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BIG ALLIED DRIVE HITS NAZI LINES ON ITALIAN FRONT

Stupendous Allied Forces Hit Germans From Beachhead in Italy to Threaten the Appian Way on Road to Rome; Stroke Feared Most by Enemy

Anzio Beachhead, Italy—American tanks and doughboys smashed yesterday at the smoke-shrouded German line guarding the Appian Way to Rome in the greatest Allied attack from the beachhead since the Allies landed January 22.

Under the eyes of Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark, Fifth Army commander, thousands of veteran United States infantrymen and hundreds of armored vehicles began the attack at 6:30 a. m. after massed artillery had loosed a big barrage and light bombers had rained explosives on the forward enemy positions.

Supported by the fire of American warships offshore, British tanks stormed into German positions along the Molella Creek in simultaneous action on the northwestern extremity of the beachhead.

This was the blow the enemy had feared might since Gen. Sir Harold Alexander launched his offensive May 11 in the south. The Fifth Army struck an hour after dawn, savagely in the direction of Cisterna, 2,500 yards distant, and the Alban Hills close behind.

Trained especially with tanks for the past month, the doughboys swarmed across the flat, green Norman's land in the wake of Sherman tanks. Their guns blasting into German foxholes and weapon pits at point-blank range.

A wide belt of mines protected the approaches to the enemy's strongholds. The Germans had dug at least three defense lines south of Cisterna.

Despite scattered clouds and low mist which combined with smoke from the guns and chemical machines to reduce the visibility to less than a mile, Allied planes flew in at almost strating level to bomb the entrenched enemy.

Third Guernsey Sale Will Be Held Friday; 42 Animals to Be Sold

The third annual Purebred Guernsey Promotional Sale will be held at W. M. Wikler's farm in Boone, on Friday, May 26, at 1 o'clock, it is announced by County Agent Harry M. Hamilton, a member of the sales committee for the sale.

At this time 42 head of registered Guernsey cattle will be offered, consigned by some of the leading breeders of the south, and Mr. Hamilton is insisting that the farmers avail themselves of the opportunity of buying these purebred animals. Thus the farmers in the future will have purebred animals to consign and besides contributing to the prosperity of the county, will assure the success of future sales. A livestock industry built upon Purebred Guernsey and Hereford cattle will be a boon to the farmers of this area.

Farm Agent Gives Out Advice To Burley Growers

County Agent Harry M. Hamilton is urging the farmers who grow burley tobacco to set their plants early this spring, and avoid the danger of the beds becoming infected with blue mold.

Mr. Hamilton states further that where the plants are set early the tobacco will ripen in the field, and will bring more money on the market.

Middle Fork Stream To Be Opened June 15

The Watauga Club, Inc., announces the opening of the part of Middle Fork owned and controlled by the stockholders, to the public during the month of June.

It is planned by the organization to develop the stream by constructing pools, lakes and otherwise improving the fishing qualities of the popular stream as soon as war conditions will permit.

The public is especially requested to abide by the rules of good sportsmanship.

RALPH JAMES WELLBORN
Ralph James Wellborn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wellborn, of Boone, died Tuesday night of last week. Burial was at Mount Zion Church in Wilkes county. Surviving are the parents and two brothers.

Commissioned



Wade E. Brown, Boone attorney, who enlisted in the navy and has been commissioned lieutenant (jg). He left Monday for Princeton, N. J., for an indoctrination course. Lieut. Brown, who has been practicing law in Boone since 1931, states that his office will remain closed during his absence. He has been a leader in public and church affairs in this community. Mrs. Brown and small daughter will remain in Boone for the present. On leaving, Lieut. Brown stated: "I look forward to the privilege of serving my country. It is my desire to see this great struggle successfully ended, and return to Boone to my family and friends, who have helped me along in such a fine way in Watauga County."

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE SUNDAY

American Legion Sponsors Annual Memorial Service at Local Presbyterian Church

The annual Memorial Day service, sponsored by the Watauga Post American Legion, will be held next Sunday, May 29, at 2:50 p. m., in the James I. Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Commander Ralph G. Greer will preside, while Chaplain Wilson Norris will read the Scripture. Lionel Ward and Cleve Gross will present the names of the Legionnaires who have passed on.

Mrs. Graydon Eggers will be the pianist and Stanley South will sing Kipling's Recessional. The memorial message will be delivered by Rev. Louis J. Yelbaning, pastor of the host church. Also other ministers will have part on the program.

The public is most cordially invited, especially the parents and families of the men who are engaged in the present war.

The committee arranging the program is composed of Cleve Gross, Wilson Norris and Lionel Ward.

Deposits at Local Bank Reach Record Total of \$1,523,200

Deposits at the Boone branch of the Northwestern Bank on May 15, passed the million, and a half mark, states W. D. Farthing, cashier, who says the exact figures on that date were \$1,523,200.98, setting an all-time record at the local bank.

To indicate the remarkable growth of deposits here, Mr. Farthing gives out the following comparative figures for May 15 of each of the years mentioned: 1938, \$360,651.78; 1939, \$435,663.73; 1940, \$583,794.32; 1941, \$635,870.48; 1942, \$671,445.53; 1943, \$1,083,362.65; 1944, \$1,523,200.98.

Local Soldier Said By Enemy to Be a Prisoner of Nazis

Private Paul J. Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carroll of Route 1, Boone, has been mentioned in an enemy broadcast as being a prisoner of the Germans. Mrs. Carroll has received the following telegram from the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service of the Federal Communications Commission:

"The name of Private P. J. Carroll has been mentioned in an enemy broadcast as a German prisoner. These enemy broadcasts aim at getting listeners for their propaganda. However, the army is checking for accuracy and will advise you soon as possible."

CROWELL IS NEW SECRETARY C. OF C. TO SUCCEED BROWN

Former Chamber of Commerce Secretary Now in Navy, is Given Thanks at Meeting of Organization; Dr. Dougherty Speaks

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening, Bus Crowell, of the Belk-White Co., was elected secretary of the organization, succeeding Wade E. Brown, who left Monday to assume his duties as lieutenant (jg) in the navy. Regret was expressed by the chamber at losing their efficient secretary, and Mr. Brown was given a rising vote of thanks for his excellent service to the organization during the past years. President H. W. Wilcox expressed personal appreciation for his services.

Guests present at the meeting were Dr. Busted, A. R. Smith, Lee Stout, executive committee of the local Boy Scout troop, also Professor Quincy, Scout leader, and B. W. Stallings, past leader. Each spoke briefly.

Dr. Dougherty spoke of the progress of the Appalachian College endowment fund, and the chamber voted to assist him in raising \$4,000 and to this Dr. Dougherty agreed to add another \$1,000.

The directors decided to set the second Thursday night of each month as regular meeting time.

S. C. Eggers was named chairman of a committee, he to select the other members, to secure the aid of all residents of the county in listing their spare rooms or buildings with him or the secretary so that the Chamber of Commerce could assist in placing tourists this summer. An overflow tourist business is expected this season, and all Watauga is asked to co-operate in taking care of those who wish to spend their vacations in the mountains.

Park Trustees Would Preserve Grandfather

Washington, May 18.—Preservation of Grandfather Mountain, comprising more than 12,000 acres in North Carolina's Blue Ridge country, is urged by the board of trustees of the National Park Association.

At its annual meeting here, the association took the view that the partly primeval forests of this wild region offer high recreational and esthetic values to the people of North Carolina, as well as to the nation as a whole. The trustees endorse the efforts of Mr. Harlan P. Keisey and others to acquire Grandfather Mountain and the adjoining Grandmother Mountain, and placing them in public ownership, as one of the camping and recreation areas along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The association points out that the area is today threatened with logging, and should this threat become a reality, it will result in an irreparable loss.

NEW LUTHERAN MINISTER
Rev. Hoke H. Ritchie, of Salisbury, has been assigned to the Mt. Pleasant-Mt. Zion Lutheran Parish, Boone. The announcement was made on the occasion of the graduation of a number of North Carolinians from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, S. C., last Wednesday.

A bale of cotton in the United States averages 500 pounds.

325,000 Tarheels Are Expected To Vote in Primary Next Saturday

Raleigh—Political observers forecast last night a vote of roughly 300,000 to 325,000 in the Democratic primary next Saturday that will embrace races for governor, U. S. senate, county and local offices.

Old heads in the election game said that approximately 12,000 applications had been filed for absentee ballots by members of the armed services. The Democratic primary four years ago recorded a vote of 469,000.

Candidates for the governorship on the Democratic ticket, R. Gregg Cherry, former speaker of the state house of representatives from Gastonia; Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, runner-up to Clyde R. Hoey eight years ago, and Olla Boyd of Pine Town, face two days of campaigning. Frank Patton, of Morganton, is unopposed for the Republican nomination for governor.

Five candidates seek the Democratic nomination for the U. S. sen-

Tour British Army Installations



Prime ministers of England's dominions and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, accompany Prime Minister Winston Churchill on a tour of the British army installations in the field. They are, left to right, Mackenzie King, prime minister of Canada; Premier Winston Churchill; Peter Frazier, prime minister of New Zealand; General Eisenhower; Sir Godfrey Huggins, prime minister of Rhodesia, and Gen. Jan Smuts, prime minister of South Africa.

SERGEANT GUY IS WAR CASUALTY

Staff Sergeant John E. Guy, son of Mrs. Myrtle M. Parks, of Reese, Watauga county, has been reported missing in action in the European theater of operations, according to a statement issued by the War Department Sunday.

Appalachian College Sells Top Holstein Cow in State Sale

At the North Carolina Holstein-Friesian sale in Greensboro on May 17, Appalachian College consigned four animals, a bull calf, a heifer calf and two mature cows. The four animals sold for an average price of \$508, the top Appalachian cow topping the sale at \$1,000. The overall average for the cattle consigned from the different sections of the state was only \$318, thus indicating the high quality of the registered herd maintained at Appalachian.

At the Greensboro sale 14 females two years and over sold for \$7,750, or an average of \$540.71, one bred yearling brought \$290, 22 open yearlings sold for \$4,550, or an average of \$206.82, six bulls brought \$1,265, for an average of \$210.80. The 43 head sold for \$15,675 to make the state average of \$318.

Charles Potter Rites Held Sunday Afternoon

Charles Potter, a native of Watauga county, but for many years a resident of Washington, D. C., died there on the 18th, and the body was returned to Watauga for interment.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Church at Zionville Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. C. Eggers and burial was in the cemetery there.

Surviving are the widow and three children: Nancy, Charles, Jr., and Paul A. Potter, Washington, and the following brothers and sisters: Ross Potter, Detroit; J. R. Potter, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Jennie Roten, Richmond; Lee Potter, Detroit, and Miss Sarah Potter, Richmond.

The pike attains an age of 200 years.

LOCAL INTEREST IS HEIGHTENED IN PRIMARY VOTING

Race for Governor Takes on New Interest as Candidates for State Offices Go Down the Home Stretch; Morrison and Hoey Contest of Interest Here

The pre-primary campaign in Watauga county, which for a time appeared to be a rather colorless affair, is now gaining momentum, and indications are today that by Saturday interest will have been aroused to such an extent that there will be a sizeable vote, particularly in the Democratic contests.

Principal interest centers on the gubernatorial race, where Ralph McDonald and Gregg Cherry are conducting a heated campaign for the chief magistracy. Both have set up organizations in Watauga county, and there is signs of increasing activity as primary day draws near.

Expressions of confidence in carrying the county come from both the Cherry and McDonald camps, and more or less disinterested spectators observe that both groups have strong following.

In the race for the United States Senate, former Governors Cameron Morrison and Clyde R. Hoey both have appreciable local support, with indications perhaps on the side of Morrison for carrying the county. Hoey, however, is popular here, and the gap between the two may be narrowed by voting time.

In the republican contests the only one drawing much interest here is that between Emory C. McCall, of Lenoir, and Monroe Adams, of Statesville, for the ninth district congressional nomination. McCall is the favorite of G.O.P. leaders so far as can be learned, and he may be depended upon to garner the big majority of a tight vote.

The polls will open Saturday at 6:30 and close at 8:30 p. m.

Mrs. Lovie Presnell Dies at Banner Elk

Mrs. Lovie Presnell, wife of E. J. Presnell, died last Friday at the Banner Elk hospital, at the age of 53 years. Funeral services were conducted on Monday and burial was in the family cemetery at Rominger. Rev. G. W. and L. M. Presnell were in charge of the rites.

Surviving are the husband, E. J. Presnell; father, W. R. Ward, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Virgie Hicks, Mrs. Jettie Presnell, Rominger; Gilbert Presnell, U. S. Army in Albania; Carson Presnell, Croft Presnell and Miss Stella Presnell, Rominger. Two brothers and four sisters survive. N. D. Ward, Doe Valley, Tenn.; N. T. Ward; Mrs. James Ward, Mrs. Chas. Presnell, Mrs. W. C. Presnell and Mrs. Carson Masten, of the Rominger section.

Following is a list of dates for the clinic:

June 1st
Poplar Grove Church 9:30-10:30.
Shulls Mills P. O. 11:00-12:00.
Foscoe 1:00-2:00.
Grandfather 2:30-3:30.

June 6th
Brushy Fork (Dock Mast's store) 9:30-10:30.
Vilas (Henson's Service Station) 11:00-12:00.
Phillip's Branch (Willow Valley Church) 1:00-2:00.
Windy Gap School 2:30-3:30.

June 7th
Cove Creek (Moody's store) 9:30-10:30.
Jim Mast's store 11:00-12:00.
Mabel School 1:00-2:00.
Zionville (Church) 2:30-3:30.

June 8th
Rutherfordwood (Michael's store) 9:30-10:30.
Laxon P. O. 11:00-12:00.
Deep Gap School 1:00-2:00.
Stony Fork School 2:30-3:30.

June 13th
Howard's Creek School 9:30-10:30.
Rich Mt. School 11:00-12:00.
Silverstone (store) 1:30-2:30.

June 15th
Triplett School 9:30-10:30.
Bamboo School 11:00-12:00.
Aho 1:00-2:00.
Blowing Rock 2:30-3:30.

June 20th
Meat Camp (Stevens store) 9:30-10:30.
Green Valley School 11:00-12:00.
Riverview School 1:00-2:00.
Castle School 2:30-3:30.

June 21st
Don Hagaman's store 9:30-10:30.
Reece (Dean Reece's store) 11:00-12:00.
Bethel School 1:00-2:00.
Timbered Ridge Church 2:30-3:00.

June 22nd
Valle Crucis 9:30-10:30.
Matney (Tester's Store) 11:00-12:00.
Rominger P. O. 1:30-2:30.
Victor Ward's store 3:00-4:00.

Files of the Red Cross show the organization helped 2,500,000 servicemen and their families through home service in 1943.

Processed Foods
Blue A8 through Q8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with token. Good indefinitely.

Meats and Fats
Red 8 through T8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Good indefinitely. Stamps U8, V8 and W8 become valid June 4.

Sugar
Sugar stamps 30 and 31 (Book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely.

Canning Sugar
Sugar stamp No. 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar until Feb. 28, 1945. Apply to local boards for supplemental rations. The canning season has been divided into two periods.

Shoes
Airplane stamps 1 and 2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.

Gasoline
A-10 coupons valid in North Carolina. Expire August 8.

Rationing rules now require that every car owner write his license number and state in advance on all gasoline coupons in his possession.