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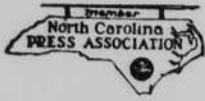
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**A Valuable Organization**

On their thirty-third anniversary that is being observed this week, we salute the Boy Scouts of Transylvania and of America!

By making real men out of boys, Scouting fills a real need in our county and nation. President Roosevelt emphasized the value of Scouting when he said a few days ago, "The leaders of our armed forces in training camps and on battlefields have seen the value of scout training in developing knowledge and skill, as well as courage, self-reliance, resourcefulness and initiative which are proving to be so essential in our determination to win the war."

Commenting further he said, "Certainly those who help to make boys physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight in these times deserve the appreciation of all who are leaders in America."

The Boy Scout slogan this year is, "Toughen Up, Buckle Down and Carry on to Victory." Brevard Scouts are doing just that. Right now they are collecting scrap metal. Help them out in this worthy project.

Let's also resolve to continue to promote Scouting here and may at least three more troops be organized this year.

**The General Approved**

Several residents of the swank resort town of Miami Beach, Fla., were having their early morning slumbers disturbed by the singing of soldiers stationed there and one of them voiced complaint to the commanding officer. The latter stated, with soldierly candor, that the singing would continue and at the same time he offered a suggestion from which the protestants might benefit more than by prolonging their snoozing. He said:

"Moreover—please arise at the first sound of military activity each morning and get down on your knees with all the members of your household who are disturbed thereby, and offer thanks to God almighty, with me and all the rest of us, that those are Americans singing American songs, and not Germans or Japanese singing victory songs in American streets."

**Think It Over!**

The announcement last week by the Manpower Commission that workers in twenty - nine non-essential occupations should shift to essential jobs or else face induction into the armed forces this spring even though they have dependents, caused a good deal of concern in Brevard and Transylvania county, especially among the industrial employees between the ages of 18 and 38.

While it is certain that all men of these ages will face possible induction this year, at the same time practically every industrial worker in this county is working for an essential industry.

Unless a man is highly skilled and can qualify for an important position in a direct war industry, it seems to us that he will be making a mistake by changing jobs now.

The twenty-nine occupations listed on the non-essential list are not represented to any extent in this county and therefore our workers should not be gravely concerned.

The nation must have leather, lumber, thread, and cigarettes. It must have food and is expecting the farmers of this county to help produce it. Before giving up a good job in an essential industry here at

home, we urge that you get full information as to whether or not your service might be needed more in war industries.

And besides, why worry about being drafted for military service? That is the place all real men, all real Americans want to be. That gives you the greatest opportunity of all to help win the war by being in the front lines.

**Red Triumph At Stalingrad**

The peoples of the world have been dazed by the annihilation of the German army before Stalingrad — and we say dazed because even the most astute military experts seem to be at a loss to explain how the Reds, with this once great city reduced to debris, could stop the Nazi legions, envelop and then crush them. There have been other great sieges in world history, but few if any that equalled that at Stalingrad in duration, savagery, number of troops engaged and slaughter. Moreover, the Red triumph at Stalingrad as the prelude—perhaps one should say the incentive—for a westward sweep of the Russian armies that is pressing the Germans back from the out-skirts of Leningrad to the western Caucasus, where another army, as this is being written, is in dire peril of being destroyed.

What is the secret of this amazing Russian performance? Prof. Elliott, in a sermon at the First Baptist church last Sunday morning, which he based on a passage in a letter which the Apostle Paul, in prison at Rome, wrote to the church at Philippi, explained the Russian success at Stalingrad by saying that there were things that shells and bombs would not destroy—the spirit and will of a man to die for a thing in which he wholly believed.

The Red Russians have a habit of naming their cities, great industrial plants, power projects and other things for their leaders. Stalingrad was, of course, named for Premier Joseph Stalin. More than any other man, Stalin is perhaps the exemplar of Russian virtues—their stoicism, their fortitude, their heroism. Stalingrad, reduced to a charnel house by Nazi fury, held, perhaps because named for a beloved leader, it was a sort of repository of Soviet faith, a symbol around which the Soviet spirit rallied to march to dazzling triumphs. Stalingrad, perhaps the Reds reasoned, had been destroyed; far worse, Stalingrad, symbol of Soviet achievement and hope, had been violated—therefore, they would smash the foe and they did. Even more, while this was being done—and perhaps because of it—the Soviets unleashed powerful blows on a dozen other fronts, while at home the Germans, bewildered and dismayed, decreed a period of national mourning, which has given rise to a rumor that Hitler is dead.

Small wonder that the military experts are puzzled by what happened at Stalingrad; they concern themselves largely with strategy, whereas the decisive factor here seems in the absence of other and better explanations to have been the aroused and unconquerable spirit of the Russian army.

**The Parson At War**

Many preachers have declared war on vice and crime, and while they are militant in these fields, most of them are peaceable in regard to military activities. Yet, when the nation is at war, ministers of the gospel stand by for service as chaplains wherever duty calls.

Here the chaplains not only plan religious services to coincide with the free time of the men, but serve them in many more ways. We are informed that an average of 25 soldiers a day consult the chaplain of their faith on spiritual and non-spiritual matters, ranging from domestic problems to those of a military nature. The chaplains are responsible for delivering moral talks to new arrivals at the post. Men enjoying relaxation in their squadron day rooms are not surprised to see the chaplain drop in for a visit; for while he is a commissioned officer, his position as a cleric often breaks down a barrier that in some cases exists between officers and enlisted men, off duty.

A chaplain maintains an interest in the welfare of the men and visits the post hospital regularly. He also visits the guard house and listens carefully to complaints and inquiries of the prisoners, we are told.

The chaplain's day is a full one for he devotes his entire time to the men in service and while he carries no weapons, he is always to be found in the camp or in the thick of battle where duty calls. And it is often to him that the enlisted man looks for guidance, inspiration and courage.

**NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS**  
By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10—The surprise Churchill visit to Turkey has inspired some hope that Ankara will immediately fling her army in on our side and attack the Nazis in Bulgaria and Greece.

We could furnish the planes, and also formidable forces now in Syria and Trans-Jordan.

Eventual fulfillment of this delightful prospect is certain, but how soon it will come is something for Hitler to guess. If it were imminent, Churchill might not have gone to Turkey and brought the international spotlight that always follows him.

The Turks have been very friendly with our cause, especially since the recent accumulation of Russian victories, but they are still trading with Hitler, furnishing nickel and some other war materials. There are many things they can do short of war, and they were no doubt the most immediate subjects of the Churchill talks.

The harassed Herr Hitler, now running around Europe trying to plug rat-holes enlarging before him on all sides, recently has augmented the size of his forces in Greece and Rumania as a necessary precaution against Turkey.

The Churchill visit should at least pin these forces there permanently, and call for more if Hitler can.

When we first went into Africa, Hitler concentrated planes in Crete, threatening invasion of the Near East, but his forces on that ground are not now sufficient to warrant any fears on our part.

General Rommel has been brandishing armor on the Mareth line as if he intended to hold it at all costs. Do not let yourself be surprised if he withdraws as he did from his last three defensive positions, and seeks shelter closer to the larger Nazi forces in North Tunisia.

Rommel probably has only about 50,000 troops left, two-thirds of the strength generally attributed to him. The North Tunis Nazi had 75,000 until this week, when Hitler started air-ferrying reinforcements in fast.

These two Nazi African armies are probably not strong enough to maintain the long line of more than 200 miles from Bizerte to Mareth. Furthermore, as long as Rommel is in the Mareth line, his rear is exposed to a drive by our armies, which would cut him off completely from his northward line of supplies and cause him to be surrounded in the desert.

The ex-hero of Berlin may therefore withdraw from the "Little Maginot" position and continue his flight northward to establish a defensive position around Sfax, or even closer to Tunis.

The confused Tunisian situation is, therefore, not considered as dangerous for us, as you may have thought. The maps suggest our Southern flank is hanging in the air in the desert, exposed to attack by Rommel, but his weary army is hardly fit for such an operation now.

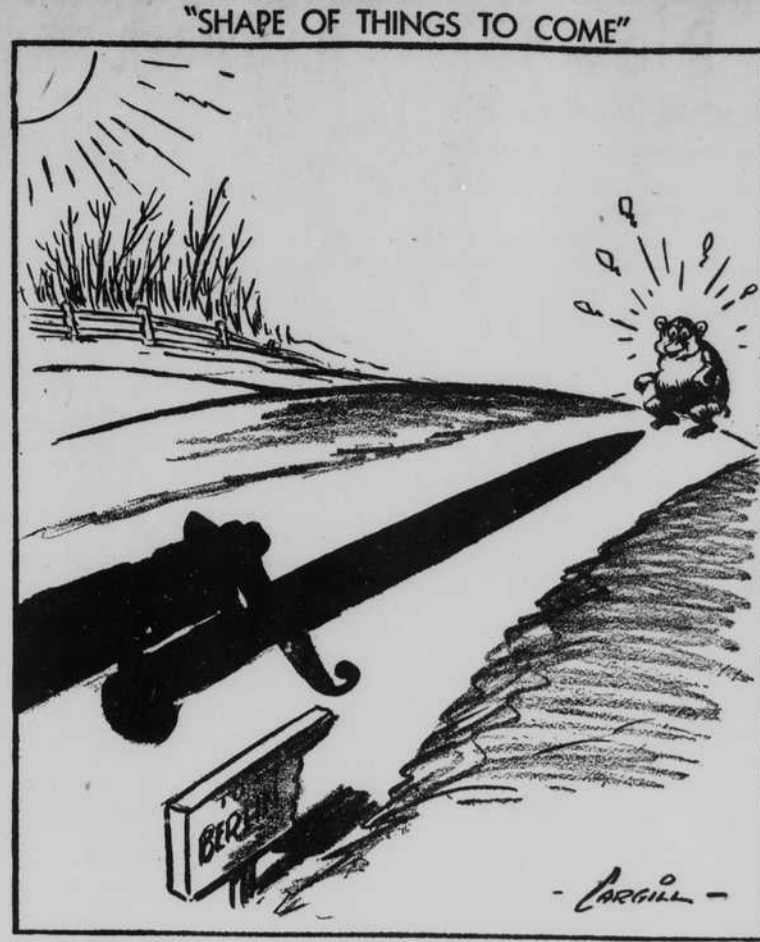
Glib Russian communiques the last few days barely conceal the fact that the Red attack has slowed down.

Hitler has thrown reserves into the actions south of Rostov in order to rescue his armies from that pocket. At Leningrad also, the Russians were unable immediately to exploit the breach they made in the Nazi lines when they raised the siege. They control the railroad running into the city, but succeeded only in occupying a small patch of territory.

About three weeks ago, the Red army drive similarly slowed down, then gathered strength to go on to unexpected victories. Stalin may have enough left to muster relentless pressure again.

Then, too, these drives must pause once in a while to mend railroads, repair airfields bridges and roads, and re-established communications to supply bases in the rear.

Final annihilation of the Nazi army in front of Stalingrad will help the Red army immeasurably. The lost Nazi army there, at the edge of the city, lay astride an important railroad line, and thus denied the Reds a main artery of supplies for their drive up to now.



he will certainly have them. But, if he wants enough to conquer airfield by airfield back to the Philippines or over Java, he may have to do some selling here.

**CARD OF THANKS**

It would be our wish to personally thank each friend who rendered us a service at the time of our daughter's illness and death. But since so much was done for us, and so many offers of help were received from people — especially blood donors — whom we did not previously know, we felt there might be some whom we have failed to reach by individual acknowledgement. Lest this should be so, we take this means of thanking any friends who helped us, with whom we are not in personal touch.

Every effort made in Evelyn's behalf, every kind ministrations that brightened her last days, and every helpful service to us at the time of her death, will always be held in grateful memory.

Evelyn's brother and sisters join us in this card of thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntosh

**Tea At Rockbrook Was A Big Success**

A large number of workers and interested friends of the Rockbrook community attended the Rockbrook Red Cross surgical dressing hospital tea, which was held at Rockbrook house Tuesday afternoon of last week in connection with the regular work session.

An amount of \$8.10 was realized from the dimes brought by those in attendance, to be applied on the oxygen tent for the Transylvania Community hospital. Many friends who were unable to attend the tea, sent their dimes and some paid more than the prescribed dime, Mrs. H. N. Carrier, chairman, said.

In addition to the tea feature, the regular workers made that afternoon 900 bandages, thereby completing the second case of 9,000 bandages. This makes a total of 18,000 bandages that have been made and shipped to headquarters by this group since its organization a few months ago.

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**Rationing Guide**

**SUGAR**  
Stamp No. 11 valid for three pounds until March 15.

**COFFEE**  
Stamp No. 25 good for one pound until March 22.

**FUEL OIL**  
Period 3 coupons good for nine gallons and valid through February 19. No. 4 valid January 30 to April 6. Good for nine gallons.

**GASOLINE**  
Coupon No. 4 good through March 21. Temporary T coupons were issued directly until February 1, now by local ODT offices only to holders of ODT certificates of war necessity. This deadline has been deferred indefinitely for operators who have applied for certificates but have not received them, and those who can show that an appeal from the certificate mileage is pending.

**TIRES**  
Holders of ration A coupons must have tires inspected by OPA on or before March 31. Holders of B and C coupons must get first inspection by end of February. Truckers and other commercial vehicles have a deadline of February 28. Subsequent inspections of A drivers will be every six months. B coupon holders must have one tire inspection each four months and C holders one each 3 months. The deadline for second A inspections is September 30, second B inspections June 30 and second C inspections May 31. The minimum time between A inspections is 90 days, B 60 days and C 45 days.

**SHOES**  
Stamp No. 17 in War Ration book No. 1 (sugar and coffee) good for one pair of shoes through June 15.

**WAR RATION BOOKS**  
Ration book No. 1 is being currently used for purchase of sugar and coffee. Point-rationing of canned, dried and frozen foods, except dried vegetables, starts March 1. No canned fruits or vegetables may be sold between February 20 and March 1. Meat rationing will begin about April 1. Registration for Ration Book No. 2 begins in the schools February 22 and continues for six days.

When your doctor asks where you prefer to have your prescription filled, say: VARNER'S, because: Filled only by registered pharmacist; as written and at reasonable prices. (Adv.) 12-18-tfc

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