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Back From War Area



ROOSEVELT RETURNS FROM CONFERENCE WITH CHURCHILL

Visits American Troops in the Field—Trip to Morocco Is Made By Airplane

Casablanca, French Morocco, Jan. 28.—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, in the most unprecedented and momentous meeting of the century, have reached "complete agreement" on war plans for 1943 designed to bring about the "unconditional surrender" of Germany, Italy, and Japan, it was disclosed today.

Defying every tradition, the President of the United States flew across 5,000 miles of the Atlantic ocean for a 10-day meeting with Winston Churchill which saw the leaders of the two nations bring General Charles de Gaulle and Gen. Henri Honore Giraud together for the first time in a little villa just outside this city.

Virtually the entire war staff of both nations participated in day and night discussions which ended Sunday afternoon with a press conference before a group of war correspondents flown secretly from Allied headquarters halfway across North Africa.

These are the high spots of the conference, which Roosevelt and Churchill agreed was unprecedented in history and may decide the fate of the world for generations to come:

One—The leaders of America and Britain, both military and civil, have agreed on a war plan for 1943 designed to maintain the initiative in every theater of the war;

Two—Churchill and Roosevelt agreed that peace can come only through "unconditional surrender" of Germany, Italy, and Japan;

Three—Generals Giraud and de Gaulle, meeting for the first time under sponsorship of the President and the Prime Minister, are negotiating for a united French movement designed to put French armies, a navy, and an air force again into the field against the Axis.

Four—Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia was kept informed of the results of the conferences. In fact, Churchill and Roosevelt offered to meet Stalin "very much farther to the east," but the Russian chief was unable to leave the U. S. S. R., because of the need of his directing the present Red Army offensives.

The President and the Prime Minister also have been in communication with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and have apprised him of the measures which they are taking to assist in China's magnificent and nearing struggle for the common cause.

Five—Maximum material aid to Russia and China will be one of the prime aims of the United States and Britain.

Six—Roosevelt visited American troops in the fields in North Africa, the first American President to visit an active war theater since Abraham Lincoln.

The meetings were in a close-guarded, barbed-wire-surrounded enclosure at a hotel in Casablanca under the greatest secrecy.

Leases Held On Double Shoals Land — Actual Wealth Is Now Being Probed

Shelby.—Oil and mineral rights and leases have been taken on approximately 6,000 acres of land in the Double Shoals section of Cleveland County where a strata of graphite has been struck and potential mineral wealth found, it was announced yesterday by Norman S. Poole, mining engineer directing the operations.

Earl Hamrick, Jean Schenck, Lloyd Anthony and Tom Moore, all Cleveland County industrialists, are associated in the development, with O. M. Mull as counsel.

No drilling for oil has yet been taken, although there is evidence of the possibility of oil being present. Steps taken thus far are merely preliminary and investigative and no stock is for sale in the firm undertaking the development. The firm plans at once to map properties under lease and submit the data to three oil companies in the Centralia and Kentucky fields before actual drilling is undertaken.

In drilling for a water supply in the Double Shoals community, a shaft struck graphite at a depth of 370 feet and analysis showed, Poole said, seventeen per cent octane gas with value as an ingredient for ordinary gasoline. At 670 feet neither oil nor water was tapped, but quicksilver, arsenic and pyrites and nickel indications were present. The well drilling operation encountered natural gas, also an indication of the presence of oil at some time, now or in the past.

Approximately 50 landowners signed oil, gas and mineral leases for the developers on a one-year-basis, with option for renewal annually for ten years on a ten per cent royalty basis, payable monthly. The lessors will receive 25 cents an acre after the first year and the lessee will have right-of-way over the land and the right to construct necessary machinery.

UDC Members Asked To Send In Dues

Members of the Southern Stars Chapter, U. D. C. are asked to send their dues promptly to the treasurer, Mrs. T. B. Smith, 507 South Aspen street, in order that she may forward the chapter's assessments for taxes and sinking fund.

There will be no meeting of the chapter in February and it is necessary to send off the assessments now in order that the chapter may be in good standing with the national organization.

Farmers Repay 92%, Says County Supervisor

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that repayments on Farm Security Administration rehabilitation loans jumped to 92 per cent of maturities on December 1, 1942, compared to 75.4 per cent on the same date in 1941.

The figures were received from the Department by FSA Supervisor, Franklin A. McGoggin of Lincolnton, and cover loans throughout the county.

In addition, since the beginning of this program \$42,527,738 in interest had been paid up to December 1. The repayments on principal include \$16,238,625 paid in advance of maturities. Exclusive of these prepayments, collections on loan maturities were 87.4 per cent on December 1, 1942 compared to 71.7 per cent on December 1, 1941.

Better incomes resulting from increased production to meet war demands enabled delinquent borrowers to repay some of their back debts and enabled others to maintain and get ahead on repayment schedules.

Collections are showing heavy increase over the same months a year ago, when previous records were set. Collections in November totaled \$19,644,620, compared to \$12,141,194 for

Enemy Tank Facing Allies in Tunisia



A heavy German tank rolls through the streets of Tunis, according to caption which accompanied this picture, which was received via neutral Portugal. This monster with its long snouted gun is part of the Axis force facing American, British and Free French in the North African fighting.

Vale Couple Placed Under Bonds For Aiding Deserter Son

FARM MACHINERY REPAIR PARTS QUOTA INCREASED

Washington, Jan. 28.—The War Production board officially today increased the quota of farm machinery repair parts which may be manufactured this year. It raised output to 160 per cent of the average annual sales in 1940 and 1941. The old figure was 130 per cent.

South Fork Ass'n Meets Here Sunday

The union meeting of the South Fork Association will be held in the First Baptist church of this city Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The general theme of the meeting is "Christian Literature."

The following program has been arranged:

- 2:30—Praise Service. 2:35—Rev. W. C. Reed, Maiden. 2:50—Roll Call—Recognition of Messengers and Visitors. 3:00—Worship With Offering. 3:10—Music. 3:15—Presentation of Biblical Recorder.—Rev. Norman Ellis, Maiden. 3:20—A biblical recorder club in each church of the South Fork Association. 3:40—Solo—Dr. W. D. Yelton, Hickory. Accompanist—Miss Louise Miller, Hickory. 3:45—"Give Heed To Thy Reading." Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Editor Biblical Recorder, Raleigh. 4:20—Closing Hymn. Prayer and benediction by Rev. Y. C. Elliott, Pastor.

Henry Powell and Wife Essie Bound Over By U. S. Commissioner W. A. Fair

Henry Powell and his wife, Essie Powell, of the Vale section were charged in a Federal warrant with harboring a deserter from the Army, their son, Carl G. Powell, Tuesday.

W. M. Nicholson, assistant district attorney here, said this was the first such case on record in the Western District of North Carolina. The Powells were arraigned Tuesday before U. S. Commissioner Major W. A. Fair of Lincolnton and held under bonds of \$1,000 and \$500, respectively, for trial at the Shelby term of Federal Court in March.

And with the hearing the story of the Government's effort to catch Carl, by a hairbreadth as he dashed out the back door of his parents' home, and reports that he was some times disguising himself as a woman came to light.

The case came to a head Sunday. Federal men, deputy marshals, military police, deputy sheriffs and civilian police have been periodically making efforts to take Carl Powell in custody ever since he was declared a deserter last April, officials said.

Sunday George E. Rudisill, sheriff decided it would be a good time to appear suddenly at the Powell home. He enlisted the aid of State Patrolman B. C. Nesbit, and called in several deputies, including O. C. Bost, R. C. Wilkins, Ben Sain and Pink Caldwell.

The group drove to a point near the Powell home. Alighting, they approached the house on foot—but as in the past they were seen. This time the elder Powell started toward the Sheriff's posse. Mrs. Powell, the officers said, grabbed a handful of rocks and shouting over the shoulder, "Run, Carl, Run," made for the posse.

And Carl ran—out the back door into underbrush and got away. Then Mrs. Powell got excited and told all members of the posse just what she thought of them.

The posse withdrew—and a Federal warrant charging them with harboring a deserter was issued. It was served on the elder Powell who submitted without any show of resistance, other than, officers said, certain very definite expressions by Mrs. Powell of her low opinion of men who would try to take Carl.

"Now they are under bond for trial at Shelby," said Mr. Nicholson. "And Carl is still at large as he has been since April when he evaded efforts of officers to take him; some times, we understand, disguising as a woman in order to work in the fields of his parents' farm."

Nazis To Mobilize Youths Of 15 To 19

Bern, Switzerland, Jan. 27.—The Berlin correspondent of the Italian newspaper Corriere Della Sera at Milan reported today that Nazi authorities will mobilize all boys from 15 to 19 years old.

The correspondent said the boys will be assigned tasks of secondary importance to release older soldiers for combat service.

American Air Force In First Raid On Reich

Lightning Strike Swiftly Follows Allied Conference In Casablanca

At A. U. S. Bomber Base In England, Jan. 28.—In the war's first lightning strike following the Allied strategy conference in North Africa, large flights of U. S. Fortress and Liberator bombers made the first all-American raids on Germany proper today.

They struck successfully at the submarine base of Wilhelmshaven and at the industrial area of Emden, with a loss of only three planes in all.

Yank flyers, most of whom returned unscathed, piled out of bombers and expressed surprise at the little resistance encountered.

Antiaircraft fire, encountered only when they were near the targets, was described by the flyers as light and inaccurate. "It was a picnic," they exclaimed. "We caught them completely unawares."

The raid brought from the R. A. F. bomber command chief, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, a special message of congratulations to the Eighth bomber command for "this well planned, gallantly executed operation which opens a campaign the Germans have long dreaded. To them it is yet another sentence in the writing on the wall. Between us we can and will bust Germany wide open."

The commander of one group of Flying Fortresses, Colonel Curtis Lemay of Columbus, Ohio, said: "It went pretty well except that it was rather dull compared with some we've had. Given a bit of better weather, we'll give 'em a show next time that will really mean something. As it was, we managed to get a large number of bombs on the target and near the vicinity."

The flyers included the first British soldier to go on an American raid, Maj. Errol R. T. Holmes, Royal artillery flak expert doing liaison with the U. S. Eight air force. He said was astonished by the precision of American formation flying. "It was absolutely tip-top. The Hun wouldn't come near us."

The main hindrance the crews encountered was extreme cold at high altitude over Germany, running to an estimated 35 below zero. One waist gunner froze his face so badly that his lips were bleeding.

A pilot and a copilot in one plane, alternating at the controls, sat on their hands to keep warm.

No official estimate of German losses can be made, but at least two Fortress crews believed they each shot three German planes. Two crews were sure they each got two enemy planes.

Sellers Edwards Tells Of Great Naval Battle

Friends here of D. Sellers Edwards, former Boger—Crawford baseball star, will be interested in his account of the naval battle of Guadalcanal as told to an Asheville Citizen reporter. Seaman Edwards, whose home is in Columbus, N. C., spent three years in Lincolnton as a member of the Boger-Crawford team. Three weeks ago he spent several days visiting friends in Boger City.

His interview with the Citizen reporter follows: "A flaming enemy plane crashing on the deck of his ship... a Jap fier, standing on the wing of his sinking plane firing a machine gun at Americans trying to rescue him... men, holding their hands over their wounds, fighting on till they fell over dead... the beauty of the vari-colored fire as a Japanese cruiser exploded... men everywhere "calling on the Lord"...

"These are some the impressions brought back from the naval battle of Guadalcanal, November 12-13, by D. Sellers Edwards of Columbus, N. C., 26-year-old seaman first class who was aboard the flagship San Francisco—the vessel on which Adm. Callahan was killed during the engagement.

Steelman Will Head Local Campaign To Be Held In March

WILL HEAD DRIVE



Lincolnton Yarn Mill Incorporated

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Whitener Spinning Mills of Lincolnton was incorporated today to manufacture, finish, buy and sell combed and carded yarns. It has authorized capital stock of four hundred shares and subscribed stock of 150 share. Incorporators were Howard R. Whitener of Lincolnton, Joseph Busch of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Sam Bayer of Far Rockaway, L. I.

Methodist Pastors, Wives To Meet Here

The quarterly meeting of the ministers and their wives of the Gastonia district will be held in the first Methodist church next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

E. M. Jones, of Gastonia, district superintendent, will preside over the meeting of the ministers when plans for the work of the district will be formulated and important matters discussed.

The meeting of the Ministers' Wives Association will be presided over by the president, Mrs. J. S. Gibbs, of Shelby. They will also plan for the work in their respective organizations.

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C. Rhyme Little, Chairman Of Local Red Cross Chapter Gives Plans For Drive

C. Rhyme Little, chairman of the Lincoln county chapter of the American Red Cross, today gave Lincoln county's quota in the 1943 War Fund at \$11,000 and at the same time announced plans for the drive which is to be held in March. Dr. S. H. Steelman, who has successfully conducted the last two Red Cross Roll Calls, will head the War Fund drive in this county.

The people of Lincoln County are being called upon to share in the greatest war effort that has ever been undertaken by any American organization. Those of us who remain on the home front and have not been drawn into the Armed forces are anxious to share with those men on the fighting fronts the prosperity we have experienced here at home. Our boys are depending on the American Red Cross to bring the comforts of home to the battle front are counting on us to support this great organization that administers to their welfare in all parts of the world.

Mr. Little said, in discussing the world wide functions of the American Red Cross—that it acts as the medium of communication between the peoples at home and the men in the foreign forces in all parts of the world, it is one of the few agencies that can make contact with and render aid to the soldiers who are held as prisoners of war, it is the welfare agency permitted to operate within camps or with forces in the field, it conducts programs of entertainment and recreation at the request of the Army and Navy, it has established service clubs for the benefit of American soldiers through out the world, and it spends millions of dollars for the relief of men, women and children made destitute and homeless by aggression or hostilities. Every man in the service has access to a Red Cross field director with whom he can take up any personal problems, he continued.

Other Red Cross services include making of surgical dressings, which are now being produced at the rate of one-half million an hour, production of garments and knitted articles for soldiers, recruiting Red Cross nurses, conducting First-Aid courses and the blood donor program, giving canteen cards and nutritional courses, work of the hospital and recreation corps, conducting home nursing courses, operating a motor corps, obtaining volunteer nurses aides, and giving disaster relief to combat nature's sabotage.

Mr. Little announces the re-appointment of Dr. S. H. Steelman as War Fund Planning Chairman. Lincoln County has rallied to the Directorship of Dr. Steelman in the past two War Fund drives and has wholeheartedly and enthusiastically contributed to the American Red Cross through the channels of the Local quotas. Mr. Little commended Dr. Steelman's excellent leadership and Lincoln County's splendid co-operation in the work of the American Red Cross. He says he is confident that our War Fund will be exceeded as in the past two years where we have almost broken National records speed in exceeding our appointed quotas.

Calverts Returning To United States

Word has been received in Lincolnton that John S. Calvert, who has been in diplomatic service in Barcelona, Spain, for a number of years past, has been ordered to return to Washington and he and Mrs. Calvert are expected to return to this country at an early date.

Mrs. Calvert is the former Miss Ellen Graham, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Graham and a sister of State Senator William A. Graham, of this county.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET

The Women's Missionary Society of the Mt. Vernon Baptist church will meet Saturday, February 6 at the home of Mrs. D. C. Upton, at Vale. The hour for the meeting is 2 o'clock.