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Methodist Revival Services To Begin Sunday, June 4th

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REV. PAUL HARDIN, JR.

Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., of Shelby Will Be The Guest Preacher.

Rev. Paul Hardin, Jr., pastor of Central Methodist Church, Shelby, will be the guest preacher at the revival services of the First Methodist Church to be held the week of June 4. Mr. Hardin will preach at the morning and evening services on Sunday, June 4, and each evening during the week at 8 p. m. There will be special musical numbers at each of the services and the congregational singing will be led by Mrs. C. C. Herbert, Jr.

Mr. Hardin is recognized as one of the most eloquent and gifted preachers in North Carolina Methodism. He is greatly in demand as a preacher in special services, having held many revivals in various cities of the South, including Richmond and Miami.

In speaking of Mr. Hardin's coming, Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor for the First Methodist Church, said: "I feel that we are very fortunate to secure Paul Hardin as our guest speaker. The phenomenal success of his ministry at Central Church in Shelby since he came there last fall is an indication of his spiritual power. Immense congregations pack that church each Sunday to hear his stirring sermons. The attendance at his Wednesday evening prayer meetings is regularly between 150 and 200. It has been my privilege to know Brother Hardin for a number of years, and I am confident that all who hear him will be charmed by his superbly effective preaching and blessed by the deeply spiritual content of his messages. I trust that everyone in the community will take advantage of this opportunity to hear him."

There will be services for young people each week-day evening, Monday through Friday, at 6:30 p. m. The circles of the Woman's Society will serve light supper, and Mr. Hardin will speak to the young people present.

Next week there will be a series of prayer services in preparation for the revival. These will include neighborhood cottage prayer meetings in addition to a general meeting for all on Wednesday evening. Detailed announcements as to these meetings will be made later.

Prior to his coming to Central Methodist Church, Shelby, Mr. Hardin was pastor for four years at the First Methodist Church in Asheville. He is a native of Chester, S. C. A graduate of Wofford College, he received his theological training at Emory University. Among the churches he has served in the Western North Carolina Conference are Matthews; Forest Hill, Concord; Waynesville and Wadesboro. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Brevard College, is on the board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference, and serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the W. N. C. Conference Brotherhood. He is a member of the Shelby Rotary Club.

Intense anti-aircraft fire met some of the swarms of fighters ranging more than 600 miles from their bases in Britain, but aerial opposition generally was light.

Every military target encountered was drenched with 50 calibre bullets as the Eighth Air Force roared over Germany and the Ninth turned its fire power on Northern France.

A force of 250 Fortresses and Liberators added to the fury of the pre-invasion attacks which roared into their third successive day, dropping 750 tons of bombs on the German coastal rampart of Pas de Calais and returning with their escort without loss.

A U. S. Strategic Air forces communiqué said strong forces of Thunderbolts, Lightnings, Mustangs and Thunderbolt fighter bombers of the Eighth Air force were thrown into the attacks on Germany. Targets, beside a locomotive, "included airfield hangars and buildings, trucks, trains, factories, flak towers, canal locks and barges," the bulletin said.

The loss of fighters was three less than the record number of fighters lost in one day—30 which failed to come back from a similar series of sweeps through Germany and occupied countries April 15.

Enemy air opposition was reported weak as the fighters roared far over the Reich, sometimes at hedge height.

Lt. Col. Warren S. Wilkinson, who was recently assigned to overseas duty, is now in India, according to word received by his sister, Mrs. Ted Eurey. Another brother, Capt. William H. Wilkinson, is in Italy.

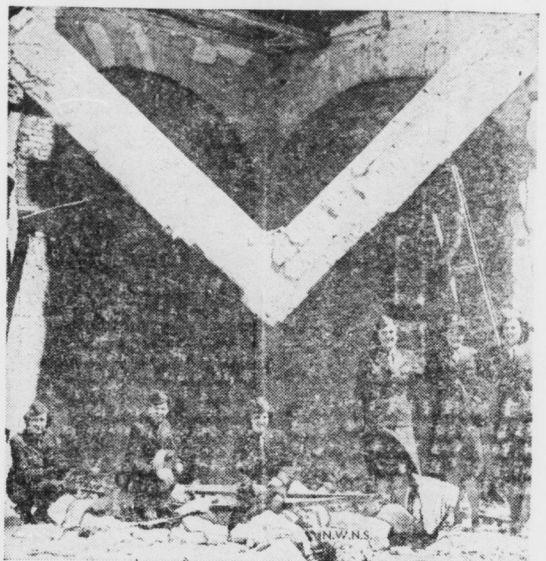
Leonard Gordon Avery, who recently finished his training at Great Lakes, Ill., is spending a nine day leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Avery, of W. Main street.

Mrs. M. L. Hoyle has returned from Shelby, where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Carl Ray Webb.

Brig. Gen. T. H. Landen of Los Angeles, commander of the Seventh Army Air Force bomber command, does his washing in a homemade windmill washing machine, at an advanced base somewhere in the South Pacific.

General Wash Day

U. S. Bombs Carve Victory Sign in Italy



This prophetic "V"-for-Victory was formed by a dislodged piece of masonry knocked down by American bombs while this Italian city was still in Nazi hands. Air WACs of the U. S. Army 12th Air Force pose proudly before the Victory-V.

20,174 Enemy Planes Destroyed By R.A.F.

Measured for Beauty



Here Norma Brandt is being measured for the Kellidoro beauty contest held in Las Vegas, Nev. Maxwell Kelch, president of the Las Vegas chamber of commerce, is doing the honors.

MAY LIFT LID ON ALL STOVES

WPB Is Studying A Proposal To Remove Restrictions On Manufacturing.

Washington, May 18.—The War Production Board is studying a proposal to remove stoves from rationing, and a spokesman said tonight a decision may be expected next week.

Chairman Donald M. Nelson ordered the inquiry at the request of Representative Calvin Johnson, Republican of Illinois, who urged that coal, wood, and gas cooking and heating stoves be freed and that manufacturers be allowed to increase production. WPB has included oil stoves in its investigation. Electric ranges are not rationed, but are sold only to those holding priority ratings.

Miss Sarah Yoder left last night for a visit to relatives in Washington and New York.

Remains Of Will Rogers To Rest At Birthplace

Claremore, Okla., May 19.—On a hill overlooking the Verdigris valley, where Will Rogers hoped someday to settle down among the homespun folks he liked the best, his body will be brought to its final resting place.

Last remains of the famous Oklahoman, taken from the Glendale, Calif., cemetery, will be interred in a stone crypt beside the Will Rogers Memorial museum here.

The time of the body's arrival is being kept secret to avoid curious crowds. A brief private ceremony will be conducted beside the crypt with attendance limited.

Arrangements to move the body from Glendale, where it has rested since 1935, the year Rogers and Wiley Post were killed in a plane crash in Alaska, were made by the Will Rogers Memorial Commission, headed by Tulsa World Editor, N. G. Henthorne.

Lew Wentz, Ponca City oil man, and Ewing Halsell, Vinitia cattleman

Our Loss Only 6,154: Nazis And Japan Yet To Feel Peak Of Power.

Washington, May 18.—Reporting the destruction of 20,174 enemy planes by the Army Air Forces against a loss of 6,154 in two and a half years of war, Gen. H. H. Arnold today declared the sustained bomber offensive over Europe has not yet reached its peak.

German fighter defense forces encountered by Allied bombers have dwindled by nearly 50 per cent, the Air forces commander said, whereas "we can maintain our peak strength in planes, in men, and in supplies." Arnold said he did not know, and did not believe anybody else knew, whether Germany could be knocked out of the war by bombing alone.

"However," he added, "we hope to get a pretty good idea of what can be expected in future air operations."

Despite the intensity of the battle in Europe, Arnold said Air forces in operations in the Pacific have been increased, although he added that strategic bombing so far "doesn't fit the Pacific theater" because of the necessity of long overwater flights.

Army Air forces operating in the Pacific and Asiatic theaters sank 320,489 tons of Japanese shipping during the first four months of this year, he reported.

The biggest single month was January, when 159,704 tons were sent down.

A box score presented by the General at a press conference disclosed that from December 7, 1941, through May 15, 1944, the Air forces in aerial combat had destroyed 16,510 enemy planes, probably destroyed 4,650 and damaged 5,546, and in addition had destroyed 3,664, probably destroyed 347 and damaged 1,432 on the ground. Losses for this period were 5,718 combat planes in the air, 236 combat planes on the ground, and approximately 200 noncombat aircraft lost to enemy action on the ground or in the air.

Bombers of the Air forces dropped 468,391 tons of bombs during the period—but Arnold said that "mere tonnage dropped doesn't mean anything."

Editorial—TANKS OF SUNSHINE.

Sometimes we wonder if automobiles run on sunshine. For it is apparent, on every bright sunny day, that even the "A" card holders, who always seemed to be running out of gas in the colder months, find some way to get out on the road.

If it wasn't for that insatiable appetite for driving in nice weather, it seems quite possible that the government might relax gas rationing somewhat this summer. But, realizing the itch to drive which bests most of us during the warm months, they are probably afraid that if we are given an inch we would take a mile.

We heard of one man who, having no gas, backs his car out into his driveway every nice Sunday afternoon and just sits there. When Americans are that fond of automobiles it is apparent that gasoline rationing cannot be lifted entirely until the supply is practically unlimited.

NEXT WINTER'S FUEL OIL CARDS WILL BE ISSUED

If Consumers Fill Their Tanks Now, Dealers Can Stock Up On Reserves.

Within a few weeks the mailing of next season's fuel oil rationing recapitulation forms to consumers will begin in the Charlotte district of the Office of Price Administration, a district spokesman has announced. Prompt return of applications, executed, is expected to facilitate issuance of the coupons. Present plans call for boards in North Carolina and all other 32 states under fuel oil rationing to start issuance of coupons about July 1, thus enabling deliveries of fuel oil for next season during the summer.

It is important for several reasons that householders fill their tanks in July, The Times was informed.

"First, oil dealers will be in a better position to serve the consumer throughout the heating year if they can make their first deliveries early. Early deliveries will help them solve their pressing man-power and trucking equipment problems by spreading out deliveries more evenly.

"Second, by filling up consumers' tanks early, dealers will be able to refill their own tanks and thereby add appreciably to the total storage capacity of the rationed area for use later in the winter.

"Third, in order to secure prompt action on the part of the busy local boards, it is imperative consumers file their applications with as little delay as possible."

This year's form was said to contain "only six simple questions which can be filled out in a few minutes and sent back by return mail to the local board from which it was mailed."

Only the first three of the six questions need be answered by persons receiving rations for premises other than private dwellings.

The renewal application is to be answered only by householders whose oil ration last year was for the same address as this year. Other consumers will be given an opportunity later to fill out a special application.

Back From Kremlin



The Rev. Stanislaus Orlemanski, New England Polish priest, whose visit to Stalin in Moscow aroused much discussion, is pictured upon his return to this country. He reported that Premier Joseph Stalin is "friendly" towards the Roman Catholic church.

Morale Of Allies In Italy Now Soaring As New Men Arrive

Downs 27 Nazi Planes



Capt. Robert S. Johnson of Lawton, Okla., in the cockpit of his P-51 Mustang, after having shot down his 25th Nazi plane. He has now shot down his 27th Nazi plane.

Optimism And Fury Displayed By Troops Pursuing Fleeing Germans.

With the Fifth Army in Italy May 20.—The temper of the Allied tide which has rolled over the Gustav line and eaten into sections of the Adolf Hitler defenses today is one of optimistic fury and victory.

Whether it soon materializes into actual sweeping triumph in the entire Italian campaign remains to be seen. Rome is still many miles away and the hills which lie ahead are no less high and rocky than those which lie behind.

But not since the first bloody crossing of the Volturno river last October has the morale of the Allied fighting men been as high as it is today. Before that he hurled the first big obstacle at Salerno and swept into Naples ahead of schedule. After that he began to bog down in mud, mines and mountains.

During the slow inching progress of a miserable winter's campaign the soldiers' morale skidded steadily downward. Then, when hurled again in futile, costly assaults on the Gustav line, the spirit of even the most dogged doughboy and the toughest tommy sagged to its lowest ebb since the Kasserin pass.

Morale Now Soaring. And now, the surging progress of the new offensive threatens to blow the top out of the Allied morale thermometer.

When Allied soldiers finally stormed Mignano, San Pietro and San Vittore during the winter they dug grimly in and regrouped under a fearful shell attacking before moving on. Understandable pessimism bred by heavy losses stayed their punch. But yesterday at Cassino I had to keep carefully out of the way or I would have been run over by men and machines racing forward beyond the town to continue the onslaught.

That was in the British sector, but today I found the same spirit pitched in high key throughout the American area. Vicious forward slashing of fighting Frenchmen speak volumes for their battle eagerness.

This is due to a normal shot in the arm which accompanies any offensive. But the men did not have this furious drive when they splashed ashore at Anzio beachhead four months ago. It is partially due to the taste of triumph at the outset of the offensive. But there have been other and bigger victories in this campaign which were not followed by such optimistic feeling.

Rested Troops. It probably is mostly due to the fact that new or rested men are bearing the brunt of the battle.

Whether they are right or wrong in that belief is something the Germans would like to know. But it is contagious. You see it in the snappy, confident step of soldiers striding toward the combat line. You hear it in the noisy jubilant shouts and honking horns, as long, endless lines of trucks cur forward on all sections of the front, carrying food, ammunition and supplies swiftly to the fighting men.

And if you've spent a long winter watching soldiers huddle hopelessly in the cold rain and stumble dispiritedly through the mud, their eyes listless and their prematurely old faces forlorn under blackened beards, this transformation seems a terrific, wonderful thing.

And despite miles of mountains ahead, you find yourself becoming convinced that this time they are going to be mighty hard to halt.

Eddie Seagle, M. 3/c, of Bainbridge, Md., is spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Seagle.

Mrs. W. H. Young, of Lawndale, was a visitor in Lincolnton today.

Large Crowd Present At Memorial Service For Lieut. McGinnis

The Roger City Baptist church was well filled yesterday afternoon for the memorial service held for Lt. Broadus McGinnis, who was killed in action in the South Pacific on March 11. Members of the David Milo Wright Post, American Legion, attended in a body.

Rev. H. B. Jones, pastor of the church, was in charge of the service. Scripture lessons were read by Rev. H. E. Stinson and Rev. Bruce Littleton, and prayer was offered by Rev. Robert L. Holt. Rev. A. B. McClure delivered the memorial address.

Col. W. A. Fair presented the flag to Mrs. A. C. McGinnis, mother of the fallen hero.

Appropriate music was rendered by the church choir.

Rev. L. A. Carpenter Accepts Conover Call

Conover, May 19.—Trinity Evangelical Reformed church, at Conover, has extended a call to Rev. Lonnie A. Carpenter, of Rockwell, N. C., pastor there of Faith Evangelical and Reformed church, and he has accepted and is expected to arrive in Conover with his wife and young daughter, to assume pastorate of the Catawba charge, the first Sunday in June.

He is president of the Catawba College Alumni Association. He was graduated from the Eastern Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., in 1938. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Carpenter, of Lenoir. He takes over the pastorate made vacant by a division of the Catawba charge with Rev. A. Wilson Cheek, pastor, who accepted fulltime pastorate of Faith Evangelical and Reformed church at Brookford and who is now located in Hickory.

Mrs. T. M. Houser and daughter, Mrs. James R. McCauley, of Birmingham, Ala., are visiting Mrs. Houser's father, Edgar James, and sister, Miss Eva James.

Broughton Expecting More War Prisoners

Raleigh, May 20.—Governor Broughton said today indications were that North Carolina would receive an additional number of prisoners of war for essential agricultural work and that facilities for handling these prisoners were now being arranged.

The Governor had returned today from conferences in Atlanta with army officials, North Carolina War Man Power Director J. S. Dorton, and Dean I. O. Schaub, of the State Extension Service relative to obtaining a larger number and better distribution of prisoners of war for agricultural and other work in the state.

DUCE ORDERS NEW FLAG FOR ITALY

London, May 21.—The Vichy radio said today that Benito Mussolini had decreed a new flag for Italy.

The broadcast said that the deposed Duce had ordered the arms of the House of Savoy replaced by a black eagle with open wings, perched on a bundle, against a background of green, white and red vertical stripes.

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