



Washington, D. C.—Conversation still revolves around the meaning of Rudolph Hess' flight to the west. And there are many ideas as to whether and why Nazi Number Three deserted his Fuehrer.

From Germany we heard first that Hess had simply gone mad, and then Berlin stated he had hallucinations about being the Messiah of Peace.

Your reporters, however, have facts on which they base their belief that Hess fled from Germany to escape assassination by Hitler's Gestapo.

About ten days ago there were rumors in journalistic circles in Lisbon that Rudolph Hess had been given an unusually large bodyguard in order to prevent being attacked by British agents. We can conjecture that Hess, who was in a position to know the workings of the Nazi murder machine, became suspicious and with the help of friends, managed to secure a plane and fled.

Nobody should know better than Hess—who was behind the scenes at the Nazi-engineered Reichstag fire and the 1934 purge—how the Brownshirts adeptly provide alibis before the crime is committed in order to vindicate themselves afterwards or throw the guilt on someone else.

One important fact emerges: The Nazi war machine is not running as smoothly as the outside world believes. Britain and America may again be surprised—and soon, we hope—by a mass emigration of important officials from the sinking Nazi ship of state.

An interesting sidelight on the European battle news is a report on the condition of the fighters' stomachs. War, according to army medical authorities, brings on stomach ulcers—and among the men who participated in the Dunkerque evacuation, ulcer symptoms are 300 percent higher than among the general population. Blitzed and bombed London civilians also show an increase in stomach disorders.

During the last war, thousands of otherwise healthy American soldiers fell victim to stomach ulcers and were hospitalized for the duration of the war. Reason: hasty and irregular eating plus worry about world events.

Gilliam Family Annual Reunion Sunday, June 8

The annual reunion of the Gilliam family is expected to be a delightful feature of the day, Sunday, June 8th.

The reunion will be held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Gilliam, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gilliam of the Bethel community, on the old Wilkesboro road, five and one-half miles southwest of Elkin, who will be acting hosts to the many relatives, neighbors and friends who are invited and expected to gather with picnic baskets to supplement the lunch, which will be enjoyed by all who attend.

Near this home services will be held at Bethel church at 11 o'clock a. m. Many will gather in the church where the late John Gilliam and several of his children were charter members. A number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren worship at this sacred place now.

At the home at 12:15 o'clock, a brief memorial service will be held for John G. Gilliam, who passed away at his home in Elkin four months ago. Attorney John R. Jones, of North Wilkesboro, will speak at 12:30, and dinner will be served at 1:00 o'clock.

Music will be furnished by quartettes.

Officers in charge of the reunion are, chairman J. R. Gilliam, North Wilkesboro, and secretary, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Ronda.

In North Carolina last year, 331 pedestrians were killed.

MOTHER, WHAT KIND OF A HUSBAND WOULD YOU ADVISE ME TO GET? YOU GET A SINGLE MAN, MY DEAR, AND LET THE HUSBANDS ALONE!

MAV 7—ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS APPOINTED POSTMASTER OF NEW SALEM, ILLINOIS—1833
MAV 10—LAST SPIKE DRIVEN IN UNION-PACIFIC RAILROAD PROMONTORY POINT, UTAH—1869
MAV 11—MOTHER'S DAY

Our world...

A Vital Struggle Begins For Crete

London.—Cairo dispatches today reported the killing or capture of all the air-borne German troops who pounced on the British-Greek island base of Crete yesterday from gliders, transport planes and parachutes, at least 1,500 of them reported disguised in New Zealander battles dress. The British imperial and Greek forces were reported in "complete command of the situation."

Steamer Zamzam Sunk, All Lives Saved

Berlin.—The 142 Americans removed from the Egyptian steamer Zamzam before it was sunk by a German warship in the South Atlantic probably will be released soon and permitted to return to the United States, Nazi informed quarters said early today. All of the 323 passengers and crew members of the 8,299-ton vessel are safe and sound in "a western French port," presumably between Bordeaux and Brest, after being landed there from a German merchant ship to which they were transferred from the sea-raiding warship, it was announced.

Tension Between France and U. S. A.

Washington.—Secretary of State Hull told the French ambassador in strong language yesterday that the United States is convinced pro-Hitler elements are in supreme control in the Vichy government and that France has gone beyond the armistice terms in "collaborating" with Germany. This, it was authoritatively reported, was Hull's reaction when the envoy, Gaston Henry-Haye, called at the State Department to seek an explanation of what he termed an "explosion of emotions" in the United States concerning the "collaboration." He also protested against the United States' "unfriendly action" in taking French merchant ships into protective custody.

Electrical Development for Alleghany

Raleigh.—The state utilities commission yesterday gave Northwest Utilities, Inc., of Blowing Rock, permission to sell its property in Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes, Watauga and Caldwell counties to the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation of Lenoir for \$170,000. Witnesses told the commission at a hearing that the co-operative could triple the number of customers in the territory by expending about \$100,000.

More Aliens Arrested Suddenly

Washington.—At least 169 aliens were under arrest on both seacoasts last night following a sudden roundup ordered by the Justice Department to seize foreign seamen and others who were in this country illegally. The biggest haul was made by 500 New York detectives, immigration officers and border patrolmen who rounded up 92 in lodging houses, cafes and bars. These, with 34 taken in New Jersey, were locked up at Ellis Island, most of them on charges of illegal entry and violation of immigration laws.

Young Women's Circle Meeting

The May meeting of the Young Women's Circle of the Methodist Society for Christian Service was held last Thursday evening at the home of Miss Wilma Crouse, twenty-three members and visitors attending.

An unusually inspiring program was presented under the direction of Miss Eula Parsons, program leader. Following the opening hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," Miss Wilma Crouse, vice president, conducted the business session, and the topic, "Great Contributions to the Spread of Christianity," was discussed. Rev. L. F. Strader gave a detailed account of the missionary journeys of Paul, while sketches of the lives of John Wesley and Francis Asbury were given by Miss Sarah Warren and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill. A poem, "The Methodist Circuit Riders," was read by Miss Crouse. The closing number of the program was a solo, "I Love to Tell the Story," by Miss Mary Margaret Bates.

Visitors were Mrs. W. S. Mead, Miss Adelaide Haney, Mrs. Crystal Heinz, Misses Jessie Gwyn Woodruff and Helen Settle. Miss Anne Truitt was welcomed as a new member of the Circle. At the close of the meeting, the hostess served refreshments.

Vacation Bible School Has Good Beginning

Last Monday noon Rev. Mr. Sears staged a parade through Sparta and to Twin Oaks and back to advertise the two-weeks Vacation Bible School that is being conducted at the Baptist church.

Monday there were 35 percent, Tuesday there were 47, and Wednesday there were 53 present out of a total enrollment of 61. And there are ten workers engaged in making the time interesting and profitable for the children who come.

\$151,000 Loaned To Alleghany Farms in 8 Years

In Alleghany county, 108 farmers secured land bank and land bank commissioner loans totaling \$151,400 for the period of May 1, 1933 to December 31, 1940, according to a release issued by the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia.

The national farm loan association is affiliated with the Farm Credit Administration. Land bank and land bank commissioner loans are made for the purchase or improvement of farms or for the refinancing of mortgage indebtedness on farm land.

Marriages

RICHARDSON—BUSIC
Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Edith Busic to Meredith Earl Richardson on February 15, 1941, at York, S. C. Miss Busic is the attractive daughter of James F. and the late Mrs. Busic, of Piney Creek. Mr. Richardson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Richardson, of Whitehead. Both are popular young people and have many friends who will be interested in this announcement. Miss Busic is a graduate of Piney Creek High school, while Mr. Richardson is a graduate of Sparta High school of the class of 1938. He is employed with the Bureau of Public Roads, and they plan to make their home at Whitehead.

Births

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Higgins, on Thursday, May 15, an 11-pound girl whom they have named Elsie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lydia Perry of Kannapolis, N. C., twin daughters, recently. Mr. Perry is the son of R. L. Perry, of Peden.

Not Very
"I so admire a man who, like your husband, always dresses so quietly," said Mrs. Smith to Mrs. Jones.
"Oh, no, he doesn't," said Mrs. Jones. "You ought to hear him when he loses a collar-button."

night with Mr. and Mrs. Cal Richardson.
Donley Anderson left Wednesday for Maryland where he expects to spend some time.
Miss Lola McCann is spending this week with Mrs. Bill Osborne at Volney.
Miss Lura Anderson is at home now after spending some time helping Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Roe at Sparta.

Laurel Springs

Laurel Springs, May 19.—Jackie Brinegar from the CCC camp at Marion, N. C., visited friends here and at McGrady last Sunday.
Mrs. Nora Richardson and daughter, Jackie, spent Tuesday

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OVER HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY

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Dogwood Now The Official State Flower

The dogwood has been designated by legislative statute as North Carolina's official flower. A bill naming the flameazalea was introduced in the State House of Representatives by Representative Carroll P. Rogers, of Tryon and passed the Lower Chamber, but the Senate amended it in favor of the dogwood.

Another law makes the dogwood a protected plant and sets up a maximum fine of \$50 for unauthorized removal of the tree or its blossoms from public or private land.

North Carolina has never had an official State flower, although the goldenrod often was listed unofficially.

Whitehead Baptist Church Annual S. S. Picnic

Last Sunday morning about forty members of the Whitehead Baptist church and Sunday School met at the church at 9:30, and went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hendrix near Galax. There they were met by about an equal number of friends from that section. A number of songs were sung by the Whitehead choir, led by Robert Rector. Ernest Hoppers offered prayer, and then the crowd journeyed to Cumberland Knob Park for their annual Sunday School picnic.

After a half-mile hike down a narrow wooded trail several large tables and two furnaces were found where a bountiful dinner was spread by the Whitehead people and Mrs. J. E. Hendrix, who one time lived at Whitehead and who still has many friends and relatives there. Dinner seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed. Several songs led by Ernest Hoppers, were sung. Invitations were given everybody to be at the singing each Sunday night at the Whitehead Baptist church at 7 o'clock.

About 3:30 o'clock the crowd wended its way up the trail to their cars, agreeing it had been a most enjoyable day.

Possibly Owl Wanted Hot Dog

Last Friday morning about two o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fender out at Walnut Branch community heard a lot of scurrying on the front porch where a small dog usually sleeps in a box. Mr. Fender got up and turned on the porch light, to find that a large owl had attacked the dog and had gotten him off into the front yard.

The light seemed to blind the owl and he departed immediately, leaving Mr. Fender to rescue the dog.

How could a dog fight an owl in the dark, anyway?

Maple Shade

Mouth of Wilson P. O., May 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pugh and daughter, of Sterling, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Halsey last week.

V. M. Cox is ill at his home here.

The Potato Creek church is being repaired.

Miss Ossie Halsey spent Sunday with Ina Debord.

Mr. and Mrs. Drewry Cox and family moved into their new home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Delp visited Mrs. Delp's parents, at Pine Branch Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Hagerman is improving after a few weeks illness.

Mrs. Ada Hash and son, Harmon, visited the A. J. Halsey home last week.

Mrs. Newt Phipps and daughter, Kathleen, visited the C. M. Debord home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle McMillan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cox.

Tom Parsons spent last week visiting friends at Troutdale.

Billy Hardin is spending this week with Charles Doughton, in Wilkesboro.

Miss Peka Rizotil spent part of last week in Greensboro visiting her sisters, Misses Mary and Edith.

Amos 'n' Andy Go Visiting



It's big news when Fred Allen and "Amos 'n' Andy" get together before the same microphone—and a double-barreled laugh treat besides. That's just what the trio of Columbia network favorites concocted here for the Texaco Star Theatre program, when Fred played host to Freeman (Amos) Gosden, right, and Charles (Andy) Correll, left. Allen will repay their visit by being a guest on one of the "Amos 'n' Andy" programs.

Red Cross Sewing And Knitting

Have you done your bit? It was a moderate task they asked Alleghany county to complete before May 30. Have you been to Mrs. Strader for some material on which to work for a few half hours? There are still nine days in May in which you can do something for those who suffer. But wishful thinking and good intentions must be translated into acts, to accomplish finished garments. Did you see those fine knitted things done by Miss Fowler? They were a rich contribution. And now what about your own little contribution of effort? Nine more days in which to get something done.

Temperance Leaders Of Prominence Visit Sparta

On Friday and over the weekend Sparta and Alleghany county were honored by the presence of the state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. T. H. Plemmons, of Charlotte, and the district president, Mrs. R. E. Deane, of Stoneville. They were guests, first, of Mrs. J. T. Fender, of Whitehead, and also of Mrs. B. O. Choate, of Sparta.

Their visit here was in response to the interest that has arisen in connection with the proposed forming of an Alleghany branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Their first public meeting was at Liberty church, Whitehead, Friday morning. Another meeting was held Friday night at the Sparta Baptist church. Saturday, Sunday and Monday were spent in personal work and in perfecting the basic local organization, of which Mrs. Sears was appointed president and Mrs. Mead, secretary.

Saddle Mountain

Saddle Mountain, May 20.—Ina Grace Stamper spent a few days last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Smith.

Mrs. Ethel Cochran and little son, Bobbie Lee, were sick last week, but are now much improved.

Miss Beatrice Smith has come home after spending the winter at Low Gap.

R. C. Walker is spending a few days with his brother, Fred, near Galax.

Helen Coulson, who works with the N. Y. A. at Sparta, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Nell Killan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Brannock and children, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives in this community the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Shore and children, of Yadkinville, visited Mrs. Mary Smith last Sunday.

A good crowd attended singing and prayer service at Saddle Mountain Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Killon and son, Billie, and Mrs. Margie Narman visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gillespa on Sunday.

Miss Pawnee Poole spent Sunday evening with Mary Ruth Griffith.

Hen And Kittens, Or Blitzkrieg In Reverse

Last week the Associated Press sent all over the nation the story from Berlin, Maryland, of a hen and some kittens. The Winston-Salem Journal carried it under the head, "Evolution Awry?" Here's the Maryland story. And Alleghany county has one of its own to match it.

Berlin, Md. (AP).—Farmer W. C. Carmean put 12 eggs beneath a setting hen. A few days later he lifted the hen and found—six gray kittens. Carmean said he doesn't own a cat, and couldn't find a trace of the 12 eggs. The hen keeps the kittens.

All right for Maryland, but now consider this one from our own faithful Star-Times correspondent in Stratford, Mrs. Carrie Sanders. She says:

"I have a hen setting, so I made another nest beside her in which the other hens could lay. Well, our cat placed her new-born kittens in the nest, and the setting hen crawled over to keep the kittens warm. There she was found, clucking and hovering over the kittens, while the cat laid over on the hen's eggs. I call that a fair swapping of jobs."

Certainly, and it's a blitzkrieg in reverse.

Baptist W. M. U. Annual Meeting

The Associational Woman's Missionary Union of Alleghany county held its annual meeting at New Hope Baptist church on Tuesday, May 20. Inspirational speakers were Mrs. W. R. Briggs, State W. M. U. Executive Secretary, of Raleigh, and Mrs. W. S. Mead, of Sparta. New officers elected for the coming year were: Mrs. A. O. Joines, superintendent; associate superintendent, Mrs. C. A. Reeves, secretary, Mrs. Ruth Choate, of New Hope. Chairmen of the committees: Mission Study, Mrs. V. W. Sears; Stewardship, Mrs. W. P. Maxwell, of Whitehead; Young People's leader, Miss Ivy Grace Doughton; Personal Service, Mrs. W. E. Shepherd, of Laurel Springs; Literature, Mrs. Dan Jones, of New Hope; Margaret Fund, Mrs. W. F. Shepherd, of Scotville. A fine dinner was served by the host church and the total attendance was about 55.

If a person hangs pictures on the slant, he probably sees things bigger with one eye than with the other, says the Better Vision Institute. That visual condition, known as aniseikonia, makes a slanting line appear horizontal.

Miss Ellen Hardin is visiting her uncle, Fred Hardin, at Mouth of Wilson, Va.

Next Sunday At The Churches

May 25, 21st Sunday
Rev. R. L. Berry will preach at Sparta Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock and at Rocky Ridge at 3 o'clock.
Rev. V. W. Sears will preach at Sparta Baptist church at 11 o'clock on the subject, "Christo Corcovado."
Rev. L. F. Strader will preach at Cox's Chapel at 11 o'clock and at Potato Creek at 11 o'clock.
Rev. S. G. Ferree will preach at Nathans Creek at 11 o'clock.

Anniversaries
Next Sunday, May 25, is the 93rd birthday anniversary of Mr. Isom Fender, who lives in Thurmond, N. C., and is well known all over Alleghany county where he has children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. If every friend of his would address him a simple birthday greeting at once, he would receive such a card shower as would cheer his heart the rest of his days.

Preaching at Mt. Carmel Brethren church at 11 o'clock.
Preaching at the following Baptist churches:
Landmark.
Mt. Ararat.
Saddle Mountain.
South Fork.
Cherry Lane.
Welcome Home.