

POPULATION (1940 Census)	
Lincoln County	24,187
Lincolnton	4,525
Crouse	221
Iron Station	94
Denver	254

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Berlin Ruined By Giant RAF Raid

Junior Red Cross Breaks Own Record In 1944 Enrollment

PWs Get Mail



Italian prisoners of war "somewhere in America" eagerly wait for their names to be called by the mail distributor. To both soldiers in the field and prisoners of war, mail from home is the next best thing to being there.

ROTARY CLUB HEARS M. L. SIPE

Rotarian M. L. Sipe was in charge of the Rotary program at its luncheon meeting Tuesday and as chairman of the International Service Committee spoke to the members on the fourth object of Rotary, which is, "The Advancement of understanding good will and international peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service." Supplementing this talk Rotarian Luther McGinty spoke briefly on trade relations with other countries and Dr. L. A. Crowell, Jr., on the exchange of students with other countries.

The president, Dan M. Boyd, introduced Rev. Yancey C. Elliott as a new member of Rotary. Visitors were Chas. R. Roberts, Ernest Moore and J. Frank Love, of Shelby; P. J. Johnson, Raleigh; E. H. Moser, Zebulon; Chas. Bryant and W. L. Balthis, Gastonia; Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., L. E. Rudisill and Frank McGoogan, city.

Red Cross Supplies Carried To P. O. W.

The following is a list of articles carried on the American Exchange Ship, Gripsholm which is due to dock in New York on December 2, with Americans exchanged for Japanese and foreign prisoners of war:

Food parcels (13 lbs. each)	140,000
Drugs & medicines (cases)	2,571
Surgical instruments and dressings (cases)	650
First Aid Kits	648
Multivitamins (bottles)	1,830
Toilet and comfort articles (items)	282,254
Soap (pounds)	28,598
Mosquito netting (yds.)	7,000
Blankets	10,220
Bed sheets	5,000
Men's overcoats (for northern camps)	3,770
Men's heavy overalls	9,395
Men's shirts	11,895
Men's trousers (pairs)	2,500
Men's pajamas and underwear (pieces)	33,195
Women's and children's clothing (pieces)	22,065
Socks and stockings (pairs)	29,115
Sweaters	17,220
Shoes (pairs)	29,325
Shoe repair kits (with leather)	215
Sewing kits	32,460
Cotton and woolen material (yards)	15,325

The Gripsholm also carried a cargo of 12,000 cubic feet of Canadian Red Cross relief supplies. Also on board are five American Red Cross nurses and a Red Cross worker, who are helping to take care of the returning civilians. Considerable quantities of warm clothing, magazines, children's games and other supplies were sent out on the Gripsholm in order to care for the needs of the returning civilians.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thanksgiving service will be held in Emmanuel Lutheran church on Thanksgiving morning at 10:00. The choir will render special music. The pastor's topic will be: "Grateful Under a Gracious God."

Organization Very Active In Making Articles For Service Men, Says Miss Nixon

The Junior Red Cross broke its own record in the 1944 enrollment of Lincoln county schools, according to the final report just submitted by Miss Evelyn Nixon, who was in charge of the membership drive. Every school in the county is enrolled, with total collections reaching \$376.27.

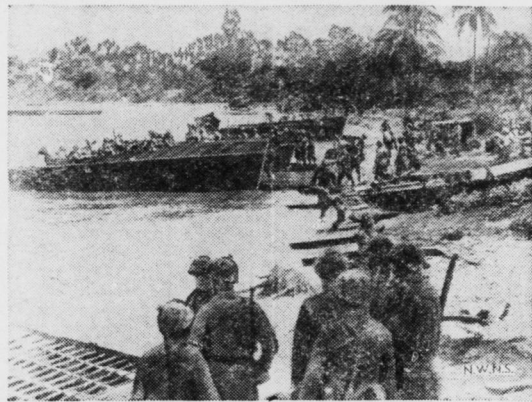
Miss Nixon went on to state that at the present time the Junior Red Cross is a most activated organization. They have just completed 200 Christmas menu cards for the Navy, 100 nut cups for army hospitals and they are busily working on 100 Christmas presents to go to the hospital at Camp Sutton; 100 Kit Bags for army hospitals in this county; 100 New Year's caps for the hospital at Camp Sutton, as well as the production of library cards for another army hospital.

This organization has completed in the last year the following credits:

One hundred per cent enrollment; 100 diddy bags for Fort Jackson; Vietrola and records for Camp Sutton and Morris Field; ash trays for Camp Sutton and Morris Field; 175 games for Camp Sutton and Morris Field; four first aid classes, 20 advanced first aid classes, 27 junior life saving certificates; 52 intermediate certificates; first aid supplies for all schools; scrap books for orthopedic hospital; 25 sweaters for civilian relief; 200 hand-painted menu cards for the navy; 100 hospital bedshirts.

Miss Nixon commends most highly the interest of the school teachers of Lincoln county in their promotion of this worthy and most interesting program. Their leadership in the work of the American Red Cross is to be highly praised. With all the duties imposed upon Lincoln county teachers from wartime activities, their splendid work in Red Cross and its duties and obligations to the Red Cross and their work in the armed forces received not only Miss Nixon's commendation, but the worthy appraisal of Mr. C. Rhyne Little, chairman of the local chapter and its

Marines Win First Round on Bougainville



United States marines battled their way through another part of Japan's defenses by forming a six-mile-long beachhead on Bougainville. This photo shows a part of the landing party. Adm. William F. Halsey Jr., commander of the South Pacific forces, called the landing one of the most difficult of the Solomons campaign.

Story Of Patton's Rage Finally Told

Harry Sherrill Hurt In Automobile Wreck Near Long Island

Harry Sherrill, 29-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sherrill, Sherrill's Ford, Route 3, sustained a compound fracture of both bones of the left forearm in an automobile wreck Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The young man was driving on the highway near Long Island, Catawba county, when his car overturned. He was brought to Davis hospital for treatment and is still in the hospital.

If you are in trouble and seeking someone on whom you can place the blame, take a good look at yourself first.

Under the bright banner of the American Red Cross the Junior organization will continue to serve both the able-bodied and the sick members of our Armed forces. The wholehearted efforts of the schools of Lincoln county, shown by the splendid enrollment of this program, is a patriotic barometer of our people as a whole.

General Apologizes In Person To Army For Striking Shell-Shocked Soldier

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Nov. 23.—Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who led the American Seventh Army through a brilliant conquest of Sicily, at the close of that offensive apologized in person to his army for having struck a shell-shocked soldier in a hospital tent while in a fit of rage while the campaign was in a critical stage.

The incident led to an investigation to determine whether animosity of his men toward Patton was so great as to impair his usefulness as a commander. This investigation apparently convinced Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and the War Department that this was not the case, as Patton retained his command and was promoted in his permanent army rank from brigadier general to major general.

The incident was disclosed officially by Allied headquarters today three and a half months after it occurred. Behind the headquarters announcement is one of the strangest stories ever told.

Tree-Crushing Tanks Being Used Against Japs In New Guinea

Southwest Pacific, Nov. 22.—Gasmata, Japanese air and supply base on New Britain, reeled today under its heaviest bombing of the war, while on New Guinea the enemy gave ground reluctantly under armed pressure of tree-crushing tanks, new in this jungle area.

The tanks are applying the lash on the Japs in all sectors at once.

Opportunities Better Now For Enlistment In Aviation Training

Seventeen-year-old boys of North Carolina who would like to apply for Naval aviation training now have better opportunities than ever before, it was announced today by Lt. Commander Charles B. Neely, officer in charge of navy recruiting for North Carolina.

"New regulations are now in effect," Commander Neely said, "where by a 17-year-old boy may continue school although he is enlisted in the Naval Reserve aviation program, provided he will graduate before June 30, 1944. This opens the doors to hundreds of young men who want to take advantage of a \$27,000 education which the Navy gives them while they're learning to fly."

In addition 17-year-olds who have already graduated from high school are eligible for the V-5 program, and a few 18-year-olds will be taken through the induction channels, if they are qualified.

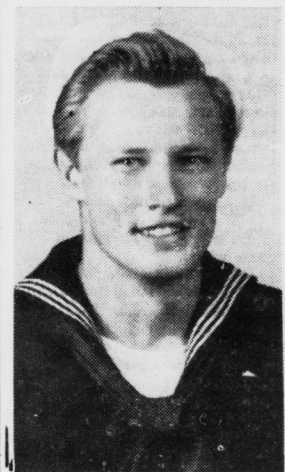
Naval aviation is the most thorough educational system offered by any branch of the armed forces as it teaches a man not only to fly, but also the techniques of navigation and gunnery. Many boys who enlisted in this program through the North Carolina Navy Recruiting service have already won their wings and are proving themselves a credit to the nation in theatres of operation all over the world.

Any 17-year-old boy who is interested in becoming a naval aviator, and who will be graduated before June 30, 1944, should contact the nearest navy recruiting station located in Raleigh, Asheville, Salisbury, Charlotte, Newbern, Wilmington, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Elizabeth City. Complete applications and instructions can be obtained from those substations or they will be forwarded by mail.

We don't know how he did it but John L. Lewis seems to have bypassed the Smith-Connally Act.

City Lies Shattered And Smoking From Mighty Air Attack

Finds Former School Mate In Fox Hole During Jap Raid



Seaman Paul Shuford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Shuford, of this city, who is serving his country with the U. S. Navy somewhere in the South Pacific war area, relates in a letter to his mother how he found a former schoolmate in a fox hole during a Jap raid. He writes that the Japs came over and he dived for a fox hole, but found that it was already occupied, but he crawled in anyway, and after the raid was over he asked his companion what his name was, and upon revealing his name Paul asked where he was from and the sailor said South Carolina. It was not long until they were in full conversation, as the two boys had been schoolmates and had occupied rooms next to each other for one full year at Clemson College. He states they were both happy to see each other again, even if it did take a Jap raid to bring them together.

Neither had known before of the other's presence in the Pacific area.

Mother Of 5 Sons In War Service Dies

Newton, Nov. 22.—Mrs. Julia Putnam, 55, mother of five sons who are in the country's armed forces, died at her home near Conover Wednesday night after a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Putnam, wife of T. N. Putnam, was recently honored at a Hickory bond rally because of her family's participation in the war. She was a native of Cleveland county.

Germans Recapture Samos And Hold Whip Hand Over Turkey

London, Nov. 22.—A German broadcast said it is just announced in Berlin the island of Samos capitulated to the Germans this morning.

New 1944 License Plates Go On Sale Here December 1st

State automobile license plates will be on sale, beginning December 1, at the Western Auto Associate Store on East Main street.

Owing to the scarcity of steel, from which tags are made, the State will issue only one plate for the coming year. This plate will be of standard size and will have a black background with yellow numbers. The law requires that this plate be attached to the rear of the vehicle for which it is purchased.

Something else that should be of special interest to motorists, is the fact that they have thirty-one days of grace this year in which to purchase and display their 1944 tags, the last legislature having passed a law making the 1943 plates valid until midnight, January 31, 1944.

No change has been made in the fees to be charged for auto plates, the old rate of 35¢ per cwt. still being in effect, and continuing in effect until such time as the State Legislature should raise or lower the present rate.

Automobile and truck owners who expect to operate their vehicles during the coming year are urged by

Swedish Correspondent Says Capital Can Never Recover From Devastating Blow

London, Nov. 23.—Berlin, the heart of the German war effort, tonight lay sprawled smashed, smoking and trembling after the greatest aerial blow ever struck in warfare—a 1,000 bomber RAF raid last night during which more than 2,300 long tons of high explosives and incendiaries were hurled down on the Nazi capital from its center to the suburbs.

The Allies did last night what the Germans once dreamed of doing to London, but on five times the scale the Germans ever attained.

The record raid on the Nazi capital, which German leaders once boasted never would feel the terror of Allied bombs, was made despite bad weather, and huge black night bombers of the RAF flying through thick clouds not only smashed the industrial suburbs but hit government buildings in the great city with their record weight of explosives. The previous record weight of just 2,300 long tons poured down on Hamburg last August 23.

Reports tonight from Stockholm said a heavy pall of smoke hung over the stricken Nazi capital all day, and tonight parts of the city still were in flames with fire fighters and other raid workers already weary from coping with a heavy attack four

London, Nov. 23.—Adolf Hitler's private residence adjoining the Reichs-chancellery was destroyed by fire during last night's RAF raid on Berlin, a Reuter's Stockholm dispatch said tonight.

nights before, still toiling desperately.

And tonight, as the terror-stricken populace of Berlin attempted to check the devastation of last night's raid, continental radios suddenly closed down hinting that the world's fourth largest city was again being pounded by the Allies.

As was the case last night, communications between Stockholm and Berlin were cut, suggesting that the Nazi capital again was the target.

U. S. Marauder medium bombers kept up the attack on the Nazi-controlled continent during the day, bombing Cherbourg in northern France and German air fields.

Berlin is the heart of Germany's war effort because it is the center of the government and one of the country's major industrial areas, especially for electrical equipment, and it is the nation's key transportation center.

Key Building Ruined
First reports from Berlin through (Continued on back page)

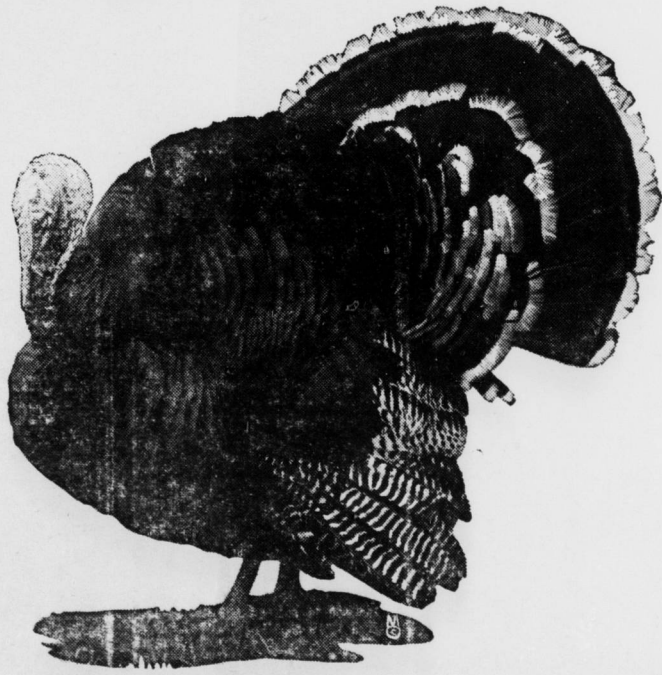
It is next to the last Aegean island held by the Allies.

Castellorosso, easternmost of Dodecanese, is still believed in Allied hands.

Samos, just north of the Dodecanese and near the Turkish coast, has been under German attack since Saturday, at least, according to Ankara broadcasts.

Thanksgiving

It's up to every one of us to maintain the Tradition of this Holiday . . . the kind of tradition which we're now fighting to preserve for all time.



WITH NEW AUTOS SO HARD TO GET SOME OF THESE BIG SNOOTY CARS ARE GONNA WIND UP BEIN' ALL PAID FOR.....