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Russians Take Kiev And Push Toward Border of Rumania

Allied Fifth and Eighth Armies Continue Slow but Steady Drive on Rome

Overcoming an enemy force of more than 125,000 men, the Russians last week-end captured the important Ukrainian city of Kiev and pushed on toward the Rumanian border to feature a new and devastating blow against Hitler and his hordes. After slaying the enemy by the thousands, the Red Army did not tarry long at Kiev but continued its march southwestward. Travelling as many as twenty miles a day, the Russians have left the city more than 50 miles behind and are now within 130 miles of the Rumanian border.

Late reports said that the Russians encountered no minefields, pillboxes or hedgehog defenses in their push southwest of Kiev, that the retreat was so rapid the Germans had no time to plant the obstacles.

Meanwhile, Soviet forces, consolidating their bridgeheads north and south of Kerch, at the eastern tip of the Crimea, improved their positions. The Nazis confirmed heavy fighting around Kerch, but said that small Russian battle groups had been "annihilated or repelled."

West and southwest of Nevel, on the front north of Vitebsk, the Russians occupied several more places which carried them to within 50 miles of the old Polish border.

Moscow announced that 219 German tanks were destroyed or damaged Saturday, when Kiev fell, and 74 planes shot down. Dispatches from the front said that entire sections of Kiev were engulfed in flames when the Soviets entered.

In Italy the Allied Fifth and Eighth Armies are doggedly pushing on toward Rome. On the Adriatic coast, the Eighth is within twenty-eight miles of the port of Pescara, and the Fifth is driving on Gaeta, about 70 miles from Rome.

In the South Pacific, the Allies have enlarged their bridgehead on Bougainville Island and the Jap position in that area was described today by Navy Secretary Knox as the most critical since the war was started.

Hitler barred again at his beer hall in Munich last night, and while he virtually admitted that civilian morale was breaking in Germany, his talk was not considered very encouraging for any immediate peace. He declared that the Nazis would stay in the fight until the bitter end.

Prime Minister Churchill said today that the Allies would win the European war next year if no military mistakes are made. He warned that Hitler still had 400 divisions, that the strength of Germany today is greater than that of the Kaiser put into the field in the last war. "We have licked the submarine menace, and we are pounding the enemy on several fronts, but the fight will be long and costly," Churchill declared.

Today, important steps were taken to balance war production throughout the world when forty-four nations met and signed a pledge for United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation. President Roosevelt, in a brief address early this afternoon, praised the plan, and pointed out that it was not a proposal for one nation to finance or feed all other nations, but that it was a plan to clothe the naked and feed the hungry with all producing nations taking part until each country could accept the burden of maintaining itself.

Finds Robber In Gas Station Here

Returning to the Gulf filling station on Washington Street here last Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock to get something, Alton VanNortwick, an employee, found a robber hidden behind the counter. One report stated that the robber, a young colored man whose identity was not immediately revealed by Officers Chas. Moore and Joan Gurganus, jumped and ran, leaving his hat about half full of pennies lying on the floor. It was also reported that Mr. VanNortwick was so surprised that he could do nothing but watch the man escape. The robber forced an entrance by knocking out a glass in a back window and releasing the window catch. Nothing was missed from the station.

Two County Brothers Land Safely At Foreign Posts

Two brothers, Pfc. Grady B. Hardy and T. Sgt. Martel Hardy, recently landed safely at foreign posts, their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hardy, of this county, were notified a few days ago.

Pvt. Hardy, member of an Army Air Corps ground crew, landed somewhere in England, and the sergeant, first engineer on a Flying Fortress, landed in Africa, it was learned. Both young men said they were ready to do their part.

Letters Will Be Appreciated By The Servicemen Overseas

Believing all Martin County young men serving on the high seas and in distant lands will appreciate Christmas cards and letters from their friends back home, The Enterprise during the next few weeks will carry the names of many of the boys. Censorship prohibits publication of their addresses, but the addresses will be made available gladly at The Enterprise office. It has been pointed out that mail is very important to the men in service, and it is hoped that their friends will make it a point to "drop" them a line at their earliest convenience.

Names of Martin County men serving with the Army overseas, follow: Mack Ange, LeRoy Mizelle, B. E. Daniel, Bruce Whitley, J. E. Boykin, Jr., Chas. L. Daniel, Jr., Sutton A. Burroughs, Samuel Watts, Wm. H. Revels, Jas. B. Taylor, O. S. Anderson, Jr., A. G. House, Billy Biggs, Jos. O. Wiggins, Elmer Modlin, Luther M. Cratt, T. J. Williams.

John W. Hines, Willie W. Mizelle, Morris Stalls, James J. Jackson, Nathan L. Hyman, Doreen T. T. T. T. L. Harris, Ellis C. Chesson, J. R. Silverthorne, John G. Rogers, A. E. Moore, Mack H. Leggett. Pick out one or more names and write a card or note, send it to the Enterprise office for the address and it will be mailed at once. More names will be published later.

The Office of War Information suggests the following outline for writing to the boys: Tell how everyone is getting along, how anxious everyone is for the boys' return, what is being done at home to help win the war, what's doing in the old home community, news about the girls they know, doings of friends, who's marrying whom, effects of the war on the home front. Don't tell them your troubles, for they have troubles of their own, no doubt. Don't complain, for they can't help. Don't gripe about the things you are deprived of because they can't supply them.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI)

Ration Reminder

Gasoline—In 17 east coast states A-8 coupons are good through February 8. In states outside the east coast area A-8 coupons are good through November 22.

Fuel Oil—Period 1 coupons are good through January 3.

Sugar—Stamp No. 29 in Book Four is good for 5 pounds through January 15, 1944.

Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in Book One good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "airplane" sheet in Book Three good for 1 pair.

Meats, Fats—Brown stamps G, H, and J good through December 4th. Brown stamp K becomes good November 14th and remains good through December 4.

Processed Foods—Blue stamps X, Y and Z good through November 20. Green stamps A, B, and C in Book Four good through December 20.

WFA Releases Canned Foods—Approximately 2,790,000 cases of canned peaches, peas and tomato catsup were released to consumers recently by the War Food Administration. The canned goods probably will not reach retail shelves for several weeks. These foods were a portion of the reserves owned and held by canners to meet possible emergency requirements of the government.

Reduce Octane in Gas

Premium gasoline used by civilians will be reduced from 78 and 80-octane to 76-octane to conserve tetraethyl lead and volatile gasoline fractions, both of which are required in the manufacture of high-octane military gasoline. More than 50 million gallons of gasoline, fuel oils, lubricants, and other petroleum products are going directly to the fighting forces every day, the Petroleum Administration for War disclosed. One-third of all gasoline produced in the U. S. is now required for military purposes.

Plenty of Turkeys

The civilian turkey supply, just starting to come on the market, will be almost as large as last year, according to the Department of Agriculture. However, this year's demand will probably be much larger and shoppers will be wise to put in orders early. Men and women on duty in the American armed forces, at home and abroad, will be served a pound of turkey at dinner Thanksgiving Day and will have all the traditional "fixins." Ceiling prices range from 41 to 45 cents a pound.

V-Mail Christmas Presents

Relatives and friends still have time to send men and women overseas V-mail notices of war bond gifts for Christmas. The Army Postal Service has assured delivery by December 25 of all V-mail notices sent before December 1. War bonds as Christmas gifts will help to hold down inflationary buying of scarce merchandise, and will be a financial cushion for the service man or woman upon return to civilian life, the Treasury Department added.

"C" Registrants Get Affidavits

Special forms were mailed by the War Board this week to the approximately 1,800 "C" draft registrants in this county with directions to show and prove their production units on the farms this year. The registrants are warned that the affidavits must be prepared and returned to the War Board office in the agricultural building in Williamston on or before the 18th of this month. The number of "C" registrants—2-C meaning single men and 3-C meaning married men—is listed by townships, as follows:

Township	2-C	3-C
Jamesville	39	104
Williams	10	31
Griffins	27	122
Bear Grass	35	122
Williamston	52	106
Crow's Roads	38	110
Robersonville	89	214
Poplar Point	27	59
Hamilton	58	135
Goose Nest	94	161
Miscellaneous	36	313
Total	505	1307

Interviewing Applicants For SPARS Here Today

Yeoman 3-c Anita Fournier of the U. S. Coast Guard Spars is in the post office lobby here this afternoon from 2 to 6 to interview applicants for the SPARS.

A new school for supply and accounts is being opened in the Coast Guard Training Station for SPARS at Palm Beach, Fla., and a SPAR band has also been started and girls playing musical instruments are needed.

Girls between the ages of 20 and 38, who have had at least two years of high school, are in good physical condition, are not married to a Coast Guardsman, and have no children under 18 years are urged to enlist.

United War Fund Drive Just About \$250 Short Of Quota

The United War Fund drive in this county was completed just about \$250 short of its goal late yesterday, but there is every reason that the contributions will exceed the assigned quota of \$10,481.00 when final reports are filed. Late reports are coming in from several townships in this district even after the drive was completed in those communities. A \$2 contribution by G. L. Cooper and a \$1 donation by Geo. Hopewell boosted Jamesville's total to \$667.49. Griffin's total was boosted to \$436.85 when a \$10 contribution by T. C. Griffin and a 35-cent donation by the Farm Life fifth grade were received over the week-end. Williams' total remains the same at \$150.81, and the Bear Grass total is unchanged at \$531.64.

According to the latest tabulation, Williamston has raised and reported, exclusive of the colored citizenry, a total of \$6,351.74 or slightly more than \$2,000.00 in excess of its assigned quota.

The five townships in this district have raised and reported exclusive of the colored citizenry a total of \$8,138.53. The colored citizens have raised and turned in to date a total of \$198.92, boosting the total for the district to \$8,337.45. It is understood that the drive among the colored citizens is nearing completion, that a full report is expected within the next few days.

An indirect report from Rev. J. M. Perry, canvass chairman for the five townships in District No. 2, states that a total of approximately \$1,900 had been raised and reported there to date, boosting the total to \$10,237.45, an amount just \$243.55 short of the assigned quota for the entire county. Reports from Robersonville state that the drive is progressing for District No. 2 and that late donations will carry the drive near the \$3,500 goal.

Holding Series Of Services In Local Church This Week

Rev. Albert G. Edwards Heard In Forceful Sermons At Presbyterian Church

A long-time friend of Rev. Gover Crosswell, the pastor, Rev. Albert G. Edwards, pastor of the Orange (Va.) Presbyterian Church, opened a series of services in the local Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. The meeting, scheduled to continue through Friday evening of this week, is attracting large crowds, and the visiting minister is being heard in a series of forceful sermons.

A summary of his first three religious discussions follows:

Sunday Morning—"Emergency Religion"
"There are no atheists in fox-holes;" "There are no atheists on life rafts adrift on the Pacific." These are familiar expressions born of this second World War. They are phrases coined by men who have come face to face with the stark reality of death in jungles, in slit trenches, and in shell holes, and who for the first time in their lives have realized their dependability upon a Power higher and mightier than themselves. Finding themselves at life's extremities they have suddenly got religion, but it is an emergency religion—a religion born of impending tragedy.

But emergency religion is not a religion peculiar to this age; it is a common factor of every age. It is found in the life of Jacob, and in the history of Israel; it is true of the Psalmist when he said, "What time I am afraid I will trust in the Lord," and there is evidence of it in the experiences of Jonah.

If it is a common factor of every age, one must ask if its results are permanent, and that's a difficult question to answer. Far too often the outcome is that expressed in the words of Dr. Euricius Cordus: "God the doctor we alike adore, When on the brink of danger, not before; The danger past, both are alike requited, God is forgotten, and the doctor slighted."

However, it is nothing short of a tragedy that it should require life's extremities to reveal to us the true worth of our religion, and for all of us there is the warning that now, while the skies of life are bright and unclouded, is the time to prepare for the "fox-holes" of life. Emergency religion will have some value for us, but it will only be a religion of refuge and not one of power; it will stand us because we have cast our anchor, but it will never enable us to set sail into the storms and fogs of life, confident that come what may, we will be more than conquerors through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Sunday Night—"Busy Here And There"
"Inasmuch as I was busy here and there, the prisoner escaped." In one of the richest of the Old Testament parables, found in the twentieth chapter of First Kings, that was the excuse offered by the guard who allowed the prisoner he was guarding to escape.

Today, there is the grave danger that we as a people are becoming so "busy here and there" that matters of prime importance are being neglected; far too often the little and the lesser things are in the foreground of our thinking and our acting.

Our religion is in danger because we are "busy here and there." It is not an intentional neglect on our part. (Continued on page six)

Reynolds Backs Out Of U. S. Senate Race

Robert Rice Reynolds, nearing the end of his second term, will not be a candidate to succeed himself as United States Senator next year, it was officially announced in Washington yesterday. Immediately following the announcement, it was openly suggested that Reynolds, a big disappointment in North Carolina politics these past eleven years, saw the handwriting on the wall and withdrew before he was scalped in the primary next May.

The man, for the most part, has brought nothing upon North Carolina except disgrace, his antics in the Senate resembling so clearly those of a trained circus clown. Reynolds, about two years ago, covered his retreat from politics when he married for the fifth time and apparently struck it rich. Reynolds, the playboy, was one of five Senators to oppose the peace resolution in the Senate only last week.

Local Young Man Has Good Record In Navy

Entering the Navy last June, Rupert E. Cowan, local young man, recently earned his fourth promotion and now holds the position of Petty Officer, 3rd Class. Making the highest grades in his class, he was one of the first six out of 500 recruits to get a petty officer rating. He is stationed at Norfolk for the present.

ROUND-UP

Following a period when one person was arrested and jailed for public drunkenness, officers rounded-up four drunks and jailed them here last week-end. The number of arrests is comparatively small considering the fact that liquor sales bounced up to \$2,685 in the local ABC store last Saturday. The liquor sales last Saturday were only about \$60 below those reported on December 24 of last year, a record up until that time.

Fifty-Two Tires Of All Types Allotted By Ration Board

Issuance is smallest reported in this county during several months. Fifty-two tires of all types were issued in this county by the War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night. The issuance was the smallest advanced by the board in this county in several months, the reduction being centered in new truck tires for the most part. Twenty Grade I tires were rationed.

Grade I tires and tubes for cars and pick-up trucks were issued to the following: C. B. Clark, Williamston, one tube. Robert Lee Perry, RFD 2, Williamston, two tubes and two tires. L. F. Warren, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Slade Rhodes and Co., Hamilton, one tire and one tube. J. F. Crisp, Oak City, one tire and one tube. Joe Bunting, Palmyra, one tire and tube. Dennis Holliday, Oak City, two tires. Mrs. J. A. Everett, Palmyra, one tire and one tube. W. I. Skinner Co., Williamston, one tire and one tube. Grace Whitley Maynard, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Mrs. J. S. Godard, Jamesville, one tire and two tubes. Herbert L. Robuck, RFD 1, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. Fenner Respass, Williamston, one tire.

William M. Jones, RFD 1, Hobgood, one tire. H. L. Oakley, Robersonville, one tire and one tube. C. F. Harris, Williamston, one tire and one tube. Charlie Kincaid, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire. A. R. White, Williamston, one tube. Simon Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston.

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BY MAIL

Effective at once, the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board will start mailing certificates to applicants for boots, stoves, automobiles, bicycles and tires. Gas books will be mailed also if the applicants will leave or file their tire inspection records with the board when submitting their applications, it was announced.

Heretofore, applicants for the special rations were required to report to the office for the certificates. The new arrangement was ordered following an audit of the ration board records by representatives of the State office a few days ago.

It was pointed out that all applicants in preparing their applications for special rations should give their complete mailing addresses, including box and RFD numbers and post office, and names should be spelled correctly and written legibly.

Food For Freedom Will Be Discussed At County Meeting

Extension Division Authorities To Lead Discussions On November 18th

"Although American farmers are setting a new food production record this year, there is still not enough food to satisfy all the demands," says Dean I. O. Schaub, director of Agricultural Extension work at State College, "and since America's food supply represents perhaps the greatest potential weapon in our fight against the Axis we must produce more."

In outlining the objectives to be accomplished in the 1944 "Food Fights for Freedom" program which will be launched in every county in the State between November 15-19, Director Schaub points out that it is up to our people to cooperate in every way possible in the production of more of the right kind of food; to conserve this food, and avoid waste.

"The demand for food has been increased from both civilians and military authorities. Civilians are doing more work and have more money than they have had in the past. We are taking new territory from the enemy every day. This territory has been stripped of every vestige of food and the natives are starving. We must feed them," until they can again produce their own, Dean Schaub said.

Food—American food—can be the deadliest weapon of all. Plans for producing the right kind of food will be discussed at a meeting to be held in the Martin County courthouse on November 18th, at 7:30 p. m. when those in charge of the program in this section will draw up the county plans.

Since the course and length of the war may depend on how successfully we produce this food, how willingly and widely we share it, how carefully we save it, how wisely we use it, every person able to produce a single item of food should cooperate fully in this program, Director Schaub concluded.

School Attendance Dragging In County

A gloomy report, painting a dark picture of daily attendance figures in many of the county schools, was released this week by the office of superintendent of schools. In some of the schools, as many as 23 out of every 100 pupils were absent on an average during the second month recently ended. In one school, Farm Life, a near perfect attendance record was reported. According to Principal Tommie Gaylord there have been a few days when every child enrolled was present at Farm Life, the average for the second month holding to 96 per cent. Only one white school, Bear Grass, reported an average attendance figure below 90 per cent, but most of the averages for the colored schools were below 80 per cent of the enrollment figures.

School officials could offer no good reason for the dragging attendance figures. It is understood that work—honest-to-goodness work—is keeping very few of the tots out of school. It is apparent that indifference on the part of the parents and the children themselves is making itself felt, and, to it is possible that the weak or no enforcement of the compulsory attendance law is having much to do with the shocking number of absences.

County Teachers In First Meeting Here

The first in a series of four county-wide teachers' meetings was held here last Friday afternoon in the high school. All schools were well represented.

The next meeting of the group will be held on December 8th.