for her recovery. However, information now is, that she is showing a most favorable reaction to the operations performed, and subsequent treatments, and hospital attaches believe she has a chance of recovery.

According to Sheriff Howell, Mrs. Barnes was walking between two and three feet off the pavement when struck, that she was thrown some fifteen feet by the impact, and that the truck had continued about the same distance off the pavement for a distance of 81 feet. According to the sheriff, Ralph Critcher, arrested late at night, had struck two automobiles in town after the accident, ran into a rock wall, and was taken on a charge of hit and run driving, and driving while intoxicated. The Sheriff states that laboratory tests conducted by a Charlotte detective agency, disclosed that stains found on the truck driven by Critcher, were made by human blood, and that a piece of skin also found on the machine was also identified as human flesh. A strand of hair on the truck was adjudged as being from a human head and matched the locks of the injured woman.

The Sheriff states that Critcher will be held, pending the outcome of Mrs. Barnes' injuries.

**Clerical Project Has  
Now Been Completed**

The WPA clerical project, which has been under the supervision of Mr. H. W. Horton, has closed, the major portion of the work for which it was intended, having been completed.

Through this project, says Mr. Horton, an average of about ten capable office helpers have secured employment, and the work they have done has been a real service to the public, much of it in the schools of the county and in the courthouse. With the new card index system set up by this project the birth record of all children born since 1914 can be quickly found as they are now arranged in a cabinet alphabetically with the official book in convenient shelves.

There is, however, states Mr. Horton, several thousand incomplete record certificates of birth on file, where the child's name has never been filled in, and both parents and children would do themselves and future generations a service by calling at the office of the Register of Deeds and filling in the name now blank, as official records of births might be of great importance in future matters of school, inheritance, insurance or property.

The project was conducted under the sponsorship of the Board of County Commissioners.

**CHANGES ARE MADE  
IN TEACHING FORCE**

Mr. Howard Walker, county superintendent, announces a few corrections in the list of school teachers which appears elsewhere in this issue:

Miss Martha Lee Mickle is added to the Boone High school; Miss Myrtle Brandon will teach in Boone elementary in place of Miss Jane Eliason; Mrs. John Horton takes the place of Mrs. Dora Mast at Brushy Fork; Miss Madge Williams will teach at Rominger rather than T. C. Adams, and Mr. O. G. Winebarger has been added at Fottertown school.

In the bus lines George Welborn will drive No. 17 instead of James Welch, and Paul Greene will drive No. 6.

A few changes have been temporarily made by the State School Commission, says Mr. Walker, bus No. 15 being extended to Sutherland in Ashe county and other minor changes.