

# Chinese Forces Recapture Burmese Town, Enter Mandalay

## US Naval Forces Hunt Remnants of Jap Fleet

CHUNGKING, May 9.—(UP)—Chinese forces led by Lieut. General Joseph W. Stillwell, United States Army, have driven into the outskirts of Mandalay, fire-gauged ancient city which fell to Japanese a week ago, after recapturing the Burmese town of Maymyo in a fierce counter offensive, it was announced officially tonight.

A Chinese military spokesman said that Stillwell was personally leading Chinese in Mandalay's outlying streets in savage hand to hand battle.

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEAD-QUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, May 9.—(UP)—United States naval and air forces swept over the Coral sea in a death hunt for battered remnants of the Japanese invasion fleet, hurled back from approaches to Australia with huge losses in the war's greatest sea battle.

The navy officially denied Japanese claims that any United States aircraft carrier or battleships were lost in the smashing Allied victory which cost Japan at least 17 vessels sunk or damaged.

(British naval quarters in London heard that the battle had been resumed "after a brief pause," indicating that

United States forces either had intercepted fleeing Japanese warships or that enemy naval-air reinforcements had arrived to take up the battle.)

NEW HAVEN, May 9.—(UP)—Howie Odell, University of Wisconsin assistant football coach, fullback on three of Pittsburgh's greatest football teams, was appointed head coach of Yale today. He succeeds Emerson Spike Nelson who resigned to accept a commission in the US Navy.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(UP)—The Office of Price Administration announced tonight that non-essential mo-

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## North Carolina's High School Journalists Forge Ahead

Editor's Note:—News releases from the meeting of the North Carolina Scholastic Press Institute this weekend include offerings of the high school journalists themselves. Below is reprinted the winning feature story of the year, two stories by delegates at the institute and the news reports of the activities of the convention itself. Considered a success by its constituents, the convention proved stimulating to the high school journalists and to the college journalists who purported to advise them. Articles by Vandiver and Haworth were considered the best of their class among those submitted to The Daily Tar Heel.

### Awards, Polk Talk Climax NCSPI Meet

(Editor's note: The winning feature story appears on page 4 of the Daily Tar Heel along with other articles written by delegates to the NCSPI.)

The awarding of prizes to the feature contest winners, the election of new officers and a talk tonight on "The Writer in War Times," by William T. Polk, associate editor of the Greensboro Daily News, climaxed the sixth annual North Carolina Scholastic Press Institute held at the University Friday and yesterday.

Fred Flagler of High Point was chosen general chairman of next year's NCSPI and Catherine Cooper of Burlington became vice-chairman for schools with an enrollment of over 500. Co-vice-chairmen for schools with less than 500 students and with printed papers were John F. McNair of Laurinburg and June Patterson of Sanford. Co-vice-chairmen for schools with an enrollment of under 500 with mimeographed papers were W. R. Pendergraph of Chapel Hill and Tom Wicker of Hamlet.

First prize for the best feature story submitted by the high schools and an autographed copy of Clare Leighton's "Four Hedges" went to Nora Lee Cook of Burlington high school for her story on "Valdese." Grace Gupton of Laurinburg high school was awarded second place honors for her feature on "Coach Gibson" and received an autographed copy of "Miss Sue and the Sheriff" written by R. B. House, dean of administration of the University.

Honorable mentions went to Mary R. Bain of Burlington, Bill Armstrong of Salisbury, Bill Smith of Needham Broughton (Raleigh) high school and Smith Weaver of Chapel Hill.

The 26 high schools represented by 125 delegates at the Institute had their papers judged this morning by Journalism Professors O. J. Coffin, Phillips Russell, Roy Parker and Walter Spearman, and Fred C. Kendrick, director of the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association.

The professors and Mr. Kendrick were assisted by Sylvan Meyer of Atlanta, Ga., Hayden Carruth of Pleasantville, N. Y., Paul Komisaruk of New York City, and Ernie Frankel of Charlotte, all staff members of the Daily Tar Heel.

### Le Cercle Francais Enjoys Trip to Village of Valdese

By Nora Lee Cook  
The Barker, Burlington High School  
(Winning Feature)

A French-speaking community in North Carolina? Well, so it is on the second Sunday of each month in Valdese. At this time its citizens, the Waldensians, immigrants and descendants from their homelands in Southern France and Northern Italy, turn Valdese into a French-speaking and French-worshipping community. They cling to the religious traditions which were their forefathers' and cherished now as their own. Rev. John Pons speaks the voice of their native tongue in the ministry he brings to them.

Thus ventured the Burlington high school French club, accompanied by their sponsor, Mrs. J. A. Hunter, to the small, quaint, but constantly growing Waldensian town, taking advantage of its educational opportunities.

On your way to participate in the unique second Sunday service, you note this sign in front of the trim, sturdy, compact Waldensian church: "The Waldensians are a religious body dating from the Middle Ages. . . . A group from the Cottian-Alps (Northern Italy and Southern France) that founded Valdese in 1893."

Quite surprising is the entrance of the church. You do not enter where it faces the highway, but you go around to what we would term its rear. Inside are seated around 50 members. Only men and women in their middle and late twenties and the more mature persons of the colony turn out to worship on this particular occasion.

Music from the piano was played, and then the announcement of a hymn in French. The congregation arose, each with a small book before him or her, and began to sing in the French tongue. This was followed by a prayer, more hymns, offertory, and the sermon. Then one more song in French, another short prayer, in the same language, and the service was closed.

The Waldensians who left their home in 1893 to search for new homes and new opportunities brought to this country their expert knowledge of baking. Today this industry has 30 routes, serving patrons at a distance of approximately 85 miles. Sunday is the only day the French bread is made.

As the club members turned back to get a last glimpse of quaint Valdese, with its attractive houses, friendly people, and beautiful scenery, the word "au revoir" (good by) could not be said. They hated to leave the homey atmosphere, and so only the word meaning "see you soon" flowed from their lips—"a bientot!"

### Clayton Vandiver Writes of Visit To Chapel Hill

By Clayton Vandiver

"YOU, JOHN SMITH, you and all the other John Smiths in this country will be needed to win this war and the peace that follows, to keep your pillar of wisdom untarnished by shellacking it with the knowledge abundantly supplied to your people, and to keep the trust that your forefathers placed in a hand that can grasp or loosen its hold."

With these words, with this narration aptly put and concise dramatizations following, I realized that Chapel Hill was no longer a peaceful, age-old college, but one of the many colleges at war. Not in actual combat, not even near the firing line, but still giving her part in the war effort of a nation which once fondled her, and now, one which asks its assistance.

The pupils passing in review on the campus each day still appear the same. They still laugh and cry, they still joke and play, but as beauty is only skin deep, so is this penciled make-up of gaudy, self assurance, a front put on for the benefit of the next fellow. This is still the same old carefree crowd, but with some of the ruffles and frills removed by the conception that man is fighting to kill man, to put him in a cage that he might be used as the slave of demagogic ideas and ideals.

As a nation bright with the light of freedom and liberty, and a college illumined with the flare of wisdom and sages leave the peace of a Utopian and angelic sphere, likewise do their chicks, loyally following the mother as she clears the way for her next generation.

—FOR VICTORY BUY BONDS—

### Editor Haworth Thanks Carolina For A Swell Time

By John R. Haworth  
Editor, The Pointer  
High Point High School

Carolina, in all its traditional splendor, has offered to us, members of the North Carolina Scholastic Press Institute, a hearty welcome which does credit to its journalism department and its student body.

The program for the Press Institute, which includes many speakers talented in the field of journalism, and who have made excellent reputations for themselves in that field, has given us entertainment of an outstanding quality.

Saturday night's banquet for members of the Institute; Friday night's pageant in Kenan stadium, the dance in Graham Memorial Friday night; all will make UNC a living thing to us, vital for the welfare of our state, and even our great nation.

To Orville Campbell, Walter Spearman, Sylvan Meyer and all the others who have taken part in preparing the week-end's program for us, we wish to offer our heartfelt thanks for a glorious week-end, and for the many fine suggestions we have received for bettering our school papers.

To the student body of this school we also wish to express our gratitude. The friendly attitude of the students who were at all times ready and eager to guide us to points on the campus will long be remembered by us.

As we leave Chapel Hill for home, we take with us the memories of pleasant experiences that we will never forget. So, again, thanks Carolina. It was great.

### it happens here . . .

2:00—Hillel holds the regular Sunday afternoon hour at the Hillel house.

2:00—Meeting of IRC membership and publicity committees in the small lounge of Graham Memorial.

5:00—University band gives an outdoor recital near Davie Poplar.

8:30—William Gant gives a piano recital in Hill hall.

### IRC to Hayride

IRC's second large social event of the year will be held tomorrow night. Members will assemble at 5:30 tomorrow afternoon for a hayride party at Hogan's lake.

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