

POPULATION (1940 Census)	
Lincoln County	24,187
Lincolnton	4,525
Crouse	221
Iron Station	96
Denver	354

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U. S. 9th Army 50 Miles From Berlin

Mass Meeting Called For Friday Night To Name Town Ticket

YOUTH WEEK AT THE 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist church will inaugurate its first Youth Week at the 11 o'clock worship hour Sunday, April 15. At that time the pastor, Rev. Henry C. Rogers, will present the key to the church to Dickie Burris, Youth Week pastor. The purpose of Youth Week is to acquaint young people of the church with the whole program of their church and to give them experience in filling the responsibilities they will be asked to shoulder as adults.

For a whole week, beginning Sunday evening and closing with morning service, April 22, the young people of the church will fill the various offices of the church. They will conduct its complete program, including Sunday school, Training Union, prayer meeting, Board of Deacons, ushers, Woman's Missionary Society, the choir and treasurer.

At the evening worship hour, this Sunday the Youth Week pastor will preach on the subject, "Youth and

Mayor, Four Aldermen And Member Of School Board To Be Selected.

A mass meeting has been called by Thos. E. Rhodes, chairman of the Lincoln County Democratic Executive Committee, for tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the court house for the purpose of nominating candidates for the town election to be held Tuesday, May 8. A mayor, four aldermen and a member of the school board will be nominated.

While there has been some talk of putting out a new ticket, it seems pretty well agreed that the present official board will be renominated. Members of the board are Mayor, E. M. Browne; Aldermen, Ward 1, Bryan L. Dellinger, who was named to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late J. Frank Armstrong; Ward 2, Plato Miller, who was selected to fill out the unexpired term of Frank Hull Crowell, who resigned to enter the U. S. Armed forces; Ward 3, V. M. Ramseur; Ward 4, Heim Hoover; school board, B. J. Ramsaur.

Registration books for the election will open April 21 and remain open through April 28 in order to give any who are not already registered a chance to do so.

Returning 'Presents' to Berlin



As B-17 Flying Fortresses of the U. S. 8th air force reach the smoke marker over the target, they release a cascade of bombs in unison. This photo was made during the latest attack on the German capital.

FUNERAL CONDUCTED FOR HAL ABERNETHY

Held From Home In Iron Station Monday Afternoon At 4:00 O'Clock.

Funeral rites for Harold S. Abernethy, prominent Lincolnton business man, who was killed in a plane crash Sunday afternoon, were conducted from the home at Iron Station Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. L. E. Mabry, of Stanley, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. A. B. McClure, pastor of the Lincolnton Presbyterian church.

pallbearers were C. B. Lawing, Dr. F. R. Burris, Harvey Goodson, Dorsey Rhyne, Garland Long, and C. M. Hovis. Members of the David Milo Wright Post, American Legion, formed an honorary escort. Burial was in the Stanley cemetery.

The large crowd which attended the final rites and the unusually large and handsome display of koral tributes bore testimony to the high regard in which Mr. Abernethy was held in the community.

Mr. Abernethy is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Troutman Abernethy; one daughter Miss Mary Abernethy; his mother, Mrs. Joseph Abernethy; one sister, Miss Agnes Abernethy, of Iron Station; and two brothers, Austin Abernethy, of Gastonia; and Fred Abernethy, of Atlanta.

Elbe River Crossed And Yanks Plunge On Towards Capital



Pvt. James T. Leatherman (above), is back in France after being treated for trench feet in a hospital in England. He writes that he is greatly improved and expects to be assigned to duty soon.

Tanks Plunge To Magdeburg And Last Water Barrier Before Capital Through Demoralized German Resistance—Russians Along Oder Only 100 Miles Away—Essen Falls.

Paris, April 11.—American Ninth Army tanks plunged 50 miles eastward today through demoralized German resistance and crossed the Elbe river, last water barrier before Berlin, at Magdeburg, only 57 miles by superhighway from the blackened German capital and 115 miles from Russian troops massed along the Oder.

Ninth Army engineers threw a bridge across the stream so Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's powerful forces could continue the onslaught, which the Nazis seemed powerless to check.

A field dispatch said a juncture with the Red Army in the east was expected within the next week.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army troops were 57 miles away from the southwestern limits of Greater Berlin, which includes Potsdam, and the Russians were 32 miles from the capital on the east with the city itself stretching some 25 miles between these two points.

Essen and Bochum, great armament cities in the Ruhr trap, fell to other Ninth Army troops, and tonight the Paris radio said Dortmund also had been cleared in the crumbling pocket.

First Army forces to the south sped within 100 miles of a juncture with Russian troops while the Third Army, springing to the attack again after 5 days of comparative inactivity, blazed ahead along a 60-mile front, capturing Coburg and encircling Erfurt.

Near Nuernberg.

On the southern end of the front the U. S. Seventh Army lost some ground but at the same time stormed to a point 29 miles northwest of the big Nazi convention city of Nuernberg.

British troops in the north punched to within 40 miles of Hamburg, but were still held four miles outside the port of Bremen; to their west the Canadians crossed the Issel river deeper into Holland, where scores of thousands of Germans were trapped.

In making its spectacular dash to Magdeburg the Second (Hell on Wheels) armored division bypassed on the south the big aircraft center of Brunswick and plunged eastward on a solid ten-mile front, meeting only scattered opposition throughout the remarkable day. The Nazi Brunswick garrison was still fighting bitterly through the streets against doughboys of the Thirtieth division.

Further south the Eighty-third division stormed ahead 20 miles and reached Halberstadt, 24 miles southwest of Magdeburg. A huge airplane factory at Halberstadt was overrun. The Germans lacked the manpower even to slow Gen. Simpson's wave

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21 TO REPORT FOR INDUCTION

The following men have received induction notices to report at local board office Tuesday morning, April 24, at 8:45 a. m. They will be sent to Fort Bragg, N. C., for induction into the Army, Navy or Marines:

Clifford Hugh Cunningham, vol. Bobbie Ralph Nix, vol. Charles David Sigmon, vol. Jason Columbus Caldwell, vol. Grier Franklin Walker, vol. John Walter Sisk, vol. Ellis Brem Ewing, vol. Calvin Richard Morrison, vol. Ned Lowe Fisher, vol. Erson James Hager, vol. Lonnie Carroll Franklin, vol. John Calvin Coles, vol. Robert Hoyle Modlin, vol. Theodore Satterwythe Royster, vol. Martin Clinton Nix, vol. Selsus Jackson Anderson, trans in. Rodney Ruskin Barker, vol. Floyd Franklin Beal, vol. Alvin Brooks, vol. David Thomas Alexander, vol. Coy Everett Sain, vol.

Two Boys Of 15 On State's Death Row

Raleigh, April 10.—William Dunn, Jr., acting parole commissioner, has announced that two 15-year-old boys are among nine persons on Central prison's death row awaiting execution.

The two boys are Ernest Brooks, Jr., a negro, convicted of raping a white woman, and the other is Marvin L. Matheson, sentenced to death for murder.

Brooks is slated to die May 25. Date for Matheson's execution has not been fixed.

Liberated American Soldiers Joyful As They Reach U. S.

Boston Port of Embarkation, Apr. 9.—Fifteen hundred American soldiers came back to their homeland tonight with tales of hungry months in German prison camps.

Advancing Russian troops liberated them as the Nazis fell back in Poland last January too rapidly to move the prisoners.

The returning men were the first large group of liberated American troops to come home from the European theatre.

Soldier after soldier enthused about "those Red Cross packages that kept us alive."

They said of the Poles—"They did not have much, but they shared with us what they had."

They were ready with questions, too.

"Got a paper," many asked. "What is this curfew all about," many others wanted to know. And there were a couple who were interested in when the circus was coming up this way.

An Army transport brought them into port just after dark last night.

There was a bit of chill in the air and the waterfront was deserted. An Army band stood on the dock. There were a few port officials around and a gathering of newspapermen.

The band whooped it up with the

airs of about every state that the bandmen could think of and were almost drowned out by the cheering of the yelling soldiers.

A soldier's head stuck out of every porthole. They jammed the docks. They crowded the superstructure. There were heads and shoulders even popping through the narrow spaces that divided life rafts.

"Glad to be home?—the question was too silly to even ask.

Some of the men had been in prison camp for two years.

Several of the men knew the AP's Larry Allen, who was recently returned to this country on the exchange ship Gripsholm.

A lot of the boys had been at Limburg, German prison camp recently taken by the First Army in their earlier days as prisoners of war.

Limburg was a transient camp at that time, they said and the fare was as near a starvation diet even then as it was in recent weeks.

Pfc. Paul Thompson, of Marysville, Ohio, was one of those who spent some time at Limburg. The diet while he was there was soup made of sugar beet tops, some greens, a loaf of bread for six meals, he said.

Thompson had been 43 months over

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LHS Senior Play To Be Presented Apr. 20

"Kitty Foyle," a play version of Christopher Morley's famous novel, will be presented by the Senior class of Lincolnton high school in the auditorium on Friday night, April 20, at 8 p. m.

The story of "Kitty Foyle" has won wide acclaim by the critics. As a best seller was on the best seller list for months. In the movie version, Ginger Rogers won the Academy Award for her portrayal of "Kitty." Now, as a play, dramatized by Christopher Sergel, it is considered one of the outstanding dramatic offerings of recent years.

The play had its world premiere August 13, 1942, at the Michiana Shores theatre. The presentation of this outstanding play will be a rare treat to Lincolnton playgoers.

MRS. CROWELL'S FATHER DIES AT HOME IN SHELBY

Shelby, Apr. 9.—Funeral services for T. P. Deal, 63, who died Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at his home on Lee street, after an illness of two months, will be conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Knob Creek Methodist church in Belwood. Conducting the services will be Rev. J. M. Morgan, pastor of the church, and assisting him will be the pastor of the First Methodist church in Lincolnton. Interment will take place in the church cemetery.

Mr. Deal was a harness maker and shoe repairman in Shelby for a number of years.

Mr. Deal was twice married, first to the former Miss Mona Price, of Catawba county, and surviving this union are five sons, Carl, of Lenoir; Alvin, of Waco; Solon, who is in the army serving somewhere in France; Cecil, in the army somewhere in Germany; and Arnold, who is in the Navy and is stationed at Little Creek; Va.; and one daughter, Mrs. L. A. Crowell, Jr., of Lincolnton. After the death of his first wife, 11 years ago, he married the former Mrs. Mary G. Gibson, and one son was born to them. Other children are his second wife and their son, Bobby, the children of the second Mrs. Deal, also survive. They are: Mrs. Louise G. Jackson, Miss Evelyn Gibson, and Don Gibson, of the home; Harry Gibson, in the army, stationed at Cincinnati, Ohio; and Ray Gibson, in the army, serving somewhere in France.

JAMES M. WARD CALLED BY DEATH

Funeral services for James Monroe Ward, who died at his home at Vale on Saturday, were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the Rumsell's Chapel Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. J. E. B. Houser.

Mr. Ward was 62 years old and had been in ill health for the past year. He was born in Caswell county, but came to Lincoln county when a boy, and had since made his home here.

For the past 36 years he had been a member of Russell's Chapel church and a regular attendant on its services when his health would permit. He was one of the best known farmers in the Vale community.

Survivors are his wife, who was formerly Miss Mary Etta Williams; three daughters, Mrs. C. G. Boyles, of Toluca; Mrs. Broadus Wright, of Lattimore; and Mrs. Z. B. Ritchie, of Boger City; and one son, J. Forest Ward, of Vale.

MADE RECORD CROSSING

Canadian-built Mosquito bombers crossed the Atlantic from Newfoundland to Scotland in 5 hours and 38 minutes Friday, averaging 387.6 miles per hour in the 2,194 mile ocean hop.

Cherryville Widow's Child Is Found After Six-Hour Search

Newark, N. J., April 10.—The only child of Mrs. Blythe Ingle, 20, of Cherryville, N. C., widow of a soldier who had never seen their 16-month-old girl, was returned to her mother early today after a six-hour police search. Police arrested Mary Florence Russ, 21, of 221 Broad street, on a charge of attempted kidnaping.

Miss Russ appeared with the baby, who had been missing from the Pennsylvania railroad station since 3 a. m. today, at the Travelers' Aid Society desk at 9 a. m. and was taken to police headquarters.

She told police she was employed in a war plant. No explanation of the alleged attempted kidnaping was available from police.

Mrs. Ingle told police the child,



DICKIE BURRIS
Youth Week Pastor At The First Baptist Church, Lincolnton, N. C., for the week of April 15-22.

Rev. E. M. Jones To Preach At Bethel

Rev. E. M. Jones, superintendent of the Gastonia Methodist district, will preach at Bethel at 10 o'clock Sunday, April 1, and at Ebenezer at 11 o'clock.

The Ebenezer church will provide dinner for the quarterly conference, which will be held after the lunch hour. All members of the quarterly conference are urged to attend.

The pastor, Rev. J. E. B. Houser, will preach at Mt. Vernon at 3 o'clock and hold a church conference. The conference will be a very important one, and every member of the church is urged to be present.

TO ENTERTAIN FOR TRUMAN

Raleigh—Governor and Mrs. Cherry will entertain Vice-President Truman and a number of other prominent Democrats at luncheon April 18, when the Vice-President comes here to speak at the Jefferson Day dinner.

Guests at the luncheon will include, among others: Robert Hannegan, national chairman of the Democratic Party; Leslie Biffle, Senate secretary; Col. Wade Vaughn, Truman's military aide; Senators Josiah Bailey and Clyde R. Hoey, and others.

The dinner this year is limited to 300 guests.

A serious shortage of stove and furnace smoke pipe is apt to develop this year, industry representatives have warned the W.P.B.

Charge Nazis Slew 577,000 In Latvian Concentration Camp

London, April 10.—The Nazi government and the Germans high command were charged today by a Soviet investigating committee with the merciless slaughter of 577,000 men, women and children in Latvian concentration camps.

A 6,000-word report broadcast by the Moscow radio said an additional 175,000 Latvians were deported as slave laborers, and on explicit orders of Nazi officials and the military a ruthless destruction of factories, public utilities, libraries, museums, hospitals and homes was carried out during the German occupation.

"The German fiends murdered men and women, healthy and sick, children and old people," the report said. "In the central prison in Riga they murdered more than 2,000 children whom they had taken away from parents, and in Salaspils camp they killed more than 3,000 children."

The commission said that in the Salaspils camp the investigators found nine grave pits covering a total area of more than 3,600 square yards. More than 56,000 civilians were tortured to death in the camp, it was charged.

Mental defectives were taken from hospitals and shot, the report added. In some instances the victims includ-

Yokes." The girls' choir will be under the direction of Miss Joyce Bandy, and the guest soloist will be Johnny Ramseur, of the First Presbyterian church, Lincolnton.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, will be under the direction of Miss Marguerite Leatherman, acting president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

An elaborate garden banquet Saturday night, April 21, planned for the young people by the adults, will climax the week. Frank Reed, of Laurens, S. C., will be the guest speaker of the evening. Mr. Reed will deliver the final sermon on Sunday morning, April 22.

The young people filling places of leadership for the week, are as follows: Pastor, Dickie Burris; Sunday school superintendent, Ed Ramsaur; training union director, Vance Smith; president Woman's Missionary Union, Marguerite Leatherman; organist, Marguerite Leatherman; choir director, Joyce Bandy; treasurer, Shasta Buff.

Deacons: Chairman, Ed Ramsaur; Vance Smith, Billy Garrison, Max Craig, Lewis Cobb, Paul Peeler, Nelson Schrum, Donald Hovis, Ralph Carpenter, Bill Eaker, James Bumgarner, Vernon Schrum, Donald Robinson, Charles Jolly, Horace Wilson.

Ushers: Billy Elliott, Ray Garrison, Ernest Oliver, James Stamey, Billie Roseman, Howard Mathis, Raymond Graham.

Sunday School: Superintendent Adult Department, Max Craig; adult teachers: Dickie Burris, Vance Smith, Billy Elliott, Mrs. Helen Harrill, Joyce Kendrick, Elizabeth Stamey, Janice McLean; supt. intermediate department, Katherine Roseman; teachers, Lewis Cobb, Ray Small, Wainie Goforth; supt. junior department, Joyce Bandy; teachers, Peggy Conner, Coleen Buff, Loretta Kendrick, Shasta Buff, Charles Holly, Nelson Schrum, Vernon Schrum; supt. Primary Department, Jessie Eurey; teachers, Nancy Stamey, Joan McCutcheon, Phyllis Honeycutt; supt. Beginner Department, Sara Heavner; teachers, Helen Knuckles, Barbara Burris, Shirley Parker, Shirley Buff; supt. Cradle Roll, Joan Bondurant; teachers, Joan Allen, Nancy Buff, Lafay Bost; Training Union leaders: Bill Garrison, Ed Ramsaur, Shasta Buff, Marie Hine; editor of Youth Week Herald, Elizabeth Stamey.