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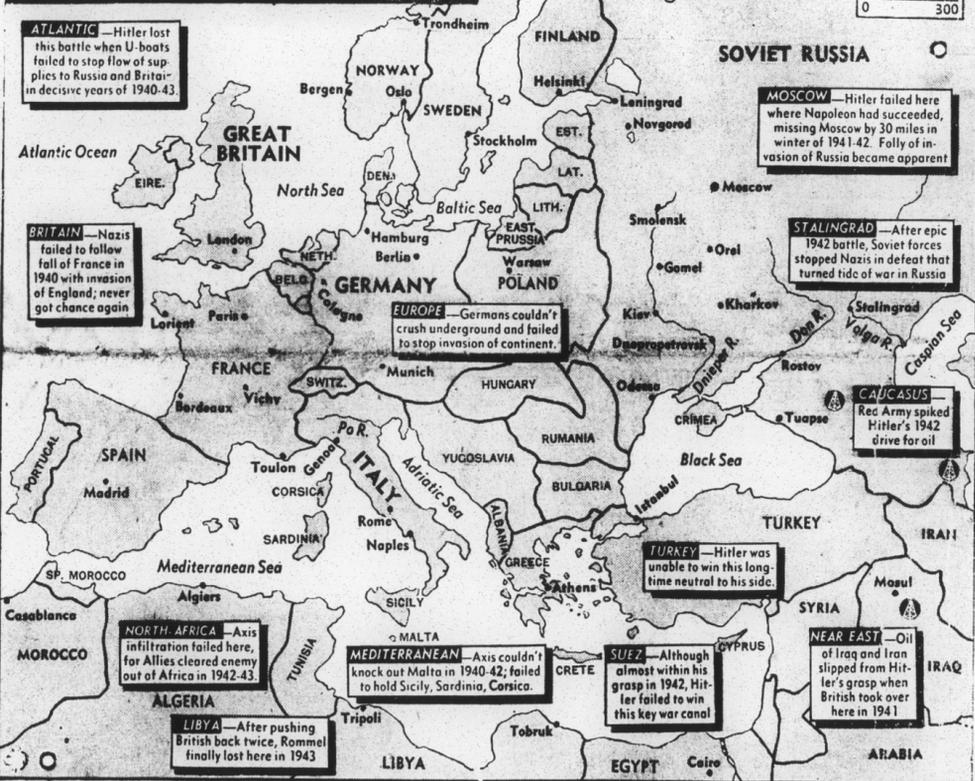
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# GERMANY QUILTS!

## WHERE HITLER HAS FAILED



It was Adolf Hitler's inability to attain these goals that cost him the war, for Germany's chances for winning lessened with each failure. Early victories over small, unprepared nations strengthened the myth that the Nazis were unbeatable, but stiffer Allied opposition in Britain, Russia and North Africa, as well as on the diplomatic front, spotlighted their weaknesses.

The war in Europe, except for sporadic fighting in Czechoslovakia, is over, according to an Associated Press news flash from Rhiems, France, which broke by radio this morning at 9:35 Eastern Standard War Time. The report, however, is still unofficial, pending an expected announcement later in the day --- about three o'clock --- from President Truman, reports say

## "V-E-DAY" PROCLAMATION

V-E Day is here! The Armed Forces of Germany have capitulated. Let us make this day a day of sober celebration. The war in Europe is over. Thankful, of course we are, that the fighting has ceased in the European theatre, but remember that hard fighting lies ahead in the Pacific Area. So as Prime Minister Churchill has ordered, keep our church doors open, assemble for prayer and thanksgiving. Yes, to our churches we should go to offer a prayer of gratitude.

God of our fathers we thank Thee that freedom of worship is still our privilege. May we worship Thee in the spirit of humility. Accept our prayer for a lasting and enduring peace.

S. G. WINSTEAD—MAYOR.

Any V-E Day celebration here, in Roxboro, as far as the closing of stores is concerned, will wait on the official announcement from President Truman, Chamber of Commerce headquarters said this morning.

Peoples Bank will be open for the sale of War Bonds all during any observance of V-E Day, according to Gordon C. Hunter, district chairman for the Seventh War Loan, who this morning issued a pointed reminder that the War with Japan is not over and that the obligation to buy bonds is as deep as it has ever been.

Public schools, both in the county and city, will not close, according to Superintendent R. B. Griffin. "Patsy Strings Along," senior play at Roxboro high school will be given today and Tuesday night as scheduled.

Radio reports indicate that the war in Europe ended Sunday night at 8:40 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, by the signing of terms of unconditional surrender, ending five years, eight months and six days of fighting on the European continent.

Up to noon today the Associated Press flash remained the only statement by a major news association. No reports have been received from United Press or from International News Service.

In London, however, and in many parts of Europe celebration of V-E Day is on, without waiting for confirmatory statements from Prime Minister Churchill, or from Stalin. The surrender, according to the AP flash, was made to the United States, Great Britain and Russia, at headquarters of General

What seems to be an official announcement coming over the radio at 1:50 P. M. today stated that the official announcement of V-E Day would come at 3:00 P. M. tomorrow, May 8th, in England, summer time, and at 9:00 A. M. Roxboro time.

President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin will make an announcement at the same time to the people of their countries.

It appears that the Big Three had previously agreed to this fact and that the agreement will be carried out tomorrow, not before.

All available information, however, points to the fact that today is V-E Day.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, where the terms were officially received by him. General Eisenhower said this morning that he would hold a reporters conference this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

In the meantime, there is a radio report that the body of Goebbels has been found. No trace of Hitler's has been seen.

If and when President Truman makes announcement of V-E day, churches in Roxboro will ring their bells and churches will remain open for services of meditation and prayer, according to reports received from ministers here.

At twelve-thirty this afternoon news commentators said that Prime Minister Churchill and President Truman were ready to make an official announcement of V-E Day at noon today, but have deferred announcement, possibly until tomorrow, because of objections by Stalin. It has also been reported via radio by INS that the Paris office of AP is under suspension because of the early morning flash.

## End Of War Brings Many Conflicting Reports

### Many Guesses As To When The War Was To End

Practically Every Year Had Its Prophets And Recently Every Month And Day.

The war has ended. Since the war started there have been a few hundred million and some guesses as to when it would end. The war started December 7, 1941, and from that day to now people have speculated as to when it would end. Some put the date sometime in '42 and then they moved it to '43, then to '44 and so on until they began guessing at the day of the month and finally they said tomorrow or Sunday or whatever day they had in mind.

The largest guessing period, or rather the time in which everyone thought it would end and newspapers were getting ready to print the news was last fall when the Allies started going through the German line. A large number of people thought it would end and newspapers began making their plans that way. Factories were ready to convert to peacetime activities and things looked favorable. Then the

According to an Associated Press flash from France this morning the surrender terms, unconditional, were signed last night in a little red school house in Rhiems, France. The signer for the Germans was General Yodel, Chief of Staff of the German Army. The report further stated that General "Ike" was not present at the signing, but a later meeting was held at Supreme Allied Headquarters. The story released, further stated that General Yodel asked permission to speak, after the signatures were affixed to the surrender document, and he is reported as having said "he was delivering the German people and army into the hands of the Allies for better or worse."

Other conflicting reports from Europe this morning indicated that Admiral Doenitz, who is accepted by the Allies as the only man left in Germany to sue for peace, has ordered the Nazi submarine fleet to cease operations at once. Doenitz is the "self-appointed" new fuhrer of the German drive started and the Allies were thrown back and it looked like the end was a long time off. Then we started again to make gains and the Russians—you know—SHRD the rest, the Russians and the Americans and the British along with the French and the Canadians really started taking city after city—then the fall of Berlin and the end of the war.

Germany. Although official confirmation of the surrender report has not been confirmed—it has not been denied by any Allied government and throughout the world from the South Pacific and other parts of the war-torn world, celebration of V-E Day is underway. In New York, reports state that the streets of the city have been flooded with waste paper and other forms of paper ribbon. Mayor LaGuardia has urged New Yorkers to refrain from the procedure, as all the waste paper was still in great demand in the war effort, and that a large labor battalion would be necessary to clean the streets after the celebration.

A still later report reveals that Associated Press has been suspended from filing any news stories from their Paris office by the French government, evidently because of the premature release of the surrender story by Edward Kennedy, veteran Associated Press reporter and chief of that bureau in Europe since the beginning of the European War.

with a False Armistice. The essence of all broadcasts news commentators was that the war had ended but when and why the announcement was being held up was not known, but it is conceded generally that it is all over in Europe.

### Wm. T. Jordan At Augusta, Ga.

William T. Jordan, of R. F. D. No. One, Roxboro, has been promoted to Technician Fifth Grade at the Army's Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga. A ward attendant, he performs important duties in the care of wounded veterans returned from overseas.

### Along The Way

Emory Foushee, Robert Dixon, Rufus Harris and Arthur Rimmer have a mule. They paid \$15.00 for the mule and prize it very highly. They bought the mule with the understanding that Robert Dixon was to take care of it. How old the mule is nobody knows and nobody cares as long as he will pull a plow and not eat so much. However that is the point. These fellows are not feeding the animal and something should be done about it. He stays out about all the time trying to find something to eat and as a result of staying out or loose he is giving gardens a "fit". If these boys are going to keep a mule and make him work they should feed him. It's not right for them to turn him loose on the whole neighborhood. Neither is it right for them to starve the animal to death.

If there was a Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals in Roxboro, I would report them all.

### Mrs. Cole Dies This Morning

Mrs. Ralph Cole, 65, prominent Roxboro woman and for many years president of Person Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, died this morning at 9:45 o'clock at her Lamar Street home after an illness lasting many months. Funeral will be held Wednesday at 4 P. M. at her church.

Surviving are a son, Clyde Cole, of Yanceyville, two daughters, Mrs. H. C. Kynoch, of Roxboro, and Mrs. Henry N. Brown, of Lake Charles, La., and several grandchildren.

She was a member of Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church and was interested in church and civic affairs. Her husband died about two years ago. A native of Person County, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William (Billy) Long, of Ceppo.

### J. E. Duncan Now At Norfolk

James E. Duncan, 18, seaman, second class, USNR, of Roxboro, recently arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., to undergo training for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. He has completed a course of recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. Duncan is the son of Benjamin H. Duncan of Roxboro. He attended Mount Tirzah High School.

### Is Hitler Dead Or Is He Alive, Question Asked

Many Believe That He Is Alive With Plenty of Money.

What about Hitler?—has been one of the questions asked frequently in this county since his reported death several weeks ago. "Is he dead or is he alive?" This question even at the time of the fall of Germany is still being asked and is getting many different kinds of answers.

Some say that Hitler is very much alive and that he has had his face lifted to the extent that no one can recognize him and that he has plenty of money and is living in Germany. Others say that he is dead and buried in Germany but that only a very few know where. They say that his burial spot will not be told until many years from now and that it may then become a shrine.

Others claim that he may be alive and in Germany or Spain and that he will be forced to give himself up at some later date.

All who believe that he is alive believe that he has plenty of money and that he will not suffer as far as money goes.

Still another theory is that he is dead and that his body has been cremated and the ashes thrown to the winds to keep it from falling in the hands of his enemies.

Dead or alive he is evidently out of the way of the Allies for some time to come. He has his day and caused more than his part of suffering.

Twenty-four Negro farmers recently organized an open-air curb market on a vacant lot in Washington, Beaufort County. Returns for the first two sales days were \$349.81 and \$510.30.