

## FRENCH BREAK GERMAN LINE

### ALL POLISH OFFICIALS MAY LEAVE WARSAW WITHIN FEW HOURS

### Semi-Official Paris Radio Reports On Trouble in Germany, Saying There Have Been Disorders in Major Cities and in All Czechoslovakia

### Capture of Two Towns Would Give Germany Control of Highly Important Upper Silesian Industrial Sector; United States Concerns Owns Zinc Mines at Katowice; Reich Authorities Claim Over Half of British Attackers Downed in Attack at Kiel.

Paris, (via radio) Sept. 5.—The French government announced today that French forces had made contact with the German troops on the western front and had penetrated into Germany territory.

A semi-official Paris radio reported trouble in Germany and said there had been disorders in Cologne, Dusseldorf and Essen as well as the areas of all Czechoslovakia.

Dispatches from Copenhagen report naval fighting off the coast of Denmark.

Paris, Sept. 5.—France pursued her second day of military operations against Germany today with the official announcement that "movements develop normally for the entire land, sea and air forces."

This was announced in the war ministry's communique No. 3. Germany replied with an aerial invasion which brought an early morning air raid alarm to Paris. Later an official military source said the planes had come on a "scouting trip" without dropping bombs.

The three issued war ministry communiqués have failed to shed any light on France's operations along her Rhineland frontier beyond the fact she has gone to the military aid of her ally Poland.

Official advisers reported "stubborn fighting," however, on the German-Polish eastern front. France's operations were understood to be testing Germany's fortifications to seek the weak point of the Siegfried line and divert German forces from Poland.

Warsaw, Sept. 5.—Reports were current today that officials of the Polish government might leave Warsaw within a few hours. German planes made two raids on the capital city today.

The sky was clear and the September sunshine was brilliant. Despite the dangers the populace was calm.

Most of the staffs of the American, British and other embassies arranged to leave the city. Meantime John K. Davis, U. S. consul general, and his staff assisted Americans in leaving.

The first raid of the day came while reports were being received indicating that Polish defense lines had been shortened to stiffen positions now held.

Several times during the morning attack the German airplanes flew directly over the heart of the capital without dropping bombs. They confined their activities to the suburbs and military objectives.

The alarm sounded at 8:30 a. m. (2:30 a. m. E. S. T.) and 35 minutes later the "all clear" signal was given.

The courses traveled by attacking planes caused observers to conclude they were shutting back and forth between Austrian, Slovak and other German areas in daily trips, reloading at each stop and dropping bombs enroute.

## DENY SEVERAL REQUESTS

### APPROVES PAVING ROAD NEAR PINE RIDGE

### County Commissioners Met Monday; Hold Short Meeting; Receives Many Reports; Require Magistrates Turn Jail Fines Over To County

The Board of County Commissioners, with all members present, met in regular session on Monday and after completing the opening formalities transacted business as follows:

Reports were received and filed from the following: J. E. Tuck, Negro Farm Agent; E. R. Richardson, County Home; Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Health Officer; Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner, Welfare Officer; Miss Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Agent; S. E. Barnes, Farm Agent.

A request was before the Board to write State Highway Commission relative to having road from Justice to Midway put on maintenance at once.

A petition for paving about one and a half miles of road near Pine Ridge was presented to the Board, which was approved and referred to the State Highway Commission.

The Junior Woman's League was before the Board requesting a donation for food and clothing for indigent children. The request was not allowed.

R. J. Rose, of Franklinton, chairman of the National Cotton Council for Franklin County and Mrs. J. E. Malone, Secretary Louisville Chamber of Commerce, were before the Board seeking funds with which to assist in carrying on the work of the Council. The request was not allowed.

Jimmie Fuller was placed on outside pauper list at \$4.00 per month. Otis Harris, Ned Joyner were placed on the Blind list.

The County Attorney was directed to write all Magistrates in the County not to turn over any jail fees to any one except the County Accountant.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

the strategic Kiel canal. Revising their previous statement that five of 12 British raiders were destroyed, German officials said more than half of the attackers were downed and declared no damage was done to Nazi warships, despite British statements to the contrary.

(In London officials claimed "severe damage" was inflicted on two German battleships by the British raiders.)

Germany reported capture of the two Silesian cities as Adolf Hitler, "the reich's first soldier," followed his troops across the Polish corridor and the German news agency announced triumphantly that East Prussia had been reunited with Germany proper.

Louisburg Drops One in Tri-County Series. Epsom took a 2-1 lead in games in the semifinal series of the Tri-County League by edging a 1-0 victory over Louisburg here.

Epsom's Lyn Watkins and Louisburg's Allen Green hooked up in a nifty pitchers' argument. Each pitcher was nicked for four hits. Watkins fanned 10 and walked two; Green fanned three and did not give a free ticket to first.

Epsom's lone run, in the second, was unearned. Bob Lassiter doubled, went to third on a passed ball, and scored when Fuller dropped the throw of an infielder on a fielder's choice.

## MRS. W. H. ALLEN DEAD

### An Estimable Woman Passes; Funeral This Afternoon

The announcement yesterday morning of the death of Mrs. W. H. Allen, which occurred at her home on North Main Street, brought sorrow to the many friends of the family. Mrs. Allen was in her usual health early Wednesday evening, having taken lunch with her daughter. She was taken ill soon after and continued to grow worse until the end came at 5:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

She was 73 years of age and is survived by her husband, two children, Mrs. W. A. Huggins, of Louisburg, and Mrs. Sam R. Allen, of Lake City, S. C., six step-children; Mrs. G. M. Beam, Mrs. G. W. Cobb, Mrs. W. E. White, Messrs. W. H. Allen, Jr., J. R. Allen, of Louisburg, and Mrs. J. W. B. Thompson, of Franklin, Va., two sisters Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt, of Louisburg, Mrs. J. S. Tomlinson, of Washington, D. C., three brothers Col. W. T. Wilder, of St. Paul, Minn., Mr. Thos. B. Wilder, of Aberdeen, and Mr. S. T. Wilder, of Louisburg. Mrs. Allen was the daughter of the late Mr. S. T. Wilder and Katherine Rush Terrell Wilder, and was a most lovable christian woman, who will be greatly missed by her many friends and acquaintances.

She was a devoted and consistent member of the Louisburg Baptist Church, and was always deeply interested in the activities of her church and her community.

The funeral services will be held from the home this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Dr. A. Paul Gabby, pastor of the Louisburg Baptist Church, and Rev. E. H. Davis, and interment will be made in Oakwood Cemetery.

The deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and relatives by the entire community.

## FRANKLIN FARMERS EXCHANGE

The above is the title of one of Louisburg's newest institutions and will be operated by Messrs. R. B. and W. F. Mitchell, of Hayesville township, who will open an FCX store in the Taylor building on the corner of Nash and Spring Streets, formerly occupied by the Holiday Grocery Co. Mr. R. B. Mitchell will be the manager of the new business. This firm will carry, in addition to the FCX feeds, seeds and fertilizers, a line of heavy groceries, paints, tires, etc. They expect to have their opening on Friday (today) and are inviting the entire public to attend. Read their announcement on another page.

## AUTO ACCIDENT

An automobile accident that came near being serious occurred at the intersection of Franklin and Spring Streets on Sunday afternoon when the car of Mr. M. C. Murphy and that of Mr. H. A. Faulkner collided turning the Murphy car over. Miss Jane Murphy was driving her father's car, and we are informed, was traveling west on Franklin Street. Mr. Faulkner was driving his car and going north on Spring Street. It is understood Mr. Faulkner's car struck Mr. Murphy's car at the rear wheel as it crossed Spring Street, the impact causing it to turn over. Luckily Miss Murphy or her young lady friend were not injured, beyond a little shake up. The car was badly damaged. Mr. Faulkner escaped uninjured and with slight damages to his car.

The responsibility for the accident had not been officially determined at this writing.

## GIVE BARBECUE DINNER AT STRICKLAND HOME

A barbecue dinner was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Strickland of near Louisburg Sunday, August 27, for the children and near relatives. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Strickland and family of Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Strickland and family of Youngsville, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Strickland and family of Louisburg, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Strickland, of Youngsville, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Strickland, of Louisburg, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Dickerson and family, of Spring Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Baker and family of Louisburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dickerson and family, of Bunn, Miss Erma Strickland, of Louisburg, Miss Thelma and Vivian Strickland, of Louisburg, Kenneth Strickland, of Louisburg, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Broadlove, of Henderson, Mrs. Penrie Strickland of Youngsville, Mrs. Mae Bradford of Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Floyd of Henderson, Misses Olivia, Mabel, and Ethel Broadlove of Henderson, Joseph Nasey of Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coppedge and family of Spring Hope.

## LATEST WAR HAPPENINGS

Warsaw, Sept. 6.—(12:10 p. m. 6:10 a. m., E.S.T., Wednesday)—A battle for Warsaw raged 30 miles north of here today, courtiers reported, with the Poles fighting like lions and holding back the invaders despite repeated tank-led thrusts.

The Poles were described as holding the invaders on a line between Pultusk, 30 miles directly north of Warsaw, and Plosk, 35 miles northwest of this city. It was announced that the Poles had lost Pultusk once in the battle and then retaken it. Pultusk is about 25 miles northeast of Cieshanow, where the right wing of the last-ditch defenders formerly was pivoted.

### Violent Explosions

German planes raided the north section of Warsaw just before noon, and an official radio-announcement said six planes were shot down.

More than a dozen extremely strong explosions were heard from the direction of the railway bridge across the Vistula and the east station which was bombed two days ago. One train waiting to carry refugees toward Wilno, in northeast Poland, and Riga, Latvia, was last reported at the station.

A ranking staff officer, slightly wounded, who returned briefly from the scene of battle, said the Polish forces were defending themselves stoutly, holding their lines and doggedly beating off German thrust after German thrust.

### Tanks Destroyed

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## NOW READY FOR MONDAY, SEPT. 11

### When Louisburg Tobacco Market Will Hold Its 1939 Opening; All Houses Ready To Receive The Golden Weed

All three big warehouses in Louisburg are now ready to receive the golden weed for the Opening Sale which will be held on Monday with first sale at the Union Warehouse, second at Southside, and last at Planters. Sales arrangements have been made so there is no danger for a block and all houses are expecting to sell their floor with a full house, and good prices as far as they are going this year.

You are invited to come to the opening, enjoy the day and enter into the friendly spirit of the day. A full corps of buyers are to be present on the opening with orders for all grades. The auctioneers are in fine tune and the merry sing, song, voice is awaited with much interest. Come and help make this the biggest opening of years.

Tobacco men are advising growers to see that their tobacco is not too high in order, as this is one of the greatest contributing factors for low prices.

Remember the opening will be Monday, and you are not only invited but expected. All Louisburg is awaiting to make this a profitable and pleasant day for all visitors whether they sell tobacco or not.

## First Bale

The first bale of the 1939 cotton crop in Franklin County was brought to Louisburg yesterday morning by Tom Williams, colored, and was sold to A. W. Person for 10 cents a pound. The bale weighed 475 pounds, graded middling, and was ginned by F. H. Allen.

## BOBBITT FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

The Bobbitt family of North Carolina held its annual reunion, according to a custom of twenty years standing, at "Buxton", the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Harris, near Inez in Warren County. "Buxton" plantation, with its thirty acre grove of sturdy oaks, was formerly the property of John Buxton Williams one of the largest land and slave owners of the pre-Civil War era and, even now, the buildings, especially the "Gret house" built by John Buxton Williams, are indicative of the large and splendid scale on which the original owner lived and operated.

Here it was that the members of the Bobbitt family gathered. There was no pomp or ceremony. A picnic dinner, the like of which one must tax his best memory even to imagine, was served on long tables under the trees on the lawn. A simple blessing by one of the ministers present (the Bobbitts are a religious people) and the feast was on. The average cook would find himself inadequate to the task of preparing anything so delicious to the taste. To mention a few were but to suggest the many. Here they are—Fried chicken, barbecue, country ham, homemade pickle, home cooked cake, pies, jellies, fruit, the old Latin who originated the term, "ad infinitum" must have been looking over a menu for a Bobbitt reunion picnic. A rare occasion is a dinner of that nature anywhere here more.

After they dined, they sang. The singing was of a strongly religious flavour.

Among those present from Louisburg were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt and Miss Nell Rose Lancaster.

## LEAH'S METHODIST CHURCH

Leah's Methodist Church is engaging in a Revival this week. Rev. J. G. Phillips, of Louisburg Methodist Church, is doing the preaching. Services will be held each night at 8 o'clock, Sunday being the last night. The road, under construction, will be open for those who tell the watchman they are headed for the church. However, most of the road can be used without this permission.

## BUNN METHODIST CHURCH

The Bunn Methodist Church will engage in a Revival, beginning Sunday night and continuing throughout the week, at 8 o'clock each night. Rev. S. E. Mercer from Franklinton Methodist Church will be the visiting preacher. People of all denominations are invited cordially.

The Smithsonian Institution in Washington has just acquired the first steel plow forged by John Deere at Grand Detour, Illinois, in 1837 to add to its collection of early American plows.

## CIVIL COURT IN SESSION

### MURPHY DAMAGE SUIT IN PROCESS OF TRIAL

### Several Divorce Cases Disposed Of; Progress Slow With Long Drawn Out Cases; Judge Sinclair To Preside Next Week

The regular September term of Franklin Superior Court for the trial of Civil Cases convened on Monday morning with His Honor J. Paul Frizzell, of Snow Hill, Judge Presiding. Being a civil term the courts business was soon under way with calling the Calendar after which two divorces were granted and two others conditionally granted, as follows:

John W. Champion was granted an absolute divorce from Mattie J. Champion.

Thelma P. Carroll was granted a divorce from Reuben Carroll and given the custody of the two children.

Early Hartsfield was granted a divorce from Stella Hartsfield to become effective upon the payment of all costs.

Pauline B. Bunn was granted a divorce from Reuben T. Bunn to become effective upon the payment of all costs.

The case of George W. White vs James W. Murphy, wherein the defendant is being sued for \$10,000 punitive and \$10,000 actual damages, for the alienation of affections of the plaintiff's wife, was in process of trial, as our report closes.

This is a two week's term and the second week will be presided over by Judge N. A. Sinclair.

Franklin County people are very fond of Judge Frizzell, who is presiding this week, and are glad to have him with them again.

## EPSOM SCHOOL OPENS

Supervising Principal C. P. Rogers announces that Epsom High School will open Thursday morning, Sept. 14, at 8:30 o'clock. He also says, "The elementary basal books will all be free, and supplementary readers will be rented. Each High School student will either have to rent all his books or buy all of them. You can not rent part and buy part of them."

## FIRE AT JAIL

The fire Tuesday night at 9 o'clock was at the Franklin County jail and was caused by an insane occupant of one of the down stairs rooms setting fire to a mattress. The only damage was to the mattress. The prisoners were badly frightened and were badly smoked. The fire was soon extinguished by the fire department and others and all was in order again. There were four prisoners in the jail according to Jailor Minor.

## ALFRED B. WESTER DIES

Alfred Buchanan Wester, 83, died at his home in Franklin at 5:30 Monday morning, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was at Fairview cemetery, Franklin.

Mr. Wester was born in Franklin County, May 24, 1856, the son of Alfred D. and Rebecca Ann Joyner Wester. He was a deacon in the Baptist church for approximately 50 years, was in the mercantile business for many years and at one time served as mayor of Franklin. He was one of Franklin County's most substantial and respected citizens.

On January 16, 1895, he was married to Elizabeth T. Uzzie, at her home in Raleigh. From this union seven children were born. Surviving are his wife; one brother, John M. Wester of Elberton, Ga.; one son, A. B. Wester, Jr., of Franklinton; four daughters, Miss Anne Wester, Franklinton; Mrs. C. J. Thoroughgood, of Raleigh; Mrs. J. W. Whitehead, of Smithfield; Mrs. C. L. Thomas, Mount Airy; and three grandchildren, Elizabeth Joyner Wester; Margaret and John W. Whitehead, Jr.

The active pallbearers were nephews of the deceased: W. H. Wester, Jr., Al B. Wester, John Lee Wester, M. W. Wester and Carl S. Wester, all of Henderson; Alfred B. Wester of Raleigh and Winder Wester of Athens, Ga.

In an effort to control tobacco insects, large numbers of Granville County growers have agreed to plow under the tobacco stalks on their farms immediately after harvesting their crop.

Tobacco yields in Hertford County will be approximately 100 pounds per acre less than they were last year, says J. W. Ballentine, farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

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