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FDR says: Curtail spending. Put your savings into war bonds every payday.

## KIEL HAMMERED SEVERELY BY UNITES STATES BOMBERS

### 95 German Planes Shot Down; Americans Lose 25 Bombers and 12 Fighters

London, Jan. 6.—U. S. heavy bombers and escorting fighters blasted 95 German planes out of the sky yesterday as they ranged across a record 800-mile front to strike the Kiel shipyards, airfields at Bordeaux and Tours in France, and industrial targets in Western Germany.

Dusseldorf was reported by a Berlin radio broadcast to have been among the bombers' objectives. It was the biggest day for U. S. Army Air Force gunners since the December 11 raid on Emden, when 188 Nazi fighters were bagged. The widespread operation cost the attacking forces 25 heavy bombers and 12 escorting fighters.

To reach their targets the bombers knifed through a strong defense which included rocket planes and ME-110s towing what appeared to be new-type anti-aircraft bombs. Gunners on the Flying Fortresses and Liberators accounted for 62 of the German planes downed while Thunderbolt and Lightning pilots got 33 in the far-ranging operation which in scope became one of the great daylight assaults of the war.

Claiming that German losses during the day's aerial battles were "remarkably light" the German news agency DNB in a broadcast dispatch said, "More than 50 British-American planes, of which at least four-fifths were four-engined bombers, were destroyed—23 of them over France."

The blow at the Kiel shipyards was the third one in three weeks and the second in as many days. The bombers winged 460 miles from London to hit Kiel, which still was in flames from Tuesday's raid and struck 450 miles deep into France to hammer the Merignac airport at Bordeaux. Tours, 125 miles southwest of Paris, was hit for the first time. (While targets in western Germany were not identified, the London radio, heard by the FCC, said the day's main target was Hannover.)

At Kiel, swarms of rocket-firing ME-110s challenged the American planes and one fiercer said rockets burst around his plane like flak. Anti-aircraft fire was intense. The visibility was good except for a smoke screen sent by the Germans, and crew members said many new fires and explosions were touched off in the hemming and tugging of the important U-boat and warship yards.

At the same time that the heavy bombers hammered Germany and France, the mounting fury of the Allied aerial offensive against the invasion coast of northern France was carried into its third week as great formations of Allied medium bombers pounded extensive defense installations there.

## The Church Faces 1944

(By Rev. C. B. Mashburn)

In Matthew 9:36 we see Jesus facing the world of his day. He did not close his eyes to the facts nor deny their existence. And what a world he saw! Mankind like shepherdless sheep, wandering, pitiable, broken, just drifting.

I can think of three reactions He might have had to this vision. 1. To pronounce it hopeless and let it drift on to inevitable death; 2. Acknowledge something ought to be done, but with laborers so few, the task so great, turn away sorrowing; and 3. Exclaim conditions of this nature need remedying, man deserves it, and it can be done. Thank God He reacted to the last conclusion and volunteered for service.

Like Him the church must face its world, a world darker than His. Not leaderless, but false leaders its lot. Perhaps the church has not faced a worse condition since Nero's persecutions. It is sad, but not hopeless. We must see it as it is, then seek Him and His way of redemption.

The World Chaotic (Diagnosis)

We have global war with all its evils, broken homes, forsaken wives and sweethearts, orphaned children naked and hungry, and their number runs into the millions, crime on the increase, morals trailing in the dust, the drink of evil of monstrous size and paganism exalting itself in the very temple of the holy God.

The church strong in everything but faith and willingness to sacrifice its smugness for Christ. Its faith is weak; it doubts its own strength and has lost sight of its Master and Lord. The task here, the laborers few and these driven out of some fields and denied entrance to others.

Not an attractive picture. Nor is it canopied with a rainbow of promise. But certainly its needs are compelling. If sick men need a physician and a lost child needs restoring to its home, then these ills of our world call for remedy. What can the church do in 1944 to bring health and peace to our troubled world? I submit a few things she may do.

I. Recover Her Own Faith.

For many years our faith has lagged. We have put our faith in material things. We have believed that prosperity and man's wisdom could build a fool-proof world. The one we built has collapsed like a house of cards at our feet. We stand aghast, stunned, uncertain. The church must lift up its eyes to Him from whom help cometh. She must hear the Master again say "Even as your faith so be it unto you," and then cry, "Increase our faith, O Lord, lest we perish." The church must return to her first love—her divine husband and Lord. Being restored to her Lord and having her faith strengthened, she must give herself for stretcher service in the rescue of mankind. Her ministers must preach the everlasting gospel with more power in the homes, on the streets and in the pulpits of the church. The officers and all members must be there to sustain them, and say the Amen. The church must show her recaptured faith by her holy work.

II. Recover its Sense of Mission.

The church must be called back to its divine mission. To make disciples of all men, and to learn to do whatsoever He commands. It must not only know there is a great Commission, but where it is and its meaning for every believer—that it means what it says. Again it must remember Jesus said our mission is as imperative and as sacred as His. "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." He went about doing good, thus setting a pattern for his followers for all time. Saint Francis of Assisi translated it into words and deeds. Hear him pray:

## Local Service Men's Center

The Service Men's Center, which opened its doors to those in the military the week before Christmas, is serving a long felt need as a comfort station to visiting service men here. Miss Tabitha DeViscanti is general supervisor and serving with her as hostesses since the opening have been the following: Mrs. Harry Harper, Mrs. Mae Joyner, Mrs. Robert T. Monk, Miss Louise Farrar and Mrs. George Farr. Volunteer hostesses are desired and Miss DeViscanti is hoping to have a student number from which she can arrange a weekly schedule in advance so that a cheery welcome and information may be assured visitors to the center.

The following donations have been made by interested citizens: Three piece living room suite, Mrs. C. C. Joyner; tapestry and curtains, Mrs. Will H. Moore, Jr.; floor lamp, Mrs. P. E. Jones; table lamp, Mrs. W. Holman; 2 tables, 2 chairs, paper towels and rack, stove pipe and mat, W. Alex Allen; stove, Farmville Furniture Co.; coal, Town of Farmville; stove poker, Mrs. T. E. Joyner; ash trays and magazines, Mrs. Jesse Moyer; pencils and magazines, James Y. Monk; deck of cards, ink, pen staffs, and loan of Christmas decorations for window, Mrs. Neal Howard; blotters and magazines, J. W. Joyner; magazines, Donnie Bryan; waste basket, Mrs. David T. Harris; chair, Mrs. J. O. Pollard.

Present needs are listed as follows: pictures, end tables, magazine racks, waste basket, curtains, potted plants, candy jars, flower vases.

A total of 24 service men have registered since the opening of the center with several having left already for overseas duty. Those enjoying the hospitality of Farmville citizens during the past week end were:

Sgt. Leonard A. Scott, Pfc. John Donnelly, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Moore, Jr.; Cpl. Gene McElroy, Sgt. John E. Pfund, guests of Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones; Sgt. George Kupchinski and Sgt. Harold Hanifan, guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Beaman and Mr. and Mrs. R. LeRoy Rollins; Pfc. Charles Robbins, Pfc. Wayne Yapp, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davis and Mrs. Cherry Easley; Cpl. Johnnie Gerard, Cpl. William Welch, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Abernathy; Sgt. Dick Seeber, Pfc. Charles Swartz, Pvt. Louis J. Sylvester, guests of Miss Tabitha DeViscanti and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ramsey.

## SQUADRON 711 HONORED AT NEW YEAR'S DANCE

Glimmering social events of the holidays here was the large and successful dance given New Year's Eve by the Farmville Post American Legion, of which Robert D. Woose is commander, and the Auxiliary, of which Mrs. Alton W. Bobbitt is president, in honor of the 711th Squadron, Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro.

The gala affair was held at the Country Club, which was decorated with forest greens and candles. A variety of sandwiches, pickles, omelette, cheese, homemade cake and punch were served during the evening. Chaperones included Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Willis, Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. David T. Harris, Miss Tabitha DeViscanti, Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal Howard, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Joyner and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Joyner.

The committee in charge desires to thank through the columns of this paper, all those who helped to make the occasion a success, particularly Mrs. W. Alex Allen, Mrs. P. E. Jones, Miss Mamie Davis and Mrs. Frank Davis, Jr., for contributions of home-made cake, which is now hailed as a rarity in these parts, and Bonnie Allen for use of his music box.

## TOWN AND FARM IN WARTIME

(January 5, 1944)

**RATION REMINDER**

**GASOLINE**—In 17 east coast states A-3 coupons are good through February 8. In states outside the east coast area A-3 coupons are good through January 21.

**SUGAR**—Stamp No. 29 in Book 4 is good for 5 pounds through January 15.

**SHOES**—Stamp No. 13 in Book 1 is good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the airplane sheet in Book 3 is good for 1 pair.

**FUEL OIL**—Period 2 coupons are good through February 7 in all areas except the South, where they are good through January 24. Period 3 coupons, now valid in the Middle West, South, East and Far West, remain good through March 15 in the Middle West, East, and Far West, and through February 21 in the South.

**MEATS, FATS**—Brown stamps B and S are good through January 29. Brown stamp T becomes good January 9 and remains good through January 29.

**PROCESSED FOODS**—Green stamps D, E, and F in Book Four are good through January 29.

**Sugar Ration Remains Same.**

Sugar rations for home use will remain the same for another two and one-half months according to the Office of Price Administration. Sugar stamps number 30 in War Ration Book 4 become valid on January 16, and will be good for buying five pounds of sugar through the end of March. Sugar stamp 29, now in use, is good through January 15.

**Plenty of Anti-Freeze.**

The nation's motorists are being overstocked on anti-freeze and told of shortages that do not exist according to the War Production Board. Production of alcohol anti-freeze for this winter is 50 percent more than last, W.P.B. said, and asked motorists to watch their own needs and not to overstock. Alcohol from which anti-freeze is made is a critical war material.

**Items Not Loan or Rationed.**

Pressure cookers and food grinders and crushers have been removed from rationing. Because the supply of pressure cookers will not meet all uses, the approval of the War Food Administration is necessary for purchases of pressure cookers for other than food preservation uses. Application should be made to the Director, Office of Materials and Facilities, War Food Administration, Washington, D. C.

**Restrict Use of Freezer Space.**

To relieve the growing demand for cold storage "freezer" space, War Food Administration has excluded from such space land (including rendered pork fat), cured meats, tallow, oleo oil, rendered suet, bones, lungs, udders, and horse meat. Commodities that may remain in freezer space for only a single period of 10 days are: stomachs, pork skins, hearts, heads, ears, tripe, kidneys, mutton, chitterlings, smouts, hocks, pork tails, pig feet, veal tails and ox tails, kidneys, and knuckles.

## Merchants Adopt Closing Resolutions

Whereas, the merchants having expressed their desire to close their stores on Saturday nights at 9:00 P. M.; whereas, stores in nearby communities now close at 9:00 P. M., and whereas by closing at 9:00 P. M. on Saturday nights electricity and fuel oil for making same will be conserved.

Be it therefore resolved that all mercantile establishments in the Town of Farmville shall close and lock their doors and receive no additional customers after 9:00 on each Saturday night beginning January 8th, 1944, and continuing until April 1st, 1944, and for any additional extension made by the Board of Directors at that time.

Be it further resolved that customers inside of the store at 9:00 shall be served, but that no additional customers shall be received in the store after 9:00 P. M.

Be it further resolved that all establishments effected hereby shall comply strictly with this resolution as a failure of one will jeopardize the entire program.

**AT THE ROTARY CLUB**

President Levy Walston addressed the Rotary Club at the meeting Tuesday evening on the achievements of the group during the past year and outlined objectives for the New Year. The Club has sponsored many of the national campaigns and also the Boy Scout Camporee, held here during the summer.

**STUDENT NIGHT**

Student Night was observed Sunday evening in the Baptist Church with college and high school students presenting an inspiring service to an attentive congregation.

**ROOSEVELT BEGINS WORK ON MESSAGE**

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt, recovering from the gripe was well enough today to start work on his annual message to Congress, to be delivered Tuesday.

**THE ENTERPRISE RETURNS**

Having already served our subscribers with 52 issues in 1943, due to the year coming in and going out on Friday, the day of its publication, the Enterprise took a holiday last week.

## RUSSIANS NOW IN BIG DRIVE TO TRAP DNEPER NAZIS

### If You Can't Sholder a Rifle Get An Axe

(By Webb Waldron)

There is a three-sided shortage of 2,500,000 cords of pulpwood this winter.

We've got to make up that deficit, or the armed forces will suffer. They need paper desperately for parachutes, ammunition, incendiary bombs, anti-tank mines, bomber insulation, surgical dressings, containers, a score of other uses.

When Sattle Simmons, county newspaper editor in the West Virginia hills, read about this crisis, he urged his community to "cut a cord of wood for every one of our boys in the armed forces." For he knew that there was plenty of usable wood in the vicinity—thousands of acres. The nearest paper mill wanted all it could get; but the men who might have been cutting it were in the Army or war plants.

The county has 1700 boys in the armed forces. So Simmons hit on his slogan: A cord for every boy. Quickly it caught on. O. D. Bennett, who has three sons in the service, said: "I'll cut three cords single-handed." Two bankers, a rector, a doctor, a high school teacher, the clerk of the county court, a dozen other volunteers. Men past military age, men who were working for big wages in the gas fields shouldered axes and made for the wood lots.

Already the county has cut not 1700 cords, but over 3000. Simmons figures that by February it will have cut 10,000 cords—nearly six cords for every boy in the armed forces!

In other communities the same thing is happening. But there are dozens of regions where there is still plenty of pulpwood that is not being cut. And the pulpwood shortage will hurt our military effort unless everybody helps who can.

Every man who has a wood lot or lives in a village accessible to a pulpwood tract is needed to lend a hand, now. Even one day's work will count. A man handy with axes and saw can cut a cord a day. The rickiest amateur can cut half a cord. One average tree yields enough nitro-cellulose to provide smokeless powder for thirty-five 105-mm shells, or 7600 rounds of ammunition for a Garand rifle. The pulp and paper mills will grab all the pulpwood they can get—anything from a cord to a trainload. And they pay good prices for it.

This is a case where the individual man working alone in a wood lot can contribute importantly to victory. Lend a hand!

## The Nazis' Southern Ukraine Stronghold of Berdichev, Former Headquarters of Von Manstein, Falls To Reds; One Russian Spearhead Penetrates Poland In Direction of Sarny, 35 Miles West of Frontier

London, Jan. 5.—The Russian First Ukrainian Army today captured the railway junction of Berdichev, pivotal bulwark of the German line protecting Poland and Rumania, after five days' fighting, Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin announced in a special order of the day tonight.

Berdichev, 25 miles north of Zhitomir, is the former headquarters of German Field Marshal Gen. Fritz Von Manstein. Its capture increased the communication links between the Russian westward drive into pre-war Poland and southwestward drive toward the Rumanian frontier.

**On Vital Railroads.**

Stalin's announcement came after a delay of more than an hour in the broadcast of the regular Moscow Communiqué—indicating that capture was completed only a short time before the announcement was made public.

The Germans, earlier, had admitted evacuating the eastern portion of the manufacturing town which had a pre-war population of 21,000. It is on the trunk east-west railway from Kovel in Poland to Kazatin and connects with the Kiev-Vinnytsa railway 45 miles north of Vinnytsa.

The capture gave the Russians use of the lateral railway from Zhitomir to Kazatin in the south, where an important Russian force was pounding toward Rumania in hopes of cutting off the Germans remaining in the entire Dnieper Bend area.

More than 60 other towns and hamlets were captured by Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's Ukrainian forces during the day, said the delayed Moscow communiqué, recorded by the Soviet monitor from a broadcast. Among them were Ternopol, a district center of the Kiev region 23 miles southeast of Belaya Tserkov.

To the north in White Russia, where the Russians were advancing along the railroad toward Novorodolinski, more than 30 more towns were captured including the railway station of Vlasye, 30 miles northeast of Nereh.

Moscow dispatches said the western front of Vatutin's attack which crossed the pre-war Polish border Tuesday had penetrated deep into Poland in the direction of Sarny, Sarny is 35 miles west of the former frontier. Poland is the largest country of pre-war Poland.

## Dr. Herring On Radio Sunday Morning

Dr. Ralph A. Herring, of Winston-Salem, will be heard on the program of the Baptist Hour next Sunday morning, 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock EWT over Stations WPTF, Raleigh, and WFLC, Greensboro, according to Dr. F. L. Lowe, Atlanta, Ga., chairman of the radio committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The subject, "The Primacy of the Spiritual," will be of special interest to people everywhere in these crucial days through which we pass, according to Mr. Lowe.

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