

## Hitler Launches Blitzkrieg Into Heart of France

(June 5th, 1940)

Gen. Maxime Weygand's French poilus were reported "holding solidly" late today in a titanic battle of 2,000,000 men raging along the 125-mile Somme-Aisne front as Hitler launched a violent new blitzkrieg into the heart of France.

By contrast, authorized German sources in Berlin asserted that the Nazi army's right wing was sweeping forward "on the broadest front"—heading south and west along the English channel coast toward Le Havre and Rouen.

Le Havre, the vital link between France and England, was bombed by German planes in an apparent "softening up" attack yesterday. Rouen, about 25 miles inland from Le Havre on the Seine.

The German thrust was aimed at further separating France from England.

As the struggle surged to new heights of man-against-man ferocity, London reported that German "armored vehicles"—probably swift-striking motorcycle vanguards—had reached both sides of Amiens.

This would indicate a typical blitzkrieg tactic of speeding around strongly fortified cities without attempting to storm or capture them.

Usually, such German units are not supported by infantry.

Berlin reported that Nazi dive-bombing Stuka planes had wrought "great destruction" and an "extremely demoralizing effect" in attacks on French tanks south of Abbeville, on the Somme front.

Many French tanks were reported "completely disabled."

Paris and the lower Seine river are the apparent objectives, seemingly in a mighty smash to turn the flank of the main Maginot line.

German dive-bombers and heavy artillery blasted at French infantry massed along the front, with the heaviest fury of the attack centering in the Laon-Soissons sector.

The whole battle line extended from Laon to Abbeville, 12 miles from the English Channel.

With the conflict still in too early a stage for decisive results, Premier Reynaud of France confidently predicted that the Allies "can hope for a favorable issue of the struggle."

"France has decided to fight to the end with her British ally for the liberty of the world," Reynaud declared.

Germany infantry in massed grey waves assaulted the desperately fighting poilus, who knew that a major breakthrough now would imperil their beloved capital 70 miles distant.

Toward nightfall, the battle increased in violence in the stifling heat, smoke and dust of the fields.

German bombers meanwhile raided an unidentified area in central France, and French fighting planes and anti-aircraft struck back.

Touched off by the German Fuehrer himself from his headquarters on the western front, the massive attack began at 4:04 a. m. (10:04 p. m. Tuesday, E. S. T.) with a furious artillery barrage against the French.

## One Variety Cotton Communities

One variety cotton communities have been organized recently, says A. S. Knowles, county agent. The purpose of these organizations is to reduce the number of cotton varieties so that there will be a more uniform grade and staple of cotton in a given community, and to derive the most money from the sale of cotton. In these One Variety Communities farmers who ask for the service are able to get the cotton classed and graded by competent government classifiers at no expense to the farmer.

Letters have been sent out recently to cotton producers asking for certain information pertaining to the acreage and variety of cotton planted in 1939 and 1940. Only those farmers who give this information will be eligible to receive classifications of their cotton.

The cotton gins who are cooperating in the One Variety Cotton Communities are: the Raeford Gin Co., Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Co., Oakdale Gin, Dundarrach Trading Co. Gin, McGowan Gin, McPhaul Gin, McPhaul Gin Co., and Rockfish Gin Co. There remains one other community in the county to launch the cotton improvement work, and this organization will set up within a few weeks. The Edinburgh Gin Co. has agreed to cooperate with the patrons in rendering whatever assistance necessary in carrying forward this work.

Farmers who have received one of the cards should return it to the county agent's office immediately in order to be eligible for the classification of cotton.

## Soil Conservation Payments Arrive

1939 Soil Conservation Payments have been received in the county agent's office for 1785 farms amounting to \$121,793.66. Approximately \$10,000 more dollars is expected to be paid to Hoke county farmers before all 1939 payments have been completed, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent.

## Farmers, Business Men Meet With Kiwanians

At the regular meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club last Thursday night about fifty farmers and business men of the county were present in addition to club members and an educational program on the subject of the national farm program was presented.

After dinner the routine business of the Kiwanis club was quickly disposed of and the meeting was taken over by Kiwanian A. S. Knowles, county farm agent who introduced the guests who were present.

Tommie Upchurch was then given the floor and he briefly explained the purpose of the meeting and told how similar meetings were being held in other counties to better acquaint farmers, business men and others with the national farm program as it is now in effect.

Mr. Knowles then discussed the program in Hoke county from two angles. First, he talked of the county's income from its two main money crops, cotton and tobacco in the years 1933 to 1939, including Government payments. Next, the county agent explained fully how farmers in this county might obtain maximum government payments for the year 1940 and just what these payments would be.

J. M. McGowan, member of the state committee, next made a talk on soil building practices.

Mr. W. H. Rogers, representative of the state office of the national farm program, was then presented to the meeting and he explained with clarity the National Farm Program and its aims.

Miss Josephine Hall, county home demonstration agent, explained the mattress project that is now being conducted in Hoke county. Following Miss Hall's talk the meeting was thrown open for questions and an open discussion of the program.

## J. M. Broughton Next Governor

Joseph Melville Broughton, 51-year-old Raleigh attorney, who is known by his friends as "Mel," will become the next governor of North Carolina.

An otherwise listless gubernatorial campaign came to a sudden and unexpected finish Monday when the Democratic nomination was laid in Broughton's lap by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton of Pittsboro. The nomination is equivalent to election.

Governor Hoey quickly let it be known that he had given his unqualified endorsement to Horton's withdrawal.

"It is a very fortunate circumstance that the people will not have the tenseness of a second primary . . ." said Hoey.

Broughton and Horton were high man and runner-up, respectively, in a seven-man field for the gubernatorial nomination in a first primary on May 25. As soon as it became apparent from incomplete returns that Broughton did not receive a clear majority, Horton announced that he would call for a second primary.

But Monday, about an hour after the State Board of Elections certified returns of the first primary, Horton announced his withdrawal in a statement which said, "It appears that the best interests of the Democratic party will be served by terminating the matter without further contest . . . I am a party man."

## L. B. McBrayer Resigns Internal Revenue Post

Lewis B. McBrayer, former resident of Raeford, chief of the field division of the internal revenue department in North Carolina, resigned this week, effective September 11, to enter private business in Greensboro.

From August 1, 1933, until February 1, 1936, Mr. McBrayer was a deputy field collector with headquarters here in Raeford. He then became chief of the income tax division which position he held until appointment as chief on July 1, 1937.

Mrs. W. N. Sessoms is sick.

## Rev. Murdoch McLeod Dies In Nashville

Rev. W. M. McLeod, D. D., died suddenly Thursday afternoon, May 30th, in Nashville, Tenn., where he had been pastor of the First Presbyterian church for about five years. His remains were buried in Sumter, S. C., Saturday morning at 11:00.

There was a picture show for children, and as Mrs. McLeod could not go, their father accompanied Dorothy Shaw and Jane, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod. While they were in the theatre, Mr. McLeod had a smothering sensation, and went into the lobby; the little girls went with him. He told them to call a doctor. A lady, who happened to be there at the moment, called a physician, and within a few minutes he was there but Mr. McLeod was dead when he arrived.

He had served as co-pastor in the First Presbyterian church, Fayetteville, before he had finished at Union Theological Seminary. Pinehurst community church was his first pastorate. He was pastor of that church about ten years. He had been pastor of the First Church, Nashville, Tenn., five years. One of the largest churches in Cincinnati, Ohio, made repeated efforts to interest him in a call to their church, but he declined. The membership of the First Church of Nashville had doubled during the time he served there. His leading members mentioned the fact that he was preaching the finest of sermons during recent months, and were delighted with his work.

He was a baptized member of Shiloh Presbyterian church, and later was a member on profession of faith. He was a student in Raeford school, Davidson college, and Union Seminary, Richmond, Va. Always a student, he applied himself to his duties with diligence. The Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred on him by the University of Tennessee, in 1937. He never forgot his former friends and associates. The beauty of his life was he was always our friend and neighbor, Murdoch McLeod. He did not grow dizzy as he ascended, and forget the folks back home.

He achieved greatness without losing sight of the value of those to whom he was indebted in no small way; for their love for him was a source of joy, and he reciprocated that love by being just Murdoch.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church in Nashville, pallbearers being ministers of the Presbyterian church. The remains were brought to Sumter, S. C., the home of Mrs. McLeod and burial rites were conducted there Saturday.

Surviving are the widow who was Miss Dorothy Shaw of Sumter before marriage and two children, Dorothy and Jane. Two brothers, Elbert McLeod of Montrose and Graham McLeod of Laurinburg also survive along with two sisters, Misses Currie and Isabelle McLeod of Hemp.

## Farm Office To Close on Wednesday Afternoons

A. S. Knowles, county farm agent, has announced that the county farm office would close on Wednesday afternoons through the summer along with the other firms of Raeford and continue this through August along with them.

The county agent also wishes to bring to the attention of the public the fact that the daily hours his office will be open are now from 8 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. instead of nine to five as formerly.

## MAXWELL VERY ILL

Raleigh, June 4.—The condition of Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, ill at his home here, was described tonight as "unchanged and still critical."

Earlier today, Maxwell's physician, Dr. W. B. Dewar, had said he was "definitely a shade better, but I would say still in a critical condition."

Maxwell suffered a stroke of paralysis during the last week of the campaign before the Democratic primary May 25th, in which he was an unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate. The nature of his illness was not revealed until after the primary.

## "THE LOST COLONY" OPENS JUNE 29TH

Manteo, June 5.—Paul Green's "The Lost Colony," historic outdoor drama which originally was written and produced as a part of a six-weeks celebration of the 350th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, will open its fourth season at Fort Raleigh amphitheatre June 29th.

## C. B. Deane Has Demanded Second Primary

C. B. Deane, Rockingham attorney and candidate for the Democratic congressional nomination in the eighth district, this week demanded a runoff primary with the incumbent congressman, Hon. W. O. Burgin, of Lexington.

Deane, who agreed to have the disputed election arbitrated two years ago and who abided by the decision of the arbiters, said in connection with his demand for a second primary that he had "no apology to make." "If I had been legitimately defeated by my present opponent two years ago, I would not be a candidate at this time," he said.

With the withdrawal of Lieutenant Governor Horton from the race for Governor leaving J. Melville Broughton the Democratic nominee there will be ten counties in the eighth district without second primary races other than the one for the congressional nomination. It is definitely known that there are other candidates for offices in Richmond county who are to have a run-off contest there and it is probable that there will be run-off primaries for county offices in Lee or Union, possibly both.

It is assumed that Deane's statement that he had no apology to make was in reference to the expense of a second primary to the state and the counties in the eighth district which would otherwise have had none. The cost of a second primary can conservatively be estimated at a little more than \$7,000 to the 12 counties of the district. The cost to Hoke county will be about \$300 for ten precincts and there are 204 precincts in the district. It is inferred that Mr. Deane means that he was not legitimately defeated two years ago when he and Mr. Burgin agreed to let whichever one of the two an impartial board should decide was entitled to the nomination have it. The board, in arbitrating the dispute, decided that Burgin had polled the more votes and he consequently became the nominee of the Democratic party.

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## National Guard May Mobilize

Washington, June 3.—The president's special message demand for authority to call out the national guard may result in semi-permanent mobilization of more than 200,000 American troops through the summer and fall months—possibly through the election. It will be the greatest demonstration of its kind since World war days—the largest in peace time.

The first army of the national guard, which consists of the New England and Middle Atlantic units, is scheduled to hold maneuvers in the Plattsburg area on August 4—perhaps earlier under the Presidential plan. They ordinarily last two weeks, but private information among guard officers here is that they may be kept in camp indefinitely for special training in coast defense work. With regular army units attached, the total force will exceed 125,000 men. At the same time it is understood that the 75,000 regulars now "shambattling" in West Louisiana and East Texas will remain there. Should other national guardsmen be ordered out in accord with FDR's scheme, the number of soldiers in the field might reach 400,000.

This fairly general mobilization is bound to have political repercussions, coming in a Presidential election year. Like many other moves on the national battlefield, it will tend to intensify and inflame the feeling that Der Fuehrer's mechanized battalions lie just over the hill.

## ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

The regular monthly orthopedic clinic for crippled children will be held at the agriculture building in Lumberton on Friday, June 7th, beginning at 9:30 o'clock and is free to all indigent children under twenty-one years of age.

Dr. O. L. Miller of Charlotte will be the surgeon in charge.

## Nothing Done At Recorder's Court

At last Tuesday morning's session of Hoke county recorder's court the one case coming up for trial was continued. It had to do with the wreck Friday afternoon in Raeford on the Aberdeen highway.

In the case against Daniel Love, white man of the county charged with being drunk and disorderly, the defendant submitted and paid the costs before court.

## District 4-H Meeting At White Lake

The annual meeting of the 10th District Federation of 4-H clubs, including Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Robeson, Sampson and Johnston counties, was held last Thursday, May 30th, at Bladen county 4-H club camp at White Lake. Sixty three 4-H club members from Hoke county registered at the meeting. Reports from the seven counties were given and L. R. Harrill, state 4-H club leader, made the principal address.

Elaine Smith, president of the Hoke high 4-H club, was elected vice-president of the district federation for next year.

A picnic lunch was served at noon and swimming and other recreation was enjoyed in the afternoon.

## SOFTBALL THIS WEEK

**SCORES PAST WEEK**  
Thursday, May 30, Hoke Concrete 7, Raeford Furniture 4.  
Friday, May 31, Wetsern Auto 6, Raeford Furniture 4.  
Monday, June 2, Hoke Concrete 5, Raeford Oil 2.  
Tuesday, June 3, Western Auto 11, Hoke Concrete 5.  
Wednesday, June 4, Hoke Oil 15, Raeford Furniture 5.

**Standings Through Wednesday**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Western Auto	4	0	.1000
Hoke Concrete	2	2	.5000
Furnoco	1	3	.2500
Esso	1	3	.2500

## King Praises Rescue Forces

London, June 3.—King George VI in a message to Prime Minister Churchill tonight praised the "bravery shown by the merchant navy" in turning the Dunkerque withdrawal from disaster into triumph.

"I wish to express my admiration of the outstanding skill and bravery shown by the three services and the merchant navy in the evacuation of the British Expeditionary force from northern France," he said.

"So difficult an operation was only made possible by brilliant leadership and an indomitable spirit among all ranks of the force. The measures of its success—greater than we had dared to hope for—was due to the unflinching support of the Royal Air force, and, in the final stages, the tireless effort of naval units of every kind.

"While we acclaim this feat, in which our French allies too have played so noble a part, we think with heartfelt sympathy of the loss and sufferings of those brave men whose self-sacrifice has turned disaster into triumph."

## Wreck Here Last Friday Afternoon

There was a minor auto collision on the Aberdeen road last Friday afternoon between cars driven by Mrs. D. N. Leslie of Quewhiffle township and Needham McBryde, colored.

The collision occurred near the county garage. The car of Mrs. Leslie was traveling west on the highway and McBryde's car was entering the highway from the street by the Raeford Body shop.

The wreck was investigated by Officer Crawford Wright of the Sheriff's office and McBryde was charged in Recorder's court with being at fault.

## Trial Run Of New Ship Satisfactory

Newport News, Va., June 5.—The S. S. America, largest passenger vessel ever constructed in the United States, returned to her berth at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company's yard today after her first trial run in which the builders said she successfully met all scheduled tests.

## Local Red Cross Urgently Asks For War Relief Funds

The Hoke county chapter of the American Red Cross has as its goal for immediate war relief the sum of \$800, Dr. R. L. Murray, chairman, said again yesterday. Of this sum \$12 has been raised so far. In view of this shameful lack of voluntary contributions to a cause so worthy the Hoke county chapter has appointed committees over the county and will stage a drive soliciting contributions in order to raise the county's quota of \$800.

Dr. R. L. Murray is chairman of the Hoke county chapter of the Red Cross, Mrs. H. A. Cameron is Roll Call Chairman, and H. L. Gatlin, Jr., is treasurer.

The committees which have been appointed in the county are as follows: Allendale township, Archie Watson, chairman, committee not reported; Antioch, D. C. Newton, chairman, committee not reported; Blue Springs, Hector McNeill, chairman, committee not reported; Little River, J. W. Smith, Martin Cameron, Murdoch Cameron, J. D. Hemmings, D. B. Blue, and Daniel McGill; McLaughlin, A. K. Stevens, A. W. Wood, Louis Parker, and Marshall Newton; Quewhiffle, E. R. Pickler, J. B. Womble, N. F. Sinclair, Mrs. Jim Beall, Mrs. Elbert McLeod, Mrs. D. L. Moss, Mrs. Mary Helton, and Mrs. Tom Cox; Stonewall, M. D. Yates, J. M. McGowan, J. L. McFadyen, Clint Parrish, Archie Howard, and N. H. G. Balfour; Raeford business section, R. L. Murray and W. L. Poole; Ward 1, Mrs. Kate Covington and Mrs. Frank Tapp; Ward 2, Mrs. G. G. Dickson, Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, Miss Sarah Lytch, and Miss Ila Graham; Ward 3, Mrs. R. L. Murray, Mrs. A. D. Gore, Mrs. Colon Scarborough, Mrs. Marcus Smith, and Mrs. J. H. Blue; Ward 4, Mrs. J. W. Walker, Mrs. G. B. Rowland, Miss Aris Shankle, and Mrs. J. L. McLeod.

Reports from the war-torn countries of Europe continue to paint an appalling picture of want and need among the suffering, hungry refugees who have lost homes, loved ones, and all possessions in the catastrophe. As the intensity of the war daily adds thousands to the rolls of those homeless and needy, relief organizations in this country are accelerating their work to keep abreast of the need for aid.

Announcement of establishment of a super-relief agency in France to handle its work for refugees and war-wounded was made by the American Red Cross. The Red Cross has announced that its war relief fund goal has been raised from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 and urges every person in this country able to give to donate to help the unfortunate people of Europe with the thought that in some not-too-far-away day persons in this country may need the same sort of aid.

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## Powder - Making Plant For The Allied Nations

Memphis, Tenn., June 5.—Preliminary steps in construction of a huge powder-making plant financed by the British and French governments were started today on a 5,000 acre tract 10 miles north of Memphis.

Authorized sources said the plant, consisting of about 100 buildings, would cost between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. Chairman E. W. Hale of the Shelby county commission declared the project, which is expected to be completed by fall, would employ about 10,000 workers.

Announcement of the project was made in Washington yesterday by the Anglo-French Purchasing Commission which said it would be constructed and operated for the newly-formed Tennessee Powder company by the E. I. Du Pont De Nemours and company. The statement said the Du Pont firm would have no financial interest in the capital stock of the Tennessee corporation.

Spokesmen declared the plant's manufacturing process would call for the use of quantities of cotton and cotton linters as raw materials.

Preliminary work scheduled for today was the boring of the first of a series of artesian wells to furnish water for the manufacturing process. Approximately 23,000,000 gallons will be used daily, representatives estimated, or just about the amount of the city of Memphis uses every 24 hours.

A party of engineers is scheduled to arrive here Friday to take charge of construction.

Hale said he hoped that at the conclusion of the European war the factory could be converted into a manufacturing site for commercial products.