

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1944

Section Two

ALL NIGHT BELLS AWAKEN AS MOST NEW INVASION RECORD

Police Sound First Alarm To People Reactions To Event Differ

Police dispatcher whirled around in a swivel chair, touched his finger to a button to set off the air raid sirens, and Charlotte was notified that Allied might be swinging at the Fortress of Europe.

The widely scattered sirens split the early morning air at 5:40 P. M. and thousands of Charlotteans, hundreds with sons and husbands, hurried to their homes, invasion Army awoke to the grim realization that a mighty battle of the ages was on.

The city's churches, which had made arrangements to be notified when the invasion began, had their bells ringing, calling congregants to special prayers for the success of the undertaking.

Switchboards in the Police and Fire departments were ablaze with light as calls poured in for confirmation of the coming of the Day of Days.

"O, My God," sobbed hundreds of feminine voices when operators announced the invasion was under way. The operators, hurrying to the next call, heard briefly many a stifled sob as some mother wept for the fate of her only son.

"Switchboards in the Police and Fire departments were ablaze with light as calls poured in for confirmation of the coming of the Day of Days.

"O, My God," sobbed hundreds of feminine voices when operators announced the invasion was under way. The operators, hurrying to the next call, heard briefly many a stifled sob as some mother wept for the fate of her only son.



D-DAY PRAYERS FOR ALLIES—The Charlotteans shown here entering a downtown church this morning to pray for the success of the invasion of the fortress of Europe were a church full of prayer.

Step Taken In Street Program

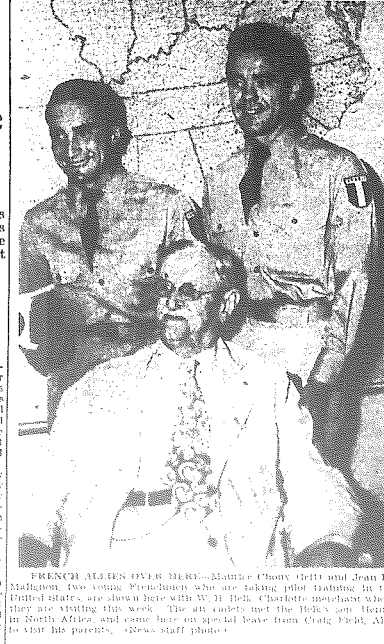
Bids Received By City On Tar

Initial step in a comprehensive street surfacing program that eventually will affect between 40 and 50 miles of pavement and entail an expenditure between \$65,000 and \$75,000 was taken today when bids for tar were received at the City Hall.

Bids on 50,000 gallons of tar to be used in initiating the improvement of local streets were first sought by the Municipal Construction Dept. prices were received this morning by two concerns.

Crowley Tar Products Co. of New York and High Point submitted the low bid of \$4,425 while the Barrett Division of the Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. of Philadelphia offered a bid of \$5,200.

City Manager R. W. Flack explained that the bids this morning made up the first step in the planning of the street program, which will be financed in its preliminary phase by the approximately \$100,000 left by this year's street revenue. In next year's budget, which will be prepared for the fiscal year commencing July 1, Mr. Flack will recommend the appropriation of \$1,500,000 for this purpose, to carry the full program out.



FRENCH MEN HERE OVER... (Caption partially obscured)

May Locate U. S. Burial Ground Here

War Dept. In Recommendation

The War Department has recommended to Congress that a National Cemetery be established in Charlotte, it was announced today.

The recommendation came as a part of a departmental cemetery decentralization plan, placing a soldier burial place in every state in the Union, so that the soldier's resting place shall be near his home and kin as may be.

In line with this policy, and anticipating that the present war will make large demands in this respect, the War Department has named its chosen locality in all states where a request is made the body of the soldier will be brought back to the home soil for burial after the war.

However, the proposal now recommends the only incidental for those who fall in battle. Any one of the approximately 15,000, 100 present men and women in uniform and veterans will be eligible for burial in them as they die in later years.

No details were available on the War Department's Charlotte plan. The name of the cemetery will be forwarded to the House Military Committee to be incorporated in laws not passed. Burial sites were suggested as a locality for another of the cemeteries.

Frenchmen Here Keen To Return Home Now

By FREDERICK BROWN

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Two fighting Frenchmen who are in this country studying to be pilots, expressed the desire to be in their native land today as the Allies are coming in. "Those two want to be in the fight," explained C. O. Rivers, who took over their training during World War I. The training center at Bell Base, Department of War, was "hardly ready" when the young pilots came to them on a tour of their old home today.

French was flying fast and freely in W. B. Bell's office later, and a reporter and a photographer with them.

FRENCH MEN HERE OVER... (Caption partially obscured)

Balloons Site Set

Army barrage balloons which will fly at Charlotte during the "Day of Days" are being prepared to resume public interest in war ballooning will arrive here today and will be flown the first time on the following day under the direction of Lt. Col. G. H. ... (Caption partially obscured)

Views On Invasion

Although individual expressions differed, Charlotteans were united in their thoughts and emotions as they listened to the news of the invasion of Europe by the Allied armies had begun.

The public attitude, as revealed in a symposium conducted by The News, was one of prayerful concern for the success of the undertaking. Expressions of local patriotism were plentiful.

Dr. Howard P. Powell, president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Episcopal Association and pastor of the Dilworth Methodist Church, said today that it was encouraging that so many people have come to offer prayers in the churches at this time. He said Dr. A. B. Wilson, pastor of the First Christian Church, at 4:30 A. M. today and have conducted services since that time.

Other churches opened at the early hour included the Myers Park Methodist Church, the Moravian Little Church on the Lane and the ... (Caption partially obscured)

Draft Feels Invasion

The Charlotte end of the marching column of soldiers which left from Independence Square to La Harve was a bit on the quiet side in the five draft board offices today. Clerks remained busy when they weren't reading extolling the selectee records straight, keeping registrants lined up for the June and July induction groups.

The invasion, however, had been anticipated in the selective service operation and the thrilling, exacting nature had no immediate effect on draft board activities.

Officers, however, did anticipate that within a day or so after the first draftee hours of the induction that quite a number of men of draft age will flock to the office.

These and the younger group of selectees—those just reaching eighteen and the older ones under twenty—will be sent to camp this month and next in August. Adult officials have been advised an outbreak will be called into the streets. However, the best estimate is that selective service calls from now on will be considerably smaller than in the past. This is due to the fact that their parents and all dependents are in the service of the United States.

JEAN AROUND—Jean and Maurice have been in the French Air Force since 1942. Maurice had been a student in the military school before entering the service and Jean was with an expedition in France. In North Africa, they have been stationed elsewhere. Maurice said, as he mentioned his name in a railroad announcement.

After hurriedly talking to the war, he best not say they had ... (Caption partially obscured)

White Liquor Case Heard

Walter Spratt, Negro, and his sister, Bessie, and another Negro couple were in jail today following arraignment before U. S. Commissioner Nat C. White on charges of possessing, removing and concealing 33 gallons of "white lightning."

Spratt, alias Walter Wynn, was being held in jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond, while his wife, already under \$500 bond, was being held in lieu of two years, was remanded to the custody of probation officer James H. Hutchinson.

The other couple, James and Grace Stewart, were placed under \$1,000 bond.

The 33 gallons of whisky were found in a vacant apartment at 207 N. 10th St. in Charlotte, last night.

The case was heard in court today before U. S. Commissioner Nat C. White on charges of possessing, removing and concealing 33 gallons of "white lightning."

JEAN AROUND—Jean and Maurice have been in the French Air Force since 1942. Maurice had been a student in the military school before entering the service and Jean was with an expedition in France. In North Africa, they have been stationed elsewhere. Maurice said, as he mentioned his name in a railroad announcement.

Hull Voices Optimism

Walter H. Hull, secretary of the Allied States League in Europe, today said that the invasion of Europe had represented the greatest turning point in the war. He said that the invasion had opened the way for the final victory of the Allies.

JEAN AROUND—Jean and Maurice have been in the French Air Force since 1942. Maurice had been a student in the military school before entering the service and Jean was with an expedition in France. In North Africa, they have been stationed elsewhere. Maurice said, as he mentioned his name in a railroad announcement.

Charlotte Vignette As Big Story Breaks

A middle-aged man rounded the corner of Fourth and College and found a young girl sitting alone on the sidewalk. He saw a sign on the ground that read "Charlotte News Extra." The man picked up the sign and handed it to the girl. She thanked him and ran off.

JEAN AROUND—Jean and Maurice have been in the French Air Force since 1942. Maurice had been a student in the military school before entering the service and Jean was with an expedition in France. In North Africa, they have been stationed elsewhere. Maurice said, as he mentioned his name in a railroad announcement.

Women's Division, War Finance Group, Plans War Loan Drive

Members of the Women's Division of the War Finance Committee met today and in an enthusiastic session planned a war loan drive.

The drive will be conducted through the city and is expected to raise a substantial amount of money for the war effort.

JEAN AROUND—Jean and Maurice have been in the French Air Force since 1942. Maurice had been a student in the military school before entering the service and Jean was with an expedition in France. In North Africa, they have been stationed elsewhere. Maurice said, as he mentioned his name in a railroad announcement.

News Staff Assembles For Extra On Invasion

The Associated Press staff that was on duty here today for the invasion of Europe assembled at the newsroom at 7 A. M. today to meet the first of the day's news.

The staff was alerted to the invasion of Europe and they were on duty for the first time since the beginning of the war.

JEAN AROUND—Jean and Maurice have been in the French Air Force since 1942. Maurice had been a student in the military school before entering the service and Jean was with an expedition in France. In North Africa, they have been stationed elsewhere. Maurice said, as he mentioned his name in a railroad announcement.

Prayer Service To Be Under Legion Auspices

Prayers for the success of Allied arms in the great invasion of Europe will be held under the auspices of the American Legion today.

The service will be held at the Legion headquarters and will be conducted by the Legion's spiritual advisers.

JEAN AROUND—Jean and Maurice have been in the French Air Force since 1942. Maurice had been a student in the military school before entering the service and Jean was with an expedition in France. In North Africa, they have been stationed elsewhere. Maurice said, as he mentioned his name in a railroad announcement.

Red Cross Here Asked For 81,000 Dressings

Area headquarters has requested the Mecklenburg County Chapter of the American Red Cross to supply 81,000 surgical dressings immediately for use in the invasion.

The request is based on the fact that the invasion is expected to be a long and bloody one, and that a large number of casualties are expected.

JEAN AROUND—Jean and Maurice have been in the French Air Force since 1942. Maurice had been a student in the military school before entering the service and Jean was with an expedition in France. In North Africa, they have been stationed elsewhere. Maurice said, as he mentioned his name in a railroad announcement.

Red Cross Here Asked For 81,000 Dressings

Area headquarters has requested the Mecklenburg County Chapter of the American Red Cross to supply 81,000 surgical dressings immediately for use in the invasion.

The request is based on the fact that the invasion is expected to be a long and bloody one, and that a large number of casualties are expected.

JEAN AROUND—Jean and Maurice have been in the French Air Force since 1942. Maurice had been a student in the military school before entering the service and Jean was with an expedition in France. In North Africa, they have been stationed elsewhere. Maurice said, as he mentioned his name in a railroad announcement.