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Lincoln County	24,187
Lincolnton	4,525
Crouse	221
Iron Station	96
Denver	354

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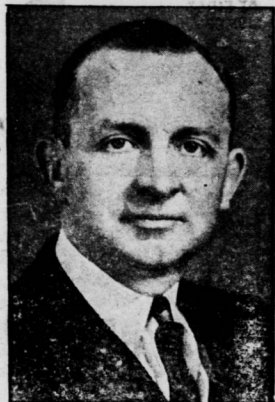
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Methodist Revival To Begin April 29 And Closes May 4

Visiting Preacher.



REV. J. O. SMITH.

Rev. J. O. Smith, Of Columbia, South Carolina, Will Do The Preaching.

Revival services will be held next week at the First Methodist Church with Rev. John Owen Smith, pastor of Washington Street Methodist Church, Columbia, S. C. as the visiting preacher. Mr. Smith will preach at the regular morning and evening services next Sunday, and at 8:00 P. M. each Monday through Friday. There will be special supper meetings for young people at 6:30 p. m. each week-day evening.

Rev. John Owen Smith is a native of Johnston, S. C. and is considered one of the outstanding younger ministers of The Methodist Church. He is a graduate of Wofford College, and received his ministerial training at the Yale Divinity School. His personal charm is shown by the fact he is a member of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and the Book and Bond Club at Yale. He is also a member of the Phi Beta and Theta Phi honorary fraternities. Before going to his present pastorate at Columbia, Mr. Smith served Methodist Churches in Leesville, S. C., Clemson College, S. C., and Laurens, S. C. He is vice-chairman of the Upper S. C. Conference Board of Education, and has been Dean of the Conference Young People's Assembly for a number of years. Articles from his pen have been published in a number of religious periodicals.

In announcing the coming of Mr. Smith, Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist Church, commented, "We are fortunate in being able to secure J. O. Smith for our revival preacher. I am sure that all who hear him will be charmed and helped by his messages. The Methodists extend a cordial invitation to every citizen of the community to attend our services."

Neighborhood prayer meetings will be held this week in Methodist homes in preparation for the revival next week. Everyone is invited to be present at the meeting most convenient for him. These services will be held in the following homes: Tuesday, April 24, 8:00 P. M.—Mrs. S. M. Roper, Miss Mattie Camp, Mrs. R. J. Sifford; Thursday, April 26, 8:00 P. M.—Mrs. Harlan Heafner, Mrs. L. A. Crowell, Sr., Mrs. M. H. Hoyle; Friday, April 27, 8:00 P. M.—Mrs. Bryan Dellinger, Mrs. Lloyd Thompson, Mrs. W. A. Lilly. For each of these meetings, in addition to the hostess, there is a promoter who will help with the arrangements and the invitations, and a leader who will have charge of the meeting. The regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting at the church will give special emphasis to prayer for Revival.

Mrs. Roosevelt Given Lifetime Mail Rights

Washington, April 20.—A bill granting Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt life time mail franking privileges passed the Senate unanimously today.

It was introduced by Majority Leader Barkley who explained that similar legislation had been enacted with respect to other presidential widows, including Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Warren Harding and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge.

President Truman has asked that the privilege be extended to Mrs. Roosevelt, and a bill to that effect was introduced in the House yesterday by Majority Leader McCormack, of Massachusetts.

Notice Is Required Of Teacher Leaving

Raleigh, April 20.—Attorney General Harry McMullan ruled today that under the school machinery act, principals and teachers desiring to resign must give at least 30 days notice to the administrative head of the unit prior to the opening of school.

A violation of the provision, Mr. McMullan said, "may deprive the public of the right to teach in a full school in North Carolina for a period of one year." The 30-days notice must be in writing, he added.

In a digest of opinions—the first issued by the attorney general this year—McMullan also ruled that "the proper school authorities have the right to exclude from extra-curricular activities students who belong to secret societies or organizations prohibited by school regulations."

Nazis Say Reds Say War Will End Apr. 25

London, April 18.—A German radio reporter quoted Russian prisoners today as saying that an order of the day by Marshal Stalin read to them at the start of the new Russian front offensive said the war would end April 25, with Berlin falling to

As Millions Pay Last Homage



With the Capitol dome an imposing backdrop, the military procession, headed by the caisson bearing Franklin D. Roosevelt's body, winds its way down Delaware avenue toward the White House. The sad journey from Union station was viewed by millions. The presidential and U. S. flags bring up the rear.

Nazi 'Horror Camp' Hotbed Of Atrocities

British Second Army Headquarters, Germany.—Prisoners in the Belzen concentration camp, a stinking, filthy horror, were freed Sunday by Gen. Sir Miles Dempsey's men.

The camp contained 39,000 persons still alive and uncounted dead. It contained typhus, typhoid, tuberculosis, nakedness, starvation, dumps of unburied corpses in vast heaps, mounds covering great burial heaps, one cavernous pit half-filled with blackened bodies.

There were children—five hundred of them—in the midst of this. Babies were born here daily.

Beyond Words. These were the findings of a senior medical officer of the British Second Army who has been in the camp three days and says "anything you have seen doesn't even begin the story."

The living are being moved to the relative luxury of a nearby army barracks. Soon none will be left here except those with communicable diseases too ill to move.

Eventually, says this officer, the only conceivable disposition of this Nazi monument will be destruction by fire.

There were 2,000 women in three compounds in this camp and nearly 12,000 men in two other compounds. In adjacent barracks in one corner

of the vast Nazi camp are 15,000 more prisoners who are fairly recent arrivals.

"Horror camp" is what the medical officer calls it. After his arrival at the camp SS guards under the direction of their commander were still shooting prisoners who were trying to steal potatoes. The SS had failed to abide by the surrender terms to turn in their arms because they feared the vengeance of the emaciated victims of their inhumanity.

The SS men were promptly disarmed when discovered and are now assigned to cleaning up the camp as a slight measure of retribution.

How many died here there is no way of knowing. Indefinite reports say 30,000 died in the last few months.

Mound Of Bodies. In the middle of the camp, there is a mound eighty yards by thirty yards of the naked bodies of women piled table-high.

While the medical officer was inspecting the camp, he saw four girls carry another corpse from the hut and add it to this fearful stack of death, which was in plain view of the children's compound. A woman laid the body of her own child on the heap.

Awarded Third Oak Leaf Cluster To His Air Medal

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England.—S/Sgt. Jack L. Dellinger, 21, of Lincolnton, N. C., was granted the third Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal.

The award was for "meritorious achievement" during bombing attacks against Nazi war industries and military targets in cooperation with Allied ground forces.

He is the son of Mrs. Ella P. Dellinger, of 111 West Water street. Before entering the AAF in June, 1943, he had recently graduated from Lincolnton high school.

Have Your Pressure Canner Checked May 1

The Pressure Canner Clinic for Lincoln County will be held May 1 with Gaston County in Gastonia. Any one desiring to have their canners checked, please get them to the Home Agent's Office not later than Saturday Noon, April 28.

Be sure your name is securely fastened to the canner and see that it is clean inside and out.

This will probably be the last year that the state will sponsor a clinic so have your canner checked now for safety.

ELIZABETH RABY
Home Agent

The national pig goal has been set at 37 million head, 18 per cent more than the number raised last fall.

the Red army.

No order of the day broadcast from Moscow has mentioned a specific date for the collapse of Germany and such a forecast would be contrary to Stalin's previous policies.

In the months prior to the invasion of Normandy, German propagandists several times broadcast announcements that Allied landings would be attempted at specific periods and exulted when each of these passed without incident.

TRUMAN MEETS FOREIGN CORPS

President Takes Time Out To Greet Diplomats, Stress Good Neighbor Policy

Washington, April 20.—President Truman, greeting the foreign diplomatic corps in the midst of a work-packed day, today expressed hope for an era of cordial good feeling among nations.

It was a day in which the President shouldered many problems, foreign and domestic. For one thing, he got a direct fill-in on tangled Russian affairs from W. Averell Harriman, ambassador to Moscow.

In the afternoon, at a reception arranged by the State department, Mr. Truman shook hands with 59 diplomats from abroad. He managed to give the occasion the air of a good neighbor welcoming the folks from across the street.

"I met many of you when I was Vice President, and our relationship was very good," he said in a brief speech.

"I hope that our relationship will continue to be just as cordial as it was when I was Vice President."

"I hope our relationship will continue to be on the same cordial plane nationally and with the world as it is between you and me."

Harriman, home for consultation, went to the White House with Secretary of State Stettinius and Undersecretary Grew. Leaving the executive offices, he had nothing to report on the conference except that the talk was "about Russia."

Obviously, however, it was concerned with such pressing matters as the impending visit of Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov, and the impasse over Russian demands for representation of the Moscow-sponsored Warsaw provisional government of Poland at the San Francisco United Nations conference.

The pressure of international affairs, increasing in urgency with the approach of the San Francisco conference next week, was reflected in a White House visit by Senator Connally, Democrat of Texas. It was Connally's last conference with the President before his start to the west coast tonight as a member of the American delegation.

The President's schedule for the day kept up the high-speed pace he has maintained since he took office a week ago last night.

Another item worked into the already-crowded presidential schedule was a discussion of masonic activities with Carl H. Claudy, executive secretary, and John D. Cunningham, director of welfare, of the Masonic Service association of the United States.

The President is a Shriner and a past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

He saw the three survivors of the six Marines who hoisted the American flag on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, and accepted from them the first copy of the press of the 7th war loan poster made from AP Photographer Joe Rosenthal's famous photo of the event.

The new Chief Executive kept to his 8:30 a. m. starting schedule, walking across the street from the Blair House as he did yesterday. Any time after today, however, he can be closer at hand if he wants to. The Roosevelt family arranged to move out during the day, though Anna Roosevelt, Boettiger, the late President's daughter, still will have some packing there to do. Mrs. Boettiger has been delayed by the illness of her young son, under treatment at Walter Reed hospital.

The day's first caller was Col. James Roosevelt, USMC, eldest son of the late President. After that, the pressure never let up.

365 Days Of Combat In Europe Is Record Of Pfc. Jas. Leatherman

Paris, April 19.—General Omar Bradley declared today that virtually every German soldier that faced Allied forces on the Siegfried line on February 23, has been killed, wounded or is a prisoner of war.

General Bradley estimated that Allied troops now occupy about 36 per cent of the territory of the greater Reich that includes Austria.

Prisoners taken from the Ruhr trap number 316,000, and the total bag of prisoners is well over a million.

Speed Contacts With Navy Man In Pacific

Got a boy in the Pacific?

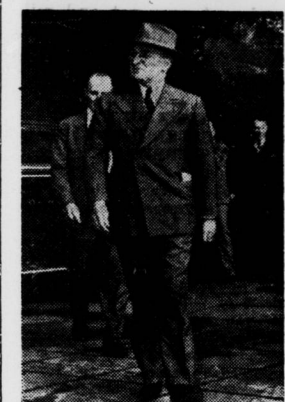
If you have, here's some news of interest to you about getting mail to him. The Navy mail service suggests:

1. Since newspapers will be months old before they arrive (Okinawa is 5,280 miles from Fleet Post Office, San Francisco), families should clip items of news interest and enclose them in letter mail, rather than send the whole newspaper.

2. If a man is "guessed" to be in an invasion area, his family and friends should wait for some time before sending any parcel post packages. And, if he is known to be in the far Pacific, packages with food or

Berlin Being Smashed As Red Shock Troops Reach Heart Of City

Enters White House



Pres. Harry S. Truman arriving at the White House on his first day as chief executive. Advancing hours of conferences, the new President has indicated that he will set a record for long and hard work.

Fanatical Nazis Putting Up Block-By-Block Defense As Thousands Perish; 21 Of City's Districts Now in Russian Hands; 3,000,000 Frightened Civilians Jammed Underground.

London, Monday, April 23.—Red Army shock troops were reported fighting in the very heart of Berlin today against fanatical Nazis who lost at least 8,000 dead Sunday in a desolating block-by-block defense of the German capital.

Twenty-one of the city's districts, comprising one-sixth of its area, already were in Russian hands, the Soviet communique said Sunday night and an early morning Moscow official bulletin said the fighting was "raging day and night without dying down a single moment."

The Russians were back in Berlin for the first time since they occupied the city in 1706 during the Seven Years war.

The Germans themselves said, through the Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau which they control, that Russian tanks and infantry reached the center of Berlin Sunday, and related a frank tale of the horror of 3,000,000 civilians packed so closely in underground shelters that they could not sit down and dared not go outside even momentarily while the tremendous and destructive battle raged over their heads.

Take In Inner Districts. The Soviet communique, more conservative than the German accounts, said nevertheless that 18 of Berlin's inner districts and three outer suburbs had been taken and that fighting now was in progress in the area of the Berlin belt, railway after the crushing of suburban resistance centered around street car stations.

The Berlin radio was silent and the huddling millions in the shelters followed the course of the battle from wall maps. These showed, the Germans themselves said, that by Sunday morning the Russians were within a mile of the famous intersection of Unter Den Linden and the Friedrichstrasse.

As whole acres of the once proud center of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich were churned into a smoldering tangle of wreckage, victory-flushed Russian troops by Moscow's account were within 34 miles of a juncture with American troops. But reports from Allied headquarters indicated 30 miles or less separated the western and eastern allies.

Begrimed, dust-laden Russian fighters who have fought their war from Moscow and Stalingrad swarmed through Berlin's streets as 23,000 Nazi soldiers gave up one of history's greatest struggles and were roped into Red army prisoner cages during the five days.

Wreck 945 Tanks. By Moscow's account since the great offensive began a week ago more than 945 Nazi tanks have been destroyed or captured and 750 of the Luftwaffe's last planes have been shot down or seized.

Smashing forward under a hail of fire from the heaviest concentration of artillery employed in this war, the Soviet wall of steel swept into Berlin's northern and eastern districts on a twisting 30-mile front from the northwestern district of Glienicke to Wilhelmshagen and Friederichagen on the east, Moscow revealed.

While the Soviets pushed as much as seven miles inside the city by Moscow's official reports, a dispatch from the blazing capital to the Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau said the escape gap to the west had been narrowed to nine miles.

There was no confirmation from Berlin's radio transmitters, but the Soviet High Command or sweep beyond said the Russians had swept beyond the southwestern suburb of Potsdam and that "it is not impossible that the capital will be entirely encircled within the next 24 hours."

The center of the three-quarters encircled capital was outfanked by the capture of Luebars, Blankenfelde and Rosenthal, taken in a seven-mile sweep into the city in a 12-mile advance from Bernau, Moscow revealed.

At Rosenthal Premier Stalin's tankmen were five and a half miles north of the burning city center. The STB's Berlin correspondent, Edward Sandberg, relaying this dispatch through Copenhagen, said Russian tank-riding tommygunners had pushed down through the city to its built-up center.

perishables should not be sent at all.

3. Send photographs, snapshots and newspaper items to your Blue-jacket overseas, and send them in first class mail. Enclosures cannot be sent in V-Mail letters.

4. Use V-Mail as often as possible. Write short, frequent letters. Remember V-Mail has air priority over all other classes of mail in an effort to increase the volume.

YANKEE LOSSES ARE NOT HEAVY

Battle For Rhine Crossings During March Cost Only 47,023 Casualties

Washington, April 19.—American troops are driving across Germany without heavy losses in men, Secretary of War Stimson said today in reporting that the March battle for Rhine crossings cost only 47,023 casualties.

While figures on current casualties are not yet available, Stimson assured a news conference that they are "not high," and are far below losses inflicted on the German Army. In the last 18 days alone, he said, Allied troops have captured 900,000 Nazis in addition to killing and wounding a large number.

The secretary emphasized, however, that he did not want to give the impression that Allied forces are having "an easy time of it." On the contrary, he said, they have bumped into the "stiffest kind of resistance" in some Reich centers.

Ground force losses on the Western front during March were the lowest for any month since October with the exception of February's 34,468. During March, American soldiers won the west bank of the Rhine from Cologne to Haguenau, wiped out a large part of the German Army and swept across the river in force.

The March total, which included 6,214 killed, 35,442 wounded and 5,366 missing, boosted the aggregate of ground force casualties in that area since D-Day to 473,215. Of these 79,795 are dead, 334,919 wounded and 588,501 missing.

The Western front toll represented more than a half of Army casualties in all theaters since Pearl Harbor, a figure which placed at 813,870 on the basis of individual names received here through April 7.

With the navy's latest announced losses of 98,608, this pushed to 912,478 the over-all losses for the nation since the beginning of the war.

\$560,000 GOES TO FOUNDATION

Warm Springs Is Beneficiary Of Insurance Policy On Franklin D. Roosevelt

New York, April 20.—The Eastern Underwriter, a weekly insurance newspaper, said today the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation was beneficiary of a \$560,000 life insurance policy taken out on President Roosevelt in 1930.

The magazine said Keith Morgan, a foundation vice-president, conceived the idea for the policy and arranged that premiums be paid by a group interested in Warm Springs.

Morgan, associated with Equitable Life Assurance Company, placed the policy with 12 companies when Roosevelt was governor of New York.

Get Roster Of Allied Prisoners

Paris, April 19.—American Third Army troops have seized Germany's complete roster of Allied prisoners of war.

The list includes an itemized record of all captives from every Allied nation taken by the Germans since the outbreak of the war.

Incidentally, the seizure of the important documents was accomplished by the 12th Corps troops commanded by Major General Manton Eddy—the same corps which recently captured Germany's hidden gold reserve.