



# YANKS RUSHING TOWARD HITLER'S RETREAT

## Sgt. Earl Queen Tells Of Ordeal As Prisoner

### Was Captured By Germans In France D-Day

Take it from First Sergeant Earl Queen, of Elkin, who has just returned home for a 60 day furlough after having been a captive of the Germans from June 6, 1944 until two months ago, the people of these United States are the luckiest people in the world!



**HOME AT LAST**—First Sergeant Earl Queen, of Elkin, who was captured by the Germans in Normandy on D-Day, is home again after many terrible months in German prison camps, which he vividly describes in the accompanying article.

"You who have never experienced war; who have never seen the horror and misery and suffering of war, can never fully realize how fortunate our nation is in that fighting has been kept far away from our shores," he said. "And you can quote me when I tell you that the Red Cross is the most wonderful organization in the world!"

Sergeant Queen, who is the husband of the former Miss Louise Grier, of Elkin, was captured by the Germans about 7:00 o'clock on the evening of June 6 in Normandy, after he and his fellow paratroopers had floated to earth in the small hours of the morning six hours before H-hour on D-Day. His story of events thereafter, some of which still remain off the record, is a stark reminder that the only good Germans, as he put it, "are dead Germans."

When captured Sergeant Queen and his companions were in a defensive position after a day of activity in which they did their part in disrupting German communications and otherwise making things as miserable and uncomfortable as possible behind the German lines. "They came at us with tanks," he said, "against which we had no defense. It was either be captured or be killed."

When taken, the Americans were stripped of watches, money and other valuables, being kicked around a bit in the process. Some were sent into battle as ammunition carriers for the Germans, but he, due to the fact that he was a first sergeant, was sent back for questioning. During this questioning, he said, he and three companions were knocked from the stool upon which they were sitting, by a German who became exasperated at one soldier who proved a bit too cocky.

Carried to a camp which the prisoners promptly nicknamed "Starvation Hill," Sergeant Queen said he received his first experience at really getting hungry "during our 23-day stay there," he recounted, "we had nothing at

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## Weaver Is Kiwanis Speaker Thursday

L. S. Weaver, superintendent of the Statesville schools and a past president of the Elkin Kiwanis Club, was guest speaker at the meeting of the local club last Thursday evening.

Mr. Weaver discussed the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals and the Bretton Woods Conference, explaining the purpose of these talks. His talk proved very interesting and timely, coming as it did but a short time before the San Francisco Conference, which opened Wednesday afternoon.

The program for this evening's meeting (Thursday), of the Kiwanis club has not been announced.

A member of out-of-town guests attended last week's meeting. President T. C. McKnight presided.

## Registration Books For Elkin Election Open

Registration books for the town election to be held here Monday, May 7, to vote on candidates for mayor and five commissioners, are now open, and will remain open until Saturday May 5, which will be challenge day.

Citizens wishing to register for the town election may do so at the city hall Saturday, or on week days at the home of George Chatham, Sr., on North Bridge street.

Candidates of election, who face no announced opposition, are: for mayor, Garland Johnson; for commissioners, C. N. Myers, R. C. Freeman, J. W. L. Benson and Joe Bivins.

## YOUTHS NABBED IN PROCESS OF TAKING SUGAR

Had Broken Into Local Wholesale Warehouse

### ONE GIVEN SENTENCE

Cockerham Assault Case Was Before Jury Late Wednesday Afternoon

### TRIED TO CUT POLICE

R. L. Bates, of Elkin, and Hilary Vestal, of Jonesville, the latter said to be only 15 or 16 years of age, were arrested here about 10 o'clock last Thursday evening as they were allegedly attempting to steal a thousand pounds of sugar from the F. A. Brendle & Son warehouse on East Main street.

Tried in Surry superior court at Dobson this week, Bates was given one year in prison, and a two-year sentence suspended for five years, it was learned. Vestal, due to his age, was placed on probation.

The two youngsters were caught in the act as they were removing the sugar from the warehouse by Policeman Ruffin Haynes. Employees of the warehouse, the two were said to have already gotten 700 pounds sugar out of the building, and had 300 more pounds stacked at the door ready to remove.

R. F. "Red" Fletcher, of Boonville, tried on a charge of operating.

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**MISSING IN ACTION**—S/Sgt. E. Gwyn Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin, of Elkin, and husband of the former Miss Pansy Bell, of Jonesville, has been reported missing in action in the European theatre since April 5, according to an official War Department telegram recently received by his wife. He entered service in August, 1942, received anti-aircraft training at Fort Eustis, Va., and Camp Tyson, Tenn., and later was with the infantry at Fort Bragg, N. C. He went overseas in October of 1944, where he has been serving as a member of General Alexander M. Patch's 7th Army, Century division. He was also a member of the 398th Regiment which has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Honor for distinguished service as a unit in actual combat by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. Sgt. Martin is holder of the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He attended Elkin public schools and was employed by the Elkin Furniture Company and Chatham Manufacturing Company prior to entering service.

## SON OF ELKIN POLICE IS KILLED IN ACTION

Corporal Thomas H. Sams, who was reported two weeks ago as missing in action in Germany since March 22, was reported Tuesday by the War Department as killed in action on that date. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Sams, of this city. Mr. Sams has been a member of the police department here for the past several months.

Corporal Sams entered service in December, 1942, and trained at Camp Campbell, Ky., Fort Jackson, S. C., and Camp Barkley, Texas. He went overseas in September, 1944, and served in both England and France before going to Germany.

Survivors include his parents, one brother and two sisters.

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For a number of years he had been in the mercantile business here, but for the last several years had been associated with Hayes & Speas Furniture Company.

He was twice married, first to the former Miss Fannie Ray. His second wife, Mrs. Onnie Macey Holcomb, survives. Other survivors are three brothers, S. W. Holcomb, of Winthrop, Wash.; Grover Holcomb, of Cycle, and R. E. Holcomb, of Jonesville; three sisters, Mrs. W. D. Holcomb and Mrs. W. T. Pardue, both of Jonesville; and Mrs. R. M. Casstevens, of Yadkin county.

## MOST REPORTS ARE SAID IN

### OPA Official States There Shall Be No Extension Of Time For Filing

### BUT TO BE REASONABLE

A great majority of the retailers in the Elkin area covered by the new "pricing chart" regulations had filed reports with the district office on April 20, as required by MPR 580, L. W. Driscoll, OPA district director in Charlotte, announced Wednesday.

Driscoll emphasized that there has been no extension of time from the April 20 final date provided for filing pricing charts. He did say, however, that to cover hardship cases which have resulted from unavoidably delayed filing, OPA's enforcement department will not ask for injunctions against sellers whose charts are submitted by May 4.

"This, in practical effect," he said, provides a two-weeks period of grace and eases the accounting work load on retailers affected who have complicated inventories made up of a large number of varied articles."

## To Hold Memorial For Pvt. I. H. Smoot

Memorial services for Pvt. Ira H. Smoot, son of Charles Smoot of Traphill, who was killed in action in Belgium on January 18 will be conducted at the Austin Baptist church on Sunday, May 6th at 12 o'clock.

Rev. L. E. Sparks and Rev. Charlie Miles will conduct the services. Any other ministers who wish to take part are invited. A cordial invitation is extended all to attend.

## BOND DRIVE IS TO BE MAPPED AT DOBSON 1ST

J. F. Yokley Will Again Act As Surry Chairman

### WILL BE COUNTY-WIDE

To Secure Prominent Speaker For Organization Meeting For 7th Loan

### E-BOND QUOTA LARGE

J. F. Yokley, of Mount Airy, who will again serve as Surry county chairman, of the Seventh War Loan drive which gets under way May 14, said Wednesday that a special county-wide organizational meeting has been called at Dobson for Tuesday, May 1, to make plans for the drive.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 or 7:00 p. m., Mr. Yokley said, the exact time not having yet been determined, and following the dinner a speaker will discuss the forthcoming drive. It is hoped to have present Bill Neal, of Winston-Salem, as speaker, he said.

It is also hoped to have all Surry school districts represented, as well as leaders from all towns and communities.

Overall goal for the drive has been announced at \$1,432,000, with the E-Bond quota, having been set at \$756,000. Originally announced as \$856,000, this figure was later reduced by \$100,000.

It will take a terrific campaign to reach the E-Bond goal, Mr. Yokley said, the quota being much larger than in previous drives. W. L. Gancy, also of Mount Airy, is chairman of the E-Bond phase of the drive. Sales of E-Bonds since April 8 apply on the E-Bond quota.

## Is President Of Wildlife Group Organized Here



**HOWARD HATCH**

At a meeting of interested Elkin citizens held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA here last Thursday afternoon, the "Elkin Wildlife Federation" was organized with Howard Hatch as president. Hugh Royall was named vice-president, and Sam Neaves, secretary-treasurer.

A number of out-of-town guests, who are affiliated with the State federation, including Col. Frank Page, of Greensboro, president of the state group, were present. All visitors were guests at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis Club prior to the organization meeting.

W. A. Neaves, of Elkin, is a director of the state organization. The Wildlife Federation has as its purpose the conservation, preservation and protection of all wildlife resources.

## Calvin C. Mitchell Wounded In Action

Calvin C. Mitchell, AMM 3/c, son of Mrs. Annie Mitchell, and husband of the former Miss Ruby McBride, of this city, was wounded in air action over Okinawa on April 8.

He entered service two years ago and received his training at Bainbridge, Maryland. Mitchell is the holder of the Aircrewman's Wings. His brother, Private John D. Mitchell, is also serving overseas, and is now in France.

**YOUR COUNTRY IS STILL AT WAR—ARE YOU?**

# Thousands Of Germans Flee In Disorder As Patton's 3rd Army Drives Toward Berchtesgaden

## Used Clothing May Be Left At Duke Power Co.

Town-wide collection of used clothing for war victims overseas, which was made Sunday afternoon, proved very successful, D. G. Smith, local chairman of the campaign, said Wednesday.

However, Mr. Smith said, there are still a few homes which were missed or which were not ready to contribute at the time. Due to the fact that the clothing center in the Nick's building is not open now, those who have clothes they wish to give are asked to bring them to the Duke Power Company office. In event they wish the clothing sent for, they are asked to telephone the Elkin Merchants Association and leave their name and address.

All clothing should be in not later than Monday, when the drive comes to an end, Mr. Smith said.

## Will Conduct Revival At Baptist Church



**REV. AND MRS. F. R. WAGNER**

Revival services will be held at the First Baptist church beginning April 29 and continuing through May 9. Rev. Felix R. Wagner, of Flat Rock Baptist church, of Mount Airy, will have charge of the 8 o'clock evening services to be held each night except Saturday.

Rev. Wagner is a graduate of Binghamton Bible school, Binghamton, New York and for three years was a member of the International Student group which held services at the church last November.

He will be assisted by his wife, Mrs. Betty Wagner, in working with the young people. The music and singing will be under the direction of Rev. Stephen Morrisett.

The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

## SCOUT BOARD TO MEET 30TH

### Executives Will Gather At Mount Airy; Council Meeting Will Be Held Here

### AT GILVIN ROTH YMCA

The Executive Board of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, will meet at Mt. Airy on Monday, April 30. Announcement of the regular quarterly session was made by John M. Brown, President of the area. J. F. Yokley, Chairman, and the Surry District Committee, will be host for the meeting.

District Chairman and Executive Board members from the seven districts of the council are expected to be present for the meeting. In charge of attendance from each district are Levern Johnson, Ashe; Tom Roth, Elkin-Yadkin; W. N. Vogler, Forsyth; R. M. Green, Stokes; J. F. Yokley, Surry; Clyde M. Greene, Watauga; and J. B. Carter, Wilkes.

Three of the six council operating committees are slated to meet for short sessions before the executive board convenes. They are the leadership training committee, with Tom Roth as chairman; the camping and activities committee, with John Sobotta as chairman; and the health and safety committee, with Dr. E. S. Thompson as head.

Presentation of the membership growth trophy for 1944 to Clyde M. Greene for the old Parkway district will be a feature of the occasion.

Harry K. Eby, National Director of Volunteer Training, Boy Scouts of America, will visit the Old Hickory Council to instruct the seven leadership training committees of the area on May 3-4. Announcement of two meetings in the Council has been made by Tom Roth, area chairman, of Elkin.

On Thursday, May 3, Mr. Eby will meet with a group from Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes Districts in a meeting at Boone. Dr. D. J. Whitener, Watauga District Leadership Training Chairman, will be in charge of the meeting. Attendance for Ashe is to be promoted by M. W. Reynolds, and from Wilkes by Paul Cragan.

Friday, May 4, Mr. Roth will preside at a meeting in Elkin at the Y. M. C. A., where Mr. Eby will conduct a session with representatives from Elkin-Yadkin, Forsyth, Stokes and Surry Districts. Attendance is in charge of Michael Strub in Forsyth, Paul Fulton in Stokes, and G. Kellock Hale, Jr., in Surry.

The meetings will be for the purpose of "training trainers." Mr. Eby will use a set of colored slides in demonstrating how to put on the "Fundamentals of the Boy Scout Movement" course, and a motion picture on "The Patrol Method" for use in the presentation of the basic Scoutmasters' Training Course.

## PANIC GROWS IN BERLIN AS CLIMAX NEARS

About Two-Thirds Of City Overrun By Reds

### IS ALMOST ENCIRCLED

Unconfirmed Reports State That Hitler Has Been Injured In Accident

### SAID TO BE IN CAPITAL

Paris, April 25.—Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third Army raced for the Austrian border and the Salzach Valley Gate to Berchtesgaden today, stampeding thousands of crack Nazi troops 80-odd miles from Adolf Hitler's Bavarian death roost.

Field dispatches said the Germans were breaking into a confused and disorderly rout before the Third Army drive, falling back 30 miles and more a day over the last approaches to the Bavarian redoubt.

Patton's men officially were reported 30 miles from the Austrian border, 52 miles from the entrance to the Salzach Valley and fewer than 90 miles due north of Berchtesgaden late last night.

But his rough-riding tank columns were meeting little or no opposition all along their 100-mile front, and the speed of their advance indicated they might be 30 miles closer to their goal before nightfall.

Patton's vanguards were fewer than 120 miles from Red Army forces pounding along the south bank of the Danube about 110 miles northeast of Berchtesgaden. In Berlin high Nazi officials were reported fleeing by air today from siege-wracked Berlin. Moscow dispatches said chaos and

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## RONDA WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Della Messick Jones, 68, Dies Monday At North Wilkesboro

### rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Della Messick Jones, 68, of Ronda, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Pleasant Grove Baptist church. Rev. R. Crater conducted the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Jones, widow of Milas Clinton Jones, died Monday morning at a North Wilkesboro hospital after an illness of one month. She was the daughter of Milas and Emaline Money Messick of Wilkes county.

Surviving are four children, Jesse Jones, of Ronda, Mrs. C. C. Anderson, of Jonesville, R. L. Jones, of this city, and Mrs. Howard Swaim, of Cooleemee; 19 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, L. D. and Arthur Messick, of Knightstown, Ind.; and three sisters, Mrs. Mance Somers, of Knightstown, Ind.; Mrs. John Goforth and Mrs. H. C. Somers, of Cycle.

## Application Must Be Filed 10 Days Ahead

W. C. Cox, chairman of the local war price and rationing board, announced Wednesday that "B" and "C" gasoline book holders must file an application for renewal with the local board at least 10 days prior to the renewal date of the present ration.

Under new gasoline regulations effective May 1st, all supplemental gas rations must be reviewed by the board members before subsequent allotments can be issued, it was said.

## Lieut. Thos. Davis Killed In Action

Lieutenant Thomas Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Davis, of Newberry, S. C., and nephew of Mrs. T. F. Cooley, of this city, was killed in action in Germany on April 14, according to an official War Department telegram.

Lieutenant Davis entered service two years ago and received his training at Fort Knox, Ky. He was commissioned in August, 1944.