

RUSSIANS RETREAT

Germans Sharpen Pincher For Push Upon Stalingrad

German troops drove to within 20 miles of Astrakhan, at the mouth of the Volga River, Wednesday in a 45-mile eastward advance from the Don River bend, and the Nazi high command claimed that a southbound spearhead has captured Kropotkin, on the main line Caucasus railway only 60 miles from the Maikop oil fields.

Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's armies fought back fiercely, giving no indication of a general break-down in the Russian defenses, but the Germans stormed ahead on every important sector of the 300-mile front, aided by paratroopers and air-borne mid-gest tanks.

Admit Advantage

Moscow's Wednesday midnight communique admitted that the Germans have reached the vicinity of Kotelnikova, 45 miles almost due east of Tsimlyanskaya, which had been mentioned as an anchor point in the battle line only 24 hours earlier.

The communique said the Germans still were advancing in that sector.

Kotelnikovo is 100 miles southwest of Stalingrad, great industrial city of the lower Volga. Kletsakaya, upper anchor-point in the 300-mile front, is 70 miles northwest of Stalingrad.

Maneuvering

The Germans were thus maneuvering into position for a pinners assault on Stalingrad, although their main goal was believed to be Astrakhan, where the Volga empties into the Caspian Sea, and whose fall would slice off the Caucasus from the rest of Russia and slash the Allied supply route leading up from Iran.

Married Yesterday

A wedding of much interest to people of the county was solemnized yesterday at Glendale Springs when Miss Mary Brown, of Vannoy, became the bride of Mr. R. B. Vannoy, of Wilbar. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's pastor, Rev. J. W. Luke, well known Presbyterian minister.

Mr. Vannoy is a brother to Mrs. C. E. Jenkins and Mrs. Ethel Vannoy, of this city.

To Begin Revival At Second Baptist

Rev. L. B. Murray, of State Road, will begin a revival Sunday, August 9, at the second Baptist church in this city. The public has a most cordial invitation to all the services.

30,000 Pounds Of Super Phosphate Will Be Available

S. L. Turner, Triple A executive officer for Wilkes, said today that 30,000 pounds of 19 per cent super phosphate will arrive soon for distribution to Wilkes farmers. The super phosphate may be used on 1942 or 1943 farm programs.

AT LABORATORY—Fruit Growers To Meet Friday

Brschy Mountain Fruit Growers will have another fruit marketing meeting Friday night, 8:30 at the apple research laboratory at Kilby's Gap on highway 16.

H. R. Niswonger and H. W. Taylor, of the extension service, will be present to help in the marketing plans discussions. A committee of 16 appointed at a previous meeting will make its report to the meeting.

Efforts are being made to find the most practical plans for marketing apples to the government for use by the armed forces.

Metal Press Now In Operation Here

Carl A. Lowe and Sons, licensed metal dealers, have just placed in operation their new Dempster metal press, and now all kinds of tin and other light metals are being pressed into bundles weighing about 100 pounds.

The press, operating under great hydraulic pressure, crushes the tin and other metals in a small bundle in almost a moment's time, and it is quite interesting to see the new machine in operation.

The new press is the only one of its kind in operation in this section.

Further Reductions At Bare's Big Sale

Thrifty shoppers visiting Bare's Department Store this week-end will find further reductions in needed merchandise as many prices throughout the store have been cut even closer to the "bone".

Bare's big "unloading Sale" continues in progress in a big way with many people visiting the store daily. "We bought too heavy on the markets, and we must make room for our new fall merchandise," Gilbert Bare, proprietor of the store, said today. "Therefore, now's the time for the people to buy at real, money-saving prices."

Schedule Farm Picnics Given

First of Series of Gatherings Held Very Successfully At Ferguson Last Week

Schedule of farm community picnics for next week was announced today by J. B. Snipes, county farm agent.

The first of a series of picnics sponsored by the 4-H clubs, home demonstration clubs and land use planning communities was held last week at Ferguson with more than 150 rural people thoroughly enjoying the gathering. Swimming and various other recreational activities were carried out in connection with the picnic dinner.

The picnics were planned as a substitute for Farm and Home Week and other events cancelled because of transportation difficulties and the need to conserve gasoline and tires.

Next week three picnics are planned. One will be at Ronda on Tuesday, August 11, the second on Wednesday, August 12, at Mountain View, and the third on Friday, August 14, at Austin.

The picnics will be at 7 o'clock p. m. and all farm people are urged to attend the one most convenient.

WILKES MEN WITH THE COLORS

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Carolina Beach. He entered the service almost two years ago when the national guard company here went into training.

Staley Transferred

Pvt. W. T. Staley has been transferred from Fort Eustice, Va., to Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Pvt. Staley, a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Staley, of Wilbar, was principal of Cricket school before he was inducted into the service early this year.

Cadet Blevins Returns

Aviation Cadet Clarence E. Blevins has returned to Maxwell Field, Ala. after spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blevins, of Hays. Cadet Blevins is a graduate of Mountain View high school. He also attended N. C. State College four years. On completing an agricultural course he was employed as milk tester in Western North Carolina. At the time of his enlistment in the Air Corps he held a position with Farmers Cooperative Dairy, of Winston-Salem. At Maxwell Field Cadet Blevins is in training for Bombardier Navigator and expects to receive his wings in early spring.

Branford Brooks Promoted To Technical Sergeant

Branford Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Brooks, who reside near the city, has just been promoted from staff sergeant to technical sergeant, according to word received by his parents. Sgt. Brooks was located at Fort Moultrie at Charleston, S. C., but has been transferred to a camp in Virginia. He expects to be transferred again soon to Washington, D. C., for technical training.

Electrician Mate H. B. Moran Home on Visit

Electrician Mate (First Class) H. B. Moran has returned to his station at Southport, N. C., after spending a few days this week at his home near Traphill. Moran has been in the U. S. Navy for 24 years.

Simpson In Training

Pvt. Floyd H. Simpson, son of Mrs. Viola Simpson, of Dockery, has been enrolled as a student in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command at Keesler Field, Miss., and has started an intensive 19-week course to qualify as an airplane mechanic. He completed his basic training at Fort Bragg some time ago. Before completing his course Pvt. Simpson will be given thorough training in inspection of single and multi-motored planes.

Seaman Robinett Here

Seaman George M. Robinett, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Robinett, of Shellman, Ga., arrived today on a few days' visit with friends. Seaman Robinett is stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Pisgah Baptist Church Revival

The revival meeting will begin at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church Sunday, August 9. There will be morning services at 10:30 and an evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Beginning with the Sunday morning service, Rev. S. I. Watts, of Boomer, will assist the pastor, Rev. R. F. Lloyd, in the meeting. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

HELD SUNDAY—Home Coming At Dehart Baptist

Home coming day Sunday at Dehart church was a great success. A large crowd was present and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Speakers during the all day services included J. A. Gilliam, Sam Childress, Rev. Milo Hufe and Rev. Hilary Blevins, pastor of the church.

The church is progressing. Enough money was donated to paint the church building and to erect a pulpit.

All enjoyed the songs which were sung by Marcus Gambill and quartet. J. Y. Brooks made a short talk, telling of the organization of the church. His talk was very much enjoyed.

Revival services will begin at Dehart church Sunday with the pastor, Rev. Hilary Blevins, in charge, assisted by Rev. Monroe Dillard and other ministers. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.—Reported.

Naval Officer Is Recruiting Here For Three Days

Harry Gatton, from the Salisbury office of the navy's recruiting service, arrived today to spend today, Friday and Saturday interviewing men interested in enlisting in the navy. Gatton is stationed at the town hall.

Today the officer accepted application of R. Ivey Moore, of this city, as a candidate for enlistment in the navy as pharmacist mate, second class. Application for enlistment was made by Sam Harris, Jr., colored.

The naval officer pointed out here today that starting pay in the navy is \$50 per month for apprentice seamen and that men with trades may enlist with greater pay. Those with trades may interview Gatton here Friday and Saturday or Sunday.

Oakwoods Revival To Begin Monday

A revival meeting will begin at Oakwoods Baptist church Monday night, August 10th, at 8 o'clock. Rev. N. C. Teague, of Lexington, will assist the pastor, Rev. F. C. Watts. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their kindness and words of comfort in our recent bereavement by loss of our dear father, L. L. Jones. We also thank each one for the beautiful floral offering. May God's richest blessings be with each one.

THE JONES FAMILY

Kincheloe Will Speak On Sunday At Blue Ridge

Annual Home Coming At Church Parkway Near Beng Is Announced

Annual home coming at Blue Ridge church, located on top of the Blue Ridge on the Parkway and near Beng postoffice, will be held on Sunday, August 9.

The day's program will open with Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. At 11:30 a. m. will be presentation of daily vacation Bible school prizes and singing by visiting and local choirs. Picnic dinner and visiting hour will begin at 12:15.

In the afternoon session will be greetings from visitors and an address by Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro. Rev. Levi Green, local minister, will preside during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Williams, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., are the proud parents of a daughter, Ann Cassel, born Tuesday, August 4th. Mrs. Williams, the former Miss Marianna Cassell, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Cassel, of Wilkesboro.

WITH THE CHURCHES

MEMORY VERSE FOR TODAY — "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23.

"Light of The World" To Be First Baptist Subject

At the 11:00 o'clock worship service in the first Baptist church this Sunday morning, the pastor will speak on the subject, "The Light of the World", using as a text II Cor. 4:6 "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

At the 8 p. m. evening worship service in the First Baptist church the Reverend A. C. Waggoner, pastor of the First Methodist church will speak.

The public is invited to attend.

Union Service At First Baptist Sunday 8 P. M.

The Union Sunday evening worship service sponsored by the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches will be held this Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, at the First Baptist church. Rev. A. C. Waggoner of the Methodist church will preach the sermon

for the occasion. An invitation is extended to the public to attend the service.

Wilkesboro Baptist

Rev. Zeb Baker, of Lenoir, will preach at the regular 11 o'clock service at the Wilkesboro Baptist church Sunday morning. Rev. Glenn Huffman filled the pulpit at the morning service last Sunday.

Miss Kate Finley, who holds a position in New York City, is spending a month here with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Finley.

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