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Lincoln County	24,187
Lincolnton	4,525
Crouse	221
Iron Station	98
Denver	354

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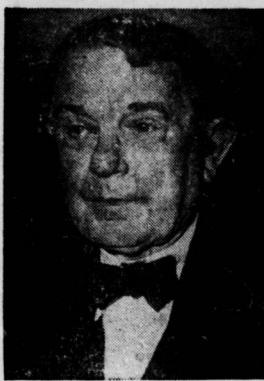
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14,000 Square Miles of Germany Assigned To American Troops

Truman's Successor



Sen. Kenneth D. McKeller of Tennessee, who as president pro-tempore, becomes the senate's permanent presiding officer following the accession of Vice Pres. Harry S. Truman to the Presidency.

ROOSEVELT DEATH CRAZED HITLER

Paris, May 17.—Adolf Hitler went into a fit of hysteria when the news of President Roosevelt's death reached him in his underground chamber at the chancellery in Berlin at midnight, April 12, his former secretary said in an interview with the Daily Liberation.

The secretary, Gerhard Herrgesell, said Hitler had presided over the usual night conference and stretched out on a divan after the other German leaders had departed.

"Suddenly Lorenz, one of the press chiefs, burst into the chamber without knocking and ran across the room," Herrgesell said. "He held a DNB bulletin in his hand and cried out, 'Fuehrer, great news, Roosevelt is dead.'"

"Hitler leaped to his feet, grabbed the bulletin from Lorenz's hands violently and suddenly flamed with a queer fire. His expression was manic. Then he began to laugh. It was hideous. He walked up and down the room waving his arms and laughing. The room echoed with crazy laughter.

"Suddenly he stopped laughing. Then a spasm of laughter gripped him again. And he threw himself around the room, laughing and repeating, 'I knew it, I knew it.'"

Nobody ever saw Hitler smile again, the secretary said.

Times Want Ad Sells Shrum Goat

Mrs. S. J. Shrum, who had a milk goat to sell, decided to see what result she would get from a Times want ad. She, accordingly, called in the ad to be run last Thursday, and again in today's issue. Saturday morning she came in to cancel the ad, saying that through it she had sold the goat Friday morning.

If you have anything to sell, trade, or buy, why not try a Times want ad. The cost is small, and the result is all that could be desired.

92,000 Jobless In N. C. This Year Is Fletcher's Opinion

Raleigh, May 17.—A total of 92,000 North Carolina workers may be unemployed before this year is out, Col. A. L. Fletcher, State Unemployment Compensation Commission chairman said. He spoke at a two-day meeting of the UCC here.

Industrial unemployment may

Gerow's Army To Be Enlarged: 400,000 Men In Force.

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, May 19.—The U. S. Fifteenth Army is ruling 14,000 square miles of Germany, including the Retch Saar basin, the Rhine valley and the Western half of the industrial Ruhr, the first official announcement of the Fifteenth's occupational role disclosed today.

According to the best available estimates, from 300,000 to 400,000 U. S. troops will comprise the final American occupying forces. This means that the Fifteenth Army, now including two corps, will be strengthened by numerous additional units or augmented by another army.

Under the command of Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, the Fifteenth Army will control an area about eight times as large as the district supervised by American occupation troops after the first World War.

Major cities in the Fifteenth's area include Dusseldorf, Aachen, Cologne, Trier and Coblenz.

In pre-war days the Fifteenth's area had a population of approximately eleven million, but military governors have no definite information on the present civil population. Only 60,000 in Cologne.

In Cologne, for instance, a recent census under army direction showed only 60,000 of the original 800,000 residents still present.

However, thousands of displaced persons of all nationalities who now become American charges partially offset the flight of German civilians. As of May 1, the Fifteenth Army had registered 291,437 misplaced persons in its area and an estimated 100,000 more were still roaming around outside the established camps.

Navy's V-5 Program Being Reopened

Reopening of the Navy's V-5 program to a limited number of 17-year-old civilians was announced today by Recruiting Specialist T. H. Gatton, who is located in the Lincolnton post office building each Monday.

Gatton quoted an announcement issued by the Navy Department in Washington, which follows:

"To meet a current and temporary need for prospective Naval aviators the Bureau of Naval Personnel has authorized local offices of Naval officer procurement to enlist candidates as apprentice seaman to become ensigns, USNRR, upon successful completion of approximately two years training starting on July 1. The only civilian eligible for consideration for the limited quota are physically qualified 17-year-olds who will be high school graduates before June 25.

"The Navy is continuing to train pilots as insurance for future needs in the Pacific war. The Naval aviation cadet training program has been reopened to civilians to fill a portion of the nationwide quota of approximately 2,300 vacancies in the aviation training quota for July 1.

"Full particulars on this program can be obtained from Recruiter Gatton at the Lincolnton post office each Monday. Accepted applicants will be sent to Atlanta, at government expense, for final processing by the office of Naval officer procurement," he said.

reach more than 47,000 as a result of cutbacks in plants making essential products and the end of the war in Europe. In addition, Col. Fletcher said, these cutbacks may cause frictional or seasonal unemployment to rise to the prewar level of approximately 50,000.

He pointed out that until more is known about the extent of cutbacks in industry, his estimates of prospective unemployment in that field "is a matter of conjecture."

Germany Must Pay In Toil For Damage, Says Barkley

Pittsburgh, May 20.—Asserting that the entire German nation must be made to pay "for what it has inflicted on mankind," Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley, Democrat of Kentucky, said today that punitive measures will have to be largely economic.

"The Germans must rebuild what they have destroyed," Barkley told a press conference. "They must not be allowed to reconstruct war plants or to have an Army or Navy."

Here to address the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Barkley said:

"The German nation should be made to feel the results of their evil doing. And we can't put them all in jail. There aren't enough jails."

Barkley, who last week reported to

Congress findings of the special congressional investigating committee on atrocities viewed at Nazi concentration camps at Buchenwald, Nordhausen, and Dachau, termed the horrors there, "calculated, designed, sadistic, brutal and heathenish."

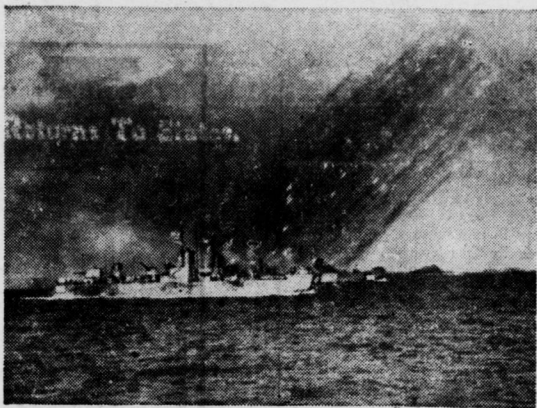
He added, "The people couldn't help knowing what was going on."

The veteran Democratic senator called for immediate punishment of war criminals "without dragging it out or too many legalistic technicalities."

The job of re-educating Germany is a big one, Barkley said, but he emphasized:

"We mustn't assume that it is impossible, for we can't leave a festering sore in the center of Europe to start another war."

Victory Rockets Sent to Tokyo



Flame-tipped rockets etch black lines of smoke against the sky as they streak toward Jap installations, fired from navy LSMs. The missiles will contribute a large share in the final drive against the mainland of Japan, as well as adjoining islands.

German Manpower, Skill Being Used By Allies Against Japs

Paris, May 17.—German manpower and technical skill already have been put to work by the Allies helping to win the war against Japan.

This is one of the top priority jobs for the millions of prisoners in Allied hands. As fast as they can be screened, they are being used in every possible way to speed the gigantic task of redeploying American forces and equipment for the cleanup in the Pacific.

Skilled German prisoners are being used to recondition equipment to be shipped to the Far East. Others by the thousands are toiling under the eyes of dog-boy guards on every kind of job from crating supplies to repairing roads over which men and material will flow back to the Atlantic ports.

Next to facilitating the American Army's redeployment, the most important job to which German prisoners will be turned probably will be farming—trying to raise enough food to win what obviously will be a close race with starvation in middle Europe next winter.

Must Rebuild. There is still another job awaiting them—the task of rebuilding ruined Europe.

Russia and Britain already are using war prisoners for reconstruction. France has put in her bid for tens of thousands for this purpose.

It seems likely the Germans may have to work out much of their reparations in sheer sweat, perhaps for years to come. Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, Gen. Eisenhower's deputy for the occupation of Germany, has said that when the Reich is combined for this labor job, the most active Nazis will be placed on top of the list.

Nazis Rounded Up. Supreme headquarters is giving out little information on the exact stage which has been reached in the vast task of rounding up and disarming the surrendered German army. The best available unofficial information however, is that the disarming is complete and that Nazi troops inside Germany are all rounded up.

It still is not clear what has been done about getting the Germans out of Norway and Denmark.

When the end came, the number of German prisoners already in Allied hands totaled more than those still bearing arms.

Members of the Volksturm—the rag-tag, "People's Army"—were turned loose almost as fast as they were caught and disarmed.

As a Third Army military government officer told Associated Press Correspondent Thoburn Wyant:

"We do not want to have to feed these people this winter. They are going to have to get out and grow it themselves."

Russians Continue Search For Hitler

Moscow, May 16.—The Russians continued today to examine closely the bodies of Nazis found in the underground city discovered in Berlin, but there was no official announcement that the corpse of either Hitler or Propaganda Minister Joseph Paul Goebbels had been identified.

Of six bodies found in the Reich-chancellery, four have been declared definitely as not being the Fuehrer. A meticulous recheck is taking place on the other two.

The Russians are leaning more and more to the idea that the Nazis might have planned some gigantic hoax in reporting the death of Hitler in Berlin, and all military men have been asked to exercise the greatest diligence in the identification of dead Nazis.

Cowpeas, soybeans and velvet beans planted in corn will provide excellent grazing for the late fall.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES JUNE 1

Commencement exercises for the Lincolnton city schools will begin Friday, June 1 and continue through Monday, June 4, Supt. S. Ray Lowder has announced.

Class day exercises will be held on the high school campus at 6:30 p. m. on June 1, and the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday evening, June 3, at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium. Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church, will preach the sermon.

Dr. J. F. Bozard, Dean of Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C., will deliver the commencement address Monday night June 4, at 8 o'clock, at which time diplomas will be awarded the graduates.

Miss Bobby Jean Padgett will deliver the valedictory and Miss Janice Seagle will be salutatorian.

Graduating exercises for the grammar school will be held in the grammar school auditorium Friday morning June 1, at 10:30 o'clock. John Lowder will be valedictorian and Miss Ann Miller salutatorian.

LENOIR RHYNE PLANS FINALS

Dr. John L. Yost Will Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon June 3.

Hickory, May 20.—Rev. Dr. John L. Yost, president of the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon June 3 at the 54th annual commencement of Lenoir Rhyne College, Dr. P. E. Monroe, president, has announced.

The finals begin June 1, continuing through June 4, at which time Rev. Dr. M. L. Stirewalt, professor of systematic theology at Columbia and president of the board of trustees at Lenoir Rhyne, will confer degrees and honors on the graduating class.

The annual alumni luncheon is scheduled for June 2, at which John W. Aiken, graduate of the class of 1915, will speak. Aiken is a state senator.

A musical concert June 1 at St. Andrew's Lutheran church will open the commencement activities. The annual play will be presented June 2. Approximately 55 persons are expected to be graduated.

7,865 Pounds Of Clothing Collected

A total of 7,865 pounds of clothing was collected in Lincolnton during the United National Collection of Clothing for Overseas War Relief conducted during the month of April, it was reported today by S. Ray Lowder, who served as chairman of the drive. The clothing has been shipped to national headquarters where it will be prepared for distribution.

Chairman Lowder has asked the Times to express his thanks and appreciation to all those who contributed clothing or helped in any way in the drive, and also to B. C. Moore & Sons for receiving and storing the clothing.

Corn should be topdressed when about two feet high. Potash should be mixed with nitrogen for potash deficient soils. Late topdressings do not pay as well as those applied early.

TO THE EDITOR:
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Americans To Use Okinawa As Base To Blast Japanese

LIBERATED.



Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kiger were notified yesterday by the International Red Cross that their son, S/Sgt. Charles E. Kiger, Jr. (above), had been liberated from a German prison camp. No other information was given in the message, but it is presumed that he will be returned to the States at an early date.

Sgt. Kiger, who is a waist gunner on a B-27, was shot down over Klagenfurt, Germany, February 25, 1944. At the time he was on a bombing mission to Regensburg.

Until yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Kiger had not heard from their son since last November.

Miss Louise Wetmore's Piano Pupils To Give Recital Friday Night

The piano pupils of Miss Louise Wetmore will be presented in their annual recital Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock in the high-school auditorium.

The following pupils will take part: Anne Rose, Joan McCutcheon, Anne Miller, John Lowder, Sue Rhodes, Rebecca Ramsaur, Laura McLean, Anne Nicholson, Louise Robertson Warlick, Mary Louise Warlick, Peggy Martin Rhodes, Mary Miller, Edgar Love, Jr., Bobby Costner, Jr., Elizabeth Abernethy, Patricia Owen, Laura Hoffman, Jane Davis, Barbara Kiger, Kathryn Ann Wright, Madolyn Cohen, Margaret Cline, Elizabeth Beam, Betty Jean Conner, Nancy Heavner, Nancy Kessler, Phyllis Robinson.

The public is invited.

Farmers Asked To Buy Bonds; Nearly Billion In E Sales

Washington, May 18.—Agriculture Secretary Wickard and the heads of national farm organizations advised farmers today to "buy bonds to the limit" in the Seventh War Loan.

They issued statements in the third day of the \$14,000,000,000 drive. The Treasury, meanwhile, announced that Series E bond sales totalled \$991,000,000 even before the drive opened formally Monday.

Smokes To Be Rationed Vets Beginning In June

Washington, May 16.—The armed forces will start rationing cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobacco at all military and naval establishments and prisoner of war camps in this country June 3. As announced by the War Department military personnel, their dependents and authorized civilian employees will be allowed six packages of cigarettes, 24 cigars and four ounces of smoking tobacco weekly. Ration cards will be issued to all eligible persons.

Citadel Is Chief Strong Point In Jap Defense; Marine Units Advancing.

Cam, Monday, May 21.—Maj. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce's veteran 77th Division infantrymen, repulsing three counterattacks, captured a strong point 900 yards northeast of Shuri yesterday as the Tenth Army's slow envelopment of that Okinawa fortress city continued against fierce resistance.

While the 77th pushed its frontal assault on Shuri's fortifications, the First Marine Division, under Maj. Gen. Pedro A. Del Valle, drove 800 yards south from Dakeshi town to close in on Shuri from the northwest.

On the east flank, Maj. Gen. James Bradley's 96th Infantry Division, fighting eastward from bitterly-contested Conical Hill against intense fire, reached an elevation 1,600 yards east of Ishimmi town.

The Yanks throughout the day met strong resistance from caves and pillboxes and intense small arms fire. A few Japanese planes raided American positions early yesterday but no damage of consequence was reported.

Thunderbolts of the 318th Army Fighter Group hit targets in the Ryukus north of Okinawa Friday night.

Sunk Jap Ships. Bombers of Fleet Air Wing One, sank a medium freighter and two small freighters in waters around Korea yesterday. A number of landing craft were damaged.

Search planes of Fleet Air Wing Four attacked Kokutan on Shimushu in the northern Kurile islands with bombs and rockets on Friday. Liberators of the 11th Army Air Force bombed Kataoka naval base on Shimushu the same day.

In continued mopping up operations on Iwo Jima, the Marianas islands and the Palau islands, 141 Japanese were killed and 167 captured in the week ended May 12.

The Japanese appeared today to be scraping the bottom of their troop reservoir on Okinawa in suicidal efforts to hold the final American drive.

They are fighting with undiminished fanaticism as if sensing the realities behind a statement yesterday by Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., 10th Army commander on the island, that Okinawa will become a base "from which the death blow can be dealt the Japanese empire."

Awarded Combat Decoration In Italy

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Pvt. James C. Peninger, Sr., ammunition bearer, whose wife, Margaret, lives at 212 South Cedar street, Lincolnton, N. C., has been cited by the 342d Infantry Regiment of the Fifth Army's 91st "Powder River" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

Thief Takes 5 Bibles And Picture Of Christ

Officers in Greenville, S. C., are looking for a prowler who on Saturday broke into Brandon Methodist church there. He stole a drape from the picture of Christ, a table scarf and five Bibles.

The Worst Sugar Famine In History Faced By Americans

New York, May 17.—Grandma's less ice cream, soft drinks and candy, cookie jar will be nearly like Mother Hubbard's cupboard for the rest of the year.

With sugar supplies the lowest since the war began, American eating habits from breakfast cereal through dessert will feel the pinch.

"The people of the United States face the most critical sugar famine in their history," Ody H. Lamborn, president of Lamborn & Co., sugar brokers, declared.

The recent cut in consumer sugar ration, effected by extending stamp 36 through August 31, is just the first step in the general curtailment program.

Industrial users are expected to have their allocations reduced sharply for the last half of 1945—and that means less commercial baked goods,

available for civilians for all of 1945 at a maximum of 9,000,000 tons—a drop of 1,100,000 tons from the total civilian consumption last year.

Greatest single factor in reduction of sugar supplies is said to be a drought in Cuba which cut the crop there 600,000 to 700,000 tons below advance estimates.