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OFFENSIVES PUSH BEYOND SAAREBOURG

French and American troops of the Sixth Army group battled into the citadel city of Mulhouse and drove well beyond Saarebourg to within 27 miles of the Rhine yesterday in great encircling movements that threatened to pocket the entire German 19th Army with its back to the river. French First Army armored forces appeared into Mulhouse in a race northward from their foot holds on the French side of the Rhine near the German-Swiss-French border to cut off the Germans between the Vosges Mountains and the river. Unconfirmed reports said the French already had continued on to Colmar, 22 miles north of Mulhouse.

U. S. Seventh Army troops some 75 miles northward drove due east through the Vosges, captured Saarebourg and thrust six miles farther and took Mittelbronn, near the entrance to the Saverne Gap that leads through the forested mountains to the Rhine plain. The 44th Division, whose presence was disclosed only Monday, led that push in action so fluid that front dispatches said a definite front could not be defined from moment to moment.

JAPS LOSE 66,655 ON THE PACIFIC ISLES

U. S. Marines and Army forces have killed or captured 66,655 Japanese troops in the Marianas and in the Palaus in the five months since they invaded Saipan, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed yesterday and the fighting continues against enemy remnants although organized full-scale resistance has long since ceased.

Giving figures through Nov. 13, Nimitz's communique said that the Japanese dead on Saipan, Guam and Tinian in the Mariana Islands, and Angaur and Peleliu in the Palau group to the southwest toward the Philippines totaled 63,338 dead and 3,267 captured.

In the last month alone, more than 2,000 Japanese were reported slain in the caves of "bloody nose ridge" on Peleliu.

CHEVES NAMED SUPPLIES CHIEF

Chungking.—Maj. Gen. Gilbert Cheves, 49, of Washington, D. C., who has commanded the base section and port of Calcutta through which flow supplies for China, has been appointed Commanding General of services of supply for U. S. forces in the China theatre of operations.

Col. R. R. Neyland, Jr., 52, who has run the big advance supply section in China, succeeds Cheves in India.

Cheves' assignment is a recognition of the importance of supply in this theatre and the enlargement of operations which may follow the reopening of the Burma Road, said the announcement from Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's headquarters.

Cheves, a Georgian, received a law degree at the University of Georgia in 1917 and served in the First World War.

Neyland is known in the United States as a former University of Tennessee football coach.

Maj. Gen. Cheves is a nephew of the late J. P. and Mrs. Lilla Rousseau, for many years prominent residents of the county, and is a first cousin of Mrs. S. V. Tomlinson, Judge J. A. Rousseau and J. R. Rousseau, of this city, W. A. Rousseau, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. J. P. Rousseau, of Winston-Salem.

During the early years of his life Major General Cheves often visited his relatives in Wilkesboro, and has many friends here who remember him most pleasantly.

Evangelist Keyes To Preach At The Fairplains Church

Evangelist Charles A. Keyes, Jr., will preach at Fairplains Community church Saturday night, November 25th, eight o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to the service.

There are approximately 10,000 women employed in the oil industry's refineries in this country.

KEEP ON
Backing the Attack
with WAR BONDS

Today Is Thanksgiving

THEY GAVE THANKS

She stood beside her door Thanksgiving Day And closed her weary eyes to all the joy And warmth within. And to her only boy, Across the world, she sent a thought so gay And splendid that he saw her as she stood. He felt the courage of her, and the strength Of home. He saw the white and gleaming length Of company cloth, the plates she saved for good, The golden row of pies, his special chair. He smelled the turkey stuffed to bursting brim. He knew the whispered prayers were all for him. For one ecstatic moment he was there!

He thanked his God that he could fight for this, While she gave thanks she had a son to miss.

—HELEN BAKER ADAM

In the Seabees



C. B. Mathis, seaman second class, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Mathis, of Roaring River, has returned to California after spending an eight-day leave at his home. He went to the Navy June 20th of this year. He has two brothers in the army, one serving in Italy and one in Pennsylvania. C. B. is expecting to go overseas soon.

War Fund Total Reaches \$13,000 Near Drive's End

C. J. Swofford, chairman of the United War Fund campaign in Wilkes county, said late reports had swelled the total funds given to \$13,000.

However, this amount is \$5,000 short of the goal of \$18,000 for the United War Fund and local community chest activities. There are some reports yet to be received, and all workers are urged to complete their reports this week.

Those who have not been canvassed are urgently requested to send donations for the fund to W. J. Caroon, treasurer, or C. J. Swofford, chairman, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Regional Conclave For R.A.'s Held In Wilkesboro 17-18

With seventy representatives present in addition to delegations from local churches, a regional conclave for Royal Ambassadors of the Baptist church was held Friday evening and Saturday morning in Wilkesboro.

The program opened with a banquet Friday evening in the Wilkesboro school lunchroom, followed by addresses by Dr. J. C. Powell, missionary to Africa, and by Dr. David E. Browning, pastor of the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro.

On Friday night visiting R. A.'s were entertained in homes in Wilkesboro. Principal speakers at the Saturday morning session were Rev. Phillip Fletcher, of Granite Falls, and A. T. Greene, Jr., R. A. secretary for North and South Carolina, who led group discussions.

Evangelist Simms To Preach At The Courthouse 25th

Evangelist Samuel E. Simms, of Hickory, will preach Saturday night, November 25th, eight o'clock, at the courthouse in Wilkesboro. The widely known radio evangelist will use as his subject, "Calvary's Blackout". The public is cordially invited to attend.



OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

Lt. McCoy At Home
Lt. Joe B. McCoy, Jr., who has been a patient at the veterans' hospital in Atlanta, Ga., for several weeks, arrived Monday to spend a 30-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCoy, and also plans to visit his brother, Cadet Robert McCoy, at West Point, N. Y. Lt. McCoy received a shrapnel wound in his right arm while in combat in Normandy July 23 and received treatment in hospitals in England before he was returned to the United States.

Pfc. Roberson Home
Pfc. Theodore M. Roberson, a marine corps combat veteran of several months in the South Pacific, has arrived at his home at Oakwoods after receiving treatment at the naval hospital at San Diego, California.

Pvt. Hart At Swannanoa
Pvt. Henry L. Hart, of Halls Mills, has been admitted to Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, for treatment. He has served in the European Theatre with the Army Air Forces.

C.M. Charles Garwood Visiting Parents
Carpenter's Mate Third Class Charles Garwood arrived home last week and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garwood, of Wilkesboro. Charles is a member of the Seabees and was among the first of the invasion forces to invade France on "D-Day". Charles' unit did much construction work at Cherbourg, which made it possible for troops and supplies to be landed in increased numbers and larger quantities.

Robert Louis Irwin Gets Promotion
Robert Louis Irwin, son of Deputy Marshal and Mrs. W. M. Irwin, of Wilkesboro, was recently promoted to the rank of specialist, third class, in the navy at Norfolk, Va. He entered the navy in June and received boot training at Camp Peary, Va.

Sgt. Carrigan Home
Sgt. William H. Carrigan arrived Friday from Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, to spend several days furlough in Wilkesboro with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Carrigan, and sister, Mrs. E. R. Spruill. Sgt. Carrigan will leave Sunday to return to his base.

Sgt. Triplett Wounded In Holland
Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Triplett, of Purllear, received a message from their son, Sgt. Earl Triplett, had been slightly wounded in fighting in Holland on October 18th.

Cpl. Gwyn Caudill Home On Visit

Cpl. Gwyn Caudill has returned to Shaw Field at Sumter, S. C., where he is a member of the army air corps, after a visit with his wife and his father, Mr. W. V. Caudill. Cpl. Caudill is a brother to Messrs. J. S. and Ed Caudill and Miss Cora Caudill.

First Class Seaman Jay Joines Home

First Class Seaman Jay Joines has returned to New York after spending a few days here last week with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Joines.

To those who live in this land of freedom and plenty there are countless reasons for us to be truly thankful. Probably foremost among our reasons should be the sacrifices being put forth by our boys on the battle fronts so that we may enjoy this freedom and liberty.

The youth of our land are fighting for ideals that all Americans hold as sacred—among these is the privilege of expressing our thanks on Thanksgiving.

While these boys today will not celebrate Thanksgiving as do we, yet they will be thankful provided we back them up here on the home front—this means bonds and more bonds.

"Lend Over Here Till It's Over Over There". Buy at least one extra \$100 bond during this Sixth War Loan and show the boys overseas that you are truly thankful for the sacrifices they are making.

POWER PROJECT FOR WILKES DROPPED FROM SENATE BILL

Bailey Holds Yadkin Dam Would Ruin Farms; Long Flood History Cited

Washington, Nov. 21.—A provision authorizing postwar construction of a \$10,840,000 reservoir at the Wilkesboro site on the Yadkin river in North Carolina was eliminated from the omnibus flood control bill today by the senate.

The action was taken on a motion by Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, who contended that the reservoir would inundate farm land. Bailey said he favored construction of a dam for purely flood control purposes but objected to the Wilkesboro project on the ground that it provided for power development that would affect farm operations.

DROPPING OF PROJECT IS BIG DISAPPOINTMENT

News that the proposal to construct a flood control dam on the Yadkin river near Wilkesboro has been removed from the pending bill in Congress comes as a big disappointment to local people who had been seeking flood control since the disastrous flood of 1940.

History of the movement for flood control in the upper Yadkin valley dates back to July 15, 1916, when the first of two highly destructive floods swept the valley. Compared with its present state, North Wilkesboro was a small town then, but the 1916 flood gave the town serious setbacks.

That flood, which destroyed all crops in the valley "from hill to hill" and took all buildings in its wake, also destroyed much of the Watauga and Yadkin railroad which had been constructed from this city up the Yadkin valley to Ferguson. The young, struggling railroad was rebuilt following the flood but never recovered from the financial loss involved.

Farming in the fertile Yadkin valley has always been a gamble and farmers had about two chances in three of harvesting a crop not damaged or destroyed by floods, because between 1916 and the second big flood, which was in August, 1940, there were many smaller floods which damaged or destroyed crops but which were not high enough to destroy homes and factories.

The flood in August, 1940, did millions of dollars damage in the Yadkin valley in Wilkes. At North Wilkesboro the International Shoe company tannery plant was destroyed by flood and fire, and Home Chair company factory went the same way. As a result, North Wilkesboro lost both of those industries. Officials of the International Shoe company said the flood risk was too great and the tannery was not rebuilt. Home Chair company purchased a cotton mill plant at Ronda, 15 miles east of North Wilkesboro and moved there.

Lack of suitable sites above flood danger has prevented North Wilkesboro from securing several industries interested in using labor and raw material available in this section of the state.

Army engineers after an extensive survey recommended construction of a large dam and reservoir four miles west of Wilkesboro on the Yadkin. The report of the engineers recommended a hydroelectric project which would also serve as flood control with extra reservoir space on top of the normal lake elevation for flood control. They said that construction of a dam purely for flood control was not economically feasible.

The 1940 flood, in addition to destroying the tannery and chair company and American Furniture company plants, Wilkes Milling company, P. E. Brown Lumber plant; Southern Railroad tracts and equipment, washed away millions of feet of lumber on local yards and destroyed growing crops all along the valley.

Correction

Picture of Edward Milam erroneously appeared in this newspaper Monday with the account of Pvt. Edward Templeton being killed in action in France on November 1. Picture of Pvt. Templeton will be carried in The Journal-Patriot Monday, November 27.

ENEMY HOLD NEAR VALLEY IS LOOSENED

American troops slowly and painfully loosened the Japanese hold on northern approaches to the Ormonc Valley today despite miserable weather and an apparent Japanese decision to sacrifice an entire division if necessary to hold present positions near the village of Limon.

Weary units of the 24th Infantry Division—which has borne the brunt of the entire Leyte battle—yesterday repulsed bloodily the third determined enemy attack on the road block which the Americans now hold across the Ormonc highway south of the enemy strongpoint at Limon.

Meanwhile, the Japanese in Limon clung stubbornly to their positions, which General MacArthur noted included elaborate trench systems and heavy fortifications; and the daily communications asserted that General Yamashita had apparently decided to commit the famous First Japanese Division to hold the town. When Limon was first cut off from the main Japanese forces to the south, Americans estimated that a regiment of the First Japanese Division held the town. However, infiltration and at least one tank-aided attack during the first hours of the road block may have permitted the reinforcement of this group. The communique indicated that the entire enemy division was involved.

NAZIS REPORT NEW RUSSIAN PUSH STARTED

A new Russian offensive in Czechoslovakia Northeast Hungary between Ungvar and Tokaj has torn several holes in the German defenses while a strong drive in Southwest Latvia ripped for the third day into the Nazis pocketed around Ventpils and Liepaja, Berlin reported last night.

Moscow ignored both sectors, the night Russian communique telling only of a small gain in a line-straightening operation west of Egr in Northeast Hungary and the virtual clearance of the Baltic Island of Saare.

Five towns were captured in Hungary, the principal one being the railway station of Verpelet, eight miles southwest of Eger, the Soviet communique said.

Holbrook Child Dies

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Double Creek church for Cora Belle Holbrook, age 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Holbrook, of Walnut Grove township. She died Monday.

Surviving are the father and mother, three brothers and two sisters; Shelly Holbrook, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Elma Dunn, Abshers; Graham Holbrook, in the navy; Walter H. and Ethel Holbrook, Abshers.

Now In France



Pvt. Gene A. Brookshire, who was stationed in England, is now in France. He states that he is getting along just fine and to tell all his friends "hello." His wife, the former Miss Lucille Woodruff, and daughter, Carolyn, make their home in Norfolk, Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brookshire, of North Wilkesboro route one.

Cleary Child Dies

Bud Cleary, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cleary, of Moxley, died Wednesday and funeral service will be held Friday at Piney Grove church with Rev. L. E. Sparks in charge. Surviving are the father and mother, six sisters and two brothers.

David C. Parsons Stricken Suddenly

Funeral service was held Wednesday at White Oak church for David C. Parsons, age 43, resident of the Parsonville community who died suddenly of a heart attack near this city Tuesday night. Rev. Glenn Huffman conducted the last rites.

Mr. Parsons is survived by his mother, Mrs. Edith Holloway Parsons, his wife and six children: Willie Mae, Graham, Alene, Elda Fay and an infant, all of Parsonville.

First Class Seaman Odell Billings Home

Odell Billings, seaman first class, has returned to his base at San Francisco, California, after spending a few days here with his mother, Mrs. Howard Reavis.

Christmas Gifts For "Yanks Who Gave"

As a member from the Piedmont section, Mrs. Richard Finley attended the Camp and Hospital executive meeting in Greensboro on Thursday. Plans were made at this meeting for providing a small Christmas present for each soldier that was sick or wounded in a hospital in this Piedmont section. Mrs. Finley is providing boxes at central places so that when you are getting your Christmas gifts you will remember the boys by putting a gift for them in the box. They will be carried to the council meeting in Durham on December 7th and given to the Red Cross workers who will put them on the breakfast tray of the wounded soldier on Christmas morning. Just a small remembrance of 50c or \$1. awarded prizes. The traveler's prize in bridge was won by Miss Zelle Harris. Miss Brewer received china in her chosen pattern, and to Mrs. Charles Walters, the former Miss Joy Harris, the hostesses presented crystal in her pattern. Fall flowers and candles made a pretty background for the players and the tally cards carried wedding bell designs.

Finland and Sweden are to supply the Netherlands with much-needed timber.

Many Defendants Are Sentenced In the Federal Court

Cases Involving Violations Federal Liquor Tax Laws Make Up Big Docket

Many defendants charged with violation of the federal liquor tax laws were sentenced in federal court in Wilkesboro during the first two days of the November term which convened Monday with Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, presiding.

Following are the cases in which sentences were meted out: Tilson Raymond Sorrat, two years in Petersburg, Va., prison. Sherman Clark Church, 15 months in Petersburg suspended three years.

Albert Johnson and Theodore (Sig) Porter, 12 months each in Petersburg.

Howard Thomas, fine of \$500 and six months in Petersburg.

Britt Osborne, year and a day in Chillicothe, Ohio, reformatory.

Cecil A. Church, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Henry Johnson, not guilty.

Homer Combs, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Cholese Greene, fine of \$500 and probation three years.

Roby Cockerham, year in Petersburg; Glenn Cockerham, fine of \$150 and probation two years.

Troy Monroe Fortner, year and a day in Atlanta, Ga., prison.

Paul Edwards, three months in jail.

Taft Higgins, two years in Petersburg, suspended; Worth Medley, \$200 fine and probation three years.

Arle Johnson, year and a day in Chillicothe.

Gurney Walter Hamby, \$400 fine and year in Petersburg.

Lawrence Grover Thomas, four years in Petersburg.

The following defendants were placed on probation: Ralph Henderson, Marvin Wiles, George Lee Price, Joe C. Spicer, Doris Helen Williams, Frank Washington and Coy Lee Bell.

Court officials officiating at the term of court are as follows: District Attorney Carlyle Higgins and Assistants Robert S. McNeill, Bryce R. Holt and Miss Edith Hayworth; Marshal Edney Ridge and Deputies L. M. Huffman, R. A. Stafford, Tom Blalock, W. M. Irvin, S. R. Bessent, J. H. Stephenson and F. M. Lomax; Clerk Henry Reynolds and Assistants C. H. Cowles and Miss Lillian Harkrader; Probation Officer J. L. Osteen and Assistants D. C. Dettor and Wade Reavis.

Fire at American Furniture Plant Here On Monday

Fire of under-estimated origin Monday night at the American Furniture company plant caused a substantial amount of damage.

The fire, which originated in the finishing department, was effectively put out by the sprinkler system and the local firemen, but water damage, particularly to finished furniture in a lower compartment, was heavy. However, the plant was able to continue operation without interruption. Damage to the building was not severe.

Cranberry Revival Will Begin Sunday

Revival services will begin Sunday, November 26, at Cranberry Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. L. T. Younger, will be assisted by Rev. S. I. Watts, of Boomer.

RATION NEWS

SHOES — Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2, and 3 in book three good for one pair of shoes each indefinitely.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 13 in A book end for three gallons became effective Nov. 9 and will expire December 21.

SUGAR — Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 (book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue A8 through W5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each. Good indefinitely.

MEATS AND FATS — Red A8 through Z8 and A5 through P5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp 40 good for five pounds canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

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