

Clinton's First Test Blackout Friday Night Between 9 and 11

PAPERS SOUND URGENT DEMAND FOR SECOND FRONT

Moscow Admits Situation Is Grave, But Say Many Nazis Killed.

Moscow, July 15.—A crushing German drive imperilled nearly 600 miles of Russia's front early today, but the Soviets said the Red army still was fighting savagely in the Voronezh sector, where one formation alone killed and wounded more than 35,000 Nazis in ten days.

The Soviets acknowledged their troops were taking hammer blows both at Voronezh and Boguchar to the south in the Don valley. At the latter point the Russians again retreated to new positions after being almost trapped in a Nazi encirclement attempt.

Besides the enormous casualties suffered at Voronezh, the Germans were said to have lost 157 tanks, 341 anti-tank and field guns and machine guns, and hundreds of supply wagons.

The midnight communique did not disclose any significant changes in the fighting which extended to the Rzhev area northwest of Moscow.

But there also was no attempt to minimize the gravity of the situation. Instead, Soviet commentators emphasized the peril and called upon the Allies to open a second front in the west.

"The battles on the Eastern front are the battles for New York and London," one Moscow radio announcer said.

Multiple threats were fast developing to highly important industrial, strategic and psychological objectives from the rim of the north Caucasian area to the Moscow front itself.

Headlines flung atop the mastheads of the newspapers told the Red army that "Serious danger threatens our country," and pleaded for ever stronger blows to stop "the on-rushing enemy."

Organs of both Communist party and army—Pravda and Red Star—urgently sounded the "Second Front" note. Said Red Star: "The Germans want to defeat us before our allies can land on the continent."

Swift military developments in the Don valley, on the Don valley steppes and at Voronezh heightened the danger to Stalingrad, the Volga communications system and the east Caucasus, from which Russia gets more than 80 per cent of her oil.

The Germans were throwing in vast numbers of tanks, planes and motorized units of infantry over the broad southern sector, being partly held up only in the Voronezh district of the upper Don. Even there, a break-through made the situation very grave.

It appeared possible that the Russians may be preferring retreat across the Don to making a stand before the river as they did so valiantly at Voronezh.

It was obvious in these critical hours that it was better to lose land and to inflict great losses on the attackers than to stand before superior numbers and run the risk of losing great numbers.

This fighting carried a double-barreled threat: The Germans could try to go south to Rostov, which is on the west Caucasus "corner" some 125 miles away, or they could continue eastward toward Stalingrad—or both.

The newest danger was on the front southwest of Rzhev, which lies 135 miles northwest of Moscow. Here the Russians admitted the Germans were engaged in what they hoped would be an outflanking offensive. This failed, the Russians said, but they added they had lost 12,000 Red troops dead, wounded or missing, and also 80 tanks. The Germans (who

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Motorists' Rules During Air Raid And Blackout

1. Pull over to the curb.
2. Park the car.
3. Turn off all the lights.
4. Get out of the car.
5. Take shelter in the best available place—indoors if possible.

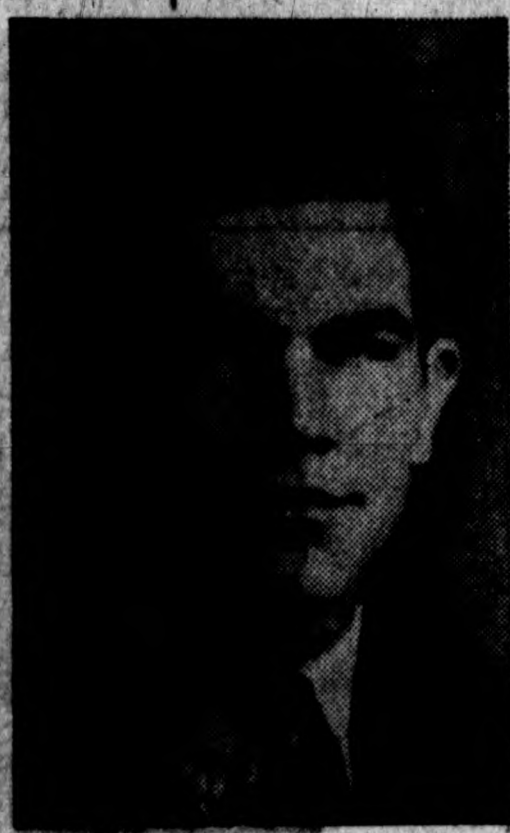
If you're on a bus remember that the bus must stop when the warning sounds. Get out of the bus and take shelter.

If unable to shelter yourself indoors, sit down; if bombs start dropping near you, lie down. Cover your ears with your hands. Protect the back of your head.

If you meet a warden, go where he tells you to go, promptly and cheerfully.

Caution: Don't leave your car in the middle of the street. Don't double-park. Don't run—walk.

Keep cool. Keep your head.



LT. ROBERT E. JONES

LT. ROBERT E. JONES KILLED BY SHELL BURST IN HAWAII

Lieut. Robert Erwin Jones, son of Mrs. Byrd Davis Jones of this city, is the first known Clinton casualty in the war on foreign soil.

Mrs. Jones received the following message late last Friday night from the War Department:

"Deeply regret to inform you of information received of death of your son, First Lieut. Robert Erwin Jones, U. S. Army, who was killed as the result of premature shell burst in Hawaii July 9th. Not due to enemy combat. Letters follow."

Up to yesterday Mrs. Jones had received no additional information from the War Department. No details are available as to how the accident happened.

Saturday morning Mrs. Jones received a message of sympathy and confirmation from Lieut. Dan Byrd, a class-mate of Robert's, who was stationed with him at Hawaii. She also received a container of lovely flowers sent by the officers of her son's company.

Lieut. Jones was born on May 13, 1920, and was only five months old when his father passed away. He graduated from the local high school and Presbyterian college in the class of 1941. As a member of the reserve corps he was immediately ordered into service with the rank of second lieutenant and stationed at Fort Jackson, Columbia, for several months. In December past he left for foreign service and had been assigned since then, at Honolulu as an officer of the 34th Infantry. About three months ago he was promoted from the rank of second to first lieutenant.

The last letter Mrs. Jones received from Robert was on July 8th and was written on the 3rd. He enclosed a citation of commendation he had received from his commanding officer and requested his mother that she treat it confidentially since he did not wish to appear boasting or seeking any publicity.

Lieut. Jones was a member of the First Presbyterian church, a young man of high ideals, clean habits, and exemplary character. He was an unusually popular young man and by his courteous manner and pleasant personality, made many friends among both old and young, who were shocked and saddened by the news of his tragic death, and who unite in extending sympathy to the family.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. L. S. McMillian and Miss Bessie Jones of this city, Mrs. Marion Hiers of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Martha Phillips, now enroute from Trinidad, where she holds a government position, to visit her mother.

Was High Citation

On June 22nd, Lieut. Jones and Lieut. Adams of the 34th Infantry, were highly commended by their department commander for their excellent work. The letter enclosing the citation which Mrs. Jones received a day before the telegram of his death, follows:

Headquarters Hawaiian Department
Office of the Department Commander
Fort Shafter, T. H.

23 June 1942

To: Commanding Officer, 34th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, T. H.

It is desired to commend First Lieutenants Robert E. Jones and Alfred E. Adams and the enlisted members of the Commando Groups they led, for their excellent work in the recent department field exercise. These two officers and the personnel of their groups actively displayed the type of energy and initiative so essential to successful, aggressive action and reflected credit on your regiment. Their work added materially to the success of the exercise.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CITIZENS ARE ANNOUNCED BY CIVILIAN COUNCIL

City and Goldville Included for Surprise Test In 11 Counties. Violations of Rules Will Be Regarded As Misdemeanor. Defense Corps Urges Public To Cooperate Fully.

Rev. J. LeGrande Mayer, commander of the local Civilian Defense corps, announced yesterday that all plans are being completed for Clinton's first test blackout Friday night between 9 and 11 o'clock and issued instructions for individuals to follow.

Commander Mayer and other members of the defense corps are appealing to the people to give their hearty cooperation.

The same cooperative spirit is being asked by Commander D. J. Buchanan, who will direct the Goldville blackout.

Any violation of the blackout rules will be regarded as a misdemeanor, but officials do not anticipate any lack of cooperation from the public. Arrests will be made, however, for obvious and intentional violations of the rules.

The complete blackout, which will be put into effect in Clinton and Goldville, will come between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock and will last for thirty minutes as a part of the general blackout of the Columbia area which affects 11 counties. This will be the first blackout in the city, while Goldville held its first several weeks ago. The full cooperation of the entire community is urgently requested. Authorities of the local council are anxious, they stated yesterday, to determine the effectiveness of the organization which has been in training for some time.

Citizens are requested to observe the following simple precautions to facilitate the work of the Civilian Defense officers and the various departments:

1. When the general alarm is sounded, immediately extinguish all lights in residences, business houses and manufacturing plants, also electric signs.

2. Where it is impossible to extinguish all lights, blackout every light that would be visible from outside the building, drawing shades and making use of any other effective means.

3. Citizens on streets are cautioned to take shelter as quickly as possible. Only civilian defense workers who are properly identified will be permitted on the streets.

4. All traffic except through traffic will pull to the curb at once and remain there with lights extinguished for the duration of the blackout.

5. Citizens will refrain from using the telephone system during the blackout.

The various departments of the corps will be ready for any emergency. Auxiliary firemen and policemen will be in readiness for call. Air raid wardens and auxiliary policemen will patrol all streets to enforce blackout regulations. First aid stations and their attendants will be on duty. The messenger service will be ready to function. Defense workers will not report to their posts until they are summoned by duly authorized officials.

A heavy responsibility rests upon the citizenship as well as Civilian Defense workers to make this test blackout effective, officers state. The wholehearted cooperation of every home, every business house, and every individual is mandatory.

Revival And Homecoming At Shady Grove Church

Beginning Sunday, July 19, there will be revival services at Shady Grove Presbyterian church, near Goldville, conducted by Rev. C. J. Matthews of Newberry. Services will continue through Friday, July 24th, with preaching each evening at 7:30.

A daily vacation Bible school will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. during the week. On the opening Sunday a homecoming program with special features will be presented. Dinner will be served on the grounds. All former members or any interested friends are cordially invited to be present, and bring lunch.

Shady Grove church was organized in 1857, and is five miles from Goldville, on the Whitmore road. Rev. C. F. Allen of Goldville, is pastor of the church.

LIONS CLUB NOT TO STAGE ANNUAL HORSE SHOW

The Lions club at its meeting last Friday evening voted not to hold the annual Laurens county horse show this year.

The action was taken in view of war conditions affecting tires and gasoline. Attendance, it was stated, would be seriously cut due to these conditions.

A committee had already been named to stage the show and preliminary work was under way when the decision to dispense with the event this year was reached.

Red Cross Wool Ready For Knitters

The Clinton chapter of the American Red Cross has a large consignment of wool to be made into sweaters, helmets, wristlets and socks for the men in the service. All knitters interested in making these garments are asked to please call at the Red Cross rooms on Tuesdays or Thursdays between the hours of 10 and 11 for necessary wool and directions.

Those in charge would greatly appreciate it if all completed garments could be turned in as soon as possible.

Bonus Sugar Ration Can Now Be Bought

Holders of war ration books may now obtain the OPA-decreed bonus of two pounds of sugar for stamp No. 7, ration officials reminded yesterday.

The seventh stamp will be good for the bonus through August 22. Stamp No. 5 in the books is good for the regular two pounds of sugar per stamp through July 25 and after that until August 22 stamp No. 6 is good for a like amount.

GROUPS TO DIRECT TEST BLACKOUT

Friday night's test blackout in the city between the hours of 9 and 11, will be in charge of the following civilian defense groups:

Staff, Control Center
J. L. Mayer, commander.
H. L. Eichelberger, vice-commander.
Lewis H. Bagwell, chief police.
Raymond Pitts, chief fire department.

Dr. F. K. Shealy, chief medical corps.

R. E. Sadler, chief air raid warden.

F. M. Boland, controller.

H. D. Payne, telephone man.

R. W. Boland, H. J. Eargle, messenger service.

B. R. Austin, utilities.

Wm. Brooks Owens, plotting officer.

Auxiliary Police

Dr. B. H. Henry, E. R. Knox, R. G. Murphy, Frank Simpson, H. E. Sturgeon, S. W. Sumner, J. V. Edwards, D. D. Copeland, Eric Barnes, Ralph Blakely, John D. Word, J. T. Loke, James Dunaway, Cleo Wallenzine, Ben Campbell, L. S. Henderson, J. H. Barbary, L. C. Heaton, John Heds-peth, Will Purdue, E. J. Campbell, William Cannon, Bud Trammell, Berry Trammell, Ralph Spies, Jess Ellison, Hugh Ray, P. B. Adair, Sloan Norris, L. A. Hall, Hampton Gregory, J. N. Bigham, F. M. Boland, M. B. Hipp.

Air Raid Wardens

Ward 1: Julian Coleman, senior warden; deputies, Don Copeland, P. W. Copeland, I. B. Copeland, J. D. Jeanes.

Ward 2: Joe Davidson, senior warden; deputies, P. B. Adair, S. A. Pitts, A. B. Davidson.

Ward 2: Platt Prather, senior warden; deputy, Alec Blakely.

Ward 3: G. W. Hollingsworth, senior warden; deputies, White Bullock, G. A. Burton.

Ward 3: J. H. Hunter, senior warden.

Ward 4: R. C. Adair, senior warden; deputies, I. M. Adair, C. W. Anderson, E. M. Timmerman.

Ward 5: W. A. Buchanan, senior warden; deputies, Bud Owens, Albert Spoon, Rev. A. M. Herndon.

Ward 5: C. E. Elledge, senior warden; deputies, Willie Moore, R. C. Powell, Clifton Cooper, Chris Moore, James Peace.

Ward 6: C. L. Braswell, senior warden; deputies, C. E. Dunaway, Walter Gregory, Robert Neal, Fred Graves, Will Hampton, Rob Yarbrough.

Ward 6: Pierre Burdette, senior warden; deputies, Hubert Todd, W. H. Roberts, Roy Holtzclaw, Ed McCullough.

First Aid Attendants

Dr. F. K. Shealy, chief of medical emergency.

Lesh infirmary: Lucile Hays, Dorothy Williams, Mary Frances Tucker, Margaret Sharp.

Hays hospital: Hospital staff.

Bailey Memorial church and Calvary Baptist church: to be provided.

College infirmary: Mrs. Archie Clark, Mrs. Bob Hamer, Mrs. John W. Little, Mrs. Hugh Holman, Mrs. Leila Johnson, Mrs. A. H. Cummings.

Florida Street school: Mrs. Lonnie McMillian, Mrs. Heath Copeland, Mrs. J. H. Sanford, Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Mrs. Raymond Pitts, Mrs. P. B. Adair, Mrs. Tom Sease.

Bell Street school (colored): Mamie Burnside, Frances Suber, Juanita Davis, Mary Kate Hill.

Ambulance

D. E. Tribble Co.; stretcher bearers, Ned Hall, Fred Pitts, Elwyn Sturgeon, Chris Adair, Jr.

Gray Funeral Home; stretcher bearers, John W. Finney, Jr., Dewey Trammell, Wat Henderson, Wm. A. Cummings.

Walker Funeral Home; stretcher bearers, James Sanders, Jacob Holland, Robert Thompson, James Kennedy, Josh Savage.

Mrs. Adair Resigns As Club Secretary

Mrs. Clifton Adair has resigned as office secretary of the Chamber of Commerce to accept a secretarial position with the Hallmark Shirt company of this city, and entered upon her new work yesterday. She succeeds Mrs. Dillard Boland, resigned.

Mrs. Adair has been employed by the Chamber of Commerce for the past two years, during which time she has rendered valuable services to the board of directors and organization. Her successor has not been named by the directors.

County Baptists Elect Lindler

Thes Rev. T. M. Lindler of Poplar Springs was elected president of the Sunday school convention of the Laurens Baptist association at the annual meeting held last Friday. He succeeds the Rev. W. N. Long of this city, who asked to be relieved of the post after several years of service.

ALLIES MAKING NEW SUPERIOR WEAPONS NOW

Commons Told Latest Tanks and Planes To Provide Edge Needed To Win Over Axis.

London, July 14.—A new type of American-British tank and a new British fighter plane—both described as equal to or better than any Axis machine—will give the Allies the superiority essential for victory, a government spokesman told the house of commons today during debate on production.

Capt. Oliver Lyttleton, production minister, and Col. J. J. Llewellyn, minister of air production, opened for the government a two-day debate on the empire's production, a problem which commons had regarded as secondary to the grave shipping situation set for secret debate in the near future.

Llewellyn said that a new British fighter plane is in production which is "nearly every height better than and in any height as good as the two latest German fighters."

The government also has in production a new torpedo plane for the fleet air arm and rapidly is converting some bombers into transport planes similar to those already in use, the air production minister said.

Answering critics who complained that British imperial forces had been sent into action against the Germans with inferior tanks, Lyttleton said that Britain now was making and would continue to make the right tanks.

"Tanks actually coming out of production lines now have the necessary firepower for today's battles," he said, "and new types designed and made by this country and the United States give us real assurance of that superiority which is required for victory."

As regards new types of explosives and new means of waging war, Lyttleton said:

"There are many things in which we are a great deal ahead of the world."

He said that production of raw materials, merchant shipping and naval units now was in the forefront of Britain's war effort.

Lyttleton said that in the field artillery branch, Britain had no reason to be frightened concerning the relative merits of its own equipment compared with that of the Germans.

He said that the British aeronautical industry led the world in re-adapting itself to changing conditions of air fighting, and that the lead had been maintained from the start of the war.

He said production had reached the point at which the flow of labor into industries could not be stimulated much more, so that the country must rely on greater productivity from its existing resources.

COUNTY LEASES ROAD EQUIPMENT FOR AIRFIELD

Four pieces of the county's road grading equipment have been turned over to contractors who are building the army's airfield in Greenwood county, it was stated yesterday by R. L. Teague, supervisor. The equipment was delivered last Thursday and Friday and is already at work, he said.

Action to lease the equipment for government purposes, he said, was taken at a joint meeting of the delegation and board of county commissioners held earlier in the week. The government, he said, could have taken the equipment anyway and the indications are that we will be called on for more.

Under the plan, said Mr. Teague, the county will receive approximately \$2,000 per month from the lease. In addition, he said, the machinery is to be given necessary repairs and returned to the county in good condition.

In the equipment were two R.D.T. tractors, one LeTourneau 8-yard pan and one elevating grader.

Army Calls 59 White Men For August

Clinton draft board No. 50 has received a call for 59 white men on August 8th for army induction at Fort Jackson, Columbia. At the office yesterday it was stated that the list has not yet been made up.

The board has also received an additional call for 30 Negroes on August 26, the list to be announced later.

Of 28 Negroes sent to Fort Jackson recently, 16 were accepted and sent Tuesday by the local board to Camp Benning, Columbus, Ga., for army induction.