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EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Berlin, Thursday, Oct. 2.—Authorized Nazi commentators admitted today that the Russians may have gained superiority in the air "insome sectors" by concentrating their planes, but they said Russia's air losses were 15 times greater than Germany's.

The Finnish capture of Petrozavodsk, a Lake Onega port on the Leningrad-Murmansk railway, 39 miles beyond the old Russo-Finnish border, was featured in German war dispatches last night, but the latest news reels, showing German troops slogging along mud-laden roads on the Finnish front, augured badly for future fighting in that area.

Secure Railroad A spokesman here said, however, that the fall of Petrozavodsk would enable the Germans to use the Arctic railroad to haul supplies down to the Leningrad front.

Berlin, Oct. 1.—The Nazi-picked premier of the Czech protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia, two more Czech generals and an undetermined number of other persons were shot or condemned to death today in stern and continuing suppression of what the Germans term a treasonable plot.

The announcement that they had been shot followed by a few hours the news of the death sentence of General Alois Elias, the Bohemia-Moravia premier. He was condemned by a German court at Prague for "preparation for high treason and abetting the enemy."

Four Czechs were said to have been acquitted by a court martial. In its swift action to round up and root out all elements connected with an alleged plot to throw off German rule in the protectorate.

Day Later

Beginning with the September check, monthly payments of old-age and survivors insurance benefits will reach beneficiaries one day later than before, according to an announcement made today by Mr. Stacey W. Wade, manager of the Social Security Board office in Raleigh.

Under a new arrangement between the Social Security Board and the United States Treasury, Mr. Wade continued, "all monthly checks hereafter will be dated the first of the month following the month for which the payment is certified—September checks will be dated October 1 and marked 'for September'."

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Oct. 4th: Saturday—Double Feature—Roy Rogers and "Gabby" Hayes in "The Bad Man From Deadwood" and Ralph Bellamy in "Ellery Queen and The Perfect Crime."

Wets Win

Warrenton, Sept. 27.—Church bells tolled at 15-minute intervals today as Warren County voted to retain county-option liquor stores. The dry forces of the county, in cooperation with ministers, tolled the church bells as a reminder for the voters.

Complete returns from 14 precincts gave a vote of 1,525 for the stores and 975 against. Almost 4,000 names were on the registration books for the election. The "drys" failed to carry a precinct.

As was the case in the 1935 referendum which gave the county its liquor stores, Warrenton precincts again carried a heavy pro-control vote. West Warrenton today voted 209-99 for county-option stores; East Warrenton voted 188-132 for the stores.

Warrenton in 1935 led the "wet" ticket, with 429 votes for county option to 117 against. Today's election brought a much larger vote than the 1935 referendum which had a total vote of 1,952.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday, with Capt. Chas. P. Green present and doing the prosecuting. Cases were disposed of as noted below:

Fred Johnson, assault, complied with order of Court and discharged.

Irma Green was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended upon saving the County harmless.

Hattie Murray plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon, given 60 days in jail, suspended upon paying costs.

Lonnie McKnight was found not guilty of trespass.

John Harvey was found not guilty of trespass.

A nolle pros with leave was taken in the case of larceny against Ellis Alston.

D. Pender Grocery Co., Inc., E. W. Russell, agent, was found guilty of giving short weights, judgment suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

John Hayes plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of costs.

Maynard Pearce, abandonment and non-support, defendant ordered to pay into Court \$72.90 and then pay to wife's father, H. K. Perry \$8.00 per month beginning October 1st.

The following cases were continued:

Isham Green, adw. Walter Lee Foster, mvv. Manboy Mills, adw. Robert Silver, adw. Garland Pearce, upw. Luther R. Richardson, oai.

The following jury cases were tried or continued on Wednesday and Thursday of last week:

Odell Cash plead guilty to reckless driving, ordered to pay \$60 in Court, after deducting costs, remainder to G. W. Pruitt.

A nolle pros with leave was taken in the case of G. W. Pruitt, for reckless driving.

W. M. Kearney plead guilty to careless and reckless driving and was given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of fine of \$25 and costs.

M. G. Perry was found not guilty of operating automobile intoxicated.

Hubert Bunn was found guilty of f and a, and given 12 months on roads, given 2 years on probation. Appeal.

Elien Powell was found guilty of keeping bawdy house, and given 6 months in jail, defendant placed on probation for 2 years. Appeal.

Lucifite Pearce was found guilty of f and a, and given 6 months in jail, defendant placed on probation for 2 years. Appeal.

Buck Norwood was found not guilty of possession of equipment for making whiskey.

The following jury cases were continued:

W. H. Valentine, adw. Ralph Dillard, adw. J. R. Key, oai, reckless driving. Proctor Driver, f and a.

DEFENSE SHOP CLASS

Any out-of-school young men, between the ages of 17 and 24, in Louisburg or vicinity, who are interested in taking a course in Auto Mechanics or Metal Working, are invited to attend a meeting in Supt. W. R. Mill's office on Tuesday night, October 7 at 8:00 P. M.

76,000 U. S. Troops Begin Carolina Training Battles

Chester, S. C.—As dawn broke Tuesday over the Blackstock sector, 76,000 troops of the First Army faced each other in an engagement that might solve problems of the Battle of the Carolinas.

The problem, however, remained a military secret. The troops were divided into two groups, the 8th Infantry Division Red forces and the First Army Corps Blue force. The Reds represented a corps moving north and the Blues a corps moving southwest from an area near Charlotte.

First contact was made at 4:07 p. m. Monday, just seven minutes after the zero hour. Blue headquarters announced that scout cars of the 102nd Essex Troop Cavalry from Fort Jackson that the enemy had been contacted, and a communique from the Reds verified the announcement.

Reconnaissance units of both armies, under camouflage, carefully felt their way forward, seeking to find out just where the enemy lines lay, its strength and where he was vulnerable.

Those tactics were in progress when darkness fell and the main bodies moved into advance positions during the night.

Aerial photographers made maps of the sector, situated on a line between Chester and Fairfield counties, and experts pored over them during the night, seeking tell-tale marks showing enemy positions. More pictures were made at dawn and compared with those studied Monday night. Any changes would denote enemy movement.

Quite a number of these troops passed through Louisburg Saturday, when they were passing pretty much all day.

THE ABC STORE SYSTEM HAS AGGRAVATED THE LIQUOR EVIL

This was the theme to which Reverend Charles B. Howard addressed himself last Saturday afternoon before a large gathering at the county court house in Louisburg.

Mr. Howard has probably done more in the interest of the religious and spiritual welfare of Franklin County than any minister, certainly, in recent years. He came to speak on the ABC Store election out of love for the people of our county. He showed by plain statistics that drinking was on the increase without any real financial returns for the county itself. He stressed the matter of the advertising of liquors which goes with the ABC Store system, making its real purpose under the name of Control. His speech was full of both heart and sane logic. It was most convincing and thoroughly approved by those present.

The activities of those who are leading in the opposition to the ABC Store system have been increasing with the days. Speeches are being made in all parts of the county and the prospect of a victory for the Drys is growing brighter. Attorney W. H. Yarborough declares that, if the vote of the Drys increases in Franklin County in the same ratio that it did in Warren County last Saturday, Franklin County will be free of the ABC Stores.

Rev. F. D. Hedden, Dr. Walter Patten, Dr. A. Paul Bagby, Attorneys, W. H. Yarborough and G. M. Beam, made speeches in the different churches of this county last Sunday.

Those in favor of the ABC Stores are now claiming to be against liquor. Yet, the victory of the ABC Store system in Warren County last Saturday was announced in the Sunday News and Observer under the caption "The Wets Carry Warren County." ABC Store advocates should see to it that no such misrepresentations of their cause be made. Yet, the heading of the article may be fully truthful!

—Reported.

O'HENRY BOOK CLUB

The O'Henry Book Club held its first meeting of the year, Tuesday evening, Sept. 23 with the president, Miss Alberta Davis.

This year's topic for study will be "Rivers, Mountains, Caverns, and Deserts." A very interesting program on River was given. Those on program were: Mrs. George Weaver, the Nile; Mrs. Robert Smithwick, the Thames; and Mrs. Frank Egerton read a delightful poem about Tar River by Miss Lucy Foster, a Louisburg native. Miss Davis was assisted in serving a delicious salad plate with tea to the following members: Mrs. Cecil Sykes, Mrs. Frank Egerton, Mrs. George Ford, Mrs. Robert Smithwick, Miss Helen Smithwick, Mrs. George Weaver, Mrs. F. L. O'Neal, Mrs. Dick Yarborough, Miss Elizabeth Timberlake, Mrs. Earle Murphy, Mrs. George Davis and Miss Davis.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Register of Deeds Alex T. Wood reports issuing marriage licenses to the following couples during the month of September:

White—Hubert Hamlet and Christine Gupton, Jessie Phelps and Lillian Perry, H. T. Tharlington and Mrs. Gilbert Faulkner, Linwood Burnette and Betty Jane Radford, Henry Stevenson Fogg and Cora Mildred Wilson, Richard B. Upchurch and Ruby Elizabeth Parrish.

Colored—Adolphus Alston and Mary Jane Smith, Elbert Perry and Mattie Jones, Willie Perry and Susan Novella Walker, Theodorus Rudd and Julia May Jeffreys, Orrilee McClue Rogers and Annie Ruth Nicholson, Shelton Vines and Ophelia Dunston, George Boddie and Lucy Branch, Leon Alston and Irene Emily Young, Lundy Black, Jr. and LeClie Debnam.

Air War

London, Oct. 1.—A squadron of Britain's new four-cannon Hurricanes blasted apart an attack formation of eight German motor torpedo-boats off the French coast tonight, the Air Ministry announced.

The sudden swoop of Hurricanes on the darting speed craft which the Germans use to attack channel convoys left one of the boats in flames and another smoking, the pilots reported. Part of the crew of a third German boat was said to have been shot off deck and into the sea by the rapid-fire 20-mm. cannon.

Other British planes struck at the occupied French coast through a bank of channel mist tonight in continuing raids on the Boulogne and Calais areas.

The British reported two British fighters lost and two German fighters shot down during day sweeps across the channel which continued as night fell. (The Germans said four British and no German planes were shot down.) From the British shore pinpoints of anti-aircraft fire could be seen bursting above the low-lying mist.

The day sweeps came after British bombers blasted for the second night in succession at the North German ports of Hamburg and Stettin.

Special Tax

The Revenue Act of 1941 imposes a special tax on coin-operated amusement and gaming devices, bowling alley, billiard and pool tables, says C. H. Robertson, Collector.

There is imposed on each so-called "pin ball" or other similar amusement machine operated by a coin, token or similar object a special tax of \$10.00 per annum and on each slot machine similarly operated, involving the element of chance (gambling) a tax of \$50.00 per annum is levied. Each separate bowling alley, billiard table or pool table carries a special tax of \$10.00 per annum.

The fiscal year for such special taxes begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the succeeding calendar year. The tax is to be prorated for a part of a year where business is commenced after July 31. A person beginning business on August 15 would be liable for the tax for the balance (11 months) of the fiscal year ending June 30, following.

The effective date of these special taxes is October 1, 1941. The first period covered by this law will be the period of nine months from October 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942 and the tax prorated for this period will be \$7.50 for each bowling alley, billiard or pool table and non-gambling slot machine, and \$37.50 on each gambling slot machine or device.

Form 11-B will be furnished by the Collector of Internal Revenue on request by those persons liable for the payment of these special taxes. Return and payment of these taxes must be made on or before October 31, 1941 in order to avoid assertion of delinquent penalty.

City Delivery Service Extended

Postmaster T. M. Harris informed the FRANKLIN TIMES Wednesday that he had instructions to establish the third City Mail delivery in the business section of town. The boundaries of this service will be to business houses situated on Main Street between Franklin Street and Tar River Bridge and on Nash Street between Church Street and Cedar Street. The service begun Wednesday and leaves the post office as early after the arrival of the 4 o'clock mail as it is possible to handle the mail.

This will give the Mail to business concerns in the afternoon so that it can be answered that night, causing a saving of a day or more time as compared with the old schedule.

Turns Over Cash

Mr. L. A. Wheelless, Secretary to the local ABC Board informed the FRANKLIN TIMES Wednesday morning that he was turning over to the County \$10,000.00 as of Sept. 30th, 1941, and also \$669.24 to the towns of Louisburg, Franklin, Youngsville, and Bunn, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1941.

Band To Play

Mills High School Band announce that it will give a free concert on the Court House Square on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and invites all to go out and enjoy an evening hour of real band music. The concert is free.

WARREN'S ABC VOTE

The following is a record of the Warren County vote on the question of ABC Control:

Table with 2 columns: Name, For, Against. Includes River, Judkins, West Warrenton, East Warrenton, Hawtree, Norlina, Sandy Creek, Nutbush, Shocco, Smith Creek, Roanoke, Sixpound, Fishing Creek, Fork.

COURT NEXT WEEK

The regular October term of Franklin Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday, with His Honor C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, presiding. There are several murder cases on the docket besides a number of minor cases:

Tobacco Selling Higher

All Grades Show Further Advances This Week; Sales Very Pleasing

The sales of tobacco on the local warehouse floors the past week have shown an increase in quantity and a very noticeable advance in prices on all grades.

Farmers have expressed great satisfaction at the results of their sales and the warehousemen and business men of Louisburg have joined in this good feeling.

While the weed is selling good all growers are urged to bring their tobacco to Louisburg and sell on the friendly market where it will bring the most money.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday morning, Oct. 5, the pastor will speak on the subject, "Whose Cross?" In the evening his subject will be "A Safe Home." Every one is invited to these services.

Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M. B. T. U., 6:45 P. M. Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.

MILLS P. T. A.

The Mills Parent Teachers Association held its first meeting of the year on September 25, with Mrs. W. J. Cooper presiding.

The High School Glee Club sang "Swinging Along." The Reverend Forrest D. Hedden conducted the devotional and Mrs. W. C. Strowd gave a very interesting talk on "What we may expect from the school this year, and how the P. T. A. and how the home may help."

Mrs. R. W. Smithwick thanked Mr. Strowd and the teachers for arranging a fixed period each day for band practice. She also gave the Band Boosters Club's plans for raising money to be used to buy uniforms.

Mrs. George Ford, in behalf of the High School teachers, thanked the Association for sponsoring an initiation party for the freshmen class.

Mrs. Cooper read the members of the various committees. Chairman of the different Committees are as follows:

Library, Mrs. C. M. Watkins; Program, Mrs. R. G. Bailey; Finance and Budget, Mrs. Edwin Griffin and Mrs. C. M. Beasley; Lunch Room, Mrs. R. W. Smithwick; Pre-School, Mrs. S. C. Foster; Membership, Mrs. George Davis; Publicity, Mrs. H. J. Lewis; Recreation, Mrs. Forrest D. Hedden; Relief, Mrs. L. F. Kent; Home Economics, Mrs. George Ford; Scout, Mr. W. A. Huggins; Publication, Miss Alberta Davis; Art, Miss Helen Smithwick; Hospitality, Miss Gertrude Winston; and Historical, Mrs. Blair Tucker.

Mrs. H. J. Lewis' room had the largest percent of parents present at this first meeting.

YOUNGVILLE P. T. A. MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT

The second regular meeting of the Youngville P. T. A. will be held Tuesday night, Oct. 7th, at 7:30 p. m. A large crowd was present at the first meeting and the year's work is off to a good start. It is hoped that such fine interest will continue.

The feature attraction of Tuesday's program will be a movie in technicolor showing interesting and attractive places and scenery in North Carolina. This picture has been widely acclaimed and has proved interesting to people of all ages.

The P. T. A. has planned also for the Tuesday meeting a canned goods shower for the school cafeteria. All the patrons of the school are urged to send or bring at least one quart of canned goods, or the equivalent in some other type of non-perishable food. This will give the cafeteria a good boost and will help in the project of furnishing nourishing meals at the noon hour. The P. T. A. maintains the cafeteria and the profits derived from its operation are returned to the school in some form of improvement. All fruit jars will be marked so they can be returned to the giver.

The program will be concluded with a social hour, at which time free refreshments will be served.

HURT WHEN TRUCK OVERTURNS

Henry Strickland, Louisburg Negro, received painful injuries, Thursday night when the truck load of leaf tobacco he was bringing to Louisburg overturned, and wrecked on the Rocky Mount highway three miles east of here.

The truck, owned by N. F. Freeman, local warehouseman, was badly damaged, but the 1,500 pounds of tobacco was salvaged. Observers said that the headlights of the truck went out, causing the accident.

America, Britain Agree To Supply Soviet Needs

Moscow, Thursday, Oct. 2.—The United States and Great Britain agreed to fill virtually every Soviet need for war supplies in exchange for mountains of Russian raw materials at the concluding session last night of the three-power conference.

The conference closed two days ahead of schedule after only three days of sessions—probably the shortest international council of such dimensions ever held. A communique issued by the British and American delegations and one by Russia announced its results.

For the United States and Great Britain, W. Averell Harriman and Lord Beaverbrook promised:

"To place at the disposal of the Soviet government practically every requirement for which the Soviet military and civil authorities have asked."

In return, said the communique issued by Harriman and Lord Beaverbrook, "the Soviet government has supplied Great Britain and the United States with large quantities of raw materials urgently required in those countries."

Arrangements were said to have been made to "increase the volume of traffic in all directions."

The United States-British communique declared that Premier Stalin "expressed his thanks to the United States and Great Britain for their bountiful supplies of raw materials, machine tools and munitions of war" and acknowledged "the ample supply of Russian raw materials from the Soviet government."

Final Peace The communique ended with this statement:

"In concluding its session, the conference adheres to the resolution of the three governments that after the final annihilation of Nazi tyranny, a peace will be established which will enable the whole world to live in security in its own territory in conditions free from fear or need."

The Soviet communique stressed the "atmosphere of perfect mutual understanding, confidence and good will" and said the delegates were "inspired by the eminence of the cause of delivering other nations from the Nazi threat of enslavement."

Stalin, it said, "took an active part" in the conference, which manifested perfect unanimity and close cooperation of the three great powers in their common efforts to gain a victory over the mortal enemy of all freedom-loving nations."

The Russian communique did not specifically mention the agreement for exchange of weapons and raw materials.

SMALL BUSINESS SITUATION

Babson Says Forget The 6 Per Cent Score

(By ROGER W. BABSON) Babson Park, Mass., Oct. 2.—To workers, labor leaders, and some investors, the Defense Program is proving a real boom. Unfortunately for some small businessmen, including manufacturers, our increasingly vigorous war effort has spelled losses rather than profits.

This situation, complicated with priorities, will, however, straighten out with the application of a little energy and imagination.

The latest bombshell—to limit profits to 6% of invested capital—could be a body-blow. The small businessman could "get his" through increasing his salary; but he would find his credit shut off and it would be impossible for him to raise more capital. For this, and other reasons, I have no fear or such legislation at this time.

THE NATION'S BACKBONE

Many towns have been largely supported by one or two small manufacturing businesses. Cities have profited, too, by groups of small businesses which, because of the diversity of their products, have in times of depression been able to take up some unemployment slack. Small businesses often center around the inventive genius of one man. In the development, manufacture, and marketing of some useful article, these small businesses provide relatively steady work for over 2,000,000 families.

Hard work, long hours, and nervous energy kept these small businesses going. They have paid their bills and paid their taxes. Many of these concerns show a long line of family ownership. There is pride in such ownership and a devotion to the management on the part of employees of many years standing. Such concerns have long been a powerful factor in raising America from a back-woods country to the world's foremost industrial nation.

THE NEW ORDER

Arming the country is changing the pattern of industry. It may be no longer possible for a concern to manufacture what it is best equipped to make or to function as desired by its management. It is said that every concern must sooner or later conform to the new order of business—or else! Unless small businesses can snap out of it, thousands of factories may close and unemployment will rise again. We would have "famine in the midst of plenty."

Two-thirds of our merchants are finding their normal supply of many goods drying up. It is harder to purchase luxuries and many household articles. Consumer goods production will be restricted. This is a natural result of priorities and the further shifting of nonessential production to defense needs. Heavy taxes together with forced savings, will further reduce retail purchasing power. All this is essential to wartime economy, but it does not help the small businessman.

CAREFUL PLANNING REQUIRED

Small businesses are having a tough time in England. Little has been done in fitting them into that country's war effort. We here have not yet fully profited by England's economic mistakes. It is apparent, however, that Washington is trying to find ways of taking care of the small businessman so that his lifetime of endeavor may not be forever lost. In the first six months of the War some 20,000 firms in England folded up. Certainly, Washington does not want that to happen here.

The D. C. D. under Floyd Odium may supply part of the answer. Mr. Odium is capable and has a had broad experience. Brought up in high finance, his difficulty may be in being able to think only in terms of millions whether applicable to dollars or to materials. What the small businessman wants is an approach to his problem in terms of relatively slight requirements. This latter requirement is being met by subcontracting clinics now being held by O. P. M. throughout the country. Representatives of big companies and owners of small companies are being brought together. Many contracts are signed on the spot. Hence, get in touch with

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