

POPULATION (1940 Census)	
Lincolnton	4,525
Lincoln County	24,187
Denver	254
Crouse	221
Iron Station	96

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LINCOLNTON, N. C., MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1943

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Reich In War Zone Hitler Tells Nazis In Memorial Day Talk

ROUNDUP OF WAR

Monday, March 22
Prime Minister Winston Churchill in a world-wide broadcast Sunday warns that it might take another two years to beat Hitler. Pledges Japan's defeat next and proposes postwar bloc of United States, Britain and Russia to insure peace. Reports receipt of message from Gen. Montgomery saying British Eighth army "on the move" in Tunisia.

Hitler, in 15-minute speech broadcast from Berlin said German troops have overcome crisis on Russian front and that, although the Reich itself has become a war zone under Allied bombardment, Nazi mobilization is moving toward final victory.

Germans continue to throw reserves against unbroken Soviet defenses along northern Donets river, while Red army offensive on central front envelops more towns, including railroad station of Vadino, 60 miles east of Smolensk.

United States tanks and infantry, advancing 25 miles east of Gafsa, routs Italian garrison to occupy strategic heights and town of Sened in push toward important pass along roads and railway leading to coast at Mahares.

Friday, March 19
American troops under the new command of tank General George S. Patton, Jr., were restoring their central Tunisian lines last night after an advance of 30 miles over very light Axis opposition, recapturing Gafsa and then thrusting on 12 miles farther to the southeast.

The position of the Russians on the greatest current front of the war—below Kharkov—was manifestly improved. Russian troops breasting one of the most violent series of assaults yet loosed by the Germans reported yesterday the recapture by counterattack of an important point 22 miles northeast of Kharkov.

The principal American action disclosed by the U. S. Navy was a continuation of the violent bombing assault on the Japanese base at Kiska in the Aleutians. Three attacks in a single day were reported.

In Europe the Allied air offensive was resumed by a daylight attack by U. S. bombers on the German submarine yards at Vegesack, near the great port of Bremen. Challenged by 75 to 100 Nazi planes, the Americans shot down many of them. Two U. S. bombers were lost. British planes based on Malta made heavy overnight attacks on southern Italy and Sicily and torpedo bombers hit at Axis tankers in the Mediterranean.

In the China-Burma theatre, new and apparently exploratory Japanese attacks again Yunnan province, which is at the Burmese frontier, were reported.

Pastures
Permanent pastures are being planted in Green county with ten pounds of Dallis grass, 3 pounds of White Dutch Clover, 15 pounds of Common Lespedeza and 12 pounds of Red Top per acre.

Caldwell Man Who Wore Dress And Hid In Cellar Promises To Enter Army

Shelby, March 20.—Arlie Clinton Coffey, 23, who Caldwell county officers said they found hiding in the cellar of his home at Upton in Caldwell county and wearing a dress in what was described as an attempt to evade the draft, has promised to go into the army "if they want me."

Coffey, brought before U. S. District Court in Shelby Wednesday, was allowed to walk out of the court room a free man after he promised to report to his draft board at Le-noir.

Judge Yates Webb, presiding over the term, ordered Coffey's case aired immediately after he learned that he had been held in jail two months awaiting trial on failing to report for induction in the army.

Could Not Read Or Write
"These folks came from a little shack at the foot of Grandfather mountain," said Judge Webb to District Attorney Lamar Caudle. "I understand that he cannot read and write, and did not know that he was supposed to report."

"Will you go to the army if they want you?" the Judge asked, and

Declares Russian Situation Well In Hand But Reveals Destruction By Bombers

Stockholm, Sweden, March 21.—Adolf Hitler was guarded by an unusually powerful concentration of police at the Zeughaus today when he made his usual Memorial Day speech, the Swedish press reported from Berlin.

All streets leading to the Zeughaus on Unter Den Linden were blocked and the program was arranged with the greatest secrecy.

London, March 21.—The destruction wrought by British and American air bombings wrung from Adolf Hitler the admission today that German soil had become a "war zone," but he declared the crisis on the eastern front was overcome and that the German nation was moving in a gigantic mobilization toward "success and final victory."

Emerging from his months-long seclusion while his armies were reeling back in defeat in southern Russia, Hitler addressed a gathering of high officials, army officers, Nazi functionaries and wounded veterans in Berlin's Zeughaus, or army museum, on the fourth wartime observance of German Memorial Day.

In his 15-minute speech, broadcast from Berlin and recorded here, Hitler said only 5-2,000 German soldiers had been killed in the war so far, and he declared the front was being strengthened by millions of men, youths and the wounded who have recovered, while older men and boys manned home defense lines.

Precautions
Mindful of the long-arm of the RAF, which on January 30 disputed celebration of the tenth Nazi anniversary party by bombing Berlin and delaying the speeches of Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering and Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, German authorities took elaborate precautions to avoid a repetition today.

It was not until 50 minutes before the scheduled hour that the Berlin radio announced that Hitler would speak at all, and then the actual delivery by Hitler was delayed 20 minutes past the appointed hour, 1 p. m., Berlin time. German radio stations began broadcasting the text of his remarks at the scheduled time, however.

R. L. GILBERT DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

R. L. Gilbert, 78, prominent Lincoln farmer, died in a local hospital Friday afternoon following an illness of six months.

Survivors are the widow and the following children, Fred, Gaston, M. B., M. J., Guy, Claude, Ed and J. T. Gilbert and Mrs. Evan Wise, II, of Lincoln county. He leaves also three brothers, Jake Gilbert, of Charlotte; George Gilbert of Conover, and W. D. Gilbert, of Vale, and one sister, Miss Maggie Gilbert, of Vale.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Mount Zion Methodist Church and burial was in the church cemetery. Service at the grave was in charge of the Woodmen of the World.

First Aid for U. S. Troops in Tunisia



Sydney Hyman of Gary, Ind., who is with the U. S. medical corps, gives first aid to Pvt. Manuel Freitas of Oakland, Calif., who suffered wounds about the head and hands during the first day of the battle for the tiny Central Tunisian railroad junction of Sened. U. S. forces fought hard to gain control of the railroad station at Sened, which offers a clear view of the tabletop tank country over which the army in possession can send its forces against the enemy.

Butter And Fats Are Banned For Week, Stocks Insufficient

"Order of Purple Heart" Bestowed On Local Hero

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bradshaw, of the county, have received from the War Department the Order of the Purple Heart, conferred posthumously on their son, Sgt. Charles Leonard Bradshaw, who died in action on January 3, at Casablanca, French Morocco.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart was founded by Gen. George Washington in 1782 as a reward for "singularly meritorious action," and revived by President Hoover on Feb. 22, 1932, the bi-centennial of Washington's birth.

The decoration is a heart-shaped medal bearing a bust of Gen. Washington on a field of purple enamel.

Rivers Are On Rampage In Four Southern States

Atlanta, March 21.—Floods threatened widespread sections of the south east today as rain-swollen rivers reached dangerous crests and spilled into bordering farming lands in at least four states.

Fears of heavy property damage were expressed in some areas, the Atlanta Weather Bureau reported, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia were hit hardest.

The Weather Bureau broadcast a warning of "severe floods" along the Chattahoochee, Flint and Apalachicola rivers in the Georgia-Alabama-Florida area and added: "All persons and interests involved should take necessary steps for safeguarding life and property."

The crests of most of the rivers in Mississippi and Louisiana are expected to be reached Monday and Tuesday, the Weather bureau reported.

Says Casualty List In Spring Will Be Large

Brig. Gen. Alden H. Waitt of the Chemical Warfare Service of the U. S. Army today cautioned against "smug or self-satisfied" thinking about the war and added that by spring casualty lists "will appall us."

"Before we are finally victorious war must become a way of life with every one of us," the General told listeners at an Army-Navy "E" award ceremony at the Standard Oil Development Company here.

"As yet we have not been hurt severely, but we are rapidly coming to the period of blood and sweat and tears. Each day our losses grow everywhere. Each day we are called upon to give more of ourselves and our goods."

"The casualty lists are mounting. Make no mistake about it, and by spring these lists will appall us. We shall begin to realize how serious the war has become. Then the entire nation will be ready to go all out for victory and right then we shall start to win."

"Every day we delay gives our enemies a breather and a chance for a lucky punch."
Gen. Waitt said that the Axis had a tremendous advantage in location, which permits them to develop a new
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Meats And Fats To Be Treated As Related Group Under Rationing March 29

Washington, March 21.—OPA today banned for a week the retail sales of butter, margarine, lard and other edible fats and oils which go under point rationing March 29.

The government order issued without any advance warning, forbade retail buying of these foods between 12:01 a. m. Monday, March 22, (local time), and the same hour March 29, when they will be rationed along with meat, cheese and canned fish.

The order was made public today at 3 p. m., eastern war time. This city dwellers who heard of it in time could visit delicatessens and other stores open on Sunday to lay in stocks ahead of the midnight deadline. However, many of these stores had no butter on hand and only small quantities of lard, vegetable shortenings and salad oils.

The Office of Price Administration said the suspension of sales was necessary because stocks of these foods were insufficient to support heavy public buying the one week remaining before rationing.

Prentiss M. Brown, OPA administrator, had expressed hope, at the time rationing of these goods was first announced, that no "freeze" of sales would be necessary and called on housewives not to hoard.

The OPA announcement in full: "Retail sales will resume Monday and oils—including butter, lard, margarine and shortening and cooking and salad oils—that are covered by the new meats-fats rationing program, are suspended at 12:01 a. m. Monday, March 22, by an order of the Office of Price Administration issued today."

"Retail sales will resume Monday morning, March 29, when actual rationing begins."

"The retail sales 'freeze' does not apply to any of the cheeses or meats involved in the new rationing plan and sales of these foods will continue as usual between now and March 29."

State Forester Will Visit County Next Wednesday

The State Extension Forester will be in this county on Wednesday, Mar. 24. We will hold two meetings on forestry, showing the proper way to do forest thinning and also how to estimate the amount of timber per acre. All farmers are cordially invited to attend.

The first meeting will be at 10 o'clock on the old Berton Wood farm, six miles west of Lincolnton on highway No. 27.

The second meeting will be at 2 o'clock on J. H. York's farm in the Oak Grove section.

Lincoln Consistory Elects Two Officers

Maiden, March 20.—The annual meeting of the joint Consistory of the Lincoln charge was held in the Memorial Evangelistic and Reformed church Sunday immediately following the morning worship.

The pastor's report of the year was received and approved. S. M. Finger was elected vice-president, and J. Summey Warlick was re-elected secretary.

John F. Carpenter and George E. Hunsucker were chosen delegates to the annual meeting of the Synod which convenes in the First church, Greensboro, April 6.

Rev. John A. Koons is pastor of the Maiden church.

NEXT BLACKOUT TO BE SURPRISE

Civilian Defense Heads Say It
Will Be Held Between Mar.
20 and April 1

Raleigh, March 20.—A state-wide surprise blackout will be held between March 20 and April 1, R. I. McMillan, state director of civilian defense, said tonight.

The drill will be the third since adoption of the new air raid warning signals February 17.

The scheduled blackouts held this week showed marked improvement over the first test, February 23, McMillan said. Confusion over the new signals was "conspicuous by its absence," he added.

McMillan expressed appreciation of the press and radio of the state in carrying information about the new warning system, saying that it would have been impossible to have had such nearly perfect tests as were held this week without their co-operation.

NAVY RECRUITER TO COME TO LINCOLNTON

H. S. Lee, U. S. Navy Recruiter announced today that he will be in Lincolnton on March 25-26 for the purpose of enlisting 17-year-old boys and men over 38 in the U. S. Navy. He also announced that he will accept applications for young women who are interested in the WAVES.

The Navy has opened its trade schools to North Carolina's 17-year-olds, the fighting Bluejackets of tomorrow. This state leads the nation in the enlistment of 17-year-old boys, it has been announced by Lieutenant Commander, C. B. Neely, head of the State's Navy Recruiting.

You don't need experience. If you show the right qualifications the navy is ready and willing to send you to a trade school and give you training worth \$1,500 the first year alone, teaching you to be an expert in the trade for which you qualified, helping you to develop all the skill and talent which you always know you had.

If you are handy with tools—or if you like radio, photography, welding or any of nearly 50 other skilled occupations, here's your chance to get the finest training, to use the finest equipment the world has to offer. Costly metal lathes, marvelous telescopic cameras, vast power and tool plants—they're all part of navy equipment, all part of the workshop you can call your own.

You draw pay while you learn. And you can win promotion rapidly, as fast as your own skill permits. Enlisting as an apprentice seaman, you're automatically advanced after your two months' training period to Seaman, Second Class, and given an increase in pay. From there you can go up to Seaman, First Class, and then on to the various petty officer ratings. And, remember, every promotion means a raise in your pay!

The prime requisite of a first-class navy man is a sound, healthy body. That doesn't mean that you have to be a perfect physical specimen to get in the navy. In fact, physical requirements have recently been modified. Normal good health is now sufficient. But you will be in top-notch physical trim after just a few short weeks of navy life.

S. S. MITCHELL GOES IN WATER

Vessel Honoring Mount Mitchell Explorer Is Launched
At Wilmington

Wilmington, March 18.—Honoring the man for whom North Carolina's famous Mount Mitchell is named, the S. S. Elisha Mitchell was launched here Thursday at 9 o'clock.

The vessel, 77th to near completion at the yard of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company, was sponsored by Mrs. James T. Monk, wife of the foreman of the Shipped department. Her attendants were Miss Estelle Monk, of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. E. S. Shipes, of Wilmington.

Elisha Mitchell, an outstanding educator and geologist, was born in Washington, Conn., on August 19, 1793, and died at Black Mountain, N. C., June 27, 1847.

While a professor at the University of North Carolina, he also held the office of state surveyor and in that capacity visited the principal mountains of the state. His observations showed that the highest mountain in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains are those of North Carolina. Black Dome, or Mitchell's High Peak, he found to be the highest of the group. While surveying to ascertain its exact altitude he was overtaken by a storm and fell over a precipice into a pool where he was drowned.

The Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society of the University of North Carolina was established at Chapel Hill in his honor.

Italian Troops Flee As American Forces Move On In Tunisia

Princesses



Visiting the Girl Guide headquarters on the occasion of "Thinking Day," which marks the birthday of the late Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, Princess Elizabeth (left), heiress to the British throne, and her sister, Princess Margaret, prepare a carrier pigeon to carry a message of greeting to Lady Baden-Powell.

LINCOLNTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Below is the sixth month honor roll for the Lincolnton High School:

Eighth Grade—Bandy, Joyce; Baxter, Hugh; Beam, Elizabeth; Byrd, Alvin; Cloer, Evelyn; Conner Betty Jean; Ford, Patsy; Cripp, Jane; Humphries, Helen; Knuckles, Helen; Leatherman, Marguerite; McGinnis, Sue; McLean, Janice; Ramseur, Ed; Robinson, Phyllis; Schrum, Amelia; Sigmon, Joyce.

Ninth Grade—None.

Tenth Grade—Ozell Baker, Lizzie Belle Beaver, Bonnie Devine, Mary Lee Goodson, Faye Houser, Billy Keever, Betty Carol McAllister, Betty McLean, Jane Michum, Anna Morrison, Bobby J. Padgett, Celia Pickens, Peggy Martin Rhodes, Carolyn Roper, Shelly Roper, Janice Seagle, Mary Nell Shidal, Virginia Shuford, James Sigmon, Louise Warlick.

Eleventh Grade—Marie Bynum, Jill Dellinger, Jeanette Fair, Chas. Gabriel, Betty Jean Goodman, Jane Lohr, Velma McGinnis, Betty J. Muller, Dorothy Payseur, Betty Proctor, Faith Rhyme, Lou Rhyme, Inez Thornburg, Betty J. Wise.

Twelfth Grade—Frances Bandy, Katherine Beam, Martha Bradshaw, Mary Lee Byers, Betty Jane Cashion, Ardis Childs, Jean Craig, Betty Hunter Glenn, Ralph Goodman, Joe Henry Hoffman, Mary Houser, Jean Huss, Betty Wood Kizer, Nellie Knuckles, Billy Lander, Winnie Leonard, Mary Dell Lewis, Letha Martin, Alda McAllister, Julia Mel-Lurd, Kitty Miller, Martha Moore, Lorene Payseur, Jean Robinson, Lois Rudisill, Barbara Shrum, Edna Smith, Betty Stamey, Dorothy Stamey, Meldrum Winstead.

W. S. C. Society Meets In Winston-Salem

Annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will be held in Century Church, Winston-Salem, March 30-April 1. Delegates from this section are planning to attend.

Featured on the program will be Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte; Miss Jean Craig, of China, and Dr. Ralph Mellons, of India, Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Winston-Salem, president of the society, will preside.

The conference has 676 societies with 21,024 members and 72 Wesleyan Service Guilds for employed women with 1,724 members. They contributed to the home and world work of the church \$137,985 last year. College scholarships were given seven young women this year to train for Christian service. In 1,145 classes 19,385 persons studied about conditions at home and abroad. A full-time war worker in rural churches is employed for the western part of the state.

Vale Driver Escapes Injury In Accident

Elkin, March 20.—Robert Artice Phillips, 33, of Elkin, Route 1, near Dobson, is being treated in Elkin hospital for a scalp wound, fractured bone of an arm and bruises as the result of a collision Thursday night at 11 o'clock on the Dobson highway three miles east of Elkin, when the car which he was operating collided with a truck headed in the opposite direction, operated by Walter Serence, of Vale. Serence was not injured.

Co-operative Advertising, Solicitations Must Be OK'd By Merchants Association

The Lincolnton Merchants Association, at its meeting last Tuesday night, adopted a ruling barring all co-operative advertising by the members unless approved by a committee from the Association.

It is understood the ruling, which becomes effective at once, applies to newspapers, schools, churches or any out-of-town co-operative advertising. It also applies to solicitations by individuals for needy cases, such as persons losing their homes by fire and so forth. It is pointed out that such cases as these should be referred first to the Red Cross.

The action, the merchants feel, will cover a long felt need and will give them opportunity to disburse their advertising budget in what they believe will be a more advantageous manner. At the same time they stand ready as before to take part in any

U. S. Bombers And Fighter Planes In Complete Com- mand of Air

With U. S. Forces On the Tunisian Front, March 21.—American troops seized Sened in an early morning attack today and advanced elements pushed eastward toward Maknassy, 20 miles farther along the Gafsa-Mahares railway.

Italian troops stationed in the Senea area offered only slight resistance. U. S. infantry, armored units and artillery routed Fascist detachments yesterday from the heights and a strategic pass overlooking Sened in a day-long advance which met with only scattered opposition.

The attack, preceded by a remarkably accurate artillery bombardment of Italian outposts, put the Americans in a commanding position more than halfway along the route from Gafsa to Maknassy—a key point guarding the southern hinge of the north-south mountain range which forms the only good natural barrier against a further advance to the Gulf of Gabes. It was a surprisingly easy gain.

The Italians had two forward observation posts in plain view of American armored forces. The artillery wiped out both, scoring three direct hits on each. Then the infantry swarmed to attack up the slopes of the Djebel Goussa, a rocky height at the western end of the low range of hills guarding Sened.

The remainder of the advance was slowed by elaborate mine fields, but late in the day advanced elements reported they had taken the pass two miles north of the station of Sened. From this and adjoining heights, American guns commanded the whole broad valley in that area, and the Axis was confronted with the necessity either of continuing the retreat eastward or risking a showdown battle from unfavorable positions.

The first enemy mines encountered were in four belts each 150 yards wide. Some of the large German mines which the enemy lacked time to place also were captured. German uniforms were seen in the area yesterday for the first time, and it was believed they were engineers sent to supervise the mine-laying.

The Italians apparently were charged with the task of hampering the American advance.

SAYS 15,000,000 REQUIRED TO WIN

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