

Japs Believed Greater Threat Than Germany

Fiendish Design Of Japanese Reviewed By Dr. Crossfield

Speaks to Large Crowd in the Grammar School Here Tuesday Night

Taking a realistic rather than a pessimistic view of the world-wide upheaval, Dr. R. H. Crossfield, president emeritus of Transylvania College, noted lecturer-minister and world student-traveler, offered a gloomy picture of the war in a learned address to the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association and the general public in the grammar school auditorium here last Tuesday evening.

"We'll win this war, but we'll have to do more on the home front than we have been doing. We'll have to dig down next to the last nickel; yes, next to the last copper before it is over," Dr. Crossfield declared, adding that we'll have to send many, many boys and girls, too, to the Pacific along with far more equipment than we have yet dreamed of sending.

Centering his address around the topic, "Why Japan Fights," Dr. Crossfield reviewed briefly the history of the country which, in his opinion, offers a greater threat to the world than does Germany. "Japan is founded more on the mind. The idea of a divine ruler, divine land and divine law has been instilled into the minds of its approximately 90 million people for years and years. Back in 660 B. C., the kingdom was established with an emperor to be worshipped as the son of heaven. The plan with few exceptions has been continued down to Hirohito, the 124th emperor. Although born through natural processes, he is recognized by the Japs as the son of heaven, and as the sun rises each morning, the millions turn their faces toward the palace and offer a prayer for the emperor," the speaker said.

Describing Hirohito as a family man and the father of six children, Dr. Crossfield said he had seen and recognized him as a man of strange features. He is a great golfer and horseman and is an authority on deep sea biology.

"That's your divine ruler as worshipped by the Japs. The father of modern Japan went to Germany about three quarters of a century ago, and with the help of Bismarck formulated a constitution. It was accepted by the Japs as divine law."

"With a divine ruler and a divine law, the Japs reckoned that their country must be superior, that it had a superior destiny, and that it must rule, not only in the Orient but also in all the world. This divine land," the speaker continued, "has only about 160,000 square miles and has 2418 persons to the square mile of productive soil, and that is the 'divine' land of the Japs."

"About 1600, the emperor was de-throned and pushed into exile by the War Party. For 350 years, the leaders of the War Party held Japan in seclusion, and she slept in her own bed. The Portuguese sailed to Japan in 1640 and they were killed, the Japs still insisting they be left alone by the outside world. In her isolationism, Japan, after a medieval fashion, developed agriculture, education and music. There was some improvement, but it did not take

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Class Day Program Here Last Evening

The graduating class of the local high school, forty-six in number, brought their school careers to a fitting climax last evening in a patriotic exercise held in the high school auditorium.

William Oscar Peele, salutatorian, pronounced the invocation after which Richard Margolis, valedictorian of the class, delivered a stirring address, reviewing the historic development of our nation and its fight for freedom. "America Marches On" was the theme of the special program.

"Stout Hearted Men" by Billy Myers and "God Bless America" by Mary O'Neal Pope were appropriate numbers sung during the program.

Rev. John L. Goff presented the medals as follows: Kiwanis Debating Medal to William Oscar Peele, Jr.; B. S. Courtney Science Medal to Richard Margolis.

Rev. W. R. Burrell presented the special cups as follows: W. C. Manning Valedictorian Cup to Richard Margolis; Sarah Manning Home Economics Cup to Jane Johnson Goff; Goodman Athletic Trophy to Fred Hardison; Woman's Club Civic Cup to the Glee Club, received by Kathryn Mewburn.

The graduating class, the largest in the history of the school, formed in a "V" after receiving their diplomas, and sang the V for Victory Song to bring the school year to an official close.

Still Fights Nazis



THIS BEARDED WARRIOR, Col. Christodoulos Gigantes, is in command of the "sacred squadron" attached to the British 8th Army in Africa. The squadron is made up of men and officers who escaped from Greece and has helped to chase Rommel's Afrika Korps from Egypt to Tunisia. (International)

William C. Whitley Passes At His Home In Griffins Tuesday

Funeral Services Are Held on Wednesday For Respected And Beloved Citizen

William C. Whitley, retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Griffins Township, died at his home in the Farm Life community Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Suffering a stroke early last fall, he had been in unusually poor health since that time, the death of his wife last December 13 aggravating his condition. However, he was able to be up and about the house until last Wednesday afternoon when he fell in the porch and was forced to his bed.

The son of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Daniel Whitley, he was born 77 years ago the 10th of last February, and spent his entire life in the community of his birth. Fifty-six years ago he was married to Miss Mary Hardison. While he enjoyed the friendship of others, her passing last December left him broken and lonely, and his last months were spent by the radio and with his papers. The war caused him anxiety and the forced idleness following a life of useful activity worried him, but in spite of all he carried his worries unto himself. His cheerfulness and thoughtfulness of others were with him even in his last few hours.

His death marks the end of a useful life, lived peacefully with his fellowman. No call to service went unanswered, for he was ready and willing to help anyone in need or in distress. Few men have worked harder and done more for their fellowman out of the goodness of their hearts than Mr. Whitley did. Almost countless days were spent willingly and freely in the service of others. He valued the basic ideals of life, and his word was readily accepted as his bond. Although humble and unpretentious was his walk through life, few people enjoyed themselves more than he did. He found peace and contentment in his daily work and in

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To Name Assistant County Farm Agent

The appointment by the commissioners of an assistant county farm agent is expected here next Monday.

L. L. McLendon, formerly of Greensboro and now of Kenansville, is expected to qualify for the position, it was learned from a reliable source here this week. Mr. McLendon served as a county farm agent for twenty years in this State before going with the Farm Security Administration a few years ago. More recently he has been associated with the Triple A with headquarters down in Duplin County.

Upon his appointment he will succeed John Ivey Eagles, the popular and hard-working assistant agent who resigned a short time ago to enter the Navy.

District Board Denies Three Deferment Claims

Claims for draft deferment were denied by the District Appeal Board in three cases from this county recently, the local draft board was advised this week. The cases up for appeal were those of Chas. Peel, Roy McClees and James Elton Smith. Decisions are pending in several other cases from this county, it is understood.

More Than 500 Tires Allotted In County By Rationing Board

Rations This Week About the Largest Allotted In This County Recently

Meeting this week, the Martin County Rationing Board made liberal tire allotments to Martin County vehicle owners and operators, the number running well over three hundred.

The tire situation is not as bright as the liberal rations would seem to indicate, reports from a number of sources stating that certificate holders are finding the supply of Grade II tires limited, and that there are few Grade III tires to be had. Possibly some provision will be made to care for the demand, but those plans have not been revealed officially.

New truck tires and tubes were rationed to the following: Manning and Gurkin, Williamston, four tires and four tubes. Roberson Slaughter House, Williamston, six tires and four tubes. Town of Williamston, two tubes. Adkins and Bailey, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Williamston, two tires and two tubes. Recapped truck tires and new tubes were allotted as follows: Williamston Supply Co., two tires and one tube. J. S. Whitman, Robersonville, four tires.

New car tires and tubes were allotted, as follows: Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., two tires. T. O. Nicholson, RFD 3, Williams-ton, one tire. W. J. Beach, Hamilton, one tube and one tire. Dr. V. A. Ward, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. K. Roy Cullipher, RFD 2, Williamston, one tube. Gussie Harrison, RFD 2, Williams-ton, one tube. J. D. Wynne, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tube. G. A. Weatherington, Robersonville, one tube. Pete Mendenhall, RFD 2, Williams-ton, two tubes. C. B. Roebuck, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Jos. G. Corey, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Watsie Latham, Williamston, two tires and one tube. Mrs. J. A. Everett, RFD 1, Palmyra, one tire and one tube. R. A. Haislip, Oak City, one tire and two tubes. C. E. Barbero, U. S. Armed Services, one tire and one tube. Highway Patrol, two tires. J. H. Roebuck, Williamston, one tire and one tube. B. S. Courtney Furniture Co., Williamston, two tubes. American Fork and Hoe Co. agent, Williamston, one tire and one tube. J. R. Winslow, Robersonville, one tire. S. B. Brown, RFD 1, Oak City, two tires. (Continued on page three)

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Fifteen Faculty Positions Vacant

Hardly rested from the struggle of finding and keeping teachers during the term not at or nearing a close, county school authorities are already worrying over the prospective shortage of teachers that is almost certain to present itself in late summer and early fall. A preliminary review of teacher contracts in the six white school districts in the county shows there are already fifteen positions vacant in the several facilities. Teacher re-elections were almost unanimous in most of the schools, but this is a changing world and the teachers offer no exception.

During the 1942-43 term, there were 45 changes in the faculty personnel in the white schools. Possibly the number of changes will not reach that high figure during the coming term, but school officials are of the opinion that it will be even more difficult to fill fewer positions than it was to fill the forty-five made vacant by resignation during the term now ending.

All the principals have been re-elected in the ten white schools, but no detailed report on the teacher elections could be had immediately.

COMMISSIONERS

With little new or old business scheduled, the county commissioners are anticipating an uneventful day when they hold their regular monthly meeting here next Monday. The appointment of an assistant county agent is expected, and the authorities will possibly review the total property listings for the county. It is also possible that they will take a first peep at the budget estimates, one report stating that the welfare department already has its facts and figures ready for inspection.

It is understood the proposed welfare department budget calls for about the same appropriation as was used in 1942-43.

To Hold Municipal Election Tuesday

A town election is scheduled here for next Tuesday, but the event so far has attracted about as much attention as a dog fight in an isolated rural spot.

The present mayor, J. L. Hassell, and commissioners, L. P. Lindsley, R. T. Griffin, G. H. Harrison, V. D. Godwin and N. C. Green, are up for re-election, the group gaining the nominations without expressed opposition.

Voting will be in order between the hours of 8 a. m. and sunset in the mayor's office next to the police office. The electorate is asked to call by every now and then and help keep the poll holders awake.

THE WAHOO CHALKS UP ANOTHER JAP VICTIM



MADE THROUGH THE PERISCOPE of the U.S. submarine Wahoo, this photo shows a torpedeed Jap ship as it starts its final plunge to the bottom somewhere in the Pacific. This enemy vessel was one of eight ships torpedeed and sunk by the Wahoo during a recent, far-ranging patrol. The sub is under the command of Lt. Comm. Dudley W. Morton. This is an official U. S. Navy photo. (International Soundphoto)

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Number of Graduates Bow To War in County

School Seniors Are Reduced in County By Twelve Percent

List Drops from 162 Last Year to Low Figure of 142 This Year

Possibly there are some who have not gone all out for the war effort, but it is fairly certain that the war is going all out when it comes to altering the civilian economy on the home front. Some businesses have closed, and other are struggling along the best they can. Homes have been broken up, and now the schools are reflecting the effects of war with market reductions in the number of graduates.

Strange as it may seem, one or two schools are reporting larger graduating classes this year than they did in 1942, but even in those cases, the numbers would have been considerably larger had it not been for war and the effects of war. In other schools sizeable reductions have been reported in the number of graduates, Oak City and Jamesville possibly absorbing the greatest losses.

A year ago, 162 youths cleared the high schools in this county as compared with 142 this year. Some of the young men entered the armed services, others entered industrial plants, and still others found it necessary to take up the slack created at home and on the farm when older brothers left for war.

Schools in five of the six county white districts have held their graduation exercises and are closing the term today. Oak City will end the year next Tuesday morning. The colored schools, interrupted while the children picked cotton last fall, will close on May 10th.

The names of the graduates in the county are: Jamesville: Nicholas Ange, Walter Brown, Jr., Jimmie Burnette, Irvin Gardner, Cecil Lilley, Mercedes Ange, Stella Barber, Grace Brewer, Juanita Calloway, Reba Coltrin, Esther Marie Corey, Leyta Payne Gardner, Cleo Griffin, Sarah Wright, Farm Life: Thelma Griffin, Evelyn Hardison, Hazel Hardison, Josephine

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Judge Calvin Smith Hears Twenty Cases In the County Court

Tribunal In Session Greater Part of Day Handling Varied Docket

Judge J. C. Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session a greater part of last Monday clearing the docket of twenty cases. The session, one of the longest held in many months, attracted a "big" court crowd, Clerk L. B. Wynne stating that he had seen far smaller numbers in attendance upon superior court meetings. Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuted the docket, and came out with an almost perfect score. Much argument was necessary at the insistence of the trial lawyers in one case, but a conviction was scored, and as a whole, it was a bad day for alleged law violators.

Proceedings: Adjudged guilty after a trial lasting the greater part of two hours, Don G. Davis, charged with drunk-and-driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the costs, had his driver's license revoked for a year and was ordered to surrender his liquor ration book. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$100.

In the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Gilbert Moore explained to the court that he had paid the victim's medical bill and \$5 a week to the prosecuting witness, Lena Fagan. The court suspended a 90-day road sentence.

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Change Is Made In Mail Schedule Here

A change in mail delivery schedules for the offices between Rocky Mount and Plymouth was made this week to supplant the one rendered uncertain by belated train operations on the main rail lines. Up until last week, the carrier handling the run from Rocky Mount waited for trains from the south before starting his trip. Often times the train was from one to five hours late, and about half the time no connection was made at all. Under the new schedule, the mail bus will leave Rocky Mount upon the arrival of the train from the north shortly after the noon hour, and will reach here about 3:15 o'clock in the afternoon when the train maintains its schedule. While the mail from one train will be missed, mail from the north will move in several hours ahead of the old schedule, the mail from the south reaching here the following morning.

The mail schedules now in effect here are as follows: Incoming mails: 6:30 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 12:00 noon, 3:00 p. m., 4:00 p. m. and 6:20 p. m. The mail will be in the lockboxes within fifteen minutes to one hour after its arrival.

Outgoing mails: 8:30 a. m., and 11:30 a. m., 2:45 p. m., 3:30 p. m., 6:00 p. m. and 7 p. m.

Eating Places Must File Price Schedule

Operators of restaurants, cafes, boarding houses, soda fountains and other places serving food to the general public must file a list of their ceiling prices with the rationing board by tomorrow.

Cafes, drug stores and others serving sandwiches and quick lunches will list for each item prices prevailing during the period of April 4 to 10. Boarding houses are asked to list their prices per meal or per week or month for regular boarders.

Printed lists are preferred, but those written in ink will be accepted, it was explained. Very few of the establishments in this county have filed their price lists, it was learned from the rationing board offices here this morning.

Retailers Handling Meats, Fats And Fish To Register

All retailers and wholesalers handling meat, fish, fats and cheese are to register between May 3 and 14, Mrs. Irene Blount, rationing board secretary, announced this week. The dealers may write or call at the board office for Form R-1601 and submit the prepared form by mail. The registration is to establish inventories, it was pointed out.

Fighting French and Americans Reported In Sight of Bizerte

Increased Activity in Russia; German Drive Expected Against Leningrad

The scrap in Tunisia, marked by fierce fighting on both sides, is now expected to find the Germans contesting the Allied move until the last. With the box already made, the Allies are now trying to nail the lid on Rommel's coffin. Extending their lines yesterday to Mateur, important juncture in the lines of march to Bizerte, the Americans are still pushing forward today. In other sectors, the Germans have increased their resistance and succeeded in checking and pushing back the British First Army in the center position.

The Germans also were reported counterattacking heavily beyond Pont Du Fahs, but French troops nevertheless consolidated new gains in that sector and captured two more hills—Djebel Delhafa and Djebel Krimir, both about nine miles northwest of Diebabeina, a French communiqué said.

Continued contact was reported between the French and the left flank of the British Eighth Army attacking from Djebel Garci at the western end of the east coast front.

Other French forces on the north coast front captured Djebel El Sema, inflicting severe casualties and taking a number of prisoners, the French communiqué said.

German resistance was reported stiffening sharply all along the Tunisian line and in further demonstration of their determination to fight to the end for a bridgehead in Africa, the Nazis were running large numbers of small supply vessels over the straits from Sicily.

Despite a stiffening opposition, American and French forces, according to a report early this afternoon, had plunged forward to get within sight of Bizerte, one of the main objectives in the African campaign.

New local gains by the British Eighth Army in the south were reported in late dispatches. The British First Army is now locked with the Germans in a terrible struggle for a mountain position overlooking Tunis.

Increased activity is reported in the Caucasus where a mighty air scrap has been in progress during the past two days. Several hundred German planes were rocked back, the Russians knocking out 116 and losing 43 of their own. A meaningful push on Novorossiisk is well underway according to German reports but the Russians have had little to say about it so far. In the north, the Germans are expected to launch a spring offensive against Leningrad soon. West of Rostov and on the Donets River, the Germans failed in repeated progress to make any progress, and bitter fighting continues there.

Operations are apparently being extended in the Pacific area, but little activity of a startling nature has been reported in that part of the world during the past day or two.

Hitler and Mussolini are becoming jittery over invasion threats. Germany is rounding up Dutch soldiers by the hundreds of thousands and placing them in war prisons to prevent them from joining any invasion force. Italy is trucking about following Japan's cruel policy of executing enemy airmen taken in her territory. The heathen Japs, in addition to torturing and killing American airmen out of the Doolittle raid, are reported to have wiped out men, women and children in those areas in which the Americans landed.

Increased action by the Allies is believed in the making. Mass flights of fighter planes and bombers are moving across both oceans. A new record was established this week when a Liberator went across in six

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