



JAPANESE THRUST IS BEATEN BACK ON GUADALCANAL

American Troops Regain Positions Penetrated by Attack; Heavy Damage Inflicted on Foe's Warships in Sea-Air Struggle

Washington, Oct. 27—American troops on Guadalcanal have beaten back an enemy thrust which penetrated their lines...

Ashore: "During the night of October 25-26 (Solomon islands time) enemy troops were active on Guadalcanal and succeeded in piercing our lines on the south side of the air field...

At sea: Two Japanese destroyers were sunk; a battleship was hit; a cruiser was badly damaged...

Military men emphasized the extreme importance of the fighting ashore. Marines and army men were apparently determined to hold the air on Guadalcanal at all costs...

At sea, the Japs apparently had fairly secure control of the sea lanes in and around the Solomons, for an enemy destroyer penetrated close enough to Tulagi harbor to sink the U. S. fleet tug Seminole...

Otherwise, small task forces, both American and Japanese, apparently were playing hide-and-seek in the general neighborhood of the archipelago, and occasionally joining action.

Those in a position to know said that the results of the battle were still far from conclusive and that it continued unabated.

REDS THROW BACK MANY ASSAULTS IN STALINGRAD

Another German offensive was battering at the factories and the ruined workers' district of northern Stalingrad, but the Soviet midnight communique last night said one attack after another was beaten back...

Up to Tuesday evening Stalingrad's calm battle report was that the enemy had been thrown completely out of the southern industrial district of Stalingrad by a week of Russian counterattacks...

U. S. FORCES ON ALEUTIANS PUNISH JAP U-BOAT BASE

There was news Tuesday of the Aleutians sector a navy communique which disclosed that the U. S. aerial task forces assigned to continuous punishment of Kiska, the Jap base, had spied out and attacked an enemy submarine base.

This base was attacked on successive days (Friday and Saturday) by Liberators and Flying Fortresses, accompanied by Lockheed "Lightning" fighters. No Jap planes rose to meet them.

BOX SUPPER

A box supper will be held Saturday evening, October 31, at 8:00 o'clock at the Mabel school. The public is invited to attend and bring boxes.

Returned Here



Dr. E. K. McLarty, esteemed pastor of the Boone Methodist church, who was returned to the local charge by the Western North Carolina Conference...

SCRAP CAMPAIGN IN COUNTY YET ON; RESULTS LAG

Lack of Weighing Facilities at Many Schools Has Made Accurate Reports Lag; Total Receipts Now Around 300,000

The campaign for the collection of scrap metal in Watauga county continues, and despite the fact that Watauga county is near the bottom of the list in the tabulated state totals...

County Salvage Chairman Harry Hamilton states that former delays in providing transportation and lack of scales at many of the collection points, have kept the official score for the county down...

Mr. Hamilton reports today an additional 60,000 pounds, which added to the former total brings the tabulation to 287,000 pounds.

Jurors Drawn for Federal Court Term

The November term of federal court will convene in Wilkesboro November 16, with Judge Johnson J. Hayes presiding. Following are those selected for jury service from Watauga county:

- Chas. G. Lewis, Mabel; C. D. Honeycutt, Valle Crucis; E. E. Ragan, Todd; Thomas R. Miller, Boone; Paul Coffey, Blowing Rock; H. P. Holshouser, Blowing Rock; Rock Hatton, Boone; H. C. Beach, Zionville; John Ward, Sugar Grove; Jas. B. Mast, Sherwood; I. B. Wilson, Zionville.

GERMAN LOSSES IN RUSSIA SET AT 10,000,000

Moscow, Oct. 26.—P. N. Pospelov, member of the Communist party central committee, said in a speech to the Red army today that the Germans had lost 10,000,000 men killed, wounded and taken prisoner in the battle of Russia...

The friendly relations between the Soviet Union, Britain and the United States have become stronger but the opening of a second front in Europe would further strengthen our fighting friendship with our allies.

Pospelov said that the Red army had "shattered" 73 German divisions between May 1 and Aug. 1, and that it had all the possibilities of halting, routing and annihilating the Germans.

On the Egyptian desert front, the position after four days of British general attack was that the British Eighth army had carefully extended the penetrations made by infantry and armor in the strong Axis line. At last reports, however, the real showdown between the main opposition tank forces had not begun.

USO CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$500 QUOTA IS LAUNCHED HERE

Rev. Marion H. Currie, Chairman of Watauga County Drive to Provide Funds to Aid Men in Armed Forces; Contributors to Date

A belated campaign to raise \$500 for the benefit of the United Service Organization was started in Watauga county this week, with Rev. Marion H. Currie, pastor of the James I. Vance Memorial Presbyterian church in Boone, serving in the capacity of chairman.

As is well known, the USO provides healthful recreation, library facilities and spiritual environment for the men in the armed forces and in the campaign last conducted in Watauga county, the region over-subscribed its quota. Rev. Mr. Currie will institute a vigorous campaign to make the present drive "measure up" fully...

Following is a list of those who have already made contributions: Boone Laundry \$ 5.00, Burgess Antique Shop 8.00, S. C. Eggers 1.00, King St. Grocery 5.00, Mrs. Jessie McGuire 5.00, Miss Sallie Ray 1.00, D. P. Lavietes 50.00.

Total \$76.00 MAKE IT GROW!

Gets Five Tons of Scrap at Elk School

Mr. I. S. Miller, who teaches school in Elk township, reports that the people in the small neighborhood served by the school have gathered 10,000 pounds of scrap in the salvage campaign and that they continue to gather the junk.

Mr. Miller rightly believes that is a fine record on the part of that splendid section of the county, and thinks when the totals of the scrap campaign are tabulated, Elk will have the highest record of any of the small schools in the county.

Red Cross News

Hard at work in the new Red Cross headquarters building are the directors of bandage rolling and garment production, with their many helpers. In the bandage room, we are happy to learn that your ready response has already made it possible to complete the October quota.

The sewing room invites you to take out materials and garments to work on at home, so there are knitters and dressmakers at work throughout the county.

At the beginning of this work, sample bandages were taken out in some instances, but these were never used in treatment of injuries. Hence, the misunderstanding by some that it would be possible to roll bandages at home.

The services of all Red Cross workers here is a voluntary patriotic service, rendered without pay. Some friends have thought that aries were paid to local directors. As a matter of fact, the only expense resembling any remuneration is the mileage allowance for car expense to the home service committee.

Maneuver for Position in Solomons



This photo was sent by radio from Honolulu to San Francisco and to Chicago by soundphoto. It shows marines moving through a tropical jungle on the Solomon Islands to get into position to attack Japs entrenched on Mataniku river.

WATAUGANS IN SOLOMONS FIGHT

Lieutenant Kephart Member of Flight Squadron on Sunken Carrier "Wasp"

Lieutenant Kephart, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart of Blowing Rock, naval air pilot, is believed to have been in action when the airplane carrier "Wasp" was sunk in the Solomon Islands.

Beach Kellar of Boone, according to word reaching Mrs. Kellar, is safe following the engagement which cost the navy heavily. He was a member of the crew of one of the destroyers which effected rescue of the survivors of the "Wasp."

COFFEE RATIONING TO START NOV 28

Persons Above 15 Years of Age Will Be Allowed One Pound Every Five Weeks

Coffee rationing starts Nov 28, the government announced Monday, but it will be more liberal than the bugaboo which has frightened housewives in many cities into hoarding and over-buying.

One pound every five weeks will be allowed for every person who was 15 years or older when sugar rationing started last May. This works out to slightly more than one cup a day, and in households where children 15 or older do not drink coffee, the grownups can have the children's share as well as their own.

Moreover, it will still be possible to get a cup of coffee in a restaurant regardless of how much is used at home. Details of the rationing for restaurants are still to be announced but it probably will follow that of sugar, restricting commercial users to a certain percentage of their former consumption.

And those who care to substitute tea, cocoa or other beverages for coffee at certain meals can drink all they wish. No rationing of these drinks is being imposed, at least for the present.

Retail sales of coffee will be stopped at midnight Nov. 21 in preparation for the rationing starting at midnight Nov. 28. In that interval grocers can stock their shelves for the start of rationing.

The sugar ration book will be used for coffee and no new registration will be necessary. The last 10 stamps in the book will be used for coffee. Because of the position of these stamps, No. 27 will be good for the first coffee ration, No. 23 for the second, No. 25 for the third, No. 26 for the fourth, 23 for the fifth, 24 for the sixth and so on, working backward to No. 19.

The sugar ration books were issued for everyone from babies to grownups. But only books where the age of the user appears as 15 or older can be used to get coffee.

TRUCKERS TOLD OF REGULATION

Applications for Certificate of War Necessity Must Be Secured at Once

After November 15th, all trucks, buses, taxicabs and other commercial motor vehicles must carry certificates of war necessity, and without such certificate it will be impossible to obtain gasoline, tires or parts for any such vehicle without this certificate, it is revealed by the local office of defense transportation.

Carriers who have received their application blanks should fill them out accurately and return them at once in self-addressed envelopes provided for the purpose.

It is revealed at the local ODT office that after November 15, a "T" gasoline ration book will be issued to supplement the "S" books now being used by commercial operators.

It has been arranged by the local ODT for all the farmers of the county to finish their applications this week, while owners of other vehicles, whether passenger car or truck, used for commercial purposes, must register during next week.

SPECIAL RATION OF ELECTION GAS

Provision Made for Use of Extra Gasoline for Purposes of Aiding Electors

A special gasoline ration has been provided which can be used for the purpose of carrying persons to and from the polls for the purpose of voting in the election, it was stated Tuesday at the office of the local ration board.

This special ration is to be used only for the specific purpose of facilitating the exercise of franchise on the day of election only, and use of the gasoline is not restricted to the voter's own car, but may be issued for a car that is used to haul voters to and from the polls on the day of election.

A special gas ration may be issued to a candidate for his own direct and personal use.

Carl Byers Dies At Meat Camp Home

Carl D. Byers, 51, resident of Meat Camp township, died of a heart attack at his home early Thursday morning of last week.

Funeral services were conducted from the Meat Camp Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2:30, the Rev. J. C. Canipe being in charge. Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Vilas Minton assisted in the rites, and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery.

Mr. Byers was a farmer by occupation, but many years ago he taught in the public school system of the county. He was a man of the very highest character, and had large numbers of friends.

Surviving are the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Ruby Michael of Bristol, Tenn., and Miss Opal Byers of Asheville; one son, William Byers, of Meat Camp, and two brothers, N. T. and J. W. Byers of Watauga county.

Of 10 average industrial workers, seven drive their autos, two use public transportation, and one walks.

ELECTION DRAWS NEAR WITHOUT USUAL FANFARE

Quiet Campaign Coming to Close in Watauga County With Predictions of Smaller Vote; Slate of Able Candidates Before Electorate

Election day is next Tuesday, and up to the present time the campaign which is nearing its climax, has shown little of the fanfare and public enthusiasm which has characterized the political battles of other years.

A slate of able candidates has been placed before the people by both political parties, and while the campaigns are being ably and diligently conducted by the candidates and their friends, there have been no public speakings, and little to remind the public generally that an election campaign is in progress. Most observers incline to the belief that the vote may not reach its usual proportions in this county. Large numbers of voters are away from the county, in the armed forces and in war work, and the political leaders have devoted considerable of their effort to providing the franchise to those voters through the medium of the absentee ballot.

Strong Candidates This year besides the usual county ticket, Watauga electors will vote for one candidate for solicitor, Hon. L. S. Spurling, popular incumbent, who is without Republican opposition, and on two candidates for the state senate. H. Grady Farthing, local business leader and district game protector with the department of conservation and development, is the Democratic nominee, while Kenneth B. Linney, member of the city council and prominent hardware dealer, is running on the Republican side.

Tom Jackson, former superintendent of welfare here, and teacher, is seeking to represent the county in the house of representatives on the Democratic ticket. Thomas R. Miller, popular manager of the Associated Transport Terminal in Boone, is the Republican candidate for the assembly.

Austin E. South, Democrat, for 16 years the capable clerk of the superior court, will return to his office, the Republicans not having nominated a candidate against him. Sheriff A. J. Edmisten, Democrat, incumbent for six years, and a splendid law enforcer, is being opposed by Mr. C. M. Watson. Mr. Watson is one of the leading farmers of the county, and operates an oil business in this city.

J. V. Caudill, local mortician, and a splendid Boone citizen, has no campaign troubles, since his name appears on both the Democratic and Republican ballots.

C. F. Thompson, Democrat incumbent, and I. A. Bumgarner, Republican, are running for the office of county surveyor. Both are capable men.

For county commissioners the Democratic nominees are: Grady Greer, incumbent, farmer and business man; Ira Edmisten, incumbent, leading farmer, and Grady Moretz, former teacher and now a lumberman. The Republican nominees are: Walter C. Greene, well-known building contractor; H. O. Aldridge, popular farmer and citizen of Shulls Mills; and William Winkler, owner of the New River Dairy.

So, it can be quickly deduced that whichever way the wind blows Watauga county is going to have good government right on. But the folks should rally to the polls this year of all years, and exercise the privilege of the franchise, whichever way they choose to vote. Let's freely use that which our foreign enemies are trying so hard to take away from us.

J. Roby Wilson Is Dead At Age of 75

J. Roby Wilson, prominent citizen of the Beaver Dam section, died at his home at Reese Tuesday evening, after a long period of illness. Pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of his death.

Funeral services are to be conducted Thursday afternoon at 3:00 from the Beaver Dam Baptist church. Rev. W. D. Ashley and Rev. R. C. Eggers are to be in charge of the rites, and burial will be in the cemetery near the church.

Surviving are four sons and six daughters: George A. Wilson, Boone; Manley A. Wilson, Bessemer City; Frank Wilson, Reese; Dallas Wilson, Reese; Mrs. Ora Greene, Reese; Mrs. W. L. Brown, Kannapolis; Mrs. Raymond Eller, Reese; Mrs. Grady Wilson, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Kelley G. Miles, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Ray Stout, Neva, Tenn.