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GERMAN ARMY TOTTERING

THIRD ARMY TANKS WITHIN 15 MILES OF AUSTRIA LINE

Paris.—U. S. Third Army tanks punched within 15 miles of the German - Austrian border last night as other American and French forces faced almost unchecked across Southern Germany, threatening Munich and Hitler's Berchtesgaden retreat, which the R.A.F. attacked yesterday with 12,000-pound "earthquake" super bombs.

The Third Army spearhead, already east of Berlin although 350 miles to the south, cut the last route to the Nazis' so-called national redoubt by mopping up the rail and highway center of Koenigsberg and then drove straight for the frontier of Austria at Passau. This column was 76 miles north of Berchtesgaden.

To the west the American Seventh Army broke through German positions and fanned out on an 80-mile front along or across the Danube River within 45 miles of Munich, and the French First Army completely smashed German's veteran 19th Army in the Black Forest.

Miss Nellie Gabriel Business Manager Of College Paper

Miss Nellie Gabriel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gabriel, of this city, has been elected business manager of "The Appalachian", college newspaper at Appalachian State Teachers' College in Boone. Gloria Meekins, from Elon College, was elected editor.

Front of Liberty Theatre Being Much Improved

Workmen began early today the task of rebuilding and renovating the front of the Liberty Theatre. The entire theatre front, including marquee, lobby and lounge, will be modernized.

Missing In Action

Mrs. John T. Irvin, of Wilkesboro, received a message yesterday from her sister-in-law in California, stating that Mrs. Irvin's brother, Archie Fletcher, of the merchant marine, was missing in action in the Pacific area. Mr. Fletcher is a son of Mrs. J. W. Fletcher, of North Wilkesboro route 3.

RATION NEWS

MEATS, FATS: Red Stamps T5, U5, V5, and X5 will expire April 28; Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A5, B5, C5, D5 will expire June 2; Red Stamps E5, F5, G5, H5, J5, will expire June 30; Red Stamps K5, L5, M5, N5, and P5 expire July 31. PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps Q5, R5, S5, T5, will expire April 28; Blue Stamps U5, V5, W5, X5, Y5, Z5, will expire June 2; Blue Stamps A5, B5, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, H5, J5, K5, L5, M5, N5, P5, Q5, R5, S5, T5, U5, V5, W5, X5, Y5, Z5, will expire July 31. SUGAR STAMP—\$5 will expire June 2. No new stamp will be validated until May 1st. SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

Renominated



Mayor McNeil Is Renominated In Primary Monday

Present Mayor Defeats T. S. Kenerly In Only Municipal Election Contest

Mayor R. T. McNeil polled a decisive majority of the votes cast for mayor in North Wilkesboro's municipal primary held Monday, defeating T. S. Kenerly by a vote of 426 to 260.

There were no other contests in the city primary, which is tantamount to election in the municipal election to be held May 8.

The present board of commissioners composed of J. R. Hix, A. F. Kilby, R. G. Finley, H. M. Hutchens and Ralph Duncan were certified as nominated, there being no other candidates filing.

The nominees for the places on the city school board are W. E. Jones and Ira D. Payne, incumbents, and Rufus B. Church, who filed in place of John W. Hall, the latter declining to run for another term.

Steele Company Is Recruiting Workers

A representative of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation will be at the employment office in this city April 30 to May 5 to secure workers for war work in the Bethlehem industries.

Preachers' Revival At Harmony Church

Next in a series of "Preacher Revival" services being held in Baptist churches will be held at Harmony Baptist church five miles west of this city Sunday night, eight o'clock. Rev. Glenn Huffman will be the speaker and the public is cordially invited.

Memorial Planned

Memorial service for Pvt. Carter G. Triplett, who was killed in action in France November 20, 1944, will be held Sunday, May 6, three p. m., at Lewis Fork Advent Christian church.



BUY MORE WAR BONDS

NAZIS REPORT FIGHTING IN HEART BERLIN

London.—Doomed Berlin was completely encircled by two big Soviet Armies yesterday and as the Russians fought through subways and streets toward the city's blazing heart, Red Army spearheads to the southwest swarmed across the Elbe River toward an imminent link-up with American forces.

Perhaps 500,000 Nazi troops were trapped in the historic encirclement of the wrecked capital, and late German broadcasts reported that massed waves of Soviet armor had smashed through jungles of twisted steel and stone and had reached the "center" of the half-conquered city.

There was a possibility that Adolf Hitler and Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels had been caught in the Red Army trap at Berlin. Throughout last night the Hamburg radio—principal Nazi station still operating—began every report with the slogan: "The Fuehrer is in Berlin."

Superior Court For Motions Only To Begin Monday

Wilkes superior court will convene Monday, April 30, for trial of the motion calendar only.

Motions on the civil issue docket are the only actions calendared for hearing and its expected that the term will be brief. The term was called off, except for hearing of motions, because necessary attendance at court of jurors and others involved would seriously interfere with spring farm work.

Scout Executive Board Will Meet Monday, April 30

The executive board of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, will meet at Mt. Airy on Monday, April 30. Announcement of a regular quarterly session was made by John M. Brown, who is president of the area. J. F. Yokley, chairman, and the Surry district committee, will be hosts for the meeting.

District chairmen and executive board members from the seven districts of the Council are expected to be present for the meeting. In charge of attendance from each district are Levern Johnson, Ashe; Tom Roth, Elkin-Yadkin; W. N. Vogler, Forsyth; R. M. Green, Stokes; J. F. Yokley, Surry; Clyde M. Greene, Watauga; and J. B. Carter, Wilkes.

Three of the six council operating committees are slated to meet for short sessions before the executive board convenes. They are the leadership training committee, with Tom Roth as chairman; the camping and activities committee, with John Sobotta as chairman; and the health and safety committee with Dr. E. S. Thompson as head.

Presentation of the membership growth trophy for 1944 to Clyde M. Greene for the old Parkway district will be a feature of the occasion.

W. H. Patton Dead

W. H. Patton, of Marion, and who formerly lived in Wilkesboro, died Sunday night in a hospital at Murphy following a heart attack sustained a few days previously while on a fishing trip near there. Funeral service was held in Marion Tuesday. Mr. Patton was local manager for the Standard Oil Co. while he resided in Wilkesboro, and he had many friends in this community.

SCOUT TRAINING COMMITTEES TO HEAR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Harry K. Eby To Visit Old Hickory Council On May 3rd and 4th

Harry K. Eby, National director of volunteer training, Boy Scouts of America, will visit the Old Hickory Council to instruct the seven leadership training committees of the area on May 3-4. Announcement of two meetings in the Council has been made by Tom Roth, area chairman, of Elkin.

On Thursday, May 3, Mr. Eby will meet with a group from Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes districts in a meeting at Boone. Dr. D. J. Whitener, Watauga district leadership training chairman, will be in charge of the meeting. Attendance for Ashe is to be promoted

Twice Wounded



Pfc. John Roope was wounded the second time in Germany on March 8. He was first wounded in January and returned to action only a short time before receiving his second injury. Pvt. Roope, son of F. F. Roope, of Wilkesboro, entered the army October 26, 1943, and went overseas in August, 1944. He has a brother, Marvin Roope, serving in the army in Germany.

Guest Minister



Wilkesboro Church Will Have a Revival

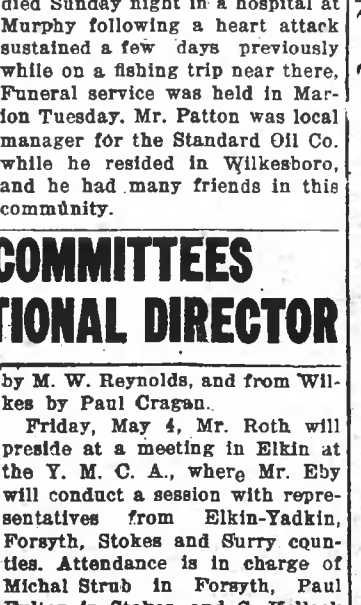
Rev. C. C. Holland Guest Minister For Revival At Wilkesboro Church

Revival services will begin on Sunday, April 29, and continue through May 6th at Wilkesboro Baptist church.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor, has announced that Rev. C. C. Holland, pastor of Front Street Baptist church in Statesville, will be guest minister and will preach during the series of services, which will be held each evening, eight o'clock. Rev. Mr. Holland is one of the best known Baptist pastors in northwestern North Carolina. He has served churches in Wilkes, including Walnut Grove Baptist church at Pores Knob, and was pastor of Brown Memorial church in Hickory before going to Statesville March 1 of this year.

The public is cordially invited to all services.

SPARKS BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Pfc. Chester Sparks, left, is now in Florida after spending 3 1/2 months in the South Pacific. He entered the service in September, 1941, and went overseas in April, 1942. Pvt. Bull Sparks is some where in the South Pacific, according to recent letters received by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Sparks, of North Wilkesboro. He entered the service in August, 1944, and went overseas in March, 1945. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Sparks, of Dockery. Both spent furloughs here together in February, 1945.

Drive To Collect Clothes Planned

Agents Named To Accept Advances On Locker Rental

Movement To Obtain Cold Storage And Freezer Plant Progressing

Excellent progress is reported on the sign-up for advance rentals on freezer lockers in the proposed cold storage plant for North Wilkesboro. Carl E. Van Deman, acting manager, said today.

Preliminary plans call for the construction of a large plant here, which would have more than 500 individual lockers in addition to commercial storage space. Before WPB approval can be obtained, however, at least 60 per cent of the lockers must be rented in advance.

Mr. VanDeman pointed out in discussing the cooperative project that it has been the experience in other towns that the lockers are very much in demand when the public becomes acquainted with the advantages of freezer lockers and asked those who desire lockers to sign up now and be assured of a locker when the plant is constructed and ready for operation.

For convenience of those desiring to sign for lockers, Mr. VanDeman has designated the following as agents who are authorized to accept advance rentals: C. J. Swafford at Wilkes Tire Store, Robert S. Gibbs at Duke Power Co., C. F. Jones at FCX Store, F. D. Forester and W. O. Absher at Wilkes Auto Sales, all in North Wilkesboro; G. S. Winters at Wilkes Implement Co. between the Wilkesboro; R. D. Smith, Wilkes county agent, Wilkesboro; Jim Grouse, Ashe county agent at Jefferson; Mrs. Paul Greene and Miss Helen Price, Wilkes home agents; Charlie German, Boomer; Ed Henderson, Gilreath; Robert L. Morehouse, Oakwoods; Sam Ogilvie at Oakwoods; Dr. J. G. Bentley at Pores Knob; E. B. Broome, Wilkesboro; Miss Priscilla Hix, Moravian Falls; R. V. Day, Millers Creek; C. E. Tharpe, Ronda; Boyd Stout, Ronda; J. W. Leshon at Tuxedo Feed Store, Wilkesboro. Others will be added to the list as the project progresses.

Mr. VanDeman issued the following explanatory statement relative to the proposed plant: "The modern refrigeration center is, and should be, a community affair. The Carolina Refrigeration of North Wilkesboro is to be just that. The community which it will serve will include all of Wilkes county and all of the neighboring counties.

"All farmers, fruit growers, livestock men, poultrymen, and vegetable wardners will have a direct interest in the new plant. Also all food consumers (which includes just about all of us), are vitally interested in the frozen food locker plant which is to be one of the main features of the new Refrigeration Center. A family can rent a good-sized locker (6 cu. ft.) which will hold about 250 pounds of frozen meat, vegetable, etc. (See FREEZER—Page 6 of our)

Seriously Wounded



Pvt. G. Justus Brewer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brewer, of Moravian Falls, was seriously wounded in Germany on April 8, according to a War Department telegram received by his parents. Pvt. Brewer entered the army in March, 1943, and went overseas in September, 1943, serving in England, also in France and Germany with the infantry in the Seventh Army. Before entering service he attended Wilkesboro high school and North Wilkesboro high school, where he graduated in 1942.

Coal Users Must Sign Declaration Coal Used Yearly

Supply This Year Will Be Limited To 80 Per Cent Ordinarily Used

Coal users in this vicinity are signing up with coal dealers for the 1945-46 supply of coal.

In accordance with regulations put out by the Solid Fuels Administration, each domestic user of coal must file with his dealer a consumer declaration of the amount of coal ordinarily used in one year and place an order for an amount not to exceed 80 per cent of the amount ordinarily used.

Coal dealers now have the required forms, and attention is called to the fact that a coal dealer is not required to deliver any coal to any person who does not sign a declaration.

A person who files his consumer declaration with his dealer before May 15 is entitled to receive 30 percent of his order before October 1, 1945. Dealers who have been regularly supplying customers are obligated to deliver to them their quota of coal if a consumer declaration and order is filed promptly as required by the regulations.

Coal dealers have also called attention to the fact that coal for use in chick brooders can be sold only after the consumer has received a certificate of necessity from the Triple A office under whose jurisdiction they reside.

Committees Are Named To Launch Drives In Wilkes

Although off to a belated start, sponsoring organizations are planning a concerted clothing drive in Wilkes to collect clothing for destitute families in war-ravaged countries.

In a meeting of civic leader and others interested here an organization was set up whereby it is hoped to reach all the people in the county and give them an opportunity to contribute some clothing, clothing materials or bedding.

A number of division chairmen have been named for the campaign. Rural chairmen are C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, and Mrs. Paul Greene, the county home demonstration agent. Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., heads the campaign in North Wilkesboro and Mrs. Joe Barber in Wilkesboro.

The planning committee is composed of C. B. Eller, Mrs. Paul Greene, Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., Mrs. Joe Barber, and one member from each civic organization. Eugene M. White is publicity chairman.

Gordon Finley and A. A. Sturdivant compose the collection committee for North Wilkesboro and Paul Osborne for Wilkesboro. C. B. Eller and Mrs. Paul Greene form the collection committee for rural communities.

On the sorting committee are Mrs. Joe E. Johnson, Miss Ruby Blackburn, Mrs. W. C. Grier, Mrs. J. W. Leshon, and Mrs. F. C. Hubbard.

Rev. A. C. Waggoner, representing the Lions Club, and a member to be selected from the Kiwanis club will compose the packing and shipping committee.

Several methods of collection are planned and the committee is appealing for any kind of usable clothing and shoes for all ages and sizes; also materials from which clothing could be made, blankets, sheets, quilts and any other usable materials.

In preparing clothing to be given, the committee asks that it be washed, but not ironed, and that shoes in pairs be tied together.

The chairmen urge that all civic groups, schools, churches and clubs participate. The goal for the county has been set at an average of five pounds per person.

Local stores will have boxes placed at convenient points where those from rural areas may deposit clothing for the collection. The boxes will be ready the latter part of this week.

On Sunday, May 6, beginning at two p. m., a house-to-house canvass will be made of the homes in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro, at which time those who have clothing or other materials to donate are asked to have them tied in bundles and placed in plain view on front porches.

Many schools and home demonstration clubs are expected to plan campaigns for their respective communities.

Wilkesboro Church Services Discussed

Members of the Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, with Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian, supply pastor for the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pharr Friday night, April 20, to consider plans for services in their church, which has been without a pastor since Rev. Watt Cooper gave up his work there to become a chaplain in the armed forces. It was decided that preaching services to be conducted by Rev. Mr. Yelanjian should be held each Sunday night, beginning on Sunday, May 6. The hour for opening is 8 o'clock.

The minister and members hope that many friends and neighbors will join them in worship at these services. All will be welcome.

The following committees were appointed to make necessary arrangements: Church, Mrs. Louise Alexander, Misses Frances Miller, and Elizabeth Pharr; grounds, Mrs. Agnes Hart and Miss Blanche Carrigan.

Scouts To Meet

All members of Troop 35 of Boy Scouts are urged to attend a very important meeting to be held at the Scout Hut Friday evening, 7:30.