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Germans Smash On Into Greece

Athens.—German armored forces smashing a hole in the allied line, have swept nearly 50 miles down across northern Greece in a great arc aimed at entrapping the British and Greek armies, it was stated officially.

Britain Loses A New Cruiser

London.—Britain acknowledged the loss of one of her newest cruisers last night, but claimed destruction of a 10,000-ton tanker bound for Nazi-occupied port, and new bomb hits on or near Germany's two 26,000-ton battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, berthed at Brest. The 5,450-ton cruiser Bonaventure, completed in the 1939-40 program, was sunk on convoy duty by a torpedo. It was the fifth cruiser acknowledged by the admiralty as lost since the war began. Other officially acknowledged losses to date in major warship classes are one battleship, two aircraft carriers, 39 destroyers, including two Canadian, and 25 submarines.

Germany May Violate Spain

Jersey City.—Travelers arriving yesterday on the liner Excambion from Lisbon said German troops were ready to march into Spain and Portugal in a thrust intended to capture Gibraltar and destroy the British fleet in the Mediterranean.

President Asserts Our Ships To Be Protected

Washington.—In a terse but apparently historic remark, President Roosevelt indicated that American merchant ships carrying war supplies through the newly-opened Red Sea route to Egypt would have armed protection. He was asked at a press conference whether it was the policy of this government to protect its ships wherever they go, so long as they stay out of the combat zones defined in the neutrality act. He replied that that was the law.

Communists Influence Our Strikes

Washington.—The House military committee was told by a Dies committee official that Communist leadership was evident in five major defense strikes. J. B. Matthews, research director for the committee on un-American activities, testified that the Communist influence was "very strong" in the recent Ford Motor Company strike and that the labor stoppage at the International Harvester Company was "100 per cent. a Communist strike." He also said Communists played a part in strikes at the Vaultee-Airplane Factory and the Harvill Diecasting Company, both in California, and at the Allis-Chalmers Factory in Milwaukee.

Washington, D. C.—Hard to believe, but nevertheless true, is the fact that the United States may soon face a shortage of certain food commodities. While there probably will continue to be a surplus of wheat, there may not be enough beef and pork, butter, eggs and milk to supply both this country and Britain. The government is expected to enter the market to buy meat and dairy products in order to boost prices to a fair level—thereby encouraging farmers to produce more of these staples.

Germany's ominous southward move in the Balkans is essentially a defensive operation. It is in the west that Hitler must strike his main offensive blows, while using the Balkans as a means of diverting Allied strength. Doubtless this was the scheme recently discussed between the Italian Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Riccardi, and his Nazi counterpart, Admiral Raeder. Two essential aims are said to have been agreed upon. One was to close the Mediterranean narrows by mass-produced submarines made in Germany, ferried overland to Italian bases and assembled there. The second was to compel Marshall Pétain of Vichy to allow French oil stocks in Tunisia and Morocco to be used by the Axis.

From sources close to the Ankara government we learn that within two or three weeks the Fuehrer is expected to demand that Turkey betray her alliance or be attacked. There is no question that Turkey will defend herself, and with the whole of the Balkans affair, Hitler's dream of a solid Nazi European bloc will go on the rocks.

In Yugoslavia and in Turkey Hitler is facing a people who are not hypnotized, not tired and certainly unafraid. He is now in a war which he tried to avoid, and while he may believe he will win, it will cost him more men, equipment, ammunition and precious gasoline than he can afford to lose. To have to fight that war at all is for Germany a major defeat.

According to Ernest O. Hauser, "Look" magazine correspondent who recently returned from the Orient, "Japan risks utter ruin and chaos in war with America. Her leaders and her people do not want it, yet the betting is 50-50. The Japanese Navy frankly does not want war with the United States. Japanese navy men know that in an all-out naval battle in the Pacific with the United States, Japan would be licked. Oddly enough, they believe they would lose even if America were involved in the European war at the same time."

"But despite her reluctance to go to war with America," continued Hauser, "Japan is poised to take her cue from Germany to divert the attention of the United States at the crucial moment when Hitler makes up his mind to spring at Britain's throat in a final attempt to liquidate the war."

The one all-embracing reason for this reluctance, said Hauser, is Japan's overwhelming fear and suspicion of Russia. Her vast industrial centers, highly combustible, are within easy range of Stalin's bombers, based at Vladivostok.

Baptist Training Union Meeting

The Associational Training Union Conference for pastors, Union leaders, officers, workers, and members of the Allegheny Association was held last Tuesday afternoon and evening at the new Baptist church.

Mrs. N. C. Brooks, of Raleigh, directed the conference, with the assistance of the local associational director. Problems were discussed by Miss Ellen Daniel, of Mt. Airy and Rev. Thomas Lawrence, of Clemmons. These leaders came from Wilkesboro and were going to Brier Creek Association on Wednesday.

Lucille Ford Circle Met Tuesday

The Lucille Ford circle of the Baptist W. M. S. met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Bruce Wagoner at Glade Valley. Mrs. Hugh Choate was program leader and those taking part on the program were Mrs. E. L. Hickerson, Mrs. J. G. Mitchell, Mrs. Roy Burgess, Mrs. V. W. Sears, Mrs. J. C. Reihan and Mrs. Clennel Richardson.

After the program a short social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Vice President Spoke Saturday in Winston-Salem

The most important way of making sure that the United States will remain at peace, and that peace will come rapidly to the world on a basis which will mean freedom and not slavery to democratic nations, is to demonstrate in the shortest time possible the tremendous capacity of this nation to produce, Vice-President Henry A. Wallace said in Winston-Salem last Saturday night.

The vice-president was principal speaker at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Winston-Salem Federal Home Loan Bank. More than 700 persons, including high banking officials of the nation and Governor J. M. Broughton, crowded into the main ballroom of the Robert E. Lee hotel for the address.

Shooting Ends An Argument In Wilkesboro

Jim Davis, of the Brushy Mountain section, aged about 55, was shot and killed Monday noon in the office of John T. Irvin, Wilkesboro livestock dealer. Irvin admitted shooting Davis, claiming that Davis was advancing on him with a knife at the time, officers said. Irvin called Coroner I. M. Myers, saying that he had shot and probably killed a man.

When the coroner arrived he found Davis lying on his face in Irvin's office. Irvin had gone to a telephone to call an ambulance. The coroner said he found a knife in Davis' right hand. The knife, a comparatively large pocket knife, appeared to have been new and showed no signs of having been used for any purpose.

Davis' body had four wounds from a comparatively large calibre pistol. He was taken to the hospital and died a few hours later.

Irvin told Coroner Myers that Davis was at his place on Sunday, and was arguing about a settlement of a business transaction. He said that Davis was drinking, and was disorderly but he was able to get him away without serious trouble.

Monday, Irvin said, Davis returned and they went into the business of making a settlement of their business affairs when a quarrel arose and Davis advanced on him with the knife, and he shot him.

Commencement At Glade Valley High School

The thirty-first annual Commencement Exercises of Glade Valley High School will be held during the week, April 19 to 25, Principal E. B. Eldridge announced.

The Senior play, "Aunt Susie Shoots The Works," will be presented on Saturday night, April 19, at 8 o'clock. It is a three-act mystery farce, produced under the direction of Miss Susan Inscore.

Sunday morning, April 20, at 11 o'clock, the Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. C. D. Hutton, pastor of the Reymolda Presbyterian church in Winston-Salem.

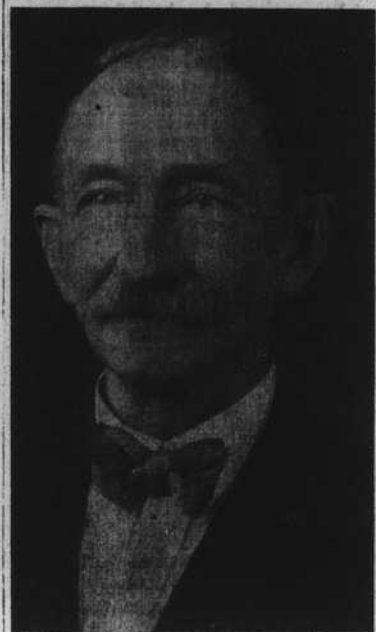
Sunday night the Young People's League will give a short program in review of the year's work, and then will follow an address to the young people.

A Music recital on Thursday night, April 24, at 8 o'clock, will be given by students of the Music Department under the direction of the Music teacher, Mrs. Ellen Guerrant.

Graduating Exercises and address by Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, pastor of First Presbyterian church of Lexington, N. C., will be the program for Friday, April 25 at 11 o'clock.

All exercises will be held in the school auditorium, and the public is cordially invited.

Taken by Death . . .



HAMPTON C. WEAVER

Hampton Weaver, Prominent Grayson Man, Passes Away

Only three weeks after having received the nomination of his party for the Grayson seat in the Virginia House of Delegates, at the hands of Grayson Republicans, Hampton C. Weaver, of Whitetop, passed away early Saturday, April 12, in George Ben Johnston Memorial hospital, Abingdon, after a brief illness from pneumonia and complications.

Mr. Weaver, who was widely known and highly respected by hundreds of his fellow citizens, regardless of party affiliations, was a former member of the legislature, having represented Grayson county several years ago in the Old Dominion's legislative halls. It was for this office that he was nominated again at a convention held in Independence on Saturday, March 22, exactly three weeks before his death.

Active in all movements that he considered for the betterment of his county and state, it was in the field of politics that he was best known. He served for several years as Commissioner of Revenue for Grayson county.

Mr. Weaver was 75 years of age at the time of his death.

Surviving are the widow, who was Miss Lu Zilla Sturgill, six sons, and five daughters.

W. C. Thompson Reappointed Supt. Of Education

W. C. Thompson, of Glade Valley, was reappointed superintendent of public instruction in Allegheny county at a meeting of the board of education and will begin his fourth year July 1.

Like most persons involved in the public life of this county, Thompson was born and reared and attended school in Allegheny. Glade Valley is his home community, and he was born 35 years ago.

Committeemen for the next school year were appointed by the board of education which established a new school district in Glade Creek township.

Reason for the new district—created by dividing Glade Creek district (No. 3)—is because of the construction of two new school buildings in that township, at Little Pine and Rich Hill, it was stated.

Work on the two school buildings got under way last Monday under the supervision of Lester Stump, who was superintendent of the county office and assembly building project. Trinity WPA workmen are employed. The county board of commissioners is furnishing four carpenters.

School committeemen, are as follows: District No. 1, Walter Osborne, Dewey Sturdivant and George Crouse.

District No. 2, W. F. Parsons, Frank Busic and Carlisle Hash.

District No. 3 (Rich Hill), Frank Brooks, Tom Greene and Jimmy Wagoner; (Little Pine), Kyle Edwards, Arthur Greene and Andy Evans.

District No. 4, M. E. Reeves, Van Miller and Colonel Jones. Only new committeemen were Greene, Wagoner, Edwards and Evans.

Lime For Alleghany

County Agent R. E. Black announces that around 2,600 tons of lime have been ordered for the farmers of Alleghany county, with all but 750 tons having arrived at Galax.

Sparta High Commencement Week Program

Friday, April 25th, at 10:30 a. m., in the school auditorium the Commencement Week will really begin with the Declamation Contest. Reeves Edwards will open the program with, "There Was A Man," which is Dorothy Thompson's tribute to Winston Churchill. Brice Richardson will give, "Silent Voices." And Joe Blum will give, "The Citizen's Appreciation."

Following the three declamations and some music will come three recitations. Lucille Mitchell will recite, "Ma's Sabbath Morning"; Patsy Roy Burgess will give, "Betty At The Baseball Game"; and Emogene Choate will give, "Penrod."

And then, following some more music, will come the Debate on the topic: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt a policy of requiring one year of military training of all able-bodied men before they reach the age of 23." The proposition will be affirmed by Blanche Hendrix and Wanda Choate, and it will be denied by Pika Rizotti and Sarah Warren.

Then Perfect Attendance certificates will be presented, and Seventh Grade Promotion certificates, and the climax will be the announced decisions of the judges regarding the winners in the three contests.

Saturday morning at 10:30 the Graduation Exercises will open with the Class President's speech by Arza Richardson. Next will come the Salutatory by Mildred Wagoner; then the Class History by Elsie Wagoner, and the Class Prophecy by Wanda Choate; and lastly, the Valedictory by Mattie Lee Rector.

Dr. D. J. Whitener, of A. S. T. C., of Boone, will give the Graduation Address, and the 58 seniors will be handed their diplomas—21 to the boys and 37 to the girls.

Saturday night at 7:30 the senior play, "For Pete's Sake," will occupy the stage.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. V. W. Sears.

One Bite: \$150.00

George Herman Watts "took a \$150 bite on a sandwich." While driving on the Jackson Park road near Kannapolis, his 1937 model coach crashed into a telephone pole.

Watts said he had just purchased a sandwich, and being in a hurry, was eating it while driving. He looked down and took a big bite out of the sandwich, and when he looked up saw a telephone pole directly in front of his car.

Watts was not injured in the crash, but approximately \$150 worth of damage was done to his car.

Wool jackets with crepe dresses are good. Some of the solid wool jackets have revers of crepe, matching the dress.

Next Sunday At The Churches

April 20th

At the Sparta Methodist Church Rev. Lindsey F. Strader will preach at 11 o'clock.

At the Sparta Baptist Church Rev. V. W. Sears will preach at 7:30 p. m., on "The Seeming Christian."

Preaching at Glade Valley at 11 o'clock and 7:15 o'clock. Rocky Ridge at 3 o'clock.

Preaching at following Methodist Churches: Chestnut Hill at 11 o'clock. Walnut Branch at 3 o'clock. Nathans Creek at 7:30 o'clock.

Preaching at following Baptist Churches: Laurel Springs at 11 o'clock. Liberty at 11 o'clock. Little River at 11 o'clock. New Haven at 11 o'clock.

Mt. Carmel. New Bethel. Pleasant Home. Pleasant Grove. Saddle Mountain.

Dedication of New Office Bldg. On May 1st

Congressman R. L. Doughton is expected to be the principal speaker at the dedication of the new Assembly and County Office building on Thursday, May 1st, at 2 o'clock. Other speakers will be WPA officials from North Wilkesboro, Raleigh and Washington. The invitation to this dedication is extended to everyone in Alleghany county.

In the evening a dance will be held in the assembly room with music by Alexander's Ragtime Band. This has been arranged by the Woman's Club and the proceeds will go to help secure furnishings for the new room.

Piney Creek Baccalaureate Next Sunday

Next Sunday morning, April 20, at 10 o'clock, in the Piney Creek School auditorium, in connection with other exercises pertaining to school closing, Rev. V. W. Sears of the Sparta Baptist church will preach the Baccalaureate sermon to Piney Creek graduates, on the subject; "Youth, the Priceless Possession."

Four More Boys To CCC Camp

Four more Alleghany youths were enrolled in the CCC camp at Laurel Springs, Miss Lillie Ervin, superintendent of public welfare, has announced.

Boys received at the camp were Howard Carpenter, of Ennice; Walter Rose, of Furches; Hollie Atwood and Leonard Evans, of Sparta.

Alleghany Sends Five More Men To Army Training

Alleghany county has sent five more men, one of whom was a volunteer, to Fort Jackson for a year's training under the selective service military program.

Drafted from the registration list were Claudis Rayford Dye, of Laurel Springs; Neil Robert Harless, Galax; Everett Curtis Fortner, Ennice; and John Wiley Richardson, Cherry Lane. Earl Atwood, of Sparta, was a volunteer.

Draft officials have not yet received another quota for April, but it is expected that another group of men will go to camp within the next two weeks.

Unless there are volunteers for the next assignment, the following named men will be required to fill the quota: Left Joe Caudill, of West Grove, Pa.; Wiley Edson Mabe, Furches; Robert Rudolph Crouse, Piney Creek; Dent Bowles Pugh, Topia; and William Bryan Taylor, Mocksville.

Deaths

BRYAN

Andrew J. Bryan, 77, well known Alleghany county farmer and father of Sheriff Dewitt T. Bryan, died Monday night, April 14, at his home at Glade Valley. He had been in declining health for sometime and seriously ill for two months.

The funeral was held at Glade Valley Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. R. L. Berry, Rev. C. W. Ervin and Rev. E. W. Thompson conducting the services. Burial was in the church graveyard.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. E. B. Eldridge and Mrs. J. R. Gentry, and two sons, Sheriff Dewitt T. Bryan and Howard Bryan, all of Glade Valley.

DOUGLAS

Mrs. Nancy Choate (Nelia) Douglas passed away last Sunday, April 13 at the age of 90, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Williams, at Twin Oaks.

Funeral services were held on Monday at Elk Creek church and interment was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Williams, three sons in Ashe county, and a granddaughter, Miss Lola Douglas.

OSBORNE

Jacob Osborne, age 86, of the Mt. Zion community, passed away early this week and funeral services were held at Mt. Zion church on Wednesday, April 16, by Elder Quincy Higgins. Interment was in the church cemetery.

LARUE

Thomas Larue passed away Tuesday night, April 15, at his home in Piney Creek at the age of 86, and funeral services are to be held Thursday at the home. He is survived by his wife.

WADDELL

News has come recently of the death of Mrs. Sarah Waddell at her home in Idaho. Before her marriage to Jesse Waddell she was Miss Sarah Fowlkes of the Topia community. For a number of years Mrs. Waddell kept the Topia post office. Mrs. Waddell was loved by all who knew her. She is survived by her aged husband and a number of children, all in the west. She was a sister of Miss Rheoba Fowlkes of Piney Creek.

HAMM

Also, news has come of the death a few weeks ago of Wesley E. Hamm, of Filer, Idaho. Wesley Hamm was married to Miss Ollie A. Smith of the Mt. Zion community about 18 years ago. They have lived in the west ever since. Ollie is a sister of George F. and S. E. Smith, of Mt. Zion community.

Sparta High School

HONOR ROLL, SEVENTH MONTH

First grade—Ralph Brown, Jr., Joe Allen Gambill, C. J. Wagoner, Robey Wagoner, Beulah Edwards, Edith Mae Hampton, Joe Ann Parker, Lorine Shumate, Margaret Todd, Marjorie Truitt, Beulah Mae Murray, David Wooten.

Second grade—George Hines, Alva Joines, Ralph Lyons, Joe McMillan, Franklin Reeves, Franklin Sturdivant, Annie Lee Andrews, Lorine Billings, Delance Choate, Myrtle Evans, Wanda Edwards, Elizabeth Larus, Vena Miles, Jerry Upchurch, Bertha Absher, Lon Mack Billings, Marie Crouse, Frances Holcomb, John Mack McCain, Garnet Sexton, Georgia Mae Sexton.

Third grade—Ruby Absher, Ruth Absher, Irene Combs, Patsy Edwards, Patsy Gilliam, Ida Maud Black, Ima Wray Wagoner, Fred Shumate, Tommy Reeves.

Fourth grade—Russell Edwards, Tommy Burgess, Betty Jean Fender, Gelene Andrews, Virginia Van Crouse, Irene Cox, Arnold Delp, Wanda Lee Wright, Frank Davis, Paul Edwards, Boyden Atwood, Grace Crouse, Dean Joines, Nellie Atwood, Edward Rizotti, Jr., Harold Woodruff, Carroll Woodruff, Lois Caudill, Nina Sparks, Lacy Duncan, Zollie LaRue.

Fifth grade—Wayne Brooks, George Bryan Collins, Malcolm Gambill, Andrew Mc Knight, Frank Shumate, Ethel Edwards, Elsie Edwards, Grace Murray, Mary Frances Smith.

Sixth grade—Jimmy Davis, Orville Duncan, Burton Edwards, Dwight Royal, J. M. Sturgill, Eloise Joines, Margaret J. Collins, Naomi Douglas, Reba Edwards, Ennice Maines, Sue McGrady, Jean Reeves, Wanda Truitt, Ella Estep, Doris Collins, Evalyn Mitchell, Uptie Andrews, Elizabeth McCann, Lewis Fender, Bill Reeves, James Douglas.

Seventh grade—George R. Crouse, Harold Irwin, Wade Irwin, June Cox, Bernice Jarvis, Maybelline Richardson.

Eighth grade—Eva Edwards, Patsy Roy Burgess, Janie Wood, Tommy Osborne.

Ninth grade—Dorothy Pugh, Jessie Gwyn Woodruff, Gloria Rizotti, Anna Rose Reeves, Glenna Duncan, Denna Lou Rutherford, Earl Lee Joines.

Tenth grade—Blanche Hendrix, Clifton Edwards, Bo Gentry, Pika Rizotti, Lois Smith, Doris Richardson, Una Lee Richardson.

Eleventh grade—Mattie Hallo-way, Ruth Pugh, Margaret Sexton, Mildred Wagoner, Eugene Shaw, Mattie Lee Rector, Gretchen Duncan, Mildred Bennett, Wanda Choate.

Marriages

RECTOR—SMITH

Miss Ima Lou Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Smith, of Ennice, and Clifford Rector, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilborn Rector, of Edwards Crossroads, were married on Sunday, April 13, in Sparta by Elder S. H. Caudill.

Most married men think they would be rich if they had remained single.