

## Pfc. Jacob E. Ingle Is Killed In France

Will Preach First Sermon Here Sunday



REV. HENRY C. ROGERS.

### NEW PASTOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Will Arrive In Lincolnton Today And Assume His Duties.

Rev. Henry C. Rogers, of Nashville, Tenn., who has accepted a call to the First Baptist church here, will arrive in Lincolnton today and assume his duties. He will fill the pulpit at both the morning and evening worship services next Sunday.

The new pastor is widely recognized as one of the leading ministers in the Southern Baptist Convention. He has been serving as intermediate worker of Baptist Training Union of the Southern Baptist Convention for several years.

Mr. Rogers is a native of Georgia, and attended Howard College of Alabama. He has been studying at Yale University during the past months.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers will make their home in the Baptist parsonage on North Cedar street.

### Hull Says Nazis Seek Peace On Easy Terms

Washington, Aug. 30.—Secretary of State Hull said today that Germany now is evidently desirous of a negotiated peace, but that the Allied position for unconditional surrender is too well known to require reiteration.

Hull also declared that the American government has constantly in mind that Adolf Hitler and some of his henchmen may try to escape from Germany to neutral countries. The government, he said, is working on that problem.

Military men have expressed apprehension that Hitler might find sanctuary in Argentina or Spain. Hull recalled to his news conference that President Roosevelt appealed to the neutrals a year ago not to furnish refuge to any Nazi leader and that the British made similar overtures.

Gen. Dittmar Sees Defeat. The question of a negotiated peace arose when newsmen asked Hull to comment on a broadcast by the German central staff spokesman, Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, that hope of victory was past, and that the German armies must fight on now for the best possible peace terms.

Buy another War Bond today.

## N. C. To Be Saluted On U. S. Treasury Radio Program

Whiteville, N. C., Aug. 28.—The U. S. Treasury's radio program, "Youth on Parade," broadcast on a coast-to-coast hook-up of the Columbia Broadcasting System, will salute North Carolina Saturday morning, September 2, at 10:30 a. m. Eastern War Time when Phillip Weaver, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Weaver, of Whiteville, N. C., will be awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Treasury Department, according to an announcement made today by Allison James, executive manager of the North Carolina War Finance Committee. The certificate will be awarded in appreciation for the presentation of a Cocker Spaniel puppy, Phillip's bosom companion, to be sold at auction during a war bond school held in the Whiteville high school auditorium last January for which \$50,000 was high bid.

Phillip and his mother expect to leave here Wednesday for Boston, Mass., where the program will originate. Phillip will appear in person on the program. The situation created an intense human interest story which Editor Jas. Rogers, of Whiteville News Reporter, was quick to put into words for his

Killed August 1; Had Been Reported Missing By The War Department.

Pfc. Jacob Edward Ingle, 25, of Vale, Route 1, recently listed as missing, is now reported killed in action on August 1, in France, according to a message from the War Department received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ingle.

Pfc. Ingle, a graduate of the Blackburn High school, with the class of 1939, was inducted in the Army August 10, 1941. He received his boot training at Camp Croft, S. C., then served 18 months in the Panama Canal. He was returned to the States and given a year's training at Camp Carson, Colo., and Camp Roberts, Calif. The latter part of June, 1944, he sailed from Fort George G. Meade, Md., for England. On July 20 he went to France.

Ten days later Pfc. Ingle would have celebrated his third year in the service of his country.

Pfc. Ingle is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ingle, of Vale, Route 1; four sisters, Mrs. Hattie Smith, Mrs. Mary Mathus, of the Vale community; Mrs. Margaret Kirby and Wilhelm, of the home; two brothers, David, of South Carolina; and Ruffin (Bud) of the U. S. Navy; also his grandmother, who makes her home with his parents; his fiancée, Miss Lois Laney, of Lincolnton, Route 3; and a host of relatives and friends.

## JAMES D. SCHRUM CALLED BY DEATH

Died in Presbyterian Hospital In Charlotte Last Sunday After Long Illness.

James David Schrum, ten-month-old son of James H. Schrum, CM 3/c, and Mrs. Schrum, died in the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte last Sunday after an illness of seven weeks. He was born October 29, 1943.

The baby's father, who is stationed in California, was given an emergency leave and was here when his son died. In addition to his parents, survivors are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Goodson, of Denver, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar S. Schrum, of Lincolnton.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the First Methodist church at Denver, the pastor, Rev. John Green, being assisted by Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., of this city. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Gorman Huss and Harry Mullen. Honorary pallbearers were Pat Goodson and Datha Dalton. The flowers, which were carried by aunts, cousins and friends, were in charge of Miss Lucille Goodson.

## Lincolnton Girls To Be Presented In Recital

The Lincolnton Music Club will present Miss Mary Lillian Jones, soprano, and Miss Margaret Anna Winstead, pianist, in recital Thursday evening, September 7, at 8:15 o'clock, in the high school auditorium.

Miss Jones was graduated in voice this spring from Greensboro College. She was the pupil of Walter Vassar.

Miss Winstead was graduated in piano this spring from Salem College. She was the pupil of Dr. Charles G. Vardell.

Miss Louise Wetmore will be accompanist for Miss Jones. The public is cordially invited.

## Donald M. Nelson's Eclipse In WPB Seen By Capitol Writers

Washington, Aug. 28.—It is considered doubtful here that Donald M. Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board, on leave for a mission to China, will resume his former status when he returns.

In the resignation of Charles E. Wilson, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Board, who returns to the General Electric Company, and the departure of Mr. Nelson, the major difficulty of Mr. Nelson, the major difficulty President Roosevelt has faced since he came to office is again disclosed; his difficulty in handling personalities, and his unwillingness to fire anybody even when their views are at sword-points with those of others in the same organization.

## British Soldiers Turn Farmers



Harvesting is going on in full swing in Normandy in spite of the war and a good harvest is expected. British soldiers, off duty, are helping French farmers with the harvesting in the midst of all kinds of machines of war. Above is a general view of the reapers at work.

## Freezer-Locker For Lincoln County Now Practically Assured

Program Being Sponsored Jointly By Rotary And Kiwanis Clubs.

A modern cold storage and food processing plant is in the offing for Lincoln county, if plans now being made by a joint Kiwanis-Rotary committee, and other interested parties, materialize.

For the past two or more years, there has been talk in the community for such a plant, but apparently the present movement has gained more momentum than any in the past.

Present plans call for a combination food locker storage plant plus facilities for processing and curing and freezing meats. Provision is planned for future expansion of the plant, should the business demand it, into storage facilities for fruits, vegetables and possibly commercial articles.

The matter was discussed at the August 14 meeting of the Kiwanis Club, and Dr. S. H. Steelman, W. E. Garrison and J. A. Polhill appointed as a committee to serve with like committees from other organizations to determine the community interest and investigate its feasibility.

On August 21 the Rotary Club appointed Dr. L. A. Crowell, Jr., Herbert Miller and Dewey Hoyle on a similar committee. The two committees got together during the past week and elected Dr. L. A. Crowell, Jr., temporary chairman. Plans are now being laid to contact as many farmers as possible in the county and try to ascertain the interest in and demand for such a plant.

The wartime conditions make it necessary to obtain priorities for building material and machinery for such plants, but the government favors the building of such plants where sufficient community interest is shown.

It has been estimated that a 300-ton locker plant would fit Lincoln county's needs, and the Department of Agriculture requires that 60 per cent of that number, or 180, must be subscribed for beforehand by food producers before application for priorities may be made. A "food producer" is defined as a person whose principal income comes from production of food.

There is abundant proof that fresh food frozen immediately and kept below freezing (usually at about zero) maintains its freshness, its food value and vitamin content for a long period of time, months or years. Such a plant will make available for our community the means of preserving and thus preventing waste of perishable foods. The food value of frozen foods is far superior to that of foods preserved by

the usual methods of canning.

The preservation of egg, apples, peaches, sweet potatoes and various perishable vegetables and fruits, as well as of meats, can be done in such a plant better than by any other means.

Present plans call for a mass meeting in the Lincoln county court room at 7:30 p. m. on September 13, for all persons in the county interested in such a plant for our county. Speakers will be there to explain various details concerning its construction and operation. All persons in the county who are interested in using the facilities of a cold storage plant or of helping to finance it are urged to be present.

## Rev. Beck Called To Bedside Of Mother

Rev. Walter C. Beck was called to Hazelton, Pa., yesterday because of the critical illness of his mother, Mrs. J. J. Beck.

Because of his absence there will be no preaching service in the Reformed church Sunday. The service which Mr. Beck was to conduct at Daniels Reformed church Sunday morning has also been cancelled.

## George Daniels, Lincolnton Negro, Is Killed In Navy

George Daniels, seaman 3/c, U. S. N., 22, has been killed in the South Pacific, the Navy Department informed his mother, Margaret Johnson, of Lincolnton.

In civilian life Seaman Daniels was employed as a cook. He was a graduate of Oaklawn High school of this city, a very studious young man, and one of the high school's outstanding athletes, excelling in all sports.

Seaman Daniels, (Ditty Bo) to most of his friends, was one of Lincolnton's finest young colored men, and was highly respected by old and young, white and colored. Prior to entering the service, Seaman Daniels had been an active member of Troop Ten Boy Scouts of America. He was also a member of A. M. E. Zion church.

Seaman Daniels is survived by his mother, stepfather, Sid Johnson; three sisters, Bettie Brooks, Ida Mae Johnson and Julia Helms Johnson; four brothers, Robert Johnson, Shelly Johnson, Sid Junior Johnson, Lionel Johnson; grandmother, Bessie Courtney.

## OPENING OF SCHOOLS OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Regular School Work To Begin Monday Morning September 18.

Joe R. Nixon, Superintendent, has issued the following notice regarding the opening Lincoln County schools:

School pupils are to enter school and begin their school work Monday, Sept. 18, in following schools: Crouse, Love Memorial, Laboratory, Long Shoals, Asbury, Iron Station and Hickory Grove.

School pupils are to enter and begin their school work Wednesday, September 20, in the following schools: North Brook No. 1, North Brook No. 2, North Brook No. 3, Union, Howard's Creek, Rock Springs, Triangle and Machelah.

Oak Grove Pupils: The elementary and high school pupils of this district will be transported to the Union school. The bus for these pupils will start Wednesday, September 20, the opening date of Union school. This will give two extra days this year for cotton picking, and in normal years will give the children of the district a divided term to help their parents in harvesting crops.

In all schools the teachers and principals will have a two days' conference prior to the opening of school.

All schools which have had divided terms will have half-day sessions until the cotton is picked.

## TWO MEN DIE AS PLANE CRASHES AT HICKORY AIRPORT

Crack-Up Fatal to H. B. Geer And John Bruce, Both Of Rutherford County.

Hickory's first fatal airplane accident occurred at 6:35 a. m. Tuesday when an Aerona Chief ship, occupied by H. B. Geer, 32, and John Bruce, 38, civilian pilots from Rutherford county, crashed at the southeastern end of the Hickory Municipal airport.

Bruce was almost instantly killed and Geer who was at the controls of the plane when it took off, died in a Hickory hospital at 9:12 p. m.

Physicians at the hospital said Bruce died of a fractured cervical vertebrae and Geer from the shock of a brain concussion, a severe fracture of the skull, and fracture of both bones of both legs.

Both Thrown Clear. Both men were thrown from the plane when it crashed into the grass of the field, approximately 250 feet off the southeast runway. One was hurled out a door of the plane and the other through the bottom of the single-motor craft. The entire nose of the plane was demolished and the right wing was twisted into a cork-screw.

Observers said the engine began to miss when Geer and Bruce got about 20 feet off the ground. They continued to rise, however, until the plane was about one hundred feet beyond the edge of the southeast runway, and about 150 feet in the air, it is said, then tried to turn back. As they did so, the ship is reported to have gone into a quarter of a turn of a right spin, and crashed onto its nose and right wing.

Ambulances Summoned. Two ambulances were hastily summoned to the scene but Bruce was beyond all medical aid and Geer was soon to be critically hurt.

Geer and Bruce had flown to Hickory to pay for work done on a cub plane owned by the Avondale Flying Club, of which they were members. The Aerona Chief they flew was also owned by the club.

First Serious Accident. Previously not even a serious air accident had occurred in this city, although approximately 1,000 Army and Navy cadets and hundreds of civilian pilots have been trained here.

Officials of the local port stated today that Geer and Bruce had three chances of getting back onto the field safely, despite the mechanical fault in the motor of their craft.

Probe Being Made. Fred Powell, of the Civil Aeronautics Authority came to Hickory from Atlanta early this afternoon for an investigation of the crash.

Geer, it is understood, had cracked up a cub plane in Rutherford county about a month ago.

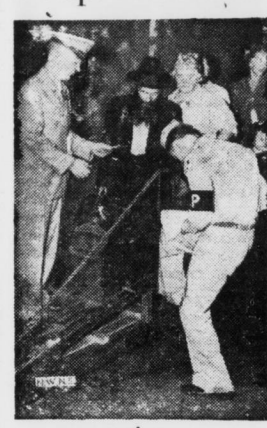
## Strange Case of Mumps Hit Charlotte Soldier

An Air Transport Command Base in Great Britain.—One of the medics at this British base of the American Air Transport Command looked up at Franklyn "Zeke" Hager, Charlotte, N. C., observed a large lump on his jaw, and told him to fall out and be examined for mumps. Half an hour later when the doc went to examine him the lump was gone. "Twuz just chawin' terbacky," explained Zeke in his best Carolina manner.

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## Russians Capture Great Ploesti Oil Fields In Romania

### Escape From Nazis



An immigration officer checks the tags of some of the 1,000 refugees from Italy who have just arrived at Hoboken, N. J. They will be housed and cared for at Fort Ontario, near Oswego, N. Y.

### Rich Petroleum Area Falls To Stalin's Hosts In Lightning Drive Through Romania; Hitler Now Dependent On Synthetic Supplies.

London, Aug. 30.—The Red Army captured the city of Ploesti and all its rich surrounding petroleum fields today and raced on less than 17 miles from Bucharest in the lightning campaign to annihilate the Germans in Romania.

Fall of Ploesti, long the greatest single source of oil for the German armies, was hailed as the most significant day's victory of the entire invasion of Romania.

More than 200 other towns were taken around Ploesti and northeast of Bucharest, where the Romanians have announced they already have freed their capital of the Germans since shifting from the Axis to the Allied side a week ago. The nearest announced Soviet approach to Bucharest was with the capture of Meriuta, 17 miles northeast.

Eastward, in clearing out the big wedge of land between the Danube and the Black Sea, the Russians announced capture of another 100 towns.

But it was the drive through Ploesti on Bucharest that brought the day's most spectacular success and netted another big bag of German prisoners—15,000 taken Tuesday including Lt. Gen. Weitzer and two other divisional commanders, the Soviet midnight communique disclosed.

Premier Stalin announced the Ploesti triumph in a special order of the day addressed to Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky, whose second Ukrainian Army only Tuesday captured Buzau, 42 miles by road northeast of Ploesti, and without pause fanned out over the whole oil field area in a day's time. The advance put these troops in good position to cut off any German escape westward across southern Romania from Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army.

Uncertain. Current production of Ploesti oil is uncertain. Allied headquarters figures in London showed that the refineries there used to produce 10,000,000 tons of petroleum annually.

The refineries have been repeated targets of American bombers, with an intensive campaign since May which undoubtedly has reduced production. The wells, however, were deliberately avoided.

Despite mining of the Danube and blasting of other transport routes to Germany, the Ploesti oil wells had been Germany's one source of natural oil in any volume.

The Nazi loss was hailed in Moscow by a salute of 20 salves from 224 cannon.

## County's First Sale Of Cotton Reported

The first bale of cotton from the 1944 crop reported in the county was grown by A. M. Kiser and ginned yesterday by J. D. McLurd and Son, of Crouse.

The cotton was sold to Lincolnton Bros. for 25 cents per pound.

The National W. C. T. U. has issued a call to prayer for September 3. The local union will observe it Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Heim Hoover. Friends of the cause are invited.

## Fear Hitler And Henchmen May Fly To Neutral Country To Seek Refuge From Allies

Washington, Aug. 29.—Military leaders here are becoming increasingly apprehensive over the possibility that Adolf Hitler and some of his henchmen may fly from their battered inner fortress in the next few weeks and seek refuge in a neutral country.

Concern has become such that a new appeal may be issued to the neutrals not to give sanctuary to the men who led the world into war and now appear bent upon a final drama of unparalleled bloodlust in Europe.

Such an appeal would be directed particularly to Spain and Argentina, because of their past or present links with the Nazi government of Germany and the strong suspicions current in diplomatic and treasury circles here that German leaders have stored funds in both countries.

American officials consider it a foregone conclusion that many of the Nazi hierarchy who are too well known to have any chance of concealment in Germany by going underground will try to save themselves from Allied trial and punishment by dramatic airplane escapes. The last hope of escape, it is be-

lieved, is one of the reasons why so many of the top men in Nazidom today are willing to stick with Hitler while all over Europe their political and military fortress is caving in.

What Hitler will do remains the all-consuming speculation in Washington and the convention of officials with whom the subject has been discussed is that if he is not killed at the last minute by some of his own henchmen he may very well kill himself. There always remains the chance however that he will quit the country.

It has been almost exactly a year since the question of sanctuary was last taken up with the neutrals. At that time Italy was falling and the future of Mussolini was a subject of speculation like that now centered on Hitler.

The State Department then instructed its diplomatic representatives in Stockholm, Ankara, Madrid, Lisbon, Bern, Vatican City and Buenos Aires to call attention of the neutral governments to a peace conference staged by President Roosevelt urging against asylum for "Axis leaders or their tools."