



CHINA HERALDS GREATEST COUP IN SIX YEAR WAR

Five Japanese Divisions Are Said to Have Been Completely Routed by China; Nips Said to Have Been Thrown Back in Disorder As Foe Is Trapped.

Chungking, June 1.—Spurred on by General Hsueh Yueh, and encouraged by air support overhead, battle-tried Chinese troops were announced today to have routed completely five Jap divisions in a victory hailed in Free China as the greatest in six years of war.

The Japs were thrown back in disorder and with heavy losses toward Ichang, their Yangtze river base, the high command said.

Chinese quarters in this provisional capital were elated over the reports from the Yangtze front where the enemy divisions, involving perhaps 75,000 men, were said to have been trapped in a big encirclement.

The Japs had thrust out from Ichang in a many-pronged threat to Chungking.

Up to May 27 more than four thousand Japanese dead had been removed from the battlefields, it was reported, and the all-front counterattacks of the past two days were said to have added thousands more.

Today's high command communique announced further successes on the huge three hundred mile semi-circular front extending from the Tungting lake region of northern Hunan, westward around Ichang on the Hupeh-Hunan border region.

A body of Jap troops was completely annihilated near Yuyankwan, 35 miles south of Ichang, the communique said, and a tremendous quantity of war supplies was captured.

Enemy remnants were thoroughly mopped up at three points west of Ichang, it was stated, and the Chinese continued attacks on the retreating foe.

In northern Hunan, it was said, a battle of annihilation was proceeding against retreating Japs, with Allied planes incessantly active.

HALF MILLION COAL MINERS ARE IDLE

Washington, June 1.—While 500,000 miners remained idle, the deadlock in their wage negotiations tightened tonight when the operators rejected the United Mine Workers' proposal for \$1.50 a day as a temporary settlement of the portal-to-portal pay issue.

Both sides announced the impasse in negotiations an hour after Secretary Ickes, as fuel administrator, had called upon President John L. Lewis of the UMW to order the miners to end their work stoppage which Ickes termed "a strike against the government."

While saying that Lewis cannot escape responsibility in the crisis, the government's chief mine boss said "a few powerful operators deliberately opposed a compromise."

Lewis did not immediately reply to Ickes, but told reporters that the demand to return to work was "a matter to be given consideration."

The operators, replying to Ickes, said "we do not feel that we can accept any responsibility for the delays which necessitated intervention by agencies of the government. This responsibility is that of the United Mine Workers, who have refused to recognize the wage stabilization policies of the government as reflected in the laws of the United States and executive orders of the president."

The joint wage negotiations recessed until tomorrow with an announcement from the operators that they have called upon the War Labor board for further directions.

Lewis told a joint press conference that the miners proposed temporary settlement, except for the amount of money, was offered by Secretary Ickes last night in a conference with Lewis and Charles O'Neill, representing the northern operators.

Ickes did not propose any specific sum, the UMW president said.

BOONE BOY RATES HIGHEST IN NAVAL TEST IN COUNTY

Navy Recruiter J. E. Huffman stated that Richard Franklin Bingham, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert K. Bingham of Boone, had made the highest mental score thus far in the county on the Navy entrance examinations. These mental tests were recently given in a number of the Watauga County Schools. James A. Barnes of Route 2 is second high, only one point behind Bingham. Both of these young men leave Friday for Raleigh for final physical examinations and enlistment in the U. S. Navy.

Goes Into Active Duty



LIEUT. ROBERT H. BINGHAM

Atlanta, May 31.—Lieut. Robert H. Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larna L. Bingham, of Boone, has been assigned to active duty with the fighting leathernecks, it was announced here today. He was ordered to lead U. S. Marines in battle after successfully completing the rugged officers' training course at the famous Marine Base, Quantico, Va.

COLEMAN URGES FULL WEED QUOTA

Operator of Local Burley Warehouses Sees Good Prices For This Season.

"I want to urge every farmer in this section to put out his full quota of tobacco this season," R. C. Coleman, operator of the Mountain Burley Warehouses in Boone, said the first of the week.

In discussing the threatened shortage of plants, Mr. Coleman said he thought it would pay every farmer to get out his full allotment, even if he had to set it a little later than usual. He thinks that burley tobacco will be in great demand this season and bring top prices.

With the increased allotments which have been made, Mr. Coleman says he thinks 1943 will be a banner year for the Boone tobacco market.

Memorial Day Services Are Held Last Sunday

The annual Memorial Day services of the American Legion were held this year at the Mount Vernon Church.

At the entrance of the church were placed six crosses with wreaths, in memory of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War; the War of 1812; the War between the States; the Spanish American War; World War I and World War II. At the front of the church hung long scrolls bearing the names of those from Watauga county who had served in World War I and World War II.

The program consisted of patriotic songs, with special numbers by Mrs. Elbert Vannoy, and by the Mt. Vernon quartet. Talks were made by Mr. W. H. Gragg, Mr. Albert Watson and Mr. Brown. Rev. W. C. Greene was chairman of the meeting and the sermon was delivered by Mrs. F. E. Warman, who used the text: "greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." A large crowd attended the services.

FOUR LOCAL MEN ARE ACCEPTED FOR THE NAVY

Joseph E. Huffman, Navy recruiter, who is in Boone on Monday and Tuesday of each week announced that four men from this county have been accepted pending final physical examination in Raleigh this week. They are:

Thomas Herndon Coffey, Jr., of Blowing Rock; Richard Franklin Bingham, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Knox Bingham; James Andrew Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Barnes of Boone; Austin Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Lewis of Todd.

Upon passing final physical examinations in Raleigh, these men will be enlisted in the Navy V-6 program. To those that qualify 55 different trade schools are open. These schools provide trained men for the petty officer ratings in the rapidly expanding fleet. Courses taught range from cooks and bakers school to aviation machinists, pharmacists' mate electricians, radiomen, metalsmiths, etc.

Chicks
Poor quality chicks, poor quality feed, and inexperienced persons attempting to grow chicks, has caused the mortality experienced in many years, reports County Agent L. F. Weeks of Duplin.

BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS

LARGE NUMBER OF MOTORISTS ARE CITED BY O. P. A.

Many Drivers of Automobiles Have Violated Rationing Regulations, says OPA Office; Future Violators May Suffer Loss of Ration Books.

A large number of automobiles have been cited for various abuses of the wartime rationing regulations, says Richard A. Olsen of the local OPA office, who warns that Federal regulations call for drastic measures if such violations continue.

Mr. Olsen releases the following list of license numbers of vehicles whose owners have violated the regulations:

184406	140389
118509	108141
145007	145007
184570	175532
175394	175568
118641	145092
175667	139358
175645	102770
132244	175906
699118	717555
544421	240437
699661	545008
543405	545262
184631	555075
161846	542702
143506	699664
195053	628441
175437	544572
118,962	696,469
175770	699676
113365	488600
490009	720090
491245	723415
491355	718953
489044	718927
555174	723259

Mr. Olsen states that if a vehicle number shown above appears in this paper again, for abusing OPA regulations—that is, driving over 35 miles per hour, unnecessary driving, overloading, tire abuse, tire inspection record not complete, the T. A. B. or C book held may be taken away for 30 days or even for the duration of the war. This is a government regulation, he says, and it is the patriotic duty of the board to see that it is enforced.

Drunken Driving
Owners of the following vehicles will appear in next OPA court for drunken driving. The vehicle license numbers are:

134079	699184
544325	768975
489198	487952
For Speeding:	
731723	395386
491958	195054
709199	637202
544442	709199

The names of these offenders and the penalties prescribed by the board will be published later.

Gas Ration Books
Holders of C gasoline ration books in Watauga county are to mail their books into the local ration board in Boone before June 10.

T-gas books for pickups, it is said, are to be reduced, on account of too much unnecessary driving and speeding. It is also stated that T-coupons in some instances are being given to passenger car owners. One caught thus violating the law, will have his truck parked for the duration of the war, it was stated.

County Singing To Be Held Next Sunday

At 1:30 next Sunday all "sacred singers of the county" are invited to gather at Mount Vernon Church for the annual singing convention.

Mr. N. L. Harrison states that Sunday School will be held early at Mt. Vernon and that vocalists from a distance may start at 11:30 if they would prefer.

RECRUITER SEEKS MEN FOR DUTY WITH THE SEABEES

Lieutenant Charles J. Dietrich, CE C, USNR, will be at the Navy Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Winston-Salem, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday June 7, 8, and 9th to interview men from 17 to 50 with construction experience for petty officer ratings in the Seabees. J. E. Huffman, recruiter assigned to Watauga County will be at the postoffice in Boone on Tuesday June 1 to pass out application blanks and information on this branch of the Navy.

Urgently needed are blacksmiths, building carpenters, electricians, steel workers, engine operators, metal workers, plumbers, welders, shovel operators, telephone men and other experienced men.

In England, the government owns all food supplies and is rationing them out to both restaurants and to households as needed for the duration.

Army Rescues Flood Victims



As flood waters continued to rise in the Midwest, army engineers brought barges and amphibious jeeps into the area. They not only rescued residents and their household furnishings, but also removed livestock. Here two goats and three pigs are being floated on a barge from the flood zone.

FLORIDIAN BUYER OF GREEN PARK

Workmen to Start Next Week Placing Blowing Rock Hotel in Readiness for Opening.

Mr. R. H. Gore, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., capitalist and hotel man was the successful bidder for the Green Park Hotel property Monday, when the property was foreclosed at public auction by the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company.

The amount of the purchase price was not made public, but it was authoritatively stated that workmen would be on the job next week getting the famous Blowing Rock hotel property in readiness for the opening next month. The Green Park is one of the oldest of the Blowing Rock Hotels and has been widely patronized.

Mr. Gore, it is said holds extensive hotel properties in the state of Florida, and has other widespread business interests.

TOWN PASSES BEER ORDINANCE

Week-End Sales of Beer and Wine in City Made to Comply With The State Law.

The city council at the last regular meeting passed an ordinance in line with power granted them by the state board, prohibiting the sale of beer and wine through retail outlets in the town of Boone, from 11:30 Saturday night until 7:00 a. m. Monday.

Mr. Gordon H. Winkler, the Mayor, states that the power was vested in city governments by the last Legislature to pass such ordinances.

NO FATHERS TO GO UNTIL OTHERS SENT

No fathers in North Carolina are to be called in the selective service as long as single men and married men without children listed with the boards, are still subject to call, it was stated last week by representatives of state selective service headquarters.

The points stressed by the officials at regional meetings held over the state were:

1. Boards should review all cases rigidly so that when fathers are called no single men or childless married men will be left in civilian life after fathers are called except for vital reasons.
2. Boards should impress on employers that hereafter deferment of draft-age single and childless married men will be renewed only in extreme cases and that replacement arrangements are becoming imperative.

Single men and childless married men, it was said, are being called from the war industries, such as shipyards and airplane factories. Employers however, will be permitted to make replacements before such men are drafted. Replacements will be by men with children and by women.

"Hard to Get"

The newly-created Office of Civilian Requirements is planning to provide farmers with 50 "hard to get" items, from auger bits to singletrees,—items urgently required for the food program.

COMMERCE GROUP TO MEET FRIDAY

Banquet Session Chamber of Commerce Featured by Boy Scout Leader's Address.

A dinner meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to be held at the Gateway Cafe Friday evening at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement by Mr. H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization.

The meeting will be featured by an address of Mr. Stanley Harris, a national figure in the Boy Scout organization.

Mr. W. D. Farthing and Mrs. J. A. W. Davis will have their county war stamp and bond workers present for further planning in connection with the sale of the war securities.

It is requested by President Wilcox that every member possible be present at this time. A meeting of the directors will be held immediately after the banquet session, and each director should make it a point to be present.

High School To Open Summer Term June 15

The high school and elementary school in Boone will open for the summer term on Tuesday June 15. Courses to be offered in the high school will include home economics, typing, shorthand, science, mathematics, history, and English. All seven grades will be offered in the elementary school.

This is the first year home economics have been offered in the summer, but it is being offered this year so that special courses in canning and war projects can be carried on. Regular high school credit in home economics will be given in this course.

First Synthetic Tires Arrive In This City

The first tires to arrive in the county which are made from the new synthetic rubber, have been received at the Main Street Gulf Station, according to Mr. W. R. Winkler operator of the station.

The tires are manufactured by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., and considerable interest has been aroused among motorists who have examined them. Mr. Winkler says the tires cost no more than those fashioned from natural rubber and are claimed by the manufacturer to give 14% more mileage.

Stores to Continue To Close at 7 Saturdays

At a recent meeting of the Merchants Association it was voted to continue closing the stores on Saturday evenings at 7:00 o'clock, states Mr. Rossell D. Hodges, president of the retail organization.

RED CROSS PRODUCTION CHAIRMAN MAKES REPORT

Mrs. McKinley Ayers, production chairman of the sewing room of the Watauga Chapter of the American Red Cross, reports the following for the closing fiscal year:

DEATH CLAIMS R. O. BANNER, 62, AT BANNER ELK

Funeral Arrangements Incomplete for Merchant and Leader of Citizenry of Neighboring Community; Death Comes Unexpectedly on Tuesday.

Banner Elk.—R. O. Banner, 62, prominent Banner Elk merchant, died unexpectedly at the hospital here Tuesday afternoon a short time after he collapsed at his home. Mr. Banner had been in ill health for some time but his passing was unexpected.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Banner of Banner Elk and was born here May 31, 1881. He was educated in the Watauga county schools in the section of the county from which later Avery was formed.

Mr. Banner became a merchant as a young man and continued in business here until his death. He took a prominent part in church, civic and political affairs in Western North Carolina and had served as mayor of Banner Elk. He was also a member of the building committee for the Banner Elk Presbyterian church.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Eva Lowe Banner and the following children: Mrs. Ruth Jennings of Banner Elk; Mrs. Mary Sue Dellenger of Shelby; R. O. Banner, Jr., of Banner Elk; Pfc Edwin Banner of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Mrs. Thelma Tilley of Banner Elk; Fred Banner of Baltimore, Md.; and Misses Caroline, Geneva, and Jean all of Banner Elk; three brothers four sisters and seven grandchildren.

Due to repairs being in progress at the Banner Elk Presbyterian church, funeral services will be held at the Methodist church at a time to be announced later. The Rev. Thompson B. Southall will officiate and burial will follow in the Banner Elk cemetery.

Treasury Citation Is Forwarded Local Bank

The Northwestern Bank at Boone has received from Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., a citation, honoring the magnificent work of the local institution in the prosecution of the war savings program. Few banks, it is understood, in this entire area have been so honored.

Signed by Secretary Morgenthau the certificate cites the Northwestern Bank "for distinguished service in behalf of the war program." The handsomely engraved certificate has been placed in the lobby of the bank.

RATION BOARDS USE MAILING PLAN

To accomplish the gigantic task of getting war ration book three into the hands of 940,800 North Carolinians, Uncle Sam is borrowing an idea from one of the nation's most successful businesses—the mail order house.

He's making it just as simple as possible for everyone to get the new ration book. He is having the application delivered to your home by the postman, where the head of the family can fill it out at his convenience. Once completed, it need only be mailed back between June 1 and 10 to the OPA state mailing center (the card is already pre-addressed) and you can forget all about the whole thing until the postman delivers your family's ration books to your door.

Distribution of the new ration book is the biggest mailing job in history, but it won't be a difficult one for the Post Office Department or for OPA if citizens are careful in filling out the application forms. All information is to be typewritten or printed on the form, with the exception of the signature at the bottom of the card which must be written (this protects applicants against forgeries). No books will be issued on unsigned cards.

Space is provided on the blank for the names of 12 members of a family. Should additional space be necessary, another form should be filled in, listing the other names and the two cards fastened securely together.

Protection against loss in the mails is afforded by the numbered stub which forms the top part of the application. This stub should be torn off before the form is mailed and held until the books are delivered by the postman.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS