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FINNS DESTROY TWO DIVISIONS

Russians Defeated At All Points; Other War News Reviewed

In three great battles between Finnish and Russian troops, the Finns are reported to have practically wiped out two entire Russian divisions and at least one regiment of 4,000 men belonging to another division (the 164th).

The first of the three battles started on Christmas Eve against the Russian 163rd division. Next was the battle in which the 164th was engaged. The third battle, against the 44th, ended last Sunday—except for the mopping up by the Finns of disorganized remnants.

The Finns are also reported to have surrounded another large body of Russian troops and to have cut their supply lines. Russian planes attempted to drop supplies to the isolated troops but the supplies frequently fell into the Finnish lines. The Russians were said to be in danger of freezing and starvation.

Enormous supplies of military equipment, including many tanks, have fallen into the hands of the victorious Finns.

There has been a lull in the fighting for the past three days. The Finns seem to have wiped out all the Russians they had on hand and are taking a rest while waiting for a new supply to arrive.

CHAMBERLAIN SHAKES UP BRITAIN'S WAR CABINET

Prime Minister Chamberlain unexpectedly reorganized his cabinet Saturday by dropping his war secretary, energetic Leslie Hore-Belisha, and appointing Oliver Stanley, a conservative to the post. Lord McMillan, minister of information, was also dropped, and Sir John Reith named to succeed him.

The dropping of Hore-Belisha raised such a storm of protest throughout Great Britain that Premier Chamberlain will be called upon for a full explanation when parliament meets on January 16. There are ugly rumors that Hore-Belisha, who does not belong to the aristocratic caste, was dropped on that account, and also that he was opposed by some of the older generals who resented his sweeping changes and modernization of the British army.

CHAMBERLAIN SAYS WAR NEARING GRIM STAGE

Premier Chamberlain, speaking at a Lord Mayor's luncheon at the Mansion house Tuesday, warned the people that they are approaching "a phase of this war much grimmer than anything we have seen yet," but envisaged a reward for all the sacrifices in a peace-time federation of European or world nations built upon British-French collaboration.

The sudden swoop Wednesday of long-range German bombers upon British shipping and the assaulting of 11 ships with bombs and machine guns, was thought to be a prelude to wholesale aerial warfare, and gave significance to Premier Chamberlain's warning of grim days to come.

The British retaliated by raids on German naval bases with fast new bombers, and mine layers were sowing the last mines needed to close Britain's protective line for east coast shipping.

The western front remains quiet, with nothing reported but occasional artillery action and skirmishes between patrol parties.

Funeral Is Conducted For Miss Amy Reeves

Funeral services for Miss Amy A. Reeves, 76, were held last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the lota Baptist church. The Rev. R. F. Mayberry, pastor, officiated and interment was in the church cemetery.

Miss Reeves, who died at her home in Burningtown Wednesday afternoon, January 3, about 4 o'clock, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Reeves. She was born and reared in the Burningtown community. In early girlhood she joined the Burningtown Baptist church.

The pallbearers were Virgil Willis, Earl Ward, Jr., Frank Cunningham, John Tallent, Wade Morgan, and Walter Angel.

Jimmy Preston and a Mr. Ceicely, of New York, who spent the first of the week here on business, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bradley on Monday evening.

Specialist

In House Furnishings To Be Here Jan. 15-17

Miss Pauline Gordon, specialist in house furnishings at State college, will be in Macon county January 15-17 to give demonstrations on kitchen arrangements and improvements.

Miss Gordon has worked in this county a number of times in the past few years in cooperation with home demonstration clubs. Her work is well known, not only for her practical suggestions but for her efficiency in this type of work. She plans to illustrate the most modern built-in equipment, as recommended by the agricultural extension service along with her lectures.

The general public is urged to attend these meetings which will be held at various places over the county. Miss Florence Stalcup, home agent, has grouped the meetings of the home demonstration clubs in order to reach as many members as possible. Miss Gordon's schedule is as follows:

Iotla and West's Mill clubs will meet at West's Mill schoolhouse January 15 at 2 p. m.

Stiles and Oak Grove clubs will meet at Oak Grove schoolhouse January 16 at 2 p. m.

Cartoogechaye, Higdonville, Holly Springs and Patton clubs will meet January 16 at agricultural building, 7:30 p. m.

Hickory Knoll, Otto, Union will meet at Otto schoolhouse January 17 at 2 p. m.

CONGRESS GETS DOWN TO WORK

Anti-Lynching Bill Is Passed By House Wednesday

Congress cleared away the preliminaries last week and settled down Monday for what promises to be a long, hard session and one of the most important in the country's history.

One of the first bills introduced in the house was the controversial Gavanan anti-lynching measure which causes trouble at every session. The bill was passed Wednesday and sent to the senate where southern senators are prepared to kill it promptly.

The house committee investigating the labor board delved further Tuesday into the American Radiator company case, in which the board decided a lockout had occurred despite a trial examiner's conclusion to the contrary. Rep. Murdock (D., Utah), renewed charges that the committee was proceeding unfairly.

The senate adopted a resolution Wednesday for a joint committee to study budget proposals, and the house appropriations committee barred sub-committees from increasing spending bills beyond the presidential recommendations. President Roosevelt urged congress members to stay within the budget estimates.

Admiral Harold E. Stark, naval operations chief, warned of a possible coalition attack on the Western Hemisphere which he said the present navy could not "comfortably" meet; the house appropriations committee approved \$207,197,908 for neutrality and defense operations to June 30.

The senate judiciary committee received protests against the confirmation of Attorney General Frank Murphy to the supreme court which Chairman Burke (D., Neb.) said would result in hearings if they proved to have "any substance." It is believed that the protests will not prove of sufficient importance to seriously delay confirmation by the senate of the appointment.

The budget as submitted to congress by President Roosevelt is so voluminous that it is expected to require a vast amount of study by the committee before it is ready for debate and action. Indications are, however, that congress will accept the greater part of the proposals made by the President.

Bookmobile To Start Schedule January 22

It is announced that the Bookmobile will spend five days in Macon county for the distribution of books, beginning Monday, January 22. Practically the entire county will be covered.

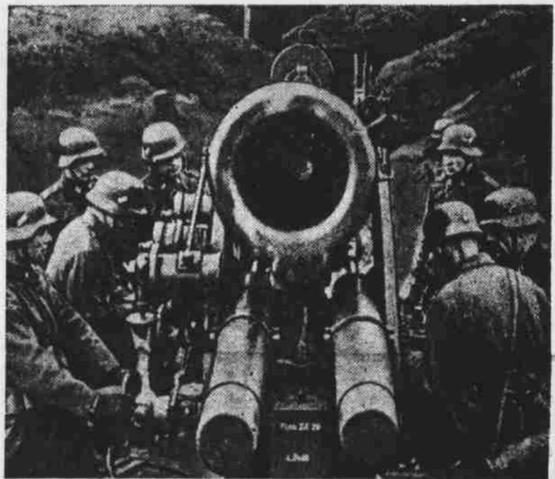
The schedule will be announced in our next issue.

Now He, Too, Is Gone With the Wind



Seated before the typewriter in his New York home, Howard Rushmore writes his own exclusive story telling just why he resigned as movie critic of the Communist publication, the Daily Worker. He refused to criticize the motion picture, "Gone With the Wind," in his review and as a result was forced to quit his post. Rushmore's article exposed the "pressure" brought to bear by Moscow on the Communist newspaper.

Germany's Big Guns Support Westwall



Being groomed by its crew is one of the heavy guns Germany has planted in various defense belts behind the Siegfried line to support a formidable string of fortresses. The gun, of unknown caliber, is in a pit dug out of a hillside. The guns are used to support the westwall, and not necessarily as a second line of defense.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

NEW ASHEVILLE AUDITORIUM DEDICATED

Asheville's new \$247,000 auditorium and convention hall was dedicated before a crowd of 2,000. The building was presented to the public by Councilman J. E. Divilbless.

BURLEY BRINGS HIGHEST PRICE OF SEASON

The Asheville market averaged above \$18 per hundred pounds for the second day this week and pulled the season's average past the \$16 per hundred mark for the first time since the first week of the season.

COLLEGE WATER-SUPPLY MORE THAN DOUBLED

Western Carolina Teachers' college is now being supplied with a recently connected water source which more than doubles the supply of water for the institution. This new connection relieves college officials of the fear of another water shortage like the one last November and December. The closing of the college was averted only through careful conservation of water on the part of every student and member of the college community.

ACCIDENTS REPORTED; SCHOOLS DELAY REOPENING

Four hundred cars were stalled on a two-mile strip of U. S. highway 66 by snow and ice. A 12-year-old boy was badly hurt when his sled hit a stump, suffering a broken collarbone and one lung was punctured. A skater on Beaver Lake narrowly escaped death as he skated on too thin ice which gave way. He was rescued by a group headed by a 13-year-old Boy Scout. County schools over Western North Carolina found it necessary to postpone reopening because of the terrible condition of the roads.

FINNISH RELIEF FUND INCREASES

As the Finns continued to give the world new demonstrations of their heroism and pluck, residents of Western North Carolina mixed admiration with generosity and contributed an additional \$136.60 to the Finnish Relief Fund which is being collected by The Asheville Citizen-Times. The largest part of this contribution came from Waynesville and was collected by J. R. Boyd, president of the First National Bank. Mr. Boyd collected \$114.60 from approximately 200 persons.

N. C. DEMOCRATS HEAR M'NUTT IN RALEIGH

More than 400 N. C. Democrats who paid \$25 apiece to eat steak at a Jackson Day dinner in Raleigh cheered Paul V. McNutt, U. S. security administrator, speaker of the evening. McNutt is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President.

SENATE GROUP READY TO INVESTIGATE

A meeting of the senate subcommittee appointed to investigate Superintendent J. Ross Eakin's management of Great Smoky Mountains National Park may be held this week. The charges against Eakin were made by Senator McKellar (D., Tenn.) who accused Eakin of mismanaging park affairs.

PRESIDENT WARNS PARTY MUST NOMINATE LIBERAL

President Roosevelt carefully shielding his third-term plans at the Jackson Day dinner in Washington, warned Democratic leaders that the party must cling to new deal policies. It was an unmistakable declaration that Democrats can not win with a conservative candidate for the White House. Speaking to the cream of the cap-

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93rd Birthday

Celebrated Saturday By Mrs. Holbrooks

Mrs. Sarah Anne Versilla Moore Holbrooks celebrated her 93rd birthday anniversary on Saturday at her home near Otto, seven miles south of Franklin.

Mrs. Holbrooks, the daughter of the late Parker and Huldah Kilpatrick Moore, was born on January 6, 1847, at the foot of Brass-town mountain in Clay county. At the age of nine years, she was orphaned and came to Macon county to make her home with an uncle and aunt, Felix and Susan Kilpatrick.

On December 23, 1866, she was married to Larkin C. Holbrooks, who died on August 9, 1928. She now lives with her four maiden daughters at the old Holbrooks homestead where she has resided for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Holbrooks is still active enough to "boss" the operation of the farm. Only a few months ago she batted and carded some wool which she spun into thread just to show the younger generation how the pioneer girls had to help with the rearing of a family.

Mrs. Holbrooks, who still loves to smoke her pipe, never tires of telling of the three wars, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and the World War, that she has lived through, and of the hardships that she endured during the Civil War. She often relates the story of the time she was awakened in the wee small hours of the morning to find the house full of renegades searching for anything that they desired for themselves. However, being a brave child, she was not afraid, and consequently was not harmed.

Her children are: Mrs. J. G. Jolly, of Shelby, Ohio; W. F. Holbrooks, of Franklin Route 2; Mrs. C. F. Oliver, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. C. N. Keener, of Otto; Mrs. H. J. Bates, of Franklin Route 2; Miss Ida Holbrooks, Miss Lizzie Holbrooks, Miss Belle Holbrooks, and Miss Maggie Holbrooks, all of Franklin Route 2. She also has 29 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

LIONS DISCUSS COUNTY OFFICE

Quiz Program Conducted Concerning Office Of Register Of Deeds

On Monday evening the Franklin Lions Club gathered at Cagle's Cafe, and after enjoying perfect T-bone steaks, questions were distributed to each member concerning the duties and responsibilities of the county register of deeds. Lion Arnold, Macon county's register, acted as judge and gave the correct answer when necessary. Leo, the wooden lion, was kept busy taking in dimes for all questions missed by the members.

Among the facts learned was that the register of deeds is a busy man, for his duties include registering all papers, issuing marriage licenses, being county accountant, tax supervisor and clerk for the board of commissioners. Although he handles no county cash, he is bonded for \$5,000 to assure against errors in registration and another \$5,000 to assure against errors in accounts.

The register issues marriage licenses but cannot perform marriages unless he is also a justice of the peace. The law does not require marriages to be published. The register receives an annual salary as accountant, but no other salary, having to depend for his living on the fees set by law for recording papers and other duties. County records are open to the public. Macon county's valuation of taxable property last year was \$5,330,000 and the county-wide tax rate was \$1.28 per \$100 valuation.

The duties of other county officials will be discussed at future meetings.

Bob Gaines, reporting for the sight conservation committee, said that five children had recently received glasses through the Lions Club and it was voted to buy five more pairs. The children were selected by the county welfare and health officials and were widely scattered over the county—Georgia road, Tesenta, Coweeta, Franklin, and Gneiss.

Two new members were welcomed into the Club—Thad D. Bryson, Jr., attorney, and Ray Anderson, chief operator at the Lake Emory power house.

10TH BIRTHDAY OF LORD'S ACRE

To Be Observed Saturday, January 20th In Asheville

ASHEVILLE, Jan. 10. — Rural church members from many Western North Carolina communities will gather in Asheville's First Baptist church on Saturday, January 20, to observe the 10th anniversary of the Lord's Acre movement. Plans for the anniversary meeting were announced this week by the Rev. Dumont Clarke, director of the religious department of the Farmers Federation, sponsor of the movement.

The principal speakers will be President Hoyt Blackwell of Mars Hill college and James G. K. McClure, president of the Farmers Federation, "Raising up Leadership in the Country Church" will be Mr. Blackwell's subject, and Mr. McClure will speak on "The Country Church and Christian Civilization."

A feature of the program will be the showing of stereopticon pictures showing the Lord's Acre plan in action. This plan, a modern adaptation of Biblical crop-tithing, has been adopted by more than 300 churches in the western counties of North Carolina. It also is practised by many rural churches in other parts of this state and has spread into a number of other states, notably those in the upper Mississippi river valley. Inquiries about the movement have come to Mr. Clarke from all parts of the United States and from several foreign countries.

The anniversary meeting will open at 9:45 o'clock in the morning with a devotional service, followed by Mr. Blackwell's address. Then will come a period for testimonies concerning Lord's Acre work, stereopticon pictures, Scripture-speaking by young people's groups, the singing of hymns, and Mr. McClure's address.

Those attending are requested to bring box lunches. Hot coffee will be served free.

Arrangements for the meeting have been made by a committee composed of Mr. Clarke; Davis Tuttle, of Lenoir; the Rev. W. S. Hutchinson, of Mills River; the Rev. Robert Barker, of Murphy; Mrs. L. V. Lyda, of Dana, and Max D. Miller, of Candler.

Advance notices of the meeting have met with a hearty response, according to Mr. Clarke, indicating a large attendance if weather conditions are favorable.

Boy Scouts Hold Court Of Honor Jan. 4

Members of Franklin Troop 1 Boy Scouts of America traveled to the Cherokee Indian Reservation last Thursday for their regular monthly Court of Honor.

Jim Horsley was made a Tenderfoot Scout and Fred Johnston Houk was raised to the rank of Second Class Scout. Merit badges were received by Paul Lee Plemmons for cooking and salesmanship and by Jack Angel for public health, personal health and first aid. Jack Angel and Gordon Porter were raised to the rank of Star Scout and Paul Lee Plemmons to the rank of Life Scout.

The highest award in Scouting, that of an Eagle Scout, was conferred on John Wasilik. The Troop congratulates John in having attained this high rating, the reward of hard work well done.

Scott Griffin Owners To Take Charge Feb. 1

R. L. Bryson, former manager of the Spruce Pine hotel, at Spruce Pine, with Mrs. Bryson and granddaughter, Miss Joan Bryson, have moved to Franklin, where after the first of February they will operate the Scott Griffin hotel, which they recently purchased.

Mrs. C. S. Brown, who has been operating the Scott-Griffin for the past 10 and one-half years and who is owner of the People's Market and Grocery store, will remain in Franklin and continue to operate the market and store.

J. J. Moore Passes In Baltimore Dec. 24

Mrs. G. F. Burrell received a message last week of the death of her brother, J. Jay Moore, who died at his home in Baltimore, Md., on Sunday, December 24.

Mr. Moore died from pneumonia following a three days' illness. He was a son of the late Joab and Leila Moore and was well known in Franklin, although he has made his home in Baltimore for a number of years.