

BELIEVE HITLER NOT TO ATTEMPT DRIVE IN RUSSIA

Nazis Add to Belief That Attack On the Continent Is Nearing.

London, June 21.—Germany was reported today to be moving substantial reinforcements into France as the eve of the second anniversary of Adolf Hitler's attacks on Russia found an increasing number of military observers convinced that defeats and perils of invasion have forced Axis chieftains to abandon hope of knocking the Soviet Union out of the war.

One usually reliable foreign source in London estimated that German troop strength in France had been raised from 35 to 44 divisions in recent weeks, but said Hitler had been forced to turn down appeals from Premier Mussolini of Italy to send more ground forces into the bombed peninsula where surface signs indicated the danger of Allied invasion was most immediate.

The Germans themselves, through radio broadcasts, contributed the most of these surface signs, declaring that an Allied fleet was assembling off Syria in the eastern Mediterranean for an attack through the Aegean sea, and that a fleet of two battleships, an aircraft carrier, a cruiser and 17 destroyers was at Gibraltar.

Observers at La Linea, Spain, next door to Gibraltar, reported the presence of 70-odd merchantmen in the harbor there and a continued passage of large landing boats entering the Mediterranean. Thirty of them, each carrying a crew of 25, were the latest to depart, La Linea dispatches said.

Berlin and Rome communiques told of numerous attacks on convoys, implying heavy Allied ship movements in the Mediterranean, but many British observers agreed there were no indications the Germans had more than one or two combat divisions in all Italy, Sicily and Sardinia to bolster the Italian front.

With Allied aerial forces on the move in the Mediterranean, and the Germans still held to inactivity in the eastern front, the Moscow Communist party newspaper, Pravda, marked the anniversary of the beginning of the German-Russian conflict with the most optimistic Russian declaration yet. Pravda said the enemy's unconditional surrender "is not far distant." The newspaper warned that "despair may drive the Germans to the maddest ventures."

Best British estimates placed German strength on the eastern front in the neighborhood of 200 divisions, including 18 divisions of satellite troops.

There still was no sign of a German offensive, although it was Sunday dawn, June 22, 1941, when Hitler gave the signal for his first Russian drive, and on June 11 that he began the 1942 campaign for the Caucasus.

If they had not abandoned hope for anything better than a stalemate, the Germans at least gave the impression that they were content to rest on the defensive for the time being.

One German commentator, Gen. Count Waldemar Stillefried, was quoted by the Berlin radio as pointing out Germany's defensive advantages. Citing the "extensive safety zone" held by Germany on the east, Stillefried said an "Anglo-American invasion of the continent certainly will be nipped in the bud."

Bond Sales Quota Raised For May

War bond sales in Laurens county exceeded the quota for the month of May by over \$8,000, according to H. Douglas Gray of Laurens, county chairman. The actual sales were \$108,412.50 against a quota of \$100,000.

The same quota has been assigned for June, \$100,000.

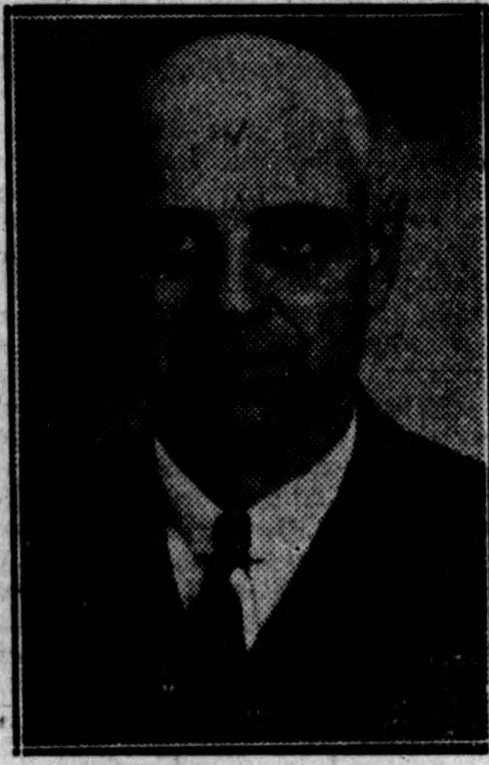
ON THE WAR FRONTS

Washington—Navy Secretary Knox announces that preparations are moving "right along" for an Allied invasion of Europe.

Europe—U. S. daylight raiders smash at Germany's vital Ruhr foundries for first time of war within few hours after RAF block-buster planes deliver one of war's most shattering blows on Rhineland city of Krefeld. Russia calls for second front this year.

Mediterranean—Allied bombers turn full violence from Sicily and Sardinia to Italy herself, blasting Naples and at least five other Italian mainland cities in day and night raids. Germans report "a major British parachute force" concentrated in Mediterranean.

Pacific—U. S. fliers score new brilliant victory over New Guinea, destroying probably 23 out of a 34-plane Jap formation. Allied bombers raid five Jap bases in islands above Australia.



DR. HARRY E. STURGEON

POPULAR COLLEGE PROFESSOR PASSES

Head of Chemistry Department Since 1919, Succumbs to Illness.

Dr. Harry Elwyn Sturgeon, 54, died early Sunday morning at a Greenville hospital where he had been critically ill for five days. Before entering the hospital he had been confined to his home for two weeks. The unexpected announcement of his death came as a shock to his many friends and brought genuine regret to all who knew him.

The funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church of which he had been a devoted member during his 24 years residence here. The services were in charge of his pastor, Dr. J. K. Roberts, assisted by Dr. D. J. Woods and Dr. C. Bynum Betts. Interment followed in Rosemont cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Dr. M. W. Brown, Hugh Holman, H. L. Eichler, J. H. Hunter, Dr. D. O. Rhame, Jr., and H. G. Prince.

The services were attended by a large gathering of friends including the college student body and cadets of the 39th Training detachment. The many beautiful floral offerings banked upon the mound were indicative of his wide popularity and the high esteem in which he was held.

Dr. Sturgeon was born October 18, 1889, in Gibson, Iowa. At the age of two his parents moved to Clarion, Iowa, where he spent the formative years of grammar and high school education. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Sterling college in 1913 and his master of science degree from Purdue university in 1916. He did additional graduate work at the University of Chicago, Columbia university, the Rockefeller Institute for Medical research, and the University of Dijon. He received the doctor of laws degree a few years ago from Erskine college, Due West.

From the University of Arkansas, where he was instructor in chemistry, the young teacher entered the army in World War No. 1 and was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the sanitary corps. He saw overseas duty for ten months in 1918-19.

Following his overseas service, Dr. Sturgeon was brought to Clinton in the fall of 1919 by the late Dr. D. M. Douglas to become professor of chemistry at Presbyterian college and held that position until his death. In 1937, following the election of Dr. W. P. Jacobs as head of the college, Dr. Sturgeon became assistant to the president in addition to continuing his teaching responsibilities.

Dr. Sturgeon had been a member of the American Chemical society since 1916. He was a charter member of the South Carolina Academy of Science, and was secretary-treasurer of the South Carolina section of the American Chemical society from its organization in 1927 to 1941. He served ten years as vice-president of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association, and at the time of his passing was acting president; was president of the South Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic association from 1925 until his death. For a number of years he had served as faculty chairman of athletics at the college and was always deeply interested in college sports.

Not only did Dr. Sturgeon give liberally of his time and talents to the college, but also to other activities of the community as well. He was an honored elder of the First Presbyterian church and liberally and loyally supported his church in all its work. He was a member of the local American Legion post, a charter member and former president of the Rotary club, and was retiring this month as president of the Lions club. To the educational, religious and civic life of the community he gave his hearty support and was recognized as a useful citizen, a man appreciated and loved for many admirable traits of character.

Dr. Sturgeon married Miss Laura Gilchrist of Newton, Kansas, a college classmate. In addition to his

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PIONEER CAMP TO OPEN MONDAY AT 'RIVERSIDE'

The pioneer camp, open to boys and girls of South Carolina, presbytery in the year age group of 12-14, will open next Monday, the 28th, at the Thornwell orphanage Riverside cottages on Enoree river near here. The conference will continue through Saturday morning, with accommodations offered for 60 campers.

The camp will be under the general supervision of Rev. C. F. Allen of Goldville, as director, and Mrs. Allen as dietitian. The committee consists of Rev. David Boozer, Rev. C. A. Calcote and Rev. Hubert Wardlaw. Counsellors will be Miss Luella Allen, Miss Eleanor Fleming, Mrs. Calcote, and Mrs. Wardlaw.

Young people attending from the Presbyterian churches of this community are requested to bring bed linen, towels, etc., ration books for the week of June 28 and a week's supply of sugar. Registration blanks are to be filed with Miss Thelma Hicklin of this city.

The senior camp set for the week of June 21-26, was called off due to the small number of registrants.

UNION SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT TO HONOR LYNN

A union "farewell" service for Dr. L. R. Lynn and Mrs. Lynn will be held Sunday evening at the First Baptist church.

The service has been planned by the local Ministerial association in honor of Dr. Lynn, whose 25 years of service as president of Thornwell orphanage will come to a close this month. Dr. and Mrs. Lynn plan to spend the next several weeks at their cottage in Montreat, N. C., after which they will go to Orlando, Fla., for their future home.

The special service will be presided over by Dr. C. Bynum Betts. The address will be made by Dr. D. J. Woods, dean of the association, with a brief response by Dr. Lynn.

Services in the city churches have been called in for this special occasion. The public is cordially invited.

B. M. Buzhardt Passes In Newberry

Bluford Malcolm Buzhardt, 66, of Newberry, a former Clinton resident, died at his home last Wednesday after being in declining health for some time.

The funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the A. R. P. church in Newberry by the pastor, Dr. J. W. Carson, assisted by Dr. C. Bynum Betts of this city. Interment followed in Colony cemetery.

Mr. Buzhardt made his home in this community for several years and is pleasantly remembered by a number of friends who will regret to learn of his passing.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Lulu Rutherford, and the following children by his first marriage to Miss Bessie Willingham, who died some years ago: Rev. John H. Buzhardt, Charlotte; B. P. Buzhardt, Laurens; Sgt. Boyd A. Buzhardt, marine corps, on foreign service; T. Roscoe and James H. Buzhardt of this city; two daughters, Mrs. V. J. Livingston of Newberry, and Mrs. Roy S. Smith, Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. Rufus Williams and Mrs. B. L. Bishop, Newberry, and nine grandchildren.

Dobbins Has First Cotton Bloom

The first cotton bloom of the season brought to The Chronicle office came from the farm of W. C. Dobbins at Goldville, and was picked on the morning of the 19th. A close second bloom pulled on the 22nd came from the farm of W. E. Neighbors.

A third bloom was brought to the office on the same day by Mrs. Ellen Hindman, who resides on the old Myers place in the Musgrove section, followed by another from the farm of Hubert J. Pitts.

Wasson To Speak At Kiwanis Meeting

The Kiwanis club will meet this evening at Hotel Clinton, with the program in charge of the attendance committee, S. W. Sumerel, chairman. J. Hewlette Wasson, probate judge of Laurens county, will be the guest speaker for the evening.

Vacation Season On At Orphanage

About one-half of the children of the orphanage are now away on vacation visiting relatives and friends in this state, Georgia and Florida. Those still on the campus will go in July for their vacations.

Russians, After Two Years of War, Confident Will Win

Reds Believe Hitler Will Be Soundly Beaten Within Year.

Moscow, June 23.—After battling through two years of the hardest war people ever have been compelled to fight the Russians are confident that they and their Anglo-American allies will complete the destruction of the Teuton aggressor before another anniversary rolls around.

That is what they thought last year, too. But this year there is every reason to believe that their confidence will be borne out. The great victories by both the Allies and the Russians in the last year plus encouraging words uttered by Joseph Stalin in his May day order of the day have boosted their confidence to a higher point, perhaps, than at any time since Hitler attacked that Sunday dawn on June 22 two years ago.

Lauding the Allies as never before, Stalin on May day told the Russian people that the Americans and British were going to follow up the African successes by opening a second front in Europe.

Shortly after Stalin's remarks appeared, Yanks, Tommies and French soldiers finished knocking the Axis out of Africa and now, having just taken Pantelleria, are poised for the long awaited invasion of the continent which Russians hope and expect will come any day.

As a prelude to the invasion, Anglo-American forces are now bombing Germany and Italy by day and by night in an aerial offensive more terrible than the worst the German air force could accomplish.

On their own ledger the Russians proudly cite the monumental defense of Stalingrad and the terrific winter counter-offensive that freed a thousand towns and won back 180,000 square kilometers of Soviet soil.

Russians know that many of the weapons their armies are using come from the United States and England in ever increasing shipments through the Persian gulf and Murmansk.

The Russians, at the same time, have achieved sensational success in stepping up production of their own weapons, according to reliable technicians.

Other Russian accomplishments which particularly impressed military observers were:

1. The successful evacuation of war industries—a tremendous problem—while still carrying on the war.
2. The successful bridging and transition period in which the troops were trained to use new and complicated Anglo-American lease-lend equipment.
3. Despite a series of grave defeats, the maintenance of stiff morale.

Local Scouts To Go To Camp Old Indian

Nineteen members of the local Scout troop 111, headed by Hugh Eagle as scoutmaster, will leave Tuesday, June 30, for Camp Old Indian, the Boy Scout camp above Greenville. Some of the boys will stay one week while others will remain for two weeks. Local scouts will go with Scoutmaster Bruce Galoway and a number of scouts from troop 75, Goldville, who will attend three weeks camp.

The following local scouts will go to Old Indian: Bobby Plaxico, David Tribble, Lonnie McMillian, Jr., Tom Poole, Bill Henry, Bobby Owens, Bailey Dixon, William Hatten, Mark Pitts, Charles Pitts, Lee Blakely, Bee Henderson, Dickey Hobson, John Hunter, J. Karl Johnson, Jr., Ferdinand Jacobs, Jr., James Austin Chandler, Jr., Murphey Timmerman, John Pitts, III.

Ferguson Promoted To 1st Lieutenant

Richard Edward Ferguson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ferguson of this city, has been promoted from the rank of second to first lieutenant. Lieut. Ferguson, who entered the service two years ago, attended an officers training school and soon thereafter won a commission. He is now stationed in the Caribbean area.

Lieut. Ferguson, a graduate of Duke university, was associated in business with his father when he entered service. His many friends here and elsewhere will learn with interest of the promotion he has just received.

Methodist Bible School To Close With Picnic

The daily vacation Bible school in progress at Broad Street Methodist church will close Wednesday, June 30, after ten sessions. On Wednesday afternoon a church picnic will be held at the city pump station near here. Those attending are asked to meet at the church at 4 p.m. to share transportation, the instructors state.

HIGHWAY DEBT IS NOW LOWEST IN EIGHT YEARS

Columbia, June 21.—Chief State Highway Commissioner J. S. Williamson said today that the highway department debt by the end of the next fiscal year will reach its lowest level in eight years.

Williamson said bonds totaling \$5,600,000 would mature during the fiscal year beginning July 1, and all would be retired by funds already in the department's current reserve of cash. The present debt totals \$60,553,439. Payments on bonds maturing next year will drop the total to less than \$55,000,000.

The highway debt position, Williamson said, in relation to the total capital value of the state's highway system, will be improved during the next year. The capital value of the system is now about \$172,000,000. Of this, \$177,000,000 will have been completely paid for by June 30, 1944, leaving the outstanding debt at \$55,000,000.

A fiscal-year-end statement prepared by the department showed that since the highway department was organized it had taken over a total of \$55,183,783 in county road bonds—reimbursement obligations—and that the principal of these bonds had been reduced by \$45,550,990, a reduction of 82 per cent.

The statement showed further that the total of \$62,624,000 in state highway certificates of indebtedness (bonds) had been reduced by 16 per cent to \$52,474,000.

A breakdown of the investment in the state's highway system showed:

Highway bonds	\$ 62,624,000
County bonds (which department took over)	55,183,783
Federal funds received	44,000,910
Current funds on hand	10,219,960
Total	\$172,028,655

Ration Book No. 3 Not To Be Used Until About October 1

Columbia, June 18.—The South Carolina Office of Price Administration reminded applicators today that War Ration Book No. 3 is not to be used until around October 1, as a replacement for Book Nos. 1 and 2.

"We have been receiving a number of inquiries about what to do when Book No. 3 comes to a person," said N. H. Talbert, state Office of Price Administration director, "but we want to take the opportunity the press affords us to tell the people of South Carolina simply to put those books in a safe place and forget them until around October 1, when instructions will be given."

Mr. Talbert stressed the fact that Book No. 3 is not being mailed out in the order of applications sent in. "Don't be alarmed if your neighbor who sent his application after you gets his book first. Everybody will get his book before it is put into use," he said.

Orphanage Boy Reported Missing

A report has been received here that Thomas C. DuBose is reported missing over enemy territory on April 5. He was a sergeant on a bombing plane.

Sgt. DuBose is a Thornwell orphanage boy and is pleasantly remembered here. He graduated from the institution's high school in 1938. He was employed by a concern in Richmond, Va., before joining the RCAF in September, 1941. His brother, Frank, was recently graduated from the Fort Benning officers' school as a lieutenant.

Citizens Savings To Pay Dividend

The Citizens Federal Savings and Loan association of this city, will pay their regular dividend of 4 per cent per annum on July 1, the board of directors has announced.

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LEWIS ORDERS MINERS TO GO BACK TO WORK

Men Returning To Pits As Employees of Govern- ment Until October 31. Under Present Wage Scale.

Washington, June 22.—John L. Lewis tonight (Tuesday) ordered his mine workers back into the pits until October 31, with a broad indication that during that time they would resort to the courts to obtain the portal-to-portal pay they failed to get from the war labor board (WLB).

The action came just a few hours after the WLB had referred the coal strike to President Roosevelt with a call for the use of "all the power of government" to force Lewis into a working contract in line with WLB directions.

The announcement of the back-to-work decision issued in the name of the United Mine Workers policy committee, laid heavy stress on the fact that the men were returning to work under existing pay and conditions, only as employees of the government and not of the mine ownership.

"This arrangement," the statement said, "is predicated upon operation of the mines and their collateral production units by the United States government and will automatically terminate if government control is vacated prior to the above mentioned date."

The indication of reliance on courts to get underground travel pay came in this paragraph of the announcement:

"The executive officers of the international union are hereby expressly authorized to exercise their discretion in the filing of suits at law, or by any other necessary means, to protect the equity of the membership in the matter of portal to portal compensation, both as to current and deferred liability."

The UMW chief was asked after the policy committee meeting if there were any other arrangements with Secretary Ickes, government custodian of the mines. He said the committee statement spoke for itself. Asked whether the check-off of union dues would be continued, Lewis merely pointed to the statement which said that "minimum wages and conditions" will be continued.

Ickes, advised of the back-to-work order, said:

"The mine workers understood that my job is solely to produce the coal necessary for war purposes and to heat America's homes this winter. To do this, will require the utmost cooperation of the mine workers and of the entire coal industry. I feel sure that this cooperation will be given."

While Lewis appeared to have given ground, in that he ordered the miners back without getting the \$1.30 a day he has demanded, the mines by the same token appeared to be lost to the operators temporarily, if not for the duration of the war. How extensive a form government control will take, remained to be seen.

One point still at issue—there had been no compliance with a WLB order that the miners sign a contract embodying substantially the conditions under which they were ordered back to work.

The formal order to locals will go out tomorrow, and there was no definite indication tonight just when full-scale operation of the pits would be resumed.

Earlier, with steel production already being curtailed, Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production war (WPB) warned in a statement that the strike may have "disastrous effects" on the war program.

Ickes emphasized Nelson's warning with a report that stocks of coal had "diminished progressively" since May 1 when reserves averaged 49 days' supply.

"It seems to me unthinkable," Nelson said in a statement, "that any Americans, knowing the facts, would cut the life-blood of the all-important steel industry."

The WLB chairman, saying he made no attempt to pass on the economics of the coal miners' situation, added: "I do wish to emphasize, however, that the needs of our country come first and that we are today in a situation in which the interest of our country, no man, no group and no class has a right to hamper war production."

Red Cross Makes Shipment Garments

The following garments made at the local Red Cross production room were shipped during the week to the warehouse at Seagirt, N. J., for redistribution: 32 sweaters and 30 mufflers for the army; and for refugees: 57 men's and boys' shirts, 72 women's blouses, also other articles including a number of skirts, blankets, quilts, and children's clothing.