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Germans In Italy Surrender To Allies

Make Plans For Scout Camporee Opening On Sat.

Will Be Held On Negro Mountain This Week End If Weather Permits

James Story, chairman of the camping and activities committee of the Ashe district of the Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America, announced yesterday that everything was in readiness for the annual camporee of the Boy Scouts of Ashe, who will be joined by those of Watauga on Negro Mountain this week end, provided the snow and ice, now on the mountain, disappear. "It is indeed unfortunate that the weather is so cold at this time. However, it is quite possible that by Saturday, the weather might change. I have had no official word as to a postponement of the event. However, if the snow and ice remain on the mountain, it is likely that the Camporee will be postponed," Mr. Story stated.

It was explained that should the weather permit the Camporee to be held, that signs will be erected to show the Scouts and officials how to reach the camp site. It is expected that around 100 Scouts will attend this annual event.

Rotary Observes Boys', Girls' Week

Raymond Francis Spoke To Club Last Thursday Night

The Jeffersons Rotary club is joining with others throughout the nation in observing National Boys' and Girls' Week, at this time.

This observance was originated through the Rotary club in New York City in 1920, and the movement has spread in the different clubs throughout the United States and Canada, it was explained.

Tonight, the Jeffersons club will observe it by having a special program put on by the local Boy Scouts. This program will be led by Lawrence Tyson.

Raymond Francis, principal of Nathan's Creek High School, gave an interesting talk before the club last Thursday night, when he expressed his ideas about what will aid in helping to form a world peace. He said that raising the standards of living, education and social life, throughout the nation would greatly help to bring about a lasting peace.

Winners Given In Spelling Bee

Around 75 students took part in the annual county-wide spelling bee held in the courthouse last Wednesday evening under the sponsorship of the American Legion.

The finalist in the elementary (Continued on Page 4)

Dec. Weather Is Felt In May

December and May really got together on the weather here early yesterday morning. The temperature was typical of that of mid-winter yesterday morning when snow started early and fell intermittently throughout the day. This was mixed with sleet and rain.

Due to the extreme dampness most of the snow, which fell in the Jeffersons, melted immediately. However, in some sections of the county including Todd and Whitetop from one to three inches was reported.

Many oldtimers said they could remember snow in May, but to many others it was a new experience. The temperature hovered just above freezing most of the day.

Hitler Is Reported Dead; Germany Near End; Berlin Is Taken

KILLED IN ACTION



Pvt. Lawrence P. Burkett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Burkett, of Jefferson, and husband of the former Miss Dora Marsh, was killed in action on December 11, 1944, according to a message from the War Department. He was previously reported missing. Pvt. Burkett entered service in April, 1944, and had been overseas since last September.

Voting Powers Of Nations Are Still Unsettled

Conference Off To Good Start; Smaller Nations Given Assignments

The United Nations conference this week put Belgium, South Africa, Norway and Venezuela in charge of four major commissions which will draft its charter for a world organization.

Without a change or a hitch, it approved assignments to the commissions and to a dozen committees. (Continued on Page 4)

Play At Healing Springs Friday

A three-act play, "A Little Clothopper," will be given in the Healing Springs auditorium Friday night, May 4. The cast is composed of members from the various high school classes. The play will begin at 8:30. There will be a small admission charge for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Allies Will Demand The Body Of Hitler Be Produced As Proof Of Death

The Hamburg Nazi radio said Tuesday night that Adolf Hitler died in Berlin and had been succeeded by Admiral Karl Doenitz, his personal choice to command the German nation.

The official Moscow radio called the German broadcast "a new fascist trick," by which "the German Fascists evidently hope to prepare for Hitler the possibility of disappearing from the scene and going to an underground position."

At the British foreign office, however, the report of Hitler's death—but not necessarily of the place or manner—was accepted as true.

Doenitz broadcast a proclamation and an order of the day pledging continuance of the war and demanding the same loyalty as previously sworn to Hitler.

Following close on the announcement of Hitler's death came the fall of Berlin, the capital, to the Russian forces, yesterday after 12 days of history's bloodiest street fighting. Seventy thousand German troops were captured in the final clean-up.

Braunau, quaint little Austrian town where Adolf Hitler was born 56 years ago, was captured Tuesday night by U. S. third army. (Continued on Page 8)

W. B. Scarborough Buried On Friday

Transou Man Died In Ashe Hospital At The Age Of Eighty

Funeral service was held on Friday for William B. Scarborough, 80, of Transou, who died at the Ashe County Memorial Hospital on Thursday, April 26. The service was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Ray, with the Rev. Worth Sweet, pastor of the Nathan's Creek Methodist Church, in charge. Burial followed at the Beaver Creek cemetery.

Mr. Scarborough, who had been in ill health for some time, was well known throughout this section, having taught in the county schools for several years. He was a native of this county, the son of Harris Scarborough and Mrs. Caroline McRae Scarborough.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Earl Ray, West Jefferson; William Scarborough, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. M. F. Wirtz, Hydes, Md.; and Mrs. W. M. Fisher, Chicago, Ill.

37 Ashe County Men Left On Sat. For Fort Bragg

Many Younger Men Included In Group Inducted Into Armed Forces

A group of 37 Ashe county men, many of them in the younger group of draftees, left last Saturday for induction into the army at Fort Bragg, having previously passed pre-induction examinations.

Those leaving included the following:

Ivan T. Cockerham, Walter B. Cole, Elmer L. Gilley, Jesse L. Beng, Burl Grover Waddell, William C. Pugh John T. McMillan, Jones Wilson McNeill, Andrew J. Pugh, Vance Roten, Robert W. Goss, Avery Ralph Eldreth, William Earl Roten.

Albert Severt, Lonnie Howard Blevins William T. Bumgarner, Joe Hampton Cox, Millard Wayne Roten, Clifford Medley, Johnnie F. Roten, Bruce Clayton Bare, Jones B. Hamby, Ford Lee Davis, William T. Osborne, Fred S. Eldreth, Charles Lee Wagg.

Joe E. Coldiron, Carl V. Dishman, Emmett J. Stansberry, Dale Junior Poe, Thomas T. Phillips, Otto R. Burgess, Carl R. Jackson, Robert Crusoe Greer, Clarence B. Wilcox, Warren G. Davis, Fred Newland Mash.

Cancer Control Drive Arousing Much Interest

Schools Cooperating In Work; Motion Picture Is Shown On Monday

Miss Ruth Tugman, county chairman of the Cancer Control Drive, said yesterday that the drive was meeting with unusually good success both in the fundraising as well as from an educational point of view.

While all returns are not in as yet, Miss Tugman said she felt sure the county would far surpass. (Continued on Page Four)

Many Bonds Are Sold By Schools

The special advance 7th War Loan Drive held by the schools of the county was unusually successful, incomplete returns indicated yesterday.

In addition to West Jefferson, which was over the quota last week, both Jefferson and Virginia-Carolina also surpassed their quotas. It was pointed out that others probably had also made their quotas. Complete returns will be published next week, along with the prize winners, L. B. Tyson, chairman, said. All schools that have not turned in reports are urged to do so at once.

Twenty Thousand New Prisoners



Some of the 20,000 German prisoners, taken during the recent advance, are seen sitting on the grounds of a former Nazi military academy somewhere in the 7th army sector.

Sugar Ration Cut 25 Per Cent; Canning Allotment Also Pared, Should Write For Applications

Funeral Service Held Yesterday For W. R. Jones

Died On Tuesday Morning At The Age Of 83 After Long Illness

Funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon for William Reid Jones, prominent local citizen, at the West Jefferson Methodist church, following his death on Tuesday morning. The Rev. John S. Jordan, pastor of the church, was in charge of the service and burial followed in the town cemetery.

Mr. Jones who was 83 years old at the time of his death, had been inactive for a number of years because of declining health and he and his wife had made their home here with Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones.

He was a native of Allegheny county and for many years taught in the schools of Ashe and Allegheny. (Continued on Page Four)

Ashe Men Are Reported Hurt

Pvt. Loyd W. Grubb, son of Mr. J. R. Grubb, of Todd, was slightly wounded in action in Italy on April 1, according to a message received by his wife from the war department recently.

Pvt. Ralph G. Duvall, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Duvall, of Willow Street Pa., was wounded in action in Italy on April 21, according to information received by his wife, the former Miss Faye Owen, of Crumpler.

Persons Should Write To Local Board For Applications For Canning Sugar

Officials of the local rationing board received notification from Washington this week of a 25 per cent cut in sugar rationing as announced by the office of War Information, which declared the United States sugar reserves to be at "rock bottom".

The new sugar stamp, number 36, good for five pounds and valid today, must last four weeks instead of three, OWI announced in behalf of OPA and the War Food Administration.

Home canning allotments also were slashed. Only 70 per cent as much sugar will be available for rationing as in 1944, and the maximum 1945 canning allotment will drop to 15 pounds, compared with 20 pounds last year. No family however large, may receive more than 120 pounds of canning sugar, as against the 1944 limit of 160 pounds.

Restaurants, hotels, school and (Continued on Page 8)

Thomas N. Wyatt Gets Purple Heart

The Purple Heart Decoration has been awarded posthumously to Private Thomas N. Wyatt, who was killed in action in Germany on December 13.

The award was made to Pvt. Wyatt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huston Wyatt, of West Jefferson.

Pvt. Wyatt was in service for eight months and had spent two months in action before being killed. He is survived by his parents two sisters and six brothers.

Announcement Of Further Downfall May Come Soon

Resistance In Italy Had Practically Ceased Before Announcement

According to official announcement yesterday afternoon, from Washington, the German army in Italy and Austria surrendered to the Allies.

The announcement coming on the heels of that of the death of Adolf Hitler and the ousting of Ribbentrop came as one of the many pertaining to the general collapse of the German power expected within the next few days.

The Germans had shown little resistance in Italy during the past few days.

Fascist Commander Marshal Rodolfo Graziani announced the unconditional surrender of his Ligurian army as New Zealand units linked up with Yugoslav forces near Trieste at the head of the Adriatic sea and American units raced for the southern end of the Brenner Pass into Austria.

Graziani told his troops in a broadcast that "the time has arrived when further resistance would be useless and inhuman, and as far as I am concerned, criminal."

Jefferson Man Hits Po Valley

Is A Cannoneer In The 339th Field Artillery Battalion In Italy

With The Fifth Army in Italy—Pfc. S. Blackburn, a member of Jefferson, is a member of the 339th Field Artillery Battalion, which has been pouring steel into German targets in Italy's Po Valley since last October 31 when it fired a dozen 155-millimeter howitzer shells across the highway connecting Rimini and Bologna.

In combat 328 of its first 365 days in Italy, the battalion fired 85,000 rounds weighing more than 4000 tons at the enemy.

The 339th fights on the Fifth Army front as a part of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division.

So close was the battalion to doughboys in the offensive on Rome, Battery B was subjected to German machinegun fire near Ciampino Airport, just below the capital. The battalion fired across the Tiber River on fleeing enemy troops only 1000 yards away. Battery A recently captured three Germans who were on patrol. In the Mt. Grande region, the 339th was the target of enemy mortar fire.

The 339th landed in North Africa in December, 1943, and entered combat by shooting across the Garigliano River in Italy, March 7, 1944. Displacing 16 times, the battalion reached Rome, where its guns were put into operation along the Via Flaminia.

Honor These And All Other Ashe County Men In Service By Buying Bonds



R. D. Houck, Jr., F-2C, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Houck, entered service last July and is now on a destroyer, somewhere in the Pacific. His wife, the former Miss Dorothy Wayman, and children, live with her parents.



Pvt. Thomas G. Holman, who entered service last November, is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., where he is training for a paratrooper. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Holman, of Todd, and is getting along fine.



Pfc. Wiley V. Ham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ham, of Ball, has been in service for twenty-five months and is now somewhere in Germany with General Patton's Third Army. He writes that he likes his work but misses home.



Pfc. James H. Allen, who entered service in December, 1942, has been overseas for the past nine months and is now with the Third Army in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Allen, of Hemlock.



Dayton Miller, Seaman 2-C, who is now somewhere in the South Pacific, on a destroyer, entered service in January, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Miller, of Glendale Springs. He says to tell his friends "hello."

Rationing Guide

MEATS, FATS, ETC.
Book Four red stamps T5 through X5 good through April 28. Stamps Y5, Z5 and A2 through D2 good through June 2, E2 through J2 good through June 30. K2 through P2 good through July 31.
PROCESSED FOODS
Book Four blue stamps C2 through G2 good through April 28. Stamps H2 through M2 good through June 2. N2 through S2, good through June 30. T2 through X2 good through July 31.
SUGAR
Book four stamp 35 valid for five pounds through June 2. Another stamp scheduled to be validated May 1.
SHOES
Airplane stamps 1 and 2 and 3 in Book Three valid indefinitely. Good for one pair each. OPA says no plan to cancel any.
FUEL OIL
Last year's period 4 and 5 coupons and this year's period 1 through 5 coupons good everywhere throughout heating season.