

7-Mile Vertical Shot Destroys Nazi Plane

Three anti-aircraft batteries on the English southeast coast were credited last week with what probably is the best marksmanship of the war to date.

According to a British broadcast heard in New York, the batteries spotted an ME-109 seven miles up and decided to have a shot at it.

They hit the German plane dead on, cutting it in two. The two halves of the plane fell to earth a mile apart.

Bethel News

The Auxiliary of the Bethel Presbyterian Church will meet this afternoon at 2:30 at the church.

Mrs. S. R. Crockett, wife of the Rev. S. R. Crockett, pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, will be in charge of the program.

All members of the auxiliary are urged to be present, not only for the interesting program, but also because it is the annual election of officers of the organization.

Mrs. Clifton Terrell will be hostess of the meeting.

The Bethel Home Demonstration Club held their regular monthly meeting at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. A. Sherrill.

Prior to the meeting a picnic supper was enjoyed on the lawn by the members of the club and their families.

A number of visitors were present and two new members, Mrs. M. M. Sherrill and Mrs. LeRoy West.

Following supper the business session was held. Announcement was made of the next meeting also, which will be held with Mrs. Paul Egert as hostess.

Revel services are being conducted at the Bethel Methodist church of which Rev. H. L. LaFavers is pastor. They began on Tuesday night, the 23rd, and will continue for several days. The Rev. Paul Taylor, of Oak Ridge Military Academy, is doing the preaching.

Rev. Taylor is chaplain in the academy where the boys are preparing for military service. Special services are being held for the young people. These services are held around the experiences of Rev. Taylor, entitled "From Bandstand to Pulpit." The services start each evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Handy To Have Around The House

BROADUS, Mont.—Kay Wilson, 22, is a farmer's daughter.

Her father needed help in haying, so Kay operated the horse-drawn mower, then the stacker, and the horses were exhausted.

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By THOMPSON GREENWOOD

LOST COLONY—D. B. Fearing, the man who found the lost colony, thereby discovering Dare County and placing it on the national map, died of cancer last week in a Raleigh hospital as the age of 53.

Back in the summer of 1937 when plans were being laid for the symphonic drama which was destined to transform Roanoke Island into an American Oberammergau, Brad Fearing and his plug of tobacco were the moving forces.

In his little eight-by-ten office in the Dare county court house, Fearing squirted tobacco juice at an old fashioned barber shop spittoon which stood in the corner of the room and directed the most successful tourist attraction ever concocted in North Carolina.

Brad Fearing knew nothing about drama or about music or about the temperaments of the stars of the play, but he handled the project like a Ziegfeld and better than any New York Billy Rose could have done it. It is doubtful if the pageant known as the "Lost Colony" would ever have succeeded had there not been the optimism of Brad Fearing to keep it from bogging down into the Dare county swamps.

MONEY—Physicians as a rule make good money in North Carolina, despite the fact that many of you readers owe your family doctor a small bill right now. In 1941, for instance, 2,854 physicians in this state made a total of \$12,695,000. But 8,163 teachers, principals and superintendents had total incomes of only \$10,422,000. And 1,285 lawyers in 1941 reported total incomes of \$5,246,000.

However, the average North Carolina physician has spent around 10 years and \$12,000 preparing himself for his vocation as compared with four years and \$3,000 for the teacher and five years and \$4,000 for the attorney. So there you are.

R. HUNT PARKER—Governor Broughton has assigned Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, to preside over the special term of court to be held in Wilkes county on September 13—at which time Highway Patrolman W. B. Lentz and Guy Scott, of the SBI, will be tried for the alleged larceny of 91 cases of whiskey taken in a raid on June 1.

R. Hunt Parker will be remembered well by those who attend the trial. He is as lank and lean as a greyhound. His face is equipped with an aquiline nose, steel blue eyes, a somewhat Roosevelt chin, and a firm, now-that's-that mouth. The man is as alert as a well bred stallion. There will be no foolishness at the trial and all jurors,

witnesses and attorneys connected with the case will save themselves a lot of embarrassment by being present when court convenes and the case is called.

Hunt Parker smokes long Egyptian cigarettes—or did before the war began—which smell not a little like rotten cabbage. Judge Parker looks at all times as if he had just hopped out of the pages of Esquire magazine. In ante bellum days he drove a La Salle automobile as long as from here to that post over yonder.

If Isaac Meekins, rotund Elizabeth City judge, retires from his position as jurist of the Federal Court in Eastern North Carolina when he reaches 70, Parker will likely be named to the place.

CHAUFFEUR—Victor Aldridge, of Stanley County, is the State Patrolman who eases Governor Broughton around in that big Number One. He likes the job, too, and admits, "I never lack for entertainment when I am out on a trip with the governor, for he can really tell good jokes."

But Aldridge overlooks one point of humor which occurs quite frequently out on these trips—when Governor Broughton requests him in cadent tones to reduce the speed of the vehicle just a whit so that he can fire up the big, black pipe which he puffs on now and then.

NOTES—J. C. Horton went to police headquarters in Raleigh last week to see about getting a friend out of jail; observant officers found a three-year-old warrant against Horton for hit-and-run driving and now he is in worse trouble than his friend—An amusement company virtually had the State Fair grounds rented for a big one-week show in October, but Governor Broughton said no, that it would let down the bars for other shows and a great deal of useless driving—A man here in Raleigh wagged even money last week that Dr. Ralph McDonald will never actually file as a candidate for governor—Mrs. Gertrude Clinton, one of the smartest women in North Carolina, has finally tendered her resignation as director of the U. S. Employment Service and assistant director of the War Manpower Commission for this state; reason: Dr. J. S. Dorton, WMC head, had been given virtually all of Mrs. Clinton's authority.

ANNOUNCEMENT—This little item is being written on Saturday afternoon, August 28, and a number of things can and will happen before it sees the light of day. One thing that will come to pass about the time this column is read is L. Y. Ballentine's announcement as candidate for lieutenant governor. Ballentine has served four terms in the State Senate from Wake county. He is a farmer, is chairman of the Senate Agricultural Committee, and is a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

Other avowed candidates for lieutenant governor are Hugh Horton, of Martin County, and W. I. Halstead, Camden county representative.

Oregonians Make Snappy 'Catch'

WINCHESTER BAY, Ore.—Oregonians don't need immunization.

Douglas Dailey discovered a cougar in his apple tree, calmly ensnared it in a fish net, then dumped the critter into a cage.

Two women a week earlier encountered a cougar on a road. They dragged it home—in their fish net.

Iron Duff News

The Rev. Lush Rogers and the West Canton choir were here at the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon and added greatly to the service.

Rev. Grady Burgin is holding a revival at Davis Chapel. He is being assisted by Rev. Miles McLean, pastor of Long Chapel, Lake Junaluska. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services.

The farmers of this section are busy cutting tobacco. Several new barns and sheds have been built to take care of the curing of the crop.

Jarvis Caldwell who holds a position at Wilmington, is here for a few days. He is assisting in harvesting the crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haynes, of Newport News, Va., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fullbright.

Lynwood McElroy, who volunteered in the U. S. Navy, spent the past week here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson McElroy.

Mrs. Mae Davis is home after a two weeks visit with friends and relatives in Waynesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davis and family, of Richmond, Va., and Mr.

Must Pay Fine Or Eat Those Six Roosters

NEW YORK—Mrs. Mina Wittman appeared in Long Island City Court, charged with keeping six chickens in her backyard without a Health Department permit.

"I suppose the eggs come in handy for the children," said Magistrate Henry A. Soffer.

Interjected a patrolman: "Mrs. Wittman has six roosters. 'That's different,' said the judge, 'five dollars fine, but sentence is suspended provided you eat them within two weeks.'"

and Mrs. Harry Davis, of Leesville, have returned to their homes after spending a week with their mother, Mrs. J. S. Davis.

War Ration Book 3 Goes Into Use September 12th

Consumers will begin using war ration book three on September 12. They will start with brown stamps which will be used to obtain meat, butter, fats, oils and rationed dairy products.

Brown stamps lettered "A" will become valid on the 12th, and from then on, each subsequent letter will be placed in circulation for each succeeding Sunday.

Brown "A" and "B" stamps will be valid until October 2nd, "C", "D", "E" and "F" stamps are good until October 30.

The OPA also announces that

red stamps "X", "Y" and "Z" in war ration book two will become valid on August 22 and 29, and September 5. All three will expire October 2.

Captain Tidmarsh Has Operation On Knee

Mrs. Pat Carter spent the weekend at Fort Bragg with her son, Captain H. A. Tidmarsh, who recently underwent an operation for a knee injury.

Captain Tidmarsh is attached to a parachute corps. Last reports were that he was getting along satisfactorily.

The gift of gab causes many a man to give himself away.—Los Angeles Times.

PLAN TO GO TO THE Farmers Federation War Rally Day PICNIC East Waynesville School Saturday, September 4th STARTING AT 10 A. M.



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