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BATTLE OF ITALY IS IMPEDED BY FLOOD WATERS

Major Battle is Delayed By Rising Streams; Allied Air Forces Range Mediterranean Skies to Soften the Enemy for the Blows Dry Weather Brings.

Allied headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 12.—The impending battle of the Volturno river was further delayed today by flood waters that swept over the stream's steep banks at some points and hopelessly mired heavy equipment of Gen. Mark W. Clark's fifth army, but allied air forces ranged the Mediterranean skies unimpeded to soften the enemy for the blows that are sure to come with dry weather.

An allied communique said only patrol activities and artillery duels had enlivened the rain-bogged front across Italy in the past 24 hours. The Nazis grasped the respite to strengthen their defenses in the depth along the northern bank of the Volturno, which Clark's forces must penetrate in their drive toward Rome.

Despite the adverse weather the British eighth army was reported to have gained ground at some points on the Adriatic end of the line. German resistance in this area was described as increasingly stiff.

In the day's most telling aerial assault, American Mitchell bombers escorted by Lightning fighters rained bombs on a Nazi airfield on Corfu strategic Greek island dominating the entrance to the Adriatic. In addition to raking the Garitza airfield the Mitchells scored two direct hits on a merchant ship in Corfu harbor.

In Italy allied fighters smashed at Nazi gun positions the length of the front and destroyed motor transports and trains that are straining to keep the enemy's fighting forces supplied with food and ammunition.

CONCERT TO BE HELD IN THE COLLEGE AUDITORIUM THURSDAY EVENING, 8 P. M.

A fine musical treat is being offered to the city and community of Boone, this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Appalachian State Teachers College auditorium, when Mr. Klaus Liepmann and Mr. Earnest Gerschfski will be presented in a formal concert of violin and piano. After the concert those wishing to have the opportunity of meeting the visiting musicians are asked to come to the reception parlors of Lovell Hall.

The Music Department is sponsoring a three day visit to the campus of these very outstanding musicians. The artists will meet students and visit classes and play several informal concerts for the benefit of the students during their stay.

Mr. Klaus Liepmann, the violinist, is a member of the Yale School of Music. He began his musical education at the age of eight. Private instruction in violin, viola and piano was followed by study at the Hamburg Conservatory of Music. In 1927, Mr. Liepmann received a fellowship at the Academy of Music at Cologne, where he remained for four years studying violin, piano, theory, composition, history and orchestra.

Mr. Liepmann gave violin recitals and appeared with orchestras in the leading cities in Europe. Coming to the United States in 1935, he directed the chamber music series of the Ethical Culture Society of New York and later became a member of the Fialdston School Faculty. He has been heard in concerts in eastern cities, including New York, Boston, Philadelphia.

Since 1936 Mr. Liepmann has been director of the Yale Symphony Orchestra and a member of the faculty of the Yale School of Music. He has directed several opera productions by the Yale Music Association in cooperation with Yale Glee Club and Yale Drama School. At present he is instructor in Violin playing and ensemble groups, assistant director of the University orchestra.

Mr. Edwin Gerschfski, who will play accompaniments for Mr. Liepmann at the concert, is one of the several accomplished performers of the faculty of the Converse College of Music. He has been heard in piano recitals in New York and Connecticut. He has also broadcast frequently over the major networks and has performed with a number of symphony orchestras.

Mr. Gerschfski is a composer of widely recognized ability. His works have been played by the Columbia Symphony Orchestra under Howard Barlow. While a student at Yale University he was awarded the Frances Kellogg prize in composition. Graduating from Yale in 1931, Mr. Gerschfski went to England to study at the Tobias Matthay Pianoforte School, where he distinguished himself. Later Mr. Gerschfski continued

Soldiers Help Repair Monastery



Lieu. Gen. Mark W. Clark examines an ancient carved carnelian given to him by Monsignor Francesco Guazzo after soldiers of the fifth army contributed fund for the repair of a monastery in Capaccio, Italy. The monastery had been used by German troops as an observation post and was damaged by artillery fire.

ALLIED PLANES SCORE ON JAPS

Thunderbolts Destroy Eight Enemy Craft in 8 to 1 Odds Over New Guinea Area.

The latest addition to General MacArthur's aerial army, the Thunderbolt fighter, took the Spotlight over the week-end when four of them tackled 32 Jap fighters over Wewak, New Guinea, downing eight and possibly ten.

The stirring action of eight to one odds was the feature of today's communique which also reported new allied air blows in the Solomons, a stir of Jap air activity, and the killing of more than 400 Japs by the Australians in mopping up operations to the northwest of captured Finchhafen, New Guinea.

In belated reports on the fighting above Finchhafen, headquarters said the Japs were slain in a series of counterattacks. Meanwhile Australians in the Ramu valley who are moving north within approximately 40 miles of the enemy coastal base of Mandang are expanding their holdings by driving Japs from out-post positions in high ground.

County FSA Committee Holds Meeting at College

The Farm Security Administration committee from Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Avery, Yancey and Mitchell counties met with the county and district personnel on Monday and Tuesday at Appalachian College in Boone.

The following officials were present from the district and personnel office: Mr. W. Bryan Oliver, district FSA Supervisor; Mrs. Paul Langren, assistant district FSA supervisor; Miss Margaret Fuller, Association FSA District Supervisor; Mr. W. J. Riggle from the Regional Office, Mr. George Smith, District FFA Specialist and Worth J. Woodall, the district engineer.

Each county, it is explained, is being set up with only one FSA committee, who will begin performing the following duties immediately:

Analyze existing health services and determine need for additional services for the FSA borrowers. Approve new applicants for group services, advise with supervisor as to equitable lease arrangements, holding landlord-tenant meetings. Hold meetings with debtors and creditors; approve applicants for new loans, review cases where borrowers have been on FSA program three full crop years; examine applications, appraise farms, and certify as to eligibility of applicants for farm ownership loans. Under the new FSA set-up, the county committees will assume many new duties towards sponsoring the Farm Security program in this county.

The following men will serve as committeemen for this county: Alfred R. Thomas, chairman; Grady Bradley and Heggie E. Greene. Mr. Lee Carender is alternate member.

Teachers Meeting to Be Held On Saturday

There will be a meeting for all Watauga county teachers in the auditorium of the Boone High School on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 October 16th. Miss Pearl Weaver of the state health department will be the chief speaker, according to the announcement made by Prof. John Howell, the president of the Watauga Co. Unit of the North Carolina Education Association.

his piano studies with the famous Arthur Schnabel at Lake Cone.

REDS SURGE AHEAD ON DNEIPEP FRONT

Soviets Widen Their Penetration Areas on West Bank of the Dnieper in Tuesday's Fighting.

Soviet forces widened their areas of penetration on the west bank of the Dnieper in close quarter fighting Tuesday after battering down German counter-attacks, and the Berlin radio said that the Red army had opened a new drive north of Kiev.

The Russian bulletin broadcast from Moscow, disclosed that Red army troops had edged closer to the White Russian citadel of Vitebsk, in the north in the face of stern enemy opposition.

In all these active areas the Russians destroyed 53 Nazi planes by air combat or anti-aircraft fire, destroyed or disabled 42 German tanks captured two artillery units and silenced eight others, it was said.

Fierce local fighting was reported in the battles of the Dnieper, through which the Red Army is closing in relentlessly on the capital of the Ukraine, Kiev.

Without definitely locating the area, the communique said that units of one formation killed 700 of the enemy. In another area the Russians were said to have won a height dominating the surrounding country after a day-long fight. About 1500 Germans were killed in this latter struggle, which developed into numerous hand-to-hand engagements, the communique said.

Sheriff Captures Still In Blue Ridge Township

Sheriff C. M. Watson reports the capture of a whisky distillery in Blue Ridge Township, eight miles east of Aho. The plant which was of a 30 gallon capacity, had been in operation recently, the Sheriff said.

Sheriff Watson was assisted in the capture of the illicit plant by Wiley B. Day, Chief Deputy Sheriff.

Local Leaders Attend Meeting of Aviation Commission Last Week

Local leaders attended a meeting of the State Aviation Commission which was held in Winston-Salem on last Wednesday, at which time ways and means were studied to recommend to the next general assembly the best methods of providing airports or landing strips for the various towns of the state, and providing the necessary funds to construct and maintain the service.

It was pointed out that the greatest need is to develop the smaller communities that do not now have landing facilities—that the larger places would go on from their present development, provided the smaller localities were made available as feeders.

Landing strips along the highways were advanced as perhaps the most likely development especially in the mountains, were level areas sufficient to provide landing space for airplanes is hard to find without a large amount of work.

The meeting was attended by airport officials, railroad executives, the manager of the Fairchild Aircraft Co., of Burlington and representatives of the army training service.

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler and Wade E. Brown, of the Boone Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting. Especial interest was shown in this immediate locality looking to the tourist travel, which in the future is expected to be largely by the airways.

PLANS ARE MADE FOR WAR FUND CAMPAIGN HERE

Watauga County is Being Called Upon to Raise \$2,633 For War Fund; Mrs. Maddux is Chairman of Campaign and Gives Out Committee Assignments.

Mrs. M. R. Maddux has released preliminary organization plans for the United War Fund Campaign in Watauga County, which is designed to raise \$2,600 for the benefit of the following named war relief organizations:

USO, United Seaman's Service, War Prisoners Aid, Belgian War Relief Society, British War Relief Society, French Relief Fund, Friends of Luxembourg, Greek War Relief Association, Norwegian Relief, Polish War Relief, Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Russian War Relief, United China Relief, Refugee Relief Trustees, United States Committee for the Care of European Children.

Mrs. Maddux has named the following as officials of the campaign: Treasurer, Alfred Adams; Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Hayworth; Publicity, Rob Rivers; Budget, W. D. Farthing; Commerce and Industry, H. W. Wilcox and Guy Hunt.

Executive Committee: W. H. Gragg, Rev. E. F. Troutman, Clyde Greene, Mrs. J. E. Holshouser.

Chairman, Blowing Rock, Rev. W. K. Keys.

Further announcements will be made from time to time regarding the campaign as the plans materialize.

WFA Announces Referendum On Burley Weed Quota

Washington, October 7th.—The War Food Administration announced today it would hold a grower referendum October 23 on the proposal to continue AAA marketing quotas on burley tobacco.

One proposal would continue quotas a year; another would keep them for three years.

Quotas must be approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting.

Reflecting increased demand for smoking tobacco, the WFA also announced that the 1944 state and farm planting allotments and national marketing quotas for both burley and flue-cured tobacco would be 20 per cent larger than this year.

Growers of flue-cured tobacco voted in July to continue quotas.

RATIONING GUIDE

Sugar

Stamp no. 14 valid for five pounds through October. Stamps 15 and 16 good for five pounds each for canning sugar to October 31.

Food

Stamps U V and W will be valid to October 20. All commercially canned, bottled, and frozen fruits and vegetables, including juices and soups, and dried beans lentils and peas require coupons from book no. 2. Dried fruits, with the exception of prunes and raisins, and dried and dehydrated soups temporarily removed from rationing.

Meats, Fats, Oil, Cheese, Fish

All types of pork, beef, lamb and mutton, and butter, lard, other edible fats and oils, cheese and canned fish now rationed under "point system" on red coupons in War Ration Book 2 Stamp X will be valid to October 2, Y to October 2 and Z to October 2. Dates from brown stamps in book no. 3 for the purpose of meats and fats: A to Oct. 2; B to Oct. 2; C to October 30; D, October 3-October 30; E, October 10-October 30; F, October 17-October 30; G, October 24-December 4; H, Oct. 31-December 4; J, November 7-December 4; K, November 14-December 4.

Automobile and truck tires may now be recapped with passenger-type camelback without owners obtaining certificates from rationing boards. Certificates are necessary to recap truck tires with truck-type camelback.

Shoes

Stamp 18 in War Ration Book no. 1 good for one pair of shoes for an indefinite period.

Stoves

Almost all types of new stoves designed for domestic heating and cooking are rationed. Stoves used for 60 days or longer are classed as old stoves and are not rationed. To purchase certain specified stoves not rationed (water heaters, etc.), a priority rating must be secured from the War Production Board.

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Sworn In



Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. is pictured as he took the post of undersecretary of state. At left is Lawrence C. Frank, executive secretary to assistant secretary of state. Stettinius replaces Sumner Welles.

WAAC RECRUITING DRIVE STARTED

Mrs. Hayworth Has Been Appointed By Governor to Head Local Campaign.

Mrs. C. A. Hayworth has been appointed by Governor Broughton to be chairman for Watauga County of the campaign for the enlistment of women in the WAACS, which ends on December 7th. Mrs. Hayworth was appointed upon the recommendation of Mr. Wade E. Brown, chairman of the Watauga County Civilian Defense organization.

Application blanks are now available, and anyone interested in obtaining information for joining, is asked to call Mrs. Hayworth, at 209J or Mr. Wade Brown's office.

Mayor Issues Proclamation

In connection with the campaign for WAAC recruits Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, has issued the following proclamation:

"It is with pleasure that I, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, heartily endorse this city's participation in the nation wide all-states campaign for the Women's Army Corps' recruiting drive.

"You doubtless know there is a tremendous need for WAAC's. General Marshall stated recently: 'Commanders to whom WAC's have been assigned have spoken in the highest terms of their efficiency and value—in 155 kinds of army jobs.' This statement is indicative of the excellent job the Army Corps is doing.

"However the present objective is to release more thousands of soldiers for combat training. In order to accomplish this each state will participate in the campaign. Likewise each city and county. Our office of Civilian Defense has been designated by Governor Broughton as the recruiting agency in North Carolina.

"Our city's participation in this nation-wide drive is needed to assure the success of the program. Our county has been selected to enlist these recruits by October 15. I feel sure that the people of Boone will want Watauga County and North Carolina to lead all others in the nation-wide enlistment drive."

EASTERN STAR MEETING

Snow Chapter No. 220, Order of Eastern Star, will have its regular meeting Monday night, October 18. All members are urged to be present.

In Army Nurses Corps



Lieut. Dare Maliba, daughter of Mrs. F. M. Maliba of Boone, who entered the Army Nurses Corps on May 1, 1941, and who is stationed at Fort Bragg. She has been in the service for 2 years and 5 months. She has been transferred to Thayer General Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

BURLEY MARKET TO START SALES HERE DECEMBER 7

Three Million Dollar Burley Crop is Forecast by the State Department of Agriculture; Burley Refinement Plans are Being Made.

A \$3,000,000 burley tobacco crop for Western North Carolina is forecast by the state department of agriculture.

The 1943 forecast, made public on Tuesday, placed the burley tobacco acreage in this region at 7,700 or 1,100 acres greater than last year. A yield of 1,000 pounds per acre or about 150 pounds under the 1942 average, is indicated by data gathered by the department.

The two western Carolina Burley markets—at Asheville and Boone—last year sold 5,859,226 pounds for the season at an average of \$42.08 per hundredweight, a total of approximately two and a half million dollars.

This year's markets, it was stated, will open in Boone and Asheville on December 7th.

Meanwhile, plans are being set in motion for the burley tobacco farmers' referendum, October 23, on the question of the retention of the acreage control program.

Local Farm Loan Associations Merge

Consolidation of the Sugar Grove and the Valle Crucis National Farm Loan Associations with six other associations to form a new association, which will be known as the North Wilkesboro National Farm Loan Association, has been approved by the Farm Credit Administration, according to a statement issued today by O. H. Bracey, Secretary-Treasurer. The merger was approved effective September 30 and the new association began business on October 1. The consolidated associations have maintained a joint office at 210 Memorial Ave., North Wilkesboro, N. C., for the past seven years, and Mr. Bracey has been serving as secretary and treasurer. He will continue in that capacity for the new association and Miss Edna Underwood will continue as assistant secretary-treasurer.

The consolidation was effected to form a stronger financial organization, reduce operating expenses, and provide better credit service to the farmers in the territory served, Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany, Caldwell and Watauga Counties. The new organization is a cooperative credit organization, owned and controlled by its farmer-members through its board of directors, its principal purpose being to obtain farm mortgage loans for farmers from the Federal Land Bank of Columbia at a low rate of interest and on terms suitable to their needs. These loans are made for terms of five to forty years at 4 per cent interest and are secured by first mortgage on farms.

"The association has an authorized capital of \$50,000, together with a substantial surplus and reserve. It has 572 loans outstanding aggregating more than \$800,000, in the five counties served," Mr. Bracey said. "The new association has taken over the assets and liabilities of the Sugar Grove and Valle Crucis Associations and all retired members who have paid their loans in full to the federal land bank of Columbia will receive cash for the par value of their stock in their associations," Mr. Bracey stated.

"Under this arrangement, members of the Valle Crucis Association will receive approximately \$2,000." All retired members of the Sugar Grove Association have already received full par value for their stock. This reorganization was made possible through the cooperation of the officers and directors of the Sugar Grove and Valle Crucis Associations, and the officers and directors of the other six associations which were consolidated. The new association is closely affiliated with the Columbia Land Bank so that more efficient service can be rendered to farmers in this section at less cost. The association has been designated an issuing agent for Series E War Savings Bonds, and I hope farmers will take some of their bond purchases through their own credit organization," Mr. Bracey continued.

Mr. S. C. Eggers of Boone, N. C. will represent Watauga County on the board of the new association. Other officers and directors are: P. E. Dancy, President, North Wilkesboro, N. C.; J. W. Hampton, Vice-Pres., Piney Creek, N. C.; Max C. Wilson, Lenoir, N. C.; T. R. Franklin, Glade Valley, N. C., and W. P. Colvard, Cumber, N. C.

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