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United Easter Service

THE four churches of Franklin are uniting this year in a union service to be held out of doors, weather permitting. The plan is to hold the service on the golf course. If a change becomes necessary from this plan, due notice will be given. The hour for the service is 6:30 Eastern War Time, Easter morning, April 5. The united choirs of the churches in Franklin will lead the Easter music. The ministers of the various churches will have charge of the service. The Rev. C. F. Rogers will bring the message. All people of Franklin and Macon County are urged to come for this united worship on this great feast of the Christian year.

The War This Spring

PERHAPS the average citizen can get a better idea about the progress of the war from headlines than from listening to radio commentators and reading newspaper columnists. As the United Nations and the Axis gird themselves for a worldwide Spring offensive, here are some of the news items of the last few days.

The U. S. Navy is swinging into offensive action in smashing important enemy bases, to within 1,000 miles of Yokohama, wiping out installations on Wake and Marcus Islands. The sinking of nearly 200 of Japan's warships, supply ships and other craft has delayed the invasion of Australia, but has not stopped it.

MacArthur in Australia has heartened all the nations defending the Pacific fronts, but he has sobered the United States with the warning that sufficient supplies of men and material alone can bring about final victory.

Although receiving blows, Japan's last forward move is to occupy the Andaman Islands, in the Bay of Bengal, barely 500 miles off the United Nation's Ceylon-to-Calcutta supply route.

It is foreseen that Hitler and Hirohito are attempting a giant pincers movement to meet in the middle east, one arm to reach India through the overland route through Burma, another across the Indian Ocean, with Hitler's legions striking possibly through Turkey. To the north, news has come that Canada will send new divisions to aid Britain in preparation against invasion. Feverish preparation by both British and Germans are being made for invasions and counter-invasions.

Neutral Sweden has mobilized to full-time war strength against possible invasion.

Russia demands that the other United Nations invade the continent this summer, as the Nazis are pushed back from their hold on Russian territory.

Increasing friction between Bulgaria and Roumania and Hitler's conference this week with Bulgaria's king points towards a sweep through Turkey.

Not much longer will America look upon the war as something happening outside and beyond us. It is gradually dawning upon us that if this war is won, it is our turn at the bat. Our own men are on every Asiatic battle front. The war this Spring may see them on others.

Beulah Bidwell Sloan

THE life of Beulah Bidwell Sloan will remain with all who knew and appreciated her as a bright and shining memory. Gifted with a rare wit and originality, her conversation was always refreshing. She possessed a loyal, unselfish spirit as well as a vigorous mind that loved the truth and keenly discerned the false.

Mrs. Sloan was devoted to her family and home, her neighbors and her church. Her purposeful activities were an index to her broad sympathies and wide interests. The home of the Neville Sloans was ever hospitable, with doors open to young and old who carry happy recollections of social gatherings there. Three sons of fine character and education are now serving in the Army. Mrs. Sloan helped many young people besides her own sons with her sympathetic understanding of their problems. Her energy and capacity for work were always greater than her physical strength. The spirit at last outran the frail body's endurance.

Press Comment

MacARTHUR'S TRANSFER
(Bryson City News)

Every patriotic man, woman and child of the United Nations were thrilled when they learned that their favorite General Douglas MacArthur had been transferred from the Philippines to Australia. This does not mean that they are any less interested in the success and welfare of the men holding the Japs at bay on Bataan, but they do feel that this great general has been placed where he can best serve the Allied cause at this time. However, there shouldn't be too much optimism, and hope that great victories are to be won. General MacArthur faces many grave problems in his new command. The enemy still has the edge in their favor. But his presence does mean that Americans, Australians, British and the Dutch will fight with a winning spirit for the very reason that the personality of this great fighter will fire them with a zeal to win.

We do not know how many Americans and how much material has arrived in Australia, although our Secretary of War has said that considerable American strength has been placed in that part of the world. MacArthur has the courage and the ability to win great battles, but no human can overcome too great odds. If he has the men, the planes, guns and tanks we can expect an offensive soon, otherwise he will only be able to possibly hold the Japs at bay until more reinforcements arrive. The United Nations must give the General men and tools with which to fight if they expect him to give them victory.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:
The people of our section are trying to do their bit for our country—now, as in the past. They serve in any way possible. They produce as much of their own food and feed as they can, and some to spare for those who are working on defense jobs or in the service. But they need a little help in getting their surplus products and services to those who need them.

They have asked for and been promised this help, in the form of some improvement in the condition of the roads. They have waited patiently, and no help comes.

The loss to them and to others adds up. They either lose the products; or, in trying to get them out, use extra gasoline and rubber, spinning in the mud. They use their time and that of their neighbors in working a way out. The road is left in worse condition for the next person, be he mail-carrier, doctor, or defense worker, and he goes through the same process—with more wasted gasoline, rubber, and time, not to mention soiled clothes and annoyance. Part of the time—usually a greater part of the winter—it is impossible to travel the roads at all.

Are we the forgotten people? No! Not at tax collecting time, or when the time comes to buy a tag or use stamp for the car or truck that can be used only when the weather is good.

Now that practically all other roads serving similar or even smaller numbers of families are graveled, can't we have a little help? In particular, can't the roads around Cullasaja community have something done so that the doctor

or the mail can get through, to serve the fifty to seventy-five families that are cut off during bad weather?

Very truly yours,
A Citizen,
Cullasaja, N. C.
March 23, 1942.

Poet's Corner

IN MEMORY OF
MRS. ELSIE STIWINTER
Who Departed This Life
March 1, 1942

Dear Elsie's gone, she is at rest,
We loved her, but God loved her best,
But how we miss her none can tell,
Alas, we cannot say farewell.
We'll meet up there on that bright shore,
Where parting will be known no more.
By her sister,
A. M. G.

GOING TO GET HITLER

Way up yonder in the sky,
Like a birdie up so high,
Is an airplane great and strong,
Going to "Get Hitler" small and wrong.

Way up yonder where the airplanes go,
Carrying their bombs to the very foe.

Way up yonder in the sky,
Where the clouds go sailing by,
Way up yonder in the sky,
Going to "Get Hitler" bye and bye.
By A. J. West, Jr.
(11 years old)

OUR AMERICAN BOYS

Our boys are going across the sea, to make the Japs and Germans flee. They are sailing in ships and airplanes too, to fight for the Red White and Blue. Don't say they can't do it. They know just how its done; the boys in U. S. A. were never known to run. Long and hard may be the fight, but they are going for the right. They'll wipe the Germans off the map and whip the undermining Japs.

Hurrah for the Red, White and Blue which waves for truth, peace and justice.

Oliver Allen (12 years old)
Iotla School, 4th grade

Since 1798, when the Navy Department was established, the Navy has maintained a policy of voluntary enlistment.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of John B. Allison, deceased late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of March, 1943, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 24th day of March, 1942.

LILLIE ALLISON,
Administratrix.
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CARD OF THANKS

Words are inadequate in expressing our appreciation to our neighbors and friends for their words of sympathy and deeds of kindness shown during the death of our mother, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

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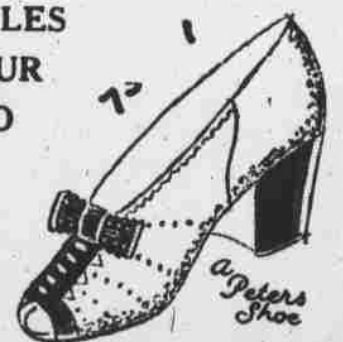
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Franklin, N. C.



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