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RUSSIANS SLOWING NAZI DRIVE

Moscow Indicates Germans Have Made Little Progress in Last 24 Hours; Fighting Centers at Tsimlyansk, Bataisk and Voronezh; Lull Continues in Egypt

Moscow, Thursday, July 30.—The Russian armies of the south today were reported throwing reserves into the bitter battle against the Germans and the Soviet midnight communique indicated that the Nazi steamroller had made little, if any, progress in the last 24 hours.

While dispatches from the battlefield said the Russians finally were beginning to put their huge manpower reserve into action, the communique merely said that "fierce engagements" with the enemy were fought in the Tsimlyansk and Bataisk areas of the Don and Caucasus and on the northern end of that flaming front in the Voronezh area.

On the critical Caucasian battlefield at Bataisk, 15 miles below Rostov, the Russians said heavy fighting continued throughout the day. Infantry troops defending one important position, supported by tanks and planes, wiped out about 2,000 German men and officers.

The communique announced for the first time that the Germans were attacking west of Ketskaya, 120 miles northwest of Stalingrad and well to the north of the Don-Caucasus battleground.

New Front

Kletsykaya is on the Don River well below Voronezh. (This opening of a new front might indicate that the Germans are attempting to swing a northern arm across the Don and down against Stalingrad, on the Volga.)

"In the area southwest of Kletsykaya fierce fighting is in progress," the communique declared. "Soviet troops are holding up the German push and inflicting heavy losses on them. One of our infantry units assisted by tanks routed advancing enemy units."

Of the Tsimlyansk fighting in the Bend of the Don, the Russians said "we destroyed 12 German tanks, several guns and machine guns. The Germans lost over 800 soldiers and officers. The enemy is constantly hurling in reserves."

The strong effort of the Russians to ease the pressure on the south by pounding at the northern flank of the German offensive produced bitter hand-to-hand fighting in the Voronezh area.

Franklin at W. F.

Wake Forest, July 31.—Eighteen students from Franklin County are among the 605 registered for the current summer term at Wake Forest College.

They are: B. L. Perry, Zebulon; Charlotte Boone, Castalia; Mrs. Thelma R. Hall, Ida Mae Weathers, and Mrs. Maude Winston Tharrington, all of Youngsville; Olive Crews, Mrs. Electa R. Hardy, Mattie Irwin Hicks, Max Sawyer, and Elizabeth Joyner Wester, all of Franklinton.

The following are from Louisburg: Galther Beam, Jr., J. S. Holden, Oveda Bowden, Joseph Thomas Hart, Jane Murphy, Mary Alice Pernel, J. Howell Perry, and Nannie Wheelers.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, August 1st:

Saturday—Roy Rogers in "Romance On The Range" and Eddie Foy and Dennis O'Keefe in "Moonlight Masquerade." Also a new chapter of "Spy Smashers."

Sunday—Monday—Jean Gabin and Ida Lupino in "Moonlight."

Tuesday—Betty Davis and Herbert Marshall in "The Little Foxes."

Wednesday—Van Heflin and Patricia Dane in "Grand Central Murder."

Thursday—Friday—Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main in "Jackass Mail."

BULLUCK AT FORT SILL



Captain Elmore C. Bulluck

Ft. Sill, Okla., July 27.—(Special)—Captain Elmore C. Bulluck, who lives at Louisburg, N. C., has been chosen to attend Division Artillery Course No. 5 of the Field Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Okla. Captain Bulluck, son of Mrs. Jefferson D. Bulluck, 412 Marigold St., Rocky Mount, N. C., was sent to the school from Ft. Jackson, Miss. Before starting on active duty, he was a member of the firm-Lumpkin and Bulluck. He is 38 years old.

Cans For Cannery

The Lunch Room of Mills High School in Louisburg has on hand several hundred empty glass jars with new tops and rubbers which they are anxious to have filled with surplus fruits and vegetables from your orchards and gardens.

They want to give you for your own, a jar with new top and rubber, for you to fill them a jar for use in the Lunch Room this winter. This is a splendid work and will be a great help in giving the school children nourishing lunches.

Please give this plan your consideration, and if you have a surplus, or are in need of more jars for your own use, see or phone Mrs. J. A. Turner, Lunch Room manager, at her home, 308 N. Main Street, and she will be glad to deliver the jars at any time most convenient for you.

IMPORTANT TO GAS AND SUGAR USERS

The FRANKLIN TIMES is requested to state that in order to catch up with reports which the Government requires, it will be necessary to close the office of the Ration Board each day at 1:00 o'clock P. M. from Monday, August 3, until further notice.

Backed by Force

London, July 29.—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today that the government agrees with Secretary of State Cordell Hull's recent statement that international authority after the war must be backed by international force.

He made this declaration in reply to a question on plans to establish an international court of justice after the war, but he refused to discuss steps now being taken in conjunction with the United States and other Allied nations except to say that the matter was being examined and that the government fully realized the vital necessity of considering post-war problems while hostilities still were going on.

TOWN TAX RATE \$2.00

Raise Budget of \$84,712.00

Mary Jane Green Denied Beer and Wine Privilege; Liles Dropped From Police Force Account of Health; Other Matters

The Board of Town Commissioners met in Special Session, Friday, July 24th., at 7:30 P. M. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt a permanent Budget of Expenses for the Fiscal Year 1942-1943, to adopt the tax rate for the Fiscal year 1942-43, and other business. All members of the board were present.

Mr. Frank P. Wall solicited the Board for the audit of the Town books for the past fiscal year, for the firm of Williams & Wall, C.P.A's. After hearing Mr. Wall the Board awarded the audit to Williams & Wall for the sum of \$200.00.

A motion was passed to adopt a permanent Budget of Expenses and tax rate for the Fiscal Year 1942-1943.

The Budget adopted provided a Departmental expense of \$62,470.00, and a debt service requirement of \$22,242.00, making a total of \$84,712.00.

Tax Rate for 1942-1943 was set as follows: General Purpose 50c; Debt Service \$1.50 per \$100.00 valuation. Making a total rate of \$2.00.

The Board passed a motion to pay Mr. K. L. Liles his regular salary up to Sept. 1, 1942 and to notify Mr. Liles that due to his physical condition the Board finds it necessary to dispense with his services. Each member of the Board expressed his appreciation of the splendid service that has been rendered by Mr. Liles in the past, and also expressed his sincere regrets that Mr. Liles is physically unable to serve further on the Louisburg Police force.

A motion was passed to deny a Beer and Wine Privilege License to Mary Jane Green, proprietor of the Green Inn.

The following motion was passed by the Board: "That the Town of Louisburg, N. C. join as party plaintiff in a special proceeding before the Clerk of Superior Court, for the purpose of naming a successor Trustee to succeed to all the rights and duties of W. N. Fuller, Trustee, at the time of his death held title for the use and benefit of the Town of Louisburg, N. C., and the County of Franklin, N. C."

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Enlists In Marines

Raleigh, July 25.—Two men were enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve here yesterday for future officers' training, according to Captain John M. Greer, recruiting officer for North Carolina.

They were Maurice A. Weinstein, of Charlotte, graduate of Duke University; and Herbert Palmer Scoggin, of Louisburg, graduate of the University of North Carolina.

BILL EXTENDS LOW INTEREST RATE ON LAND BANK LOANS

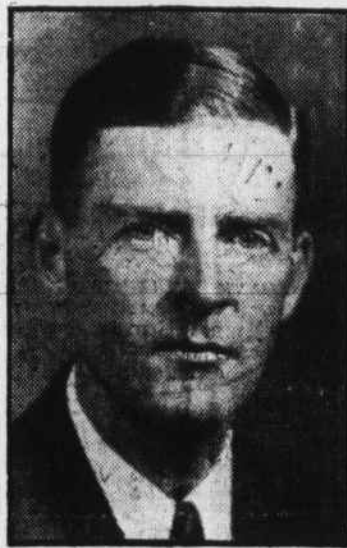
President Roosevelt has signed a bill extending for two years the reduced interest rates on Federal Land Bank and Land Bank Commissioner loans. Mr. M. T. Lamm, President of the Franklin National Farm Loan Association, announced this week. Mr. Lamm stated that this would mean a considerable saving in interest charges to borrowers in Franklin County.

The Franklin Association is a member of a group of three associations maintaining a joint office at Henderson, N. C., serving Franklin, Vance, Warren, and Granville Counties.

It is advisable to switch to second gear when climbing a hill if the speedometer goes down to 20 miles an hour.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

To Resign Only Changes



B. N. WILLIAMSON, JR. Franklin County's efficient and popular Accountant.



J. H. BOONE Franklin County's popular and efficient Tax Collector who is slated to change soon to County Accountant.

Much interest the past week has centered around the reports that County Accountant B. N. Williamson, Jr., would tender his resignation to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday to become effective on October 1st, and that Tax Collector J. H. Boone would be appointed by the Board to fill Mr. Williamson's unexpired term. Mr. Boone is the electee for this position, the term of which begins on April 1st. Mr. Boone's term as Tax Collector, expires on October 1st, and his leaving will leave a vacancy there, which it is understood the Commissioners will fill Monday.

The FRANKLIN TIMES reporter called upon Messrs. Williamson and Boone yesterday concerning this rumor and they confirmed it in so far as they

were concerned. This arrangement works out nicely since changes will have to be made later and both terms do not expire at the same time.

Mr. Williamson states that he feels that this is the proper action for him to take as his new interests at Franklinton demand his personal attention. He also confirmed the report that he expects to move to Franklinton to be near his work.

Both Mr. Williamson and Mr. Boone have made the County exceptionally fine and efficient officers, and it is regretted that our public business has to lose either of them. However the good wishes of the public will go to Mr. Williamson in his new work and to Mr. Boone in his new office.

GERMANS CONCERNED OVER SECOND FRONT

Propaganda Parade of Elite Troops Staged at Paris; Warning to Allies

Bern, Switzerland, July 29.—The Germans sent battle-trained and newly-rearmed SS Elite Guard troops wheeling down the Champs Elysees in Paris today en route to the "Invasion Coast," and to this widely-advertised gesture Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels added the declaration that the opening of an Allied second front would be "an act of madness."

In the article in the weekly Das Reich giving the official stamp to the increasing propaganda in Germany concerning a second front, Goebbels issued a "hearty welcome" to the British and said he hoped some Americans would join them in trying invasion.

"Those MacArthurs," he wrote, "then for the first time would make the acquaintance of German soldiers who, although not carrying tennis rackets and golf clubs, would carry first class weapons and would bring with them a vast store of war experience collected on all the European battlefields."

Forbidden

"They would gladly take the opportunity of making it plain to the Yankees that entrance to Europe is forbidden, x x"

As the Elite Guards paraded through Paris to impress the world with the quality of troops reinforcing the coastal defenses, Goebbels called the tune from Berlin, declaring: "No German troops will be withdrawn from the west. Quite to the contrary, x x the best and most efficient troops have been transferred to the west."

He discounted the speculation that developed through the winter to the effect that Germany would be forced to withdraw her troops from the west, at the expense of their garrisons in the occupied countries, to bulwark their Russian campaigns.

French dispatches called the parades in Paris "important contingents" seasoned in the Russian fighting.

The seriousness with which the Germans view the prospect of a second front soon was indicated in a Berlin announcement that locomotives with full steam up were held constantly in readiness

Old Phonograph Records!

The drive for old Phonograph Records for our Fighting Men is still in progress. Quite a number of records have been sent in and the Boy Scouts have collected a good number. If you have any old records you wish to contribute to this cause bring or send them to T. K. Stockard, Adjutant of the local American Legion Post at the Louisburg Armory, or call E. F. Thomas, Commander and he will see that they are collected. This drive lasts until August 2nd.

along the western coast to move troop trains into action as needed.

Huge Cargo Planes Proposed

Washington, July 27.—Senator Lee, D. Okla., proposed to the Senate today the diversion of enough of the nation's production capacity to construct sufficient cargo and troop transport planes to insure troops and supplies reaching the fighting lines.

Lee offered a resolution to create a new supply board to proceed immediately with construction of such flying boats and land base airplanes for carrying troops and supplies as may be necessary to supplement shipping facilities.

The board would be composed of the secretaries of war and navy, the administrator of the War Shipping administration and the chairman of the War Production Board.

"Air transportation officer the only possible chance we have of winning this war," Lee said, contending that Adolf Hitler had "made good" a threat to turn out enough submarines "to cut the supply lines of the United States."

"It is folly, utter folly, for us to continue to try to build ships faster than Hitler can sink them," Lee declared.

BIG GERMAN PORT HIT BY RAF AGAIN

British Lose 32 Planes in Giving Hamburg Another Destructive Bombing

TOBACCO SELLS ABOVE 1941

Georgia and Florida Openings

Relatively Good Offerings Average 30 to 35 Cents At Season's Opening

Valdosta, Ga., July 28.—Prices averaging 30 to 35 cents a pound were paid Georgia farmers today for first offerings in the tobacco auction sales, apparently averaging a few cents above 1941 openings.

During the first week last year, the average price on the 15 markets in the State was 29.38 cents a pound.

Low grade and medium brought prices today ranging from six to 12 cents a pound.

A high price of 50 cents a pound was paid on the Habira market for some baskets and other markets reported top quotations ranging from 40 to 48 cents. The average price for first sales at Habira was 35 cents.

Statesboro, with a million pounds of leaf on hand compared to 750,000 pounds for the opening last year, reported a price average of 32 cents, or 10 cents a pound higher than the average for opening sales the previous season.

Two Douglas warehouses paid six to seven cents above opening sales last year with the range there averaging 38 1/2 cents. The top price in Douglas was 41 cents and only a few grades sold under 20 cents.

Vidalia and Baxley reported morning averages of 38 cents a pound while Tifton, Adel, Moultrie, Nashville, Waycross, Metter, Pelham and Blackshear markets sold the leaf at prices averaging from 30 to 33 cents. First sales at Hazlehurst brought an average of 28 cents.

Nashville's top price was 48 cents and Tifton reported some sales at 45 cents. A million and a quarter pounds of tobacco were on the warehouse floors in Nashville when sales began.

Farmers Satisfied
On the local markets, the highest price for first offering reached 41 cents a pound. E. C. Westbrook, tobacco specialist of the Extension Service, said farmers here appeared satisfied with the returns and that he saw only one ticket turned by a grower who thought his leaf was worth more than offered. Prices were slightly higher than last year here, Westbrook said.

Live Oak and Lake City, Fla., markets reported higher prices for initial offerings with an average of 37 cents at Live Oak and 32 cents at Lake City.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"Christ Interprets Life," is the sermon subject for the 11:00 o'clock service at the Methodist Church, Sunday morning.

Vesper Service on the college campus at 7:45. Forrest D. Hedden will bring the message. Church School convenes at 9:45 a. m.

Youth services will meet at 8:30 p. m. in the church.

MUSICAL AT W. F. C.

Wake Forest, July 29.—A musical program, featuring students enrolled in the Wake Forest College summer school, will be presented under the direction of Professor Thane McDonald in the Wake Forest Baptist Church auditorium July 30 at eight p. m. The public is invited, and there will be no admission charge.

The concert will embrace presentations by the Little Symphony Orchestra, the Girls' Sextette, the Summer Chorus, and piano soloists.

London, July 29.—Hundreds of Royal Air Force bombers streaked through heavy storm clouds to resume the devastation of Hamburg, Germany's largest port and submarine-building center last night, with fire and explosive bombs dropped from 1,000-foot heights, fulfilling a promise to scourge Hitler's cities "come rain, blow or snow."

Huge fires again were set in the dock-and-factory areas of the city of 1,680,000 persons, which still was struggling its way out of a disaster inflicted by 600 RAF bombers on Monday night.

Thirty-two of the raiders were lost, mainly because of the storm which not only forced the pilots to battle ice formations all the way over and back, but compelled them to swoop down beneath a 1,000-foot cloud bank overhanging Hamburg to dump their bombs. Silhouetted against the low cloud, the bombers were exposed to the full force of the greatest array of anti-aircraft guns in Germany.

First reports had indicated that it was another 600-plane raid, but subsequently an RAF commentator said the raiding force was smaller than Monday's, and that although the losses were higher than normally, they were "not excessive." A loss of above 10 per cent is considered that at least 400 planes were employed.

Weather Bad
The weather was described as "appalling," with the sky over Hamburg "almost a continuous cloud." Observation of the damage to Hamburg was difficult, but the fact that the raid was carried out despite the storm port out Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris' warning to the German people by radio last night that the RAF and United States Air Forces were going to "scourge the Third Reich from end to end," in all kinds of weather, unless they overthrew the Nazis and made peace.

This afternoon RAF bombers flew singly into northwestern Germany again to harass war workers there.

The Air Ministry also announced that small formations of Spitfire fighter planes, operating over a 50-mile stretch of the occupied channel coast from Calais, France, to Ostend, Belgium, attacked locomotives, barges, troop lorries and shipping. Fighting French pilots attacked German lorries at Ostend.

Three fighter planes failed to return from the daylight operations, the ministry announced.

APPRECIATION
Too much praise cannot be given to the volunteer helpers who have so generously given of their time and labor in assistance to the Rationing Board.

With few exceptions the people of Franklin County have shown a splendid spirit of co-operation in this program.

Your Government, your Rationing Board and your Defense Council are all deeply appreciative.

E. H. MALONE, Chairman, Franklin County Defense Council.

PAUL MILLS

Paul Mills, 54, died Monday in Park View Hospital at Rocky Mount after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at the home in Castalia, Wednesday afternoon, with burial following in the family cemetery near the home. A wife and several children survive.

People who buy more of anything than they currently need, and merchants who encourage them to do so are sabotaging the war effort, and are therefore public enemies.

For men must work and women must weep—
And the sooner it's over the sooner to sleep.—Kingsley.

Speaking of Razor Blades—
Ration the sugar,
Spread the butter thin;
But spare, O spare,
The patriot's chin!