



Washington, D. C.—In spite of the optimistic bulletins from Moscow, Soviet Ambassador Oumansky is pressing Washington for immediate help. In a long conference with the President, the Soviet diplomat is said to have emphasized the need for a "new European front" which would compel Hitler to withdraw enough troops, planes and tanks from his offensive in Russia to insure Red Army resistance until winter comes.

It is foolish to predict what is ahead for the drafted men, the National Guards and the reserve officers now in the U. S. Army, but all signs point to Congress following the advice of the men professionally responsible for creating that army. Chairman Reynolds of the Senate committee on Military Affairs insists that the men be sent home after the end of their year in active service. General Marshall is pleading that the short term be extended to within six months after the expiration of the national emergency.

The Chief of Staff is not the first American commander to have trouble over short-term soldiers. General Washington pleaded for long-term enlistments after discovering that a first-class army could not be perfected within a single year. The record shows that in the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Civil War, whole regiments marched home, regardless of the immediate need and the status of the campaign, because their time was up. That was the record of folly and loss which led to universal enrollment in 1917 "for the duration."

When the new tax bill is reported out by the House Ways and Means Committee it probably will contain the provision for joint income tax returns by husbands and wives. Under its terms, a husband and wife living together will have to pool their incomes for tax purposes. Each spouse will be liable for his or her pro-rata share of the tax. In the community-property states it has been common practice for husbands and wives to file separate tax returns. They thus escape higher surtaxes. In the other 40 states it has been a fairly common practice for married persons to split their income or to form family partnerships or corporations to permit separate returns. That this practice has been widespread is indicated by the Treasury estimate that joint returns would raise approximately \$300,000,000 in revenue. The Treasury, however, does not favor joint returns.

Briefs: — Direct air transportation of officials to England in army bombers is preparatory to establishing regular service for army officials in the event Germany attacks Portugal and prevents service to Lisbon. . . In a private conversation with CIO Philip Murray, Mr. Roosevelt agreed that it would be unwise for Congress to interfere with the right to strike in defense industries. . . This government is becoming increasingly annoyed by the attitude of the President of Panama, who refuses to cooperate with the United States and seems to show partiality to enemies of this country. . . In a tank battle, a German land cruiser was overturned by a Russian tank. The German crew crawled out with bicycles and attempted to make off toward their own lines. "They were not very good cyclists," the Russians said.

Safe drivers are the survivors!

HOUSEHOLD HINT

JULY 9—LIBERTY BELL CRACKED AS IT TOLLED FOR FUNERAL OF CHIEF JUSTICE MARSHALL, PHILADELPHIA. . . . JULY 12—HENRY HUDSON SIGHTED LAND, THE COAST OF NORTH AMERICA. . . . 1609

DO YOU KNOW THAT TOMATOES ARE RICH IN VITAMIN C CONTENT THAN MOST OTHER VEGETABLES—AND TOMATOES ARE 17 TIMES AS POTENT AS WATER IN ALLAYING THIRST.

MEMORANDUM: DOCTOR, THIS IS MY FIRST CONSULTATION. . . . DOCTOR, MY WIFE'S FIRST CONSULTATION. . . .

Our world...

Blitzkrieg Slowed To Snail's Pace

Washington.—Four days of what seems destined to be the greatest and bloodiest battle in history furnish only one clear clue to what is actually happening along the vast German-Russian front. That is the fact that the Nazi advance has slowed to a snail's pace. For the fourth day in succession Hitler's headquarters point to no new breach in the Stalin line, no new strategic river crossing or rail-and-road junction captured.

Uncle Sam Proposes To Get There First

Washington.—Speculation that the United States soon may occupy Spanish and Portuguese islands in the Atlantic to prevent German encirclement of the Western Hemisphere increased last night following a White House conference between President Roosevelt and his Senate consultants on foreign policy.

Two-year Training In Prospect

Washington.—Authoritative quarters disclose that the army is planning a rigorous, two-year training program for 1,500,000 troops to prepare them for emergency duty anywhere. The plan envisions not only training of the regular army but of selectees, national guardsmen and reservists, assuming they are retained beyond their one-year period of service, as requested Monday by President Roosevelt.

Hitlerism Must Be Utterly Destroyed

Washington.—In an apparent attempt to drive a wedge between Adolf Hitler and the German people and to encourage eventual revolt in Nazi-conquered countries, the United States last night proclaimed its post-war aims in the most definite terms yet. Emphasizing that there could be "no peace until the Hitlerite government of Germany has been finally and utterly destroyed," Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, plainly addressed his words on the post-war world to the people of Nazi-controlled countries.

More Improvement on Blue Ridge Parkway

Washington.—Allocation of \$188,632 to develop additional units of the Blue Ridge Parkway has been approved by President Roosevelt, Representative John H. Folger announced yesterday. The funds will be used to carry forward a number of parkway improvements in 12 North Carolina counties, including Ashe, Avery, Alleghany, Wilkes, Surry, Watauga, Mitchell, McDowell, Burke, Yancey, Buncombe and Caldwell.

Rescued After 12 Days In Open Boat

Norfolk, Va.—Four Red Cross nurses and a Marine corporal who drifted for 12 days and 11 nights in the North Atlantic in an open boat after the Norwegian ship on which they were traveling was torpedoed, arrived here last night aboard a U. S. transport. The nurses and the marine were among a group en route to England. Their ship was torpedoed nearly two weeks ago and the five were believed lost until the transport, commanded by Captain Clarence Gulbranson, steamed into Norfolk naval base last night.

Trainees Learn Faster and Learn More

Washington. — The average draftee is smarter than the average citizen. Tests covering 130,000 trainees show that 47.13 per cent. are above normal intelligence, whereas only 31 per cent. of the population in general falls into the "above normal" group. The Adjutant General's Office declared that "this extra complement of intelligence" would help the draft troops to "learn faster and learn more."

"The Postman Rings Twice"



Loading and unloading barges on the Thames River in London must of necessity go on night and day. Time out cannot be spared to call for mail, so the postman now "rows" out and delivers it instead.

Top: With acrobatic skill, the river postman has climbed on board this barge which carries hundreds of barrels of beer. He is seen handing over a letter to the barge-man. In the background Tower Bridge, which is just being opened for some big liner to pass through.

Bottom: Welcome and friendly, the river postman takes the letter out of his bag to deliver it.

ALLEGHANY

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

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A Very Unique Service Next Thursday Night

In the midst of his revival services at the Baptist church Rev. Mr. Sears has arranged for a very unique program for next Thursday night, July 31st. It will be a Latvian program of talks, music and pictures that probably will pack the house. The two speakers will be Mr. Carlos Purgailis and Mr. Blumit, both natives of Latvia, and they will bring songs and stereopticon pictures of their native land.

Mr. Blumit was a delegate from Latvia to the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1939. Meantime the war came on and Russia took over his country so he could not go back.

Mr. Purgailis left Latvia just after the World War with a large group who went to Brazil to colonize in a missionary endeavor. Later he came to the United States and was a fellow student with Mr. Sears in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Purgailis is now pastor of the Latvian Baptist church in New York.

Their whole program should be most interesting next Thursday night.

Next Sunday 50th Anniversary At Laurel Springs

A grand homecoming and reunion will mark the celebration next Sunday of the 50th anniversary of the Laurel Springs Baptist church. There will be morning services and afternoon services, with dinner on the grounds at noon. Many former pastors and members of the church are expected, and Rev. Walt N. Johnson, of Mars Hill, will be the feature speaker. Mr. Frank Doughton has been clerk of the church for 41 years, and one member has been a member there 49 years. It will be a suitable half-century celebration.

Another Call For Ten Men For Fort Bragg

Last Friday nine men left for a year of army training at Fort Bragg. Ten were to have gone, but one was sick and his going was postponed a few days. And now comes a call for another ten men to leave for Fort Bragg on August 15. It is not yet known definitely whether the new list of ten to go in August will include any of those who registered recently.

Ralph Cheek On Visit Here From V. P. I.

Ralph Cheek was home for a week-end with the family. He has been teaching during the first part of the college summer school at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. This is somewhat a distinction, as he is possibly the only Alleghany person teaching in college at the present time. His father, Prof. J. M. Cheek, was president of Mars Hill college some years ago.

Walnut Branch

Walnut Branch, July 1.—Mrs. Ennice Howell, from the state of Washington, who is visiting her brother, Morris Moxley, near Independence, spent last Tuesday night here with her cousins, Misses Etta and Charity Moxley.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Blevins, from Galax, visited Mr. Blevins' sister, Mrs. Dora Musgrove, here Sunday. They also visited Mr. Blevins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Blevins, at Sparta, Sunday evening.

L. K. Boyer, agriculture teacher in the Piney Creek High school, was a business visitor in this community Saturday evening.

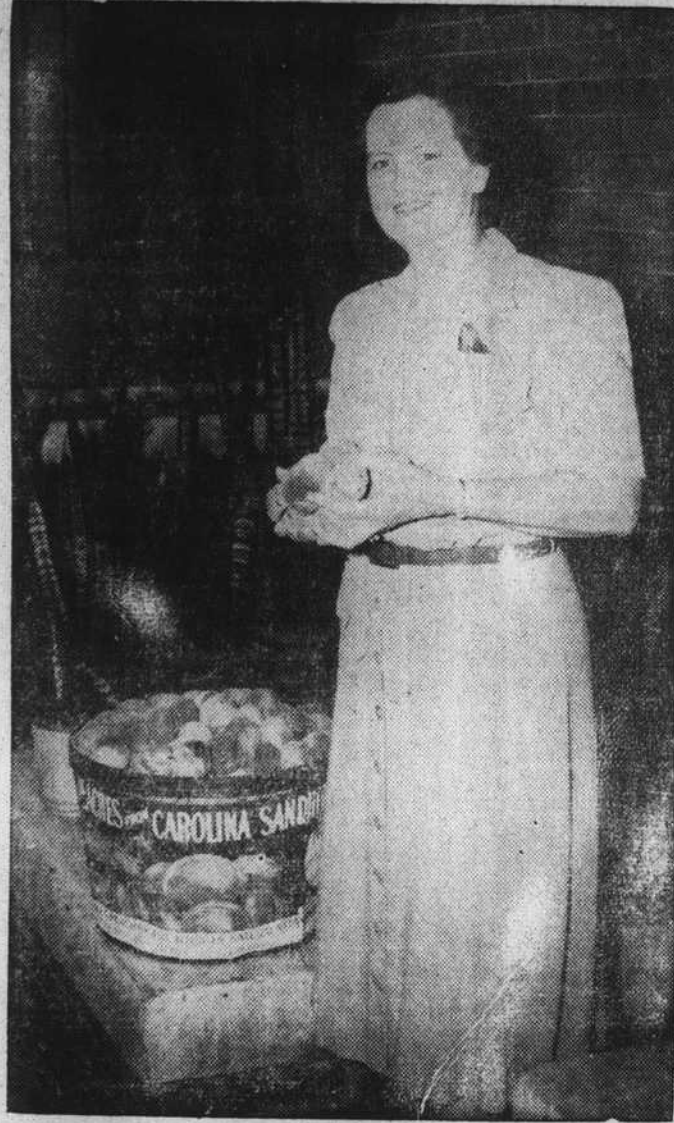
James Musgrove visited relatives at Galax last week. Bruce Vanhoy lost a fine three-months-old Hereford calf last week with Blackleg.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Musgrove and little daughter, Betty Flo, visited Mrs. Musgrove's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rouse, at New Hope, Sunday.

Charles Edwards, from New Hope, was in this community last week buying stock ewes.

Miss Etta Moxley spent Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fender.

North Carolina Peaches



"Buy and can all the North Carolina peaches you can afford this season" is the advice of Mrs. J. Melville Broughton, wife of the Governor, who is shown above admiring a bushel of peaches sent to her by the N. C. Peach Growers' Society for canning. "The grading program of the State Department of Agriculture and the quality of the crop give assurance to all housewives that they can secure the finest table and canning peaches this year," Mrs. Broughton observed. North Carolina's orchardists expect to harvest a 2,484,000-bushel crop this season.

Methodist Revival And Bible School Are Successful

Rev. Herman F. Duncan, came from the Elkin Methodist church and gave a week of earnest and inspiring talks in the Methodist church here. Then the Vacation Bible School under the able direction of Miss Inskip, Mrs. Vaughan and Maxine Reeves carried the good work along, and last Sunday Rev. Mr. Strader had the joy of seeing seven new ones added to the church and 60 certificates handed to the Bible school pupils.

This week Rev. Mr. Strader is carrying on a series of revival meetings at the Potato Creek church.

Glade Creek

Glade Valley, July 22.—Prof. and Mrs. R. C. White and their daughter, Margaret Anne, and son, Robert, Jr., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Eldridge. Prof. White, of Ramseur, was formerly a teacher in the Glade Valley High school and is now principal of the Ramseur High school.

Rev. Clark D. Benson, of Wheaton, Ill., and a graduate of Columbia Seminary, Class of '41, was a week-end visitor at the high school.

The Glade Valley Presbyterian Sunday school had a record attendance for the summer last Sunday, with seventy present.

The Vacation Bible school has now enrolled sixty-five, and on Monday fifty-five were present. It had been announced that when fifty were present a balloon would be sent up. This number and above being present Monday, Rev. C. W. Ervin, of the Science department of the high school, sent a red balloon up at high noon, bearing the name Glade Valley Bible School. The balloon, after soaring high in the sky, floated in a northerly direction.

Bill Spencer, of Raleigh, is spending his vacation at Glade Valley.

Bryan Eldridge left Monday to spend some time with Robert White, Jr., at Ramseur, N. C.

Dan D. Rhodes spent the week-end at Graham, N. C., where he spoke to the Men's Bible class of Graham Presbyterian Church on Sunday, and on Monday afternoon presented the work of the Glade Valley High school to the Ladies Auxiliary of the same church.

Luther Clegg, of Greensboro, a graduate of G. V. H. S., Class in change.

Baptist Church Revival Meetings Began Last Night

Rev. Mr. Sears, just home from a week of teaching a Mission Study course in Belmont to an enthusiastic group, plunged in last night to a series of revival meetings that will be held each evening at 8 o'clock, and continue some ten days. Assisting Mr. Sears are Rev. Herbert and Mrs. Miller who come as singers and personal workers. Everybody is invited every evening at 8 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Blackburn is conducting a series of revival meetings at Mt. Carmel Baptist church all this week.

Liberty W. M. S. Met Last Saturday

Liberty Baptist church W. M. S. held its July meeting on Saturday at the church.

The president, Mrs. E. E. Caudill, presided and Mrs. W. B. Estep conducted the devotionals. The program on "China and Japan" was led by Mrs. R. E. Richardson, assisted by Mrs. James Mc D. Wagoner, Mrs. B. L. Jarvis, Mrs. Arthur Matthews and Mrs. William Wagoner. It was decided to hold a mission study class in August.

of '41, recently presented the school with a gift of numerous hand tools for the Manual Training shop. The power machines, seven in number, have already been purchased, therefore Mr. Clegg's gifts will add greatly to the equipment of the shop. Rev. R. L. Berry filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church here Sunday, and we were very glad to have Prof. R. C. White's family and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mead to worship with us.

Miss Margaret Anne White is spending this week with Miss Betty Jo Gentry, of Glade Valley.

Oh, Your Honor, How Cynical

Graham, N. C.—Magistrate Charles N. Jones performed a marriage ceremony for a couple and the bridegroom asked what he charged.

Said Jones: "Whatever you think it's worth."

The bridegroom handed him a quarter. Jones gave him back 15 cents in change.

Gov. Proclaims "Peach Week" July 27-August 3

Governor Broughton, citing the nutritional value of peaches and the necessity of food conservation through canning to bolster the national defense program, has issued a proclamation designating the week of July 27-August 3 as "Peach Week" in North Carolina.

"I urge upon the citizenship of our state special consideration of the importance of the peach industry and of the value of the peach as one of the most delightful, nutritious and wholesome fruits, and bring to their attention the economic benefits which would result from the increased consumption of the peach as a fresh fruit and also for canning and preserving, to the end that the health of the State may be enriched and added stability given to this important industry," Governor Broughton said in his proclamation. He emphasized that "the conservation of summer fruits and foods is given an added impetus at this time on account of the ever expanding defense program."

Recognizing that North Carolina "is blessed with a bountiful crop of peaches of excellent quality," the Governor said that "the State, through its Division of Markets in the N. C. Department of Agriculture, desires to cooperate to the fullest extent with the peach growers of our State in the campaign which has been inaugurated for a greater home use of peaches."

He added that "the proper marketing, handling and utilization of this season's peach crop is a matter of importance and concern to the citizenship of our State."

North Carolina's 1941 peach production has been estimated at 2,484,000 bushels, 85 per cent above last season.

Woman's Club Will Meet Friday

The Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday at 3 o'clock in the Woman's club room.

The program will be on National Defense, in case a guest speaker is not secured.

Mrs. A. O. Jones is program leader for the July meeting.

Next Sunday At The Churches

July 27, 30th Sunday
Sparta Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Berry, and Rocky Ridge at 3 o'clock.

Sparta Baptist church at 11 o'clock.

Laurel Springs Baptist church, 50th Anniversary Homecoming, morning, afternoon and evening services, Rev. Walt N. Johnson, of Mars Hill and others.

Scottville Baptist church at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Caldwell.

Cox's Chapel at 11 o'clock and Potato Creek at 3 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Strader.

Nathan's Creek at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Ferree.

Crab Creek church, cleaning cemetery on Thursday and memorial services on Sunday.

Antioch at 11 o'clock.

Mt. Carmel Church of the Brethren at 11 o'clock.

Baptist churches of Little River Association—
Landmark
Mt. Ararat
Saddle Mountain
South Fork

Cherry Lane Union Baptist church, Elder Ford Walker, of State Road, and Elder C. A. and Bartley, of Low Gap, will preach on Saturday and Sunday.

Welcome Home Union Baptist church.

Cleaning at Mt. Zion cemetery on Thursday, July 31, and Memorial service at Mt. Zion church on Sunday, August 3rd.