

Wood Boy High Award

Wood Boy High Award... Max Thompson stands. He said: The enemy broke through a platoon position with tanks. In overrunning the platoon pillboxes, the enemy captured 20 of our men and drove back the others who were not killed or wounded—four men. Sgt. Thompson stepped in alone to stop the troops pouring through.

Awarded Medal



CPL. CARL D. MOONEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mooney, of Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service during the period 2 August, 1944, to 15 January, 1945, in France and Luxembourg.

to think it was necessary for him to kill, she said at last. Residents of the community were "tickled for Max." Said a merchant near Woodrow, E. B. Hickman: "If ever there was a good boy, if ever there was a boy I'd be glad to see win a thing like that, it would be Max."

Highlights Of The War

A Hitlerless Germany was crumbling fast yesterday afternoon. Hitler was reported to have died Tuesday morning, and late yesterday President Truman said he had learned on good authority that the German leader was dead.

Berlin was in complete Russian hands yesterday, after 12 days of the bloodiest fighting of the war. Some 70,000 Germans were captured in the capital, and an untold number slain.

Just as the Russians announced the complete fall of Berlin, the Allies gave out the news that a million Germans in Italy had made unconditional surrender and laid down their guns.

The state department announced yesterday that Heinrich Himmler had tried a week ago to make peace terms with America and Great Britain, but did not include Russia.

Hitler was reported to have been killed at his command post, and was immediately succeeded by Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, a nephew of the late Kaiser Wilhelm.

On Thursday, April the 26th, Berlin was encircled by two Soviet armies, and the Russians fought through subways and streets toward the city's blazing center.

On last Friday the news was flashed around the world that the American forces and the Russians had joined along a broad front in the Elbe area—and the queen city of Germany—Berlin—had lived its last hours.

Red army tanks and infantrymen were hammering the Nazis into a tight, steel-ringed corner of the sprawling capital, and the American forces with heavily gunned U. S. tank columns battled on the city—the goal of months of fighting.

While the world awaited confirmation that the Americans and Russians had met somewhere near Berlin, Gen. Patton's U. S. Third Army in ground-eating strides was 95 miles from the junction with the Red Army in Austria that would convert Czechoslovakia into a giant German trap.

It was reported from Germany that the American troops moved at such a pace that even its own generals had only a vague idea where the armies were as they advanced.

Berlin has been raging in fiery flames as the Russians and the Allied American troops are swarming over the city.

From every window, every garret, from subway stations, from cellars and rooftops all along the way into the city the flame of German guns belched as the troops have fought their way into the heart of Nazism.

The crisis was thought to have reached its peak on Saturday night, when unofficial reports came from the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations that Germany had surrendered. The news was short lived as it traveled around the world in a short while.

Two or three hours later an official announcement came from President Truman in Washington that the report was not correct, stating that he had talked with General Eisenhower, who said that Germany had not surrendered.

forces still held the three pillboxes seized in the breakthrough of the platoon positions. Waiting until nightfall, Sgt. Thompson led a squad against these positions.

St. Sgt. Herbert C. Spivey, of Pruse, Ky., later killed in action, described that attack:

"The enemy was ready for our counterattack. They poured fire from the pillboxes they had captured and the squad was unable to advance. Going forward, alone, Sgt. Thompson crawled 20 yards so that he could get close enough to fire a rifle grenade through the apertures.

"From a kneeling position he fired the grenades and the first two struck the wall and exploded outside. The fragments of one wounded Sgt. Thompson, but he remained there firing at the openings. Then he got one inside. There was an explosion and approximately two squads of Germans ran from the place."

Sgt. Thompson, who was born at Bethel, attended Bethel high school, and is remembered there as a quiet, unassuming chap who liked mathematics. He graduated from high school in the class of 1940 and went to work in the extract department of the Champion Paper and Fibre Company, of Canton.

He remained there about a year before volunteering for service November 21, 1942. He received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and was sent overseas about two years ago.

Since going into action in Germany, he has sent his family a number of souvenirs, including a German flag, a camera, a German Luger and other items.

He has a brother, Bosum's Mate Second Class Roy M. Thompson, who has been in the navy five years, and is now serving in the Pacific theatre.

Eyesight Priceless

Eyesight is priceless — so think twice and then think some more about the all-important question of the kind of light for the kind of place. Properly placed lights as well as adequate amounts of light may well be called important safeguards of health and happiness.

Highlights In Life Of Nazi Ruler

Following are important dates in the rise and fall of Adolph Hitler:

April 20, 1889, Hitler was born. In 1920, the Nazi movement was launched at his Munich beer cellar putsch.

Jan. 30, 1933, he was appointed chancellor of Germany.

March 23, 1933, the reichstag gave him a dictator's powers.

June, 1944, he conducted his "blood purge" taking frightful toll of lives among party workers he called "traitors."

March 7, 1936, he remilitarized the Rhineland in direct defiance of the Locarno pact.

March, 1938, he seized Austria. Sept. 29, 1939, Britain, France and Italy acceded to his Czechoslovakian demands at the Munich conference.

Sept. 1, 1939, Germany declared war on Poland.

May 11, 1940, Germany's drive in the west began.

June 17, 1940, France fell to Nazi hosts.

Summer, 1940, Hitler failed to invade England.

June 22, 1941, declared war on Russia.

Dec. 11, 1941, declared war on the United States.

Autumn, 1942, Germans failed at Stalingrad.

November 8, 1942, U. S. invaded French North Africa.

May 12, 1943, Germans and Italians suffered debacle in Tunisian campaign and surrender.

Summer, 1943, Russians launched great offensive.

July 25, 1943, Mussolini forced out as ally conquered Southern Italy.

June 6, 1944, allies invaded France.

Autumn, 1944, Americans entered Germany, and started drive to Rhine.

March 24, 1945, American troops crossed Rhine.

April 21, 1944, Red troops reached Berlin.

April 25, 1945, U. S. and Russian armies met on the Elbe river

Laundering Curtains

When laundering curtains, dip all those for one room in a single batch of starch to insure uniform stiffness. Door curtains and straight-hanging window curtains can be shrunk on curtain rods to prevent shrinkage and save ironing.

Salvage Fur

Fur that has become worn in places and is no longer useful on one garment can sometimes be repaired and reshaped for use on another.

Quick Casserole

For a quick casserole, slice up some cold boiled potatoes, cut a slice or two of sauteed liver into small pieces, chop a green pepper and slice a large onion. Put in layers in your casserole, cover with milk, season highly and scallop in an oven at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes.

Tasty Snack

For a snack try these: Make bread cups of thinly sliced, fresh bread which has had edges trimmed. Brush with melted fat, then put in muffin pans and toast. Fill with chicken or shrimp salad.

Toronto a Place of Meeting

The name Toronto, of Indian origin, means "a place of meeting."

Baby Week

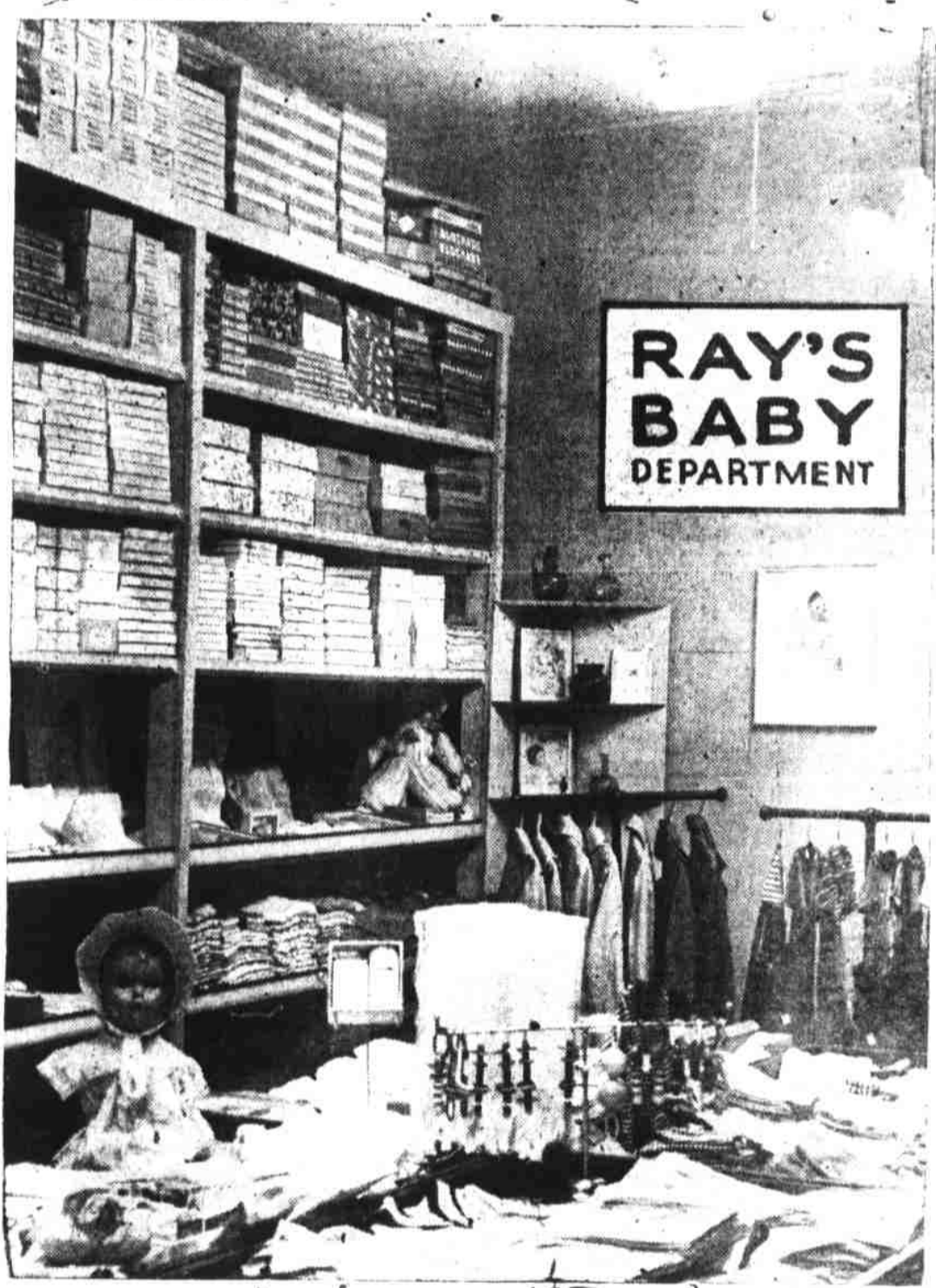
Nation-wide it's baby week

But here in Haywood, we suspect that as to babies—about every week is baby week with a good many folks. We hear that 62 arrived at the Haywood County Hospital during April.

and in Ray's Green Room . .

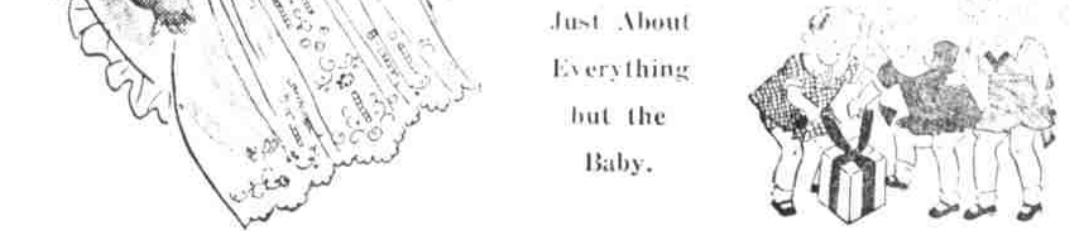
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