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Nazi Surrender Orel As Red Army Scores

Berlin Admits German Withdrawal From Great Eastern Front Fortress As Russians Enter City Streets to Battle Rear Guards Protecting Retreat of 250,000 Men.

A German broadcast today (Thursday) announced the evacuation of Orel after the Russians had broken into the ruined city and started driving the desperately resisting enemy rear guards through its streets in hand-to-hand fighting.

A German official DNB agency bulletin recorded here shortly before 1:30 a. m. admitted the first great summer triumph of the Red army in the capture of the city, an anchor point for the entire German front, which the blitzkrieg hordes of the German Wehrmacht had taken nearly 22 months ago.

DNB's announcement said: "It is learned that most powerful Soviet attacks have been repelled at the shortened flanks of the Orel salient and that after the evacuation of all militarily and war economically essential installations according to plan, the German lines have been taken back behind the remnants of the town.

"Disengaged" Themselves The agency added that "unnoticed by the enemy" the Germans had "disengaged" themselves and taken up more favorable positions "prepared in advance long ago."

"Several hours after the methodical evacuation movements, the Soviets probed their way in the direction of the new German positions," DNB said.

It meant that the shattered German garrison was fleeing for its life to escape a Red Army death trap, after being driven from one of the most strongly fortified towns of the eastern front.

Smashing the German rear guard fighting to save the main enemy body of some 250,000 men, the Red army broke through along the railroads north and south of Orel and poured into the city streets with submachine guns and pistols blazing and hand grenades wiping out the German last-stand guards posted in machine gun nests and windows of buildings.

Entire German units were wiped out as the Russians drove with crushing force through 80 towns and villages for gains of more than four miles.

Forty inhabited places were taken by storm southwest of Orel alone. There the German rear guard had tried to hold a line of hills and fortified villages to protect the main body as it reeled in defeat back along the only paths of escape open to them, dirt roads and forest trails, through a gap now less than 12 miles wide.

Prisoners reported that the 211th German infantry division, thrown in to reinforce the lines, had lost 70 per cent of its 3,000 men northwest of the city.

Nineteen hundred Germans were killed in fighting southwest of Orel. Tanks, guns, laden motor trucks, more than 1,000 machine guns, shells, supply dumps and spoils of all sorts fell to the Russians as they charged in for the kill.

Fifty-four German planes were

shot down over the lines.

As the Red army rapidly closed in its drive to trap the entire German garrison and make Orel another Stalingrad, the Soviets also opened a new offensive in the Begorod area, to the south at the lower end of the Kursk salient. The Russian communiqué reported gains of more than 20 miles in that area.

A third Red Army struck out from the Mius river area southwest of Voroshilovgrad, in the rich Donets Basin, in a sudden attack which enlarged the Russian bridgehead on the German-held side of the river.

The Russians were attacking over a 350-mile front on a scale which even before Wednesday's climaxing performance had cost the Germans 236 tanks disabled or destroyed and 138 planes downed in 24 hours ended Tuesday midnight, the Russian communiqué said as recorded from the Moscow radio.

Great Victory. But Orel was the great battle, and the Russians were bidding for consolidation of their greatest summer victory and one of their great victories of the war.

Revival To Begin At Presbyterian Church

A series of revival meetings is scheduled to begin at the Selma Presbyterian church Monday, August 9, and continue through Friday, August 13th.

The Rev. A. Leslie Thompson of Raleigh will do the preaching. He will be assisted by the Rev. Howard F. Newman, student supply pastor. Mr. Thompson is a most impressive speaker, and the public is invited to hear him.

Services each night at 8:30 o'clock. The regular preaching services will be held next Sunday by the Rev. Mr. Newman.

Well Known Clayton Man Dies Monday

Clayton.—Funeral services for M. R. Ferrell, 66, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 at Clyde's Chapel Baptist Church near his home with the Rev. C. H. Norris of Wake Forest officiating.

He died at his home on Route 2 after a long illness, Monday morning at 4:30.

Marriage Announced

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Benson announce the marriage of their daughter, Katherine R. Benson, to Edward Lee Heath on Sunday, August 1, 1943, in Richland, N. C.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Heath of Richlands.

Apology.

We wish to apologize to those of our subscribers in the town of Selma for failure to get the paper ready in time for Mailman Oscar Creech to reach you this (Thursday) afternoon. Our line is responsible, and not Shorty Stencil, our efficient operator.

Kiwanis Governor Is Heard At Meeting Here

Joint Meeting of Selma-Smithfield Clubs—Spirit of Kiwanis Breeds Good Will Wherever Kiwanians Meet.

Whatever may have existed in the form of jealousy, envy or strife which the record of the past may have held as between Selma and Smithfield, all this was forgotten at the joint meeting of the Selma-Smithfield Kiwanis clubs held here last Thursday evening to hear Governor Charles Erwin of the Carolinas Kiwanis District. Where the spirit of Kiwanis exists good will and neighborly kindness abounds. Kiwanis knows no bounds in its scope of fellowship and brotherly kindness as good fellows meet again. This was not only true of the Selma meeting last week, but the same spirit prevails throughout Kiwanis International. No organization is more thoroughly devoted to the spirit of good will than Kiwanis.

In his address to his fellow Kiwanians here Thursday evening, Governor Erwin laid much stress upon the gigantic task confronting Kiwanis and other civic organizations in the course of post-war planning. He said, regardless of whatever those in authority might have to offer in their post-war program, their decision not be accepted just as a matter of fact, but should be subjected to whatever criticism that may seem just and proper to insure the continuance of our democratic way of life in America.

Governor Erwin, speaking of the war and post-war days, warned that the going is going to be tough and the road long and hard, but if we will only measure up to the task, and as Kiwanians and civilians, each one manifest a willingness to do his part we will find that we are more the stronger and the reward will be the greater for so doing. He emphasized this point by telling of a trip to the top of Whiteface Mountain in Western North Carolina. There were two ways laid before him in which to go to the top of this mountain—one by highway, another by a narrow, rugged trail. He chose the hard way and, as he climbed, each step seemed more difficult, and at many points he found that one misplaced step would have sent him hurling down across many boulders hundreds of feet below; but as the climb grew more difficult he found that he must exercise greater care in placing each step upward. Finally the top was reached and then he walked out on the top of what seemed a new world as he walked around with freedom, where he could view the wonders of God's creation as he looked upon towering peaks in all directions enshrouded in superb beauty and grandeur. "This," he said, "was typical of the new world we shall witness in the post-war days when we shall have come through great tribulation."

Giving another illustration along the same line of thought, Governor Erwin referred to the great "dust bowl" out west several years ago, when thousands of people found themselves stranded and looking for somewhere to go. Thousands left their home and farms with the savings of a life time and went into strange lands to start life anew, while dust storms continued to ravage two or three states and the entire populace of many localities. He told the story of one brave farmer who, after attending a meeting of citizens in an effort to formulate plans for the future, left the meeting

Noted News Man To Speak Farmers' Day

Richard Wilson, War Correspondent, Was Held Prisoner By Japanese — Will Tell of His War Experiences At the War Bond Sale in Smithfield Farmers' Day, August 11.

Richard Wilson, who was United Press correspondent in the Far East before Pearl Harbor and who spent seven months in a Japanese prison camp before returning to America on the Gripsholm in an exchange of diplomats and correspondents between the United States and Japan, will tell of his war experiences at the war bond sale to be staged in Smithfield on Farmers' Day, Aug. 11.

Wilson, who pulls no punches in bringing the facts about the Pacific war home to Americans, is devoting his time now to telling his story to lecture audiences through the nation under the management of the National Concert and Artists Corporation. Announcement of his scheduled appearance there on the Farmers' Day war rally program was made Monday by G. A. Allen, president of the Smithfield chamber of commerce.

In his talks, Wilson tells a heart-stirring story of Japanese brutality in the capture of Hong Kong and the subjugation of its people by the Japanese war lords.

His story of the privation to which American diplomats and newspaper correspondents held as captives after December 7th, has already aroused the hearts of thousands of red-blooded Americans.

Wilson witnessed the Japanese assault on Hong Kong. He was so close to the ringside, in fact, that he was captured by the Japanese two days before Hong Kong capitulated. As a captive, he was forced to walk 10 miles over the hills of the island and after abusive treatment was kept a prisoner in a hotel for two months after other British, Dutch and American civilians in Hong Kong had been shipped to a concentration camp. The "special" treatment accorded him, he was to discover, was in order that Japanese officers might propagandize for Japan as well as broadcast English commentaries over the Jap radio. They never succeeded in inducing him to either write or broadcast.

determined to stick to his acres in the dust bowl, let come what may. He took the hard way, but not many months thereafter the dust storms subsided and grass began to grow again upon the fertile plains of the west, and today he is entrenched in a veritable paradise of plenty, while thousands of his fellow citizens who chose what seemed at that time, the easy way, but many found the "easy way" the hard way, and are still scattered to the four corners looking for the end of the rainbow.

In the absence of Past International Trustee Ralph Barker of Durham, who was to introduce the speaker, President Howard V. Gaskill of the Selma club, introduced Governor Erwin.

After the recognition of guests, the program for the evening was turned over to President Bill Joe Austin of the Smithfield club.

Miss Genevieve Medlin of Smithfield, sang two vocal numbers, "I Heard A Forest Praying," and "When the Lights Come On Again," accompanied at the piano by Miss Helen Wallace, also of Smithfield.

Kiwanian H. H. Lowry, chairman of the music committee of the Selma club, led the entire group in several Kiwanis songs, accompanied by Mrs. D. M. Clemmons.

Johnston Man Paroled; Sentenced to Die In Chair

Convicted of Slaying Elisha Price in Johnston County 23 Years Ago — Found Guilty First-Degree Murder and Sentenced to Die in Electric Chair.

A white man sentenced in 1918 to die in the electric chair for first-degree murder was granted a parole yesterday by Governor Broughton.

The man is Arthur Peedin, whose death sentence was commuted in November, 1918, to life imprisonment. On December 30, 1940, Peedin's sentence was commuted to 30-40 years. He was convicted of slaying another white man, Elisha Price, in Johnston County.

Parole Commissioner Hathaway Cross, in announcing the parole said, "This prisoner is now nearly 70 years of age, and there are many recommendations before me for his release at this time. The conduct of this man

has not been good for the entire period of his confinement, and there is an escape record against him, but I am reliably informed that his attitude has materially changed during recent years and his conduct has been good.

"His release at this time is recommended by the trail solicitor and a number of officials and former officials of Johnston County. The prisoner will have a home to go to upon his release, and he will have gainful employment."

Mrs. Nellie Parrish Hughes, who has been employed as engineering aide for Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, has been transferred to Baltimore, where she holds a position with the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft production plant. Mrs. Hughes has recently been attending school at Wesleyan University, West Virginia. Before going to Baltimore she spent a few days at Westfield, Mass., with her husband.

Border Belt Tobacco Market Opens Today

President Local Club



HOWARD V. GASKILL, president Selma Kiwanis club, presided over joint meeting Selma-Smithfield Kiwanis clubs last Thursday evening and introduced Governor Charles Erwin.

16 Johnston Boys Enlist In Navy

Navy Recruiter John Stallings reports that 16 Johnston county boys enlisted in the Navy during July.

The group included: Vernon Lee, Norman R. Sellers, D. V. Carter, Reuben Davis, Dr. L. Henson, J. H. Webb, Fate Barnes, Jr., N. B. Lee, Jr., J. M. Jones, T. A. Tew, K. B. Jones, Jr., J. L. Woodard, Jr., Lubbe Barnes, A. T. Barefoot, G. H. Eason, and A. M. Register.

These boys will receive about seven weeks of "boot" training and will be given an opportunity to apply for a Navy trade school for 16 weeks of specialized training.

The Navy still has openings for 17-year olds and they should apply at once, Stallings stated.

Women interested in the Waves may obtain complete information from Recruiter Stallings.

Selma Boy Just Back From Sicily Battle

Dannie H. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wilson of Selma, arrived Wednesday to spend a 5-day leave at home. Dannie says he is just back from the fighting front in Sicily. He is in the Navy and was in the first fleet of ships to make war on that important Italian island. He says our boys are making a rapid mopping up campaign on Sicily and thinks it will not be long now until the entire island is in allied hands.

When asked as to which he had rather fight, Germans or Japs, Dannie said, "give me Germans every time, as the Germans will quit when they see they are beat, but the Japs fight on until they die."

Pvt. Robert Parker Starts Recruit Drill

KEESLER FIELD, Biloxi, Miss., Aug. 2.—Pvt. Robert G. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Parker, Selma, N. C., Route 1, started his recruit drill this week in the Basic Center at Keesler Field, a unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Private Parker will undergo several weeks of orientation, gas mask and bayonet drill, camouflage and physical training, and rifle firing. He then will be assigned to duty or sent to a technical school for special training.

Selma Boy Gets Promotion In Navy

Morgan M. White, son of Mrs. H. T. White of Selma, has been promoted to Aviation Machinist Mate First Class, his promotion taking effect on July 1, 1943. Morgan is in the U. S. Navy stationed somewhere in the Pacific. His many friends here will be glad to know that Morgan is making good.

Farmers are asked to market hogs at not heavier than 250 pounds. It takes more feed to put an extra pound on heavy hogs.

Light Sales Forecast — Average of 40 Cents or Better Anticipated — Quality Fair — C. B. Stafford, Fairmont Sales Supervisor, Says Farmers Are Still Curing and That Sales On That Market Are Not Expected To Be Heavy For Two or Three Weeks.

Border Belt tobacco markets in the Carolinas will open for the season today, (Thursday) but exceptionally light sales were forecast from the seven North Carolina auction centers last night.

Most Market officials said they expected the opening day's average prices to be close to the \$41 per hundred "weighted average" price ceiling established by the Office of Price Administration a week or so ago.

Last year's opening day average was \$37.37 per hundred pounds, with 5,934,246 pounds being sold. In 1941 a total of 6,291,536 pounds were sold on opening day on the North Carolina markets for an average of \$26.93 per hundred.

Some of the larger markets of the belt reported fairly large offerings on warehouse floors, but smaller markets said that only a small amount of tobacco was on the floors last night and that very light sales are expected today. One or two of the markets said that they expect to clear all floors by shortly after noon.

Quality of the first offerings was reported as "fair." One warehouseman said that there was some good tobacco and "a lot of bad" on hand.

Sales will start at 9 a. m. and will be concluded at 5 p. m. if there's enough tobacco on hand. No special ceremonies are planned for the opening of sales on the Tar Heel markets.

W. P. Hedrick, State Agriculture Department tobacco specialist, yesterday visited several markets, and reported last night that sales today appeared likely to be the lightest in years. He said the quality of the leaf already on the floors was below that of last year.

He attributed the light offerings to the fact that farmers are still curing their tobacco and haven't had sufficient help to get their weed ready for market. Another factor is that many farmers are holding their leaf until they find out if the OPA is going to grant the request of the State Grange (Continued On Page 5)

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

C. HUB BROWN and LEON GODWIN spent the week-end in High Point buying furniture for their new home in Selma, in fact, HUB says they bought out an entire furniture company in High Point—or rather all the manufactured goods the company had in stock—they are moving into their new quarters this week—it seemed like old times to see TOM BARHAM (MRS. R. A. WALKER) on the Maindrag yesterday — TOM was one of the town's most popular young ladies before taking her departure for the "down south"—her many friends are delighted to have her with them again—JAMES LUTHER MIDNIGHT is a colored man and he lives in the town of Selma—SUPT. H. B. MARROW of the County Schools, ran across his name in his office a few days ago and called our attention to it—didn't know we had a Negro named MIDNIGHT living in our midst until MR. MARROW told us—at the Kiwanis banquet last Thursday night EDITOR TOM LASSITER of The Herald and EDITOR M. L. STENCIL of The Johnstonian-Sun, had seats side by side and these gentlemen talked "newspaper" to their hearts content

JERRY EASON went to Raleigh this week and enlisted in Uncle Sam's Navy—JERRY has been working in a shipyard in Wilmington for the past several months — glad to see MASON CORE on the Maindrag — MASON, who is in the USA, is spending a few days with his parents, MR. and MRS. L. B. CORE, before going to a hospital in Temple, Texas, for treatment for wounds received in the South Pacific—the carnival has come to town and is drawing crowds each night—it is sponsored by the Junior Woman's club, the proceeds to be used for entertaining visiting service men—MR. OWENS, the manager, seems to be a very clever gentleman—he is inviting all the children of the town and community to be his guests on next Saturday afternoon.