



As the Battle of Russia goes into its sixth week almost completely conflicting claims from Berlin and Moscow make it difficult to arrive at an accurate appraisal of results thus far obtained. But one thing is clear—the complete capitulation of the Russian army in three weeks, predicted by Goebbels at the start of the Russo-German conflict, was just a sally into the sphere of boastful "predictions."

Russian defense up to now has been far more successful than anything the Allies were able to offer in France or the Low Countries in 1940. Moreover a comparison of the records lends a plausibility to the assertion that the Russians might have found an answer to Nazi mechanized "blitzkrieg." If, as Berlin now claims, the Russian campaign is proceeding according to schedule, it is an assertion upon which memories of last year's blitzkrieg and Goebbels "predictions" of a few weeks back cast considerable doubt.

According to Lincoln Mac Veagh, American Minister to Greece, who spent some time in Berlin before returning to this country, the Germans are using every trick of camouflage, in an attempt to save landmarks from the accurate aim of R. A. F. bombers.

The frightened Berliners have planted full-grown trees on the top of buildings, painted all of the white bicycle paths and the white drives through the parks a neutral green and even dipped deep into ingenuity to black out lakes and ponds near military objectives.

All these desperate precautions, however, Mr. Mac Veagh said, have not dulled the eye of the British bombardiers whose aim, in spite of the ingenious Nazi camouflage, is still so accurate that spots such as the Kroll Opera House and other equally famous landmarks have been obliterated.

North Carolina Traffic Fatalities Up 50 Per Cent

A report issued this week by the Highway Safety Division covering the first six months of this year, showed a grim toll of 545 human lives reaped on North Carolina streets and highways the first half of this year, against 363 persons killed in the same period last year. This increase of 50 per cent is well above the increase for the country as a whole.

In the face of this steadily rising slaughter, ten North Carolina counties succeeded in having clean traffic fatality records for the six-month period; these being Alexander, Alleghany, Avery, Camden, Cherokee, Dare, Hyde, Jones, Polk and Yancey.

Next Sunday At The Churches

August 3, 31st Sunday

- Sparta Methodist church at 11 o'clock.
- Mt. Zion Methodist church at 11 o'clock.
- Scottville Methodist church at 7:30 p. m.
- Sparta Baptist church at 11 o'clock, and at 8 p. m.
- Laurel Springs Baptist church at 11 o'clock.
- Mt. Carmel Baptist church at 11 o'clock.
- Glade Valley Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock.
- Primitive Baptist Union church at 11 o'clock, and Piney Creek at 11 o'clock.
- New Haven Church of the Brethren at 11 o'clock.
- Little River Association Baptist churches:
 - Double Spring
 - Laurel Glen
 - Mt. Olivet
 - Roaring Gap
- Union Baptist Association churches:
 - Glade Creek
 - Mount Union
- Meadow Fork Baptist church, Communion service on Sunday, August 10.

Our world...

Germans Say They "Need More Time"

Berlin.—Adolf Hitler's official Nazi party organ said today that Germany's assaults "need time to ripen" because of fierce Russian resistance, but added that Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev were doomed. The "battle of annihilation" in the Smolensk sector, which the high command said Monday was near a successful conclusion, appeared to be raging with unabated ferocity with the Red forces fighting stubbornly. Despite the lack of details, there was every indication that the battle was the toughest the German forces had engaged in on any front.

Russia Says "Germans Are Halted"

Moscow.—Successive waves of Russian counter-attacks, turning the tide of "the greatest battle in history," have dislodged the Germans from their positions around Smolensk and driven them back from the vital gateway to Moscow, the Soviet high command reports. The Germans have been "halted everywhere," the official Soviet spokesman announced, after losing 1,500,000 men, more than 3,000 planes and about 5,000 tanks in the 38-day-old battle of Russia. More than 9,000,000 men are locked in the titanic struggle.

Japanese Newspapers Very Bitter to U. S.

Tokyo.—Japanese newspapers launched "the most violent attacks in history" on the United States, Britain and The Netherlands Indies for imposing economic penalties on Japan because of Nippon's military occupation of South Indo-China. The United States in particular was warned flatly that war was a possibility. One influential newspaper writer asserted that Washington's attitude towards this country was "10 times as bad" as that of czarist Russia prior to the start of the Russo-Japanese war of 1903.

Japanese Ships Wary of Being Trapped

Washington.—The State Department last night announced that all Japanese ships have to off the U. S. coast, including the liner Tatuta Maru with 150 Americans aboard, may enter American ports without fear of being detained. The 17,000-ton Tatuta Maru with a \$3,000,000 silk cargo aboard, and about 40 other Japanese vessels have been standing out to sea off the West Coast since Thursday when they were advised by Tokyo that the United States was preparing to freeze Japanese credits. The freezing order was issued Friday night. It did not involve Japanese ships, but they nevertheless were subjected to the Treasury's maritime regulations which meant that none of those in port or arriving in port could leave without obtaining official clearance.

A Hot Week-end Sends Death Toll to 78

Washington, D. C.—A stifling blanket of hot, moist air clung to the eastern two-thirds of the nation over the week-end as the number of heat deaths mounted to at least 44 and deaths by drownings to 34. Showers temporarily routed 100-plus temperatures in the Plains states and in scattered areas elsewhere, but no lasting relief was in sight. The temperatures reached a five-year high of 104.8 degrees at Cincinnati, where the torrid wave was in its fourth day. Other unofficial highs for the day were Cleveland, 102; Indianapolis, 100; Toledo, 100; Charleston, W. Va., 100; Louisville, 100.

Congress Hesitates at 3½ Billion Tax Bill

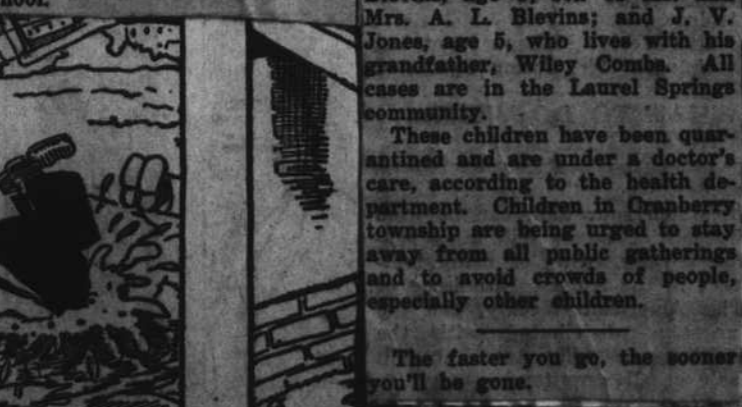
Washington.—A wave of revolt in Congress yesterday balked plans for quick action on the \$3,529,000,000 tax bill, threatened to throw administration crop controls away, and apparently killed legislation permitting the President to take over factories in which production stoppages impede the defense program.

Churchill Again Warns, Reassures Britain

London.—Defending his war leadership in the house of commons debate on arms production, Prime Minister Churchill said the United States is moving toward war "in rising wrath and conviction" but that it would be "madness" to suppose that either the United States or Russia could win the war for Britain. "All forces have been warned to be at concert pitch by September 1 and to maintain that utmost vigilance meanwhile," he said. "We have to reckon with a gambler's desperation. We stand here still the champion. If we fail, all fail, if we fail, all fail. . . . We shall continue to pour into the common cause the utmost endeavor of our strength, and if need be, prefer the last drop of our heart's blood."

Glade Valley Bible School Quite Successful

Rev. Mr. Berry reports that the Daily Vacation Bible School held at Glade Valley closed last Thursday with a picnic, and with a very satisfactory record of 87 enrolled and an average daily attendance of 59. Besides the classes taught by Mr. Berry, Miss Clara Eow, of Reynolds' Presbyterian church in Winston-Salem and Miss Dorothy Longenecker, of the Congo Mission in Africa rendered invaluable service to the school.



Fear Of Infantile Paralysis Alayed Somewhat

The dread and fear of an epidemic of infantile paralysis, especially in the Laurel Springs community, has been alayed somewhat by the report of district health officer, Dr. Robert R. King, that only three light but decided cases of the disease appear to exist in Alleghany county. The three children afflicted are Kent Miller, age 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Miller; R. L. Blevins, age 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Blevins; and J. V. Jones, age 5, who lives with his grandfather, Wiley Combs. All cases are in the Laurel Springs community. These children have been quarantined and are under a doctor's care, according to the health department. Children in Cranberry township are being urged to stay away from all public gatherings and to avoid crowds of people, especially other children. The faster you go, the sooner you'll be gone.

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Nat'l Geographic Carries Amazing Story Of N. C.

North Carolina's amazing industrial upsurge in a generation forms the background for an article, "Tarheel on Parade," appearing in the August issue of the National Geographic Magazine. The author is Leonard C. Roy, staff writer for the magazine. The article covers 44 pages of the Geographic, including 45 illustrations, of which 21 are printed in natural color. In addition a map of the State spreads across two pages. The illustrations show scenic views, college campuses, industries, places of historic interest, and North Carolinians at work and at play.

This article is one of a series of American State and city stories being published by the National Geographic Magazine, official publication of the Geographic Society. Appearance of the article in the Geographic means that it will reach more than a million homes of members of the Society. This membership, the largest of any educational and scientific body in the world, is represented in every community in the United States of 100 or more inhabitants, and in many foreign countries. Nearly 10,000 members of the Society live in North Carolina.

Mr. Roy was particularly impressed with the industrial wealth of North Carolina, and spent many days inspecting the large factories of the State. At Greensboro, in the world's largest mills producing denim, he watched the machinery which normally turns out 100 million yards a year, and half as many yards each of flannel and cotton print and piece-dyed fabrics.

He visited several of the 30 furniture factories at High Point. North Carolina now leads all other States in the production of wooden household furniture.

At Kannapolis he saw the mills which daily convert about 500 bales of cotton into tiny bibs, towels, bath and beach robes, sheets and pillow cases. He also inspected mills turning out 600,000 dozen pairs of hosiery each year, and a giant paper mill where daily one thousand cords of pine, poplar, hemlock, chestnut, gum and cottonwood are made into thirty kinds of paper, including stock for one-cent postal cards. This latter plant also produces turpentine and tanning extracts.

Mr. Roy found that one chemical company at Greensboro printed its advertising folders in fourteen languages, and had plants normally operating in England, Ireland, Mexico, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Spain, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

North Carolina's participation in the defense program appealed to Mr. Roy, who notes that the bulk of Wilmington's seaborne trade now is gasoline from Texas; "More than one hundred silvery tanks holding 65 million gallons spread along the Cape Fear River bank in and below the city. Wilmington built ships for the World War and is playing a similar role in the defense program today. On a 70-acre site nine ways have been built where 37 steel cargo ships of 7,500 tons each will be assembled by 1943.

In connection with the defense work, he visited Fort Bragg: "A year ago its population was 5,000; Fayetteville's about 20,000," the article states. "Last winter 24,000 workmen began thrusting roads through pine forests and flanking them with buildings at the rate of one every 32 minutes. The military population has swelled to more than 65,000. It is the largest military reservation in the United States—about 25 miles long and 10 miles wide.

The Right To Live

Pedestrians have certain rights, the most important of which is the right to stay alive! Automobiles are a lot faster than they were a few years ago, but the pedestrian has not improved his armament nor his speed. The state police ask you to give the pedestrian a break—to extend the same courtesy you would expect if you were walking instead of driving.



—Passed by Censor. A LONG the coasts of Canada, in the far north, in Newfoundland and elsewhere Canadian soldiers maintain ceaseless vigil. They are on guard, not only for the defense of Canada but of the whole Northern Hemisphere. For the work they do and the places where they are stationed are part of the plan of the Permanent Joint Board of Defense which was created following the conclusion of the Ogdensburg Agreement in August 1940. That agreement calls for coordination of plans between Canada and the United States for defense of either country against possible attack. The photograph shows a typical Canadian anti-aircraft gun crew on duty somewhere on the east coast of the Dominion.

Special Latvian Program Tonight, Baptist Church

Remember, that very special program of music, pictures, and talks on Latvia tonight at the Sparta Baptist church. Two native Latvians, Mr. Blumit and Carlos Purgailis, will bring firsthand stories and information about their country that is so terribly close to the present Russo-German conflict.

Sam Brown Acting Postmaster In Sparta

Following an inspection of the Sparta post office last week by postal authorities, the postmaster who has served for six years, G. Glenn Nichols, resigned, and Sam Brown was appointed to serve until a permanent postmaster can be chosen.

The investigation is said to have been caused by delay on the part of the former postmaster in making reports and returns on C. O. D. shipments.

Order Jones still continues as assistant postmaster.

Last Schedule of Vaccination Clinics

Immunization clinics, at which vaccinations are given against typhoid fever, smallpox and diphtheria, will be held at the following places. At each point the clinic is held for three successive weeks. It is important that every child between six months and six years of age be given two doses of diphtheria vaccine, the interval between doses to be from six weeks to two months. Children are expected to be immunized against diphtheria and smallpox before entering school this fall.

Typhoid vaccinations will not be given in school this year, therefore it is important that those children needing the vaccine secure it during the summer. If there is any other point in the county where as many as 20 people wish to take the typhoid vaccine, a schedule can be arranged if someone will notify the Health Department in Sparta.

The following schedule will be run on Daylight Saving Time: Thursday, August 7, 14 and 21. Vax, Maines Store 9:30 a. m. Ennis, Spurlin Shell Station 11:00 a. m. Edmonds 1:00 p. m. Barrett Post Office 2:00 p. m. Hooker 3:00 p. m.

Gov. Broughton Tells Of N. C. Road Building

Speaking before the recent annual meeting of North Carolina automobile dealers in Asheville, Governor J. Melville Broughton pointed out that 238 miles of highways have been built in this state during the first six months of 1941 at a cost of nearly \$5,000,000. From the same speech came first definite announcement that the connecting link between Mount Mitchell and the Blue Ridge Parkway is now about to enter the construction stage.

Citing a steady progress in new road building all over the state, the chief executive emphasized the fact that in the past four and one quarter years a total of 2,687 miles of roads have been built at a cost of more than \$30,000,000, and declared with reference to the county road system: "While North Carolina's county system at the present time is probably in a better condition, and proportionately greater in miles, than any rural state in the Union, we must confess that it falls short of meeting the demands of our people."

Birthday Dinner Set Sunday For Mrs. Callie Pardew

At her home near Glade Creek, on Sunday, July 20th, the many friends of Mrs. Callie Pardew met and set for her a delightful birthday dinner. Her brother, A. A. Ayers, made a nice talk, and everybody present seemed to enjoy the occasion and the dinner thoroughly. Besides the many friends who came from near home, there were several from Cherry Lane, including Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cheate and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woodruff and Martha Fender, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKnight, Mrs. M. Hayes and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cheate.

No Trace Of Three Escaped Prisoners

There is still no trace of the three prisoners who were released from the Sparta jail by someone who broke into the sheriff's office and stole the keys to their cells on the night of July 6. Clyde Murphy, 19, of near Edmonds, one of two persons believed to have been implicated in the jail delivery, has been arrested by Sheriff DeWitt Bryan, and the sheriff believes it is only a matter of a few hours until the second suspect will be behind bars.

New York Times Quotes A Girl From Sparta

When the New York Times quotes on page one the remark of a Sparta girl, well, that is Alleghany news indeed. Miss Lou Landreth, of Sparta, has been working in Washington, D. C., for some six years, and during the last three years has been secretary to Leon Henderson, the man whose job it is now to keep national prices under control.

Under date of July 15 the Washington correspondent of the New York Times sent his paper this message, as printed on page one of the issue of July 16:

"Leon Henderson, Administrator of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply, the man whose job it is to keep prices under control, moved his office today from the second floor to the penthouse of the new apartment house building at 2501 Q Street, N. W.

"Asked why a man who sought to keep prices down should get so far from the ground, Mr. Henderson's secretary, Miss Lou Landreth, replied it was "so he can get on top of them."

"There is no elevator from the fourth floor to the penthouse on the fifth floor, so Mr. Henderson has to walk up and down stairs. He laughed when it was suggested that he had moved to the penthouse not to keep prices down, but to keep his weight down."

Surprise Dinner And Welcome For Mr. and Mrs. Tedder

One of the happiest occasions in Alleghany history was the gathering of about a hundred friends at Elder G. M. Tedder's home, east of Sparta, on Sunday, July 20th. Elder Tedder was away to Saddle Mountain church attending the communion service. Someone carefully persuaded Mrs. Tedder to go over to Smith Nichols' home for a while. And in the meantime all the neighbors turned in and set tables under the beautiful trees near the spring at the Tedder home, and then loaded the tables with a bounteous feast. So, when Elder Tedder and his wife came home, they found a host of friends and a delightful dinner all set to surprise and to welcome them.

The story really goes back 40 years, when G. M. Tedder as a young man of 22 had married a sister of Kel Jarvis in the spring and then in the autumn sold his place and went to live in Kentucky. After 40 years in Kentucky they still were homesick for Alleghany county, and so, recently they came back and bought a place within a mile of the one they sold when they went away.

Thus the dinner was a token of appreciation of Elder and Mrs. Tedder and a welcome on their homecoming to Alleghany county.

After a big dinner, which included cake enough for everybody and then some more, Elder Tedder gave a talk in which he expressed their deep appreciation for the kindness and esteem thus shown them. Then followed a grand time of singing, led by F. M. Jones, and following the songs, Elder Charles Andrews preached. After that the time was given to social intercourse which continued on until nearly 10 p. m.

Besides the friends from the immediate neighborhood there were many who came from Whitehead and from Sparta, as well as two families from Sugar Grove, Virginia, one family from Troutdale, some from Independence, several from Galax, and two families from High Point. For Elder and Mrs. Tedder it was a welcome the memory of which will brighten all their days.

Sunday, Fatal Day

Sunday is supposed to be a day of rest and quiet. But not so on the highways, the state police say. More traffic accidents occur on Sunday than on any other day of the week. Week-end drivers send their volume—and accidents—up. Increase your caution on Sunday days.