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Views Of The News

First Nazi-British Battle Opens At Monastir Gap

Athens April 12.—A Nazi column driving through the Monastir Gap of Northwest Greece collided with Britain's veteran Expeditionary Corps in the opening phase of a battle on which may turn the fate of Greece.

Athens did not reveal where the British had gone into action against the Germans. But it was presumed to be in the vicinity of Florina, key Northwestern Greek roads center, toward which German Panzer divisions were driving from the Monastir Gap, due north.

The threat of the Germans break-through at Monastir was grave.

If a armored columns win a foothold on the Greek northwestern highways they will be in a position to turn the Greek-British defense system from the rear.

Hungarian Troops Invade Yugoslav Area Lost In 1918

Budapest, Hungary, April 12.—A state of emergency was declared throughout Hungary as Hungarian troops marched into the Bacza region of Yugoslavia between the Danube and Tisza Rivers.

Under orders of the regent, Admiral Nicholas Horthy, the Hungarian armies today crossed the Tiranon treaty frontier between the Danube and the Tisza as well as the opposite triangle of the Baranya area of the Danube.

The Baranya area is a small body of land which lies to the west of the Danube on the frontier.

The old Austro-Hungarian Empire had lost the Bacza area, about 8,500 square miles, and the smaller Baranya triangle to the new kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes as the result of the last war.

U. S. May Take Over France's Normandie

Washington, April 12.—President Roosevelt's request for power to take over foreign ships aroused Congressional speculation that the government might commandeer 14 French vessels including the giant luxury liner Normandie which now are tied up in American harbors.

In a message to Congress Mr. Roosevelt asked sweeping authority to make use of foreign ships idle in American ports to forestall a "growing shortage" of shipping facilities. The message and accompanying legislation, said that "just compensation" would be made for any ships taken over.

Richard Reynolds Gets Mayoralty Without Fight

Winston-Salem, April 12.—Winston-Salem's next Mayor will be Richard J. Reynolds, Treasurer of the Democratic National Executive Committee.

His nomination was assured when last of five other candidates, George W. Coan and John H. Cranfill, withdrew from the race and endorsed Reynolds' platform. Three other candidates, the incumbent, James R. Fain, Lawrence G. Pfefferkorn and Marshall C. Kurfess, had previously withdrawn and pledged support to Reynolds.

"Bodger" Roger's Son, Jack Rogers Has Not Traveled

But Jack, 86, and His Wife, Who Is 79, Today Celebrate Their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

In 1852, the year in which Louis Napoleon Bonaparte had himself proclaimed as Emperor Napoleon III of France, a French youth of 17, a native of Marseilles, disappointed because he was a few inches short for military service, took a ship to America and after a trip of 58 days reached a United States port and eventually settled in that same year in Person county, North Carolina.

Within less than two years this boy, John Roger, who was himself to live to good old age, married Miss Betty Duncan of Person county and on September 4, 1855 had a son John Thomas Rogers, who is today, celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of his own marriage to Miss Minerva Jane Oakley, which occurred on April 12, 1881.

To John Thomas Rogers, who more than four decades ago moved to Durham and operated an East Main street shoe repair shop, life has not been as venturesome a business as it was for his French father. In all his 86 years John Thomas Rogers, whose surname was Anglicized by addition of the final "s", has lived within a fifty mile radius of the Person farm on which he was born, and, although he and Mrs. Rogers are spending this week with their Durham county daughter, Mrs. A. N. Painter, of near Braggtown, where they will today observe their wedding anniversary with a family dinner, they moved back to their native Person four and a half years ago and are making their home with another daughter, Mrs. Olena Rogers Allen, about seven miles from Roxboro, near Bushy Fork.

John Thomas Rogers, better known as "Jack", is a big man and despite his age has an erect figure towering to six feet, while his wife, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Moses Oakley, of Stories Creek, is a small woman, a bit thin, with bright eyes and a cheerful smile. The April wedding of long ago took place at the Moses Oakley farm, where Mrs. Rogers' nephew, Alvis Oakley now lives.

Only surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are Mrs. Painter and Mrs. Allen, but there are 18 grandchildren and twenty-four (Continued on back page)

W. Reade Jones Not Candidate For Mayorship

W. Reade Jones, prominent Roxboro business man and tobaccoist, yesterday said that he will not be a candidate for nomination as Mayor of the City. Mr. Jones' name had been mentioned a number of times during the past week as that of a possible candidate.

Holiday Schedule

Closed for Easter Monday will be the public schools in the County and City, as well as most of the stores and public offices including the United States Post Office. Window service at the Post Office will, however, be available until Noon Monday and mail will be dispatched as usual, according to Postmaster L. M. Carlton.

MRS. G. C. VICKERS ACCEPTS PLACE ON LOCAL BOARD

Third Member Selected By Two Members Yesterday.

Mrs. G. C. Vickers, of this city, has accepted appointment to the Person County Welfare advisory board, notification of which she received Friday morning from Raleigh. Mrs. Vickers, a member of the Person Council of Social agencies, met yesterday with Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff and R. D. Bailey for purpose of selecting the third member of the advisory board.

Third member, elected at the meeting yesterday, is J. M. Brewer, who was re-elected and will serve as chairman.

Mrs. Vickers takes the place on the board created by resignation of the Rev. W. F. West, chairman, who declined to serve again after having been a member for several years.

Mr. Bailey, of Wooddale, was re-named to the board last week by the county commissioners and will serve as their representative. Other member up to present time has been John M. Brewer, of Bushy Fork. Appointment of Mrs. Vickers, who is actively interested in social betterment, was made by officials of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare after local recommendation as to the appointee had been sought.

Honor Roll For Seventh Month At Hurdle Mills

First Grade—Ann Long, Annette Pugh, Nina Blalock, John Jones, Billy Huff, Marie Brooks, Patsy Gentry, Randall Rimmer, Thomas Horner, Bill Horner, Bobby Hawkins.

Second Grade—Mary Lou Horner, Dewey Allison, Gertrude Daniel, Janie Mae Porterfield, Mary Lee Whitfield, Mary Ellen Long, Bryce Gentry, Joyce Berry, Josephine Long, Donald Lee Davis, Patricia Monk, Carlin Wolfe, Dean Evans.

Third Grade—Mildred Ann Wrenn, Peggy Gwyn Hawkins, Bobby Moore, Dan Whitfield, Joan Whitfield, Betty Sue Whitfield.

Fourth Grade—Shirley Rogers, Louise Moize.

Fifth Grade—Wilma Berry

Sixth Grade—Mary Ruth Sartain, Christine Jones

Seventh Grade—Vernon Davis, Gladys Sartain

Eighth Grade—Julia Belle Baynes, Stella Hawkins, Inez Hawkins, Mary Blalock

Ninth Grade—None

Tenth Grade—None

Eleventh Grade—Clifton Day, Lottie Norris, Norma Whitfield, Irene McCullock, Annie Alice Hawkins, Clarisse Foushee, Agnes Long, Beatrice Blalock, Louise Jones.

To Meet

April meeting of the Community Hospital auxiliary will be held Wednesday afternoon, at Hotel Roxboro at 3 o'clock. Change of hour, according to the President, Mrs. Mollie S. Barrett, has been made because of vesper services at Edgar Long Memorial church.

WEDDED SIXTY YEARS



Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas (Jack) Rogers, of Person County, are today celebrating the 60th anniversary of their marriage. They now live with their daughter, Mrs. Mac Allen on the Greensboro road. Mr. Rogers is an uncle of Jesse Rogers of Allensville.

JUNIORS HEAR DR. C. E. BREWER

Bob Gantt Elected As Orphans Home Trustee. Knight Presides.

A annual Spring meeting of the 10th District of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics was held Friday night with the Longhurst Council, as host. The meeting was held at Roxboro Hotel and began with a dinner at 7 o'clock. The 10th district is composed of the counties of Durham, Orange, Alamance, Person, Caswell, and Granville.

At the business session, after the dinner, election of a trustee for the Lexington Orphans Home was held, resulting in selection of Bob Gantt, Durham attorney, for the post. The retiring trustee is W. E. Thompson of Graham. Tyree Jones of Durham is district counselor of the 10th district.

State Junior Order officials attending were the State Councilor J. L. White of Oxford; Vice Councilor Clyde L. Stancil of Smithfield; State Council Treasurer Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh; Council Secretary Forrest G. Shearin of Scotland Neck; and Field Secretary S. H. Williams of Raleigh, all of whom made brief talks.

Chief address was made by past national councilor, Dr. Charles E. Brewer, of Raleigh, president emeritus of Meredith college. Attendance loving cup, presented by B. B. Knight, Longhurst councilor, who presided, was won by Lowes Grove delegation. A special guest was A. H. Borland, judge of recorder's court, Durham, who also spoke.

Entertainment features were arranged by H. C. Kynoch, who presented the Cardin brothers and sisters of Durham. Guests at the meeting reported that the evening was one of the most enjoyable yet held.

Next district meeting will be held in Burlington in the Fall.

BEGINS SERVICE



D. E. EARNHARDT

Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, of Calvary Methodist church, Durham, will tonight begin a series of services at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church. The services will continue for 10 days.

R. L. Harris, Mrs. Harris, Broughton And Others Guests

New York, April 12.—Governor and Mrs. J. Melville Broughton and Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. R. L. Harris, of North Carolina and other members of the Governor's staff were entertained at dinner Wednesday evening in the Hotel St. Regis by William Y. Preyer of New York City.

Others in the party were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris Jr., Miss Harris, Colonel Gordon Smith, General Metz, Lieutenant Peyton Parks of the United States Navy, who was assigned as naval aide to Governor Broughton during his visit in New York, and Mrs. Peyton Parks. The following guests from New York City also were present: Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hodges, Mrs. Kate Carmichael and Miss Ann Carmichael.

Third Robbery Within Week Reported To Sheriff Clayton

CHURCHES HERE HOLD SERVICES MARKING EASTER

Bishop Penick At St. Mark's. Mr. Martin At First Baptist.

Special services will be held in many City churches, including Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church where a series of evangelistic services with the Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, of Calvary Methodist church, Durham, will begin tonight and be continued for 10 days, with preaching at afternoon vesper services and at night.

Visiting minister on Easter Sunday morning at St. Mark's Episcopal church is the Right Rev. Edwin A. Penick, bishop of the diocese of North Carolina.

At First Baptist Church the speaker will be Al Martin, who with Mrs. Martin is here for the holidays. There will be no evening service.

Speaker at the Presbyterian church will be the pastor, Rev. J. M. Walker.

Pointing out that all other religions have outgrown their founders, W. T. Bost, veteran Raleigh newspaper correspondent and guest speaker at a holy week service held last Thursday night at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church, characterized Christianity as an enduring religion faithful to the character of the Messiah.

The problem of how to find that which is good is an age-old one, but in no other religion has this problem so nearly been answered as in Christianity. Bost said.

The annual Good Friday Service, sponsored by the Person County Minister's association was held in Edgar Long Memorial Church.

The service began at Noon and continued until three o'clock, the hour marking the death of Christ on the cross. The Service took the form of meditations on "The Seven Last Words" and was conducted by ministers of the city and county at 15 minute intervals. Special music centered about the glory of Christ's life poured out in sacrificial suffering and emphasis was placed upon the singing of the great hymns of the church dealing with this theme.

Ministers in the City and county who participated in the Good Friday service were the Rev. W. C. Martin, pastor of Edgar Long Memorial church, the Rev. J. M. Walker, of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Rufus J. Womble, St. Mark's Episcopal church, the Rev. W. F. West, of the Roxboro First Baptist church, the Rev. J. F. Bowman and the Rev. J. F. Funderburke of the Baptist church, and the Rev. D. A. Petty and the Rev. T. Marvin Vick, of the Methodist church.

In addition to Maundy Thursday services held during the previous night at St. Mark's Episcopal church, the Lenten series were continued at St. Mary's and St. Edward's Catholic church and will be held today.

Contestants To Give Due Notice

Persons desiring to have their residence lawns, back yards or vacant lots judged in the Clean-Up campaign which closed last week are requested to notify Mrs. R. L. Wilburn, registration chairman, not later than 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Belvin's Tavern Latest Victim. Cigarettes and Foodstuffs taken Early Saturday Morning.

Third of a series of service station and restaurant robberies happening here within a week took place Saturday morning between three and seven o'clock when Belvin's Tavern, at intersection of the Greensboro and Se mora roads, was entered and a quantity of cigarettes and candy taken.

Belvin Barnette, proprietor, left the establishment about three o'clock Saturday morning and discovered the break-in when he returned at 7. Entrance was effected by breaking a front window. Cash of undetermined amount was taken from a piccolo and from vending machines. Value of cigarettes and food supplies taken was estimated at between \$25 and \$30.

Investigation is being made by Sheriff M. T. Clayton and deputies. As yet unsolved are break-ins and robberies at the Dixie Pig restaurant, further down on the Greensboro road, and at a service station in the city, operated by Hassell Long. Nothing was taken at the Dixie Pig, entered on Tuesday, but cash, a watch and pistol were taken from Long's, which was entered a week ago.

Likewise unsolved is a robbery which occurred at a South Main street filling station two months ago. Fingerprint experts were summoned from Raleigh in all instances.

CLAUDE T. HALL TO HEAD CIVIC CLUB FOR YEAR

Other Officers Chosen At Session Thursday. Bost Speaks.

New president of Roxboro Rotary club is Claude T. Hall, prominent Roxboro business man and Wooddale resident, who was elected to office at the regular dinner session of the club held Thursday night at Hotel Roxboro.

Mr. Hall, who will succeed Gordon C. Hunter, will take office July 1. Other officers elected were David S. Brooks, vice president; W. Reade Jones secretary; and E. E. Bradsher, treasurer. New directors are Dr. J. D. Fitzgerald and Fred Masten. Mr. Bradsher was re-elected to office and Mr. Jones has previously served as secretary.

Speaker at the club was W. T. Bost, here for a Lenten service at St. Mark's church, and a special guest was the minister of the church, Rev. Rufus J. Womble.

Gentry Brothers Like Army Work

Raymond Gentry, son of T. H. Gentry, who entered the United States army air service as a private and is now stationed at Allsbrook field, Canal Zone, has been advanced to rank of Corporal, according to a letter received from him by his brother, Charles Gentry, of Ca-Vel.

Corporal Gentry enlisted in November 1939. Also in the service is his brother, Lambeth Gentry, who enlisted six months ago and is stationed at Fort Williams, C. Z.

Along The Way With the Editor

Two old war horses have been retired from active duty with the City fire department. They have served the city well and now they are honorary firemen.

These two men are George Cushwa and J. S. Merritt. No longer will they have to get up in the middle of the night and run after the fire truck with their pants in their hands. When they hear the fire alarm in the middle of the night they can just turn over and start sleeping again, if their own house is not on fire.

Cushwa even has a hard time walking up Reams Avenue Hill and Merritt is claiming that 10:00 a. m. is early enough to get to work.

Attention golf fans—Earl Bradsher, Jr. and Tom Woody are going to meet in a golf match Easter Monday. They will tee off at 9:30 a. m. and it will be worth your time to see this match. Both think they will win. We respectfully suggest that each one count the strokes on the other. Allow no chance of "wrong counting."