

DESTROYER IS LOST IN HEAVY STORM Church Admits Japan Rules Both The Air And Sea COAST RAIDER SOUGHT IN PACIFIC

Army, Navy Join Hunt For U-Boat

Official Communique Reports No Activity In Philippines; First Attack On U. S. Mainland Carried Out Last Night When Enemy Sub Hurlled Badly Aimed Shells At California Oil Well

Washington, Feb. 24. (AP)—The War Department announced today that Army and Navy aircraft and surface vessels have started a search for the enemy submarine which shelled the Bankline oil refinery near Ellwood, Calif., last night.

The department's communique said damage from the shelling was slight, and no casualties were reported. The submarine, apparently Japanese, fired 25 rounds of five-inch shells at the refinery, the department said.

In the Philippine fighting, the department said, there was no ground activity on either side in the last 24 hours, but enemy aircraft dropped a number of incendiary bombs.

The text of the communique number 122 of the war, based on reports received here up to 9:30 a. m., eastern war time:

"An enemy submarine, apparently Japanese, fired twenty-five rounds of five-inch shells at the Bankline oil refinery, near Ellwood, California, last night at about 7:30 p. m. Pacific war time. Slight damage was done and no casualties were reported. The submarine appeared on the surface of the ocean about one-fourth mile off Ellwood which is 12 miles west of Santa Barbara. Firing was from two five-inch guns. Army and Navy aircraft and surface vessels have instituted a search for the submarine.

"There was no activity of ground troops on either side during the past 24 hours.

"Enemy aircraft dropped a considerable number of incendiary bombs behind our lines.

"There is nothing to report from other areas."

Santa Barbara, Calif., Feb. 24. (AP)—An enemy submarine fired its reply to President Roosevelt's war address in the very middle of his chat last night—15 shells badly aimed toward an oil field and refinery near Goleta, seven miles north of here.

Witnesses said the shells, presumably of the shrapnel type, exploded in large volumes of dirt from beaches and pastures, frightened horses into screaming madly—but hit only one well. The pumping plant and derrick of that well were damaged. However, no fires were started. No one was killed or injured.

It was the first attack upon United States soil in this war, although Japanese submarines off the Pacific coast and German submarines off the Atlantic have sunk some ships and damaged others.

The Los Angeles district press relations office of the 11th naval district made public the following account of the shelling, obtained from S. W. Borden, superintendent of the Bankline Oil Company at Ellwood, near Goleta.

"At 7:10 p. m. one large submarine came to the surface about one mile off shore and fired approximately 15 shells from a deck gun. One direct hit reached one well.

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American Tanker Sunk By Enemy Submarine Off U.S. Atlantic Coast

Pearl Harbor Loss

Washington, Feb. 24 (AP)—President Roosevelt's report on Pearl Harbor last night indicated American losses considerably lower than the previous official totals.

Here is the comparison: FDR prev. dec. Inc. Ships lost 3 5 2 Killed 2,240 2,897 557 Wounded 946 879 557 67

Secretary Knox's report had said that the Navy lost the battleship Arizona, the target ship Utah, the destroyers Cassin, Downes and Shaw and the minesweeper Oglala. This list was reduced by one when the Shaw was reclaimed and reached the west coast under her own power for repairs.

The President did not indicate which two of the remaining five vessels might also be restored to service.

The previous official casualty total came from combined Army and Navy reports.

BRITAIN WOULD FREE INDIANS

Secretary Says Political Freedom Is Favored

42—BRITAIN ... MM London, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The British government "is in favor of India's political freedom." Lord Cranborne, colonial secretary, stated today in the House of Lords.

Cranborne, who became government leader in the House of Lords in the week-end shakeup of the cabinet, declared that "His Majesty's government welcome the message of Chiang Kai-Shek to the Indian government."

"We are glad that there should be the closest understanding between the Indian and Chinese people. Chiang Kai-Shek urged India to rally to the cause of liberty and so we," said Lord Cranborne.

"He expressed himself in favor of India's political freedom and so are we. If the Indian leaders would get together and devise some scheme which would be satisfactory to all the Indian problem would be satisfactorily solved. It is hoped that this visit of Chiang Kai-Shek will

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S. C. Farm Couple Hacked To Death

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hughes, 67 and 65 respectively, were found hacked to death today in their farm home near Glendale. There was evidence of a terrific struggle in the home.

Mrs. Hughes was dead when discovered. Her husband died in an ambulance en route to a hospital.

The first tip on the killings came from the Cherokee county sheriff's office, which reported that an abandoned truck from the Hughes farm had been found near Gaffney.

Officers here then summoned B. B. Chapman, assistant chief of Spartanburg police who is a son-in-law of the Hugheses, and he went to the home, where he learned of the attacks.

The WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MacKENZIE Wide-World News Analyst

Such a flood of letters pro and con has poured in since my recent column on the dangers of complacency towards the war that I am impelled to return to the subject, especially since a considerable number of correspondents protest that there is no complacency in their communities, and cite chapter and verse to prove it.

Obviously there are two sides to the question and it's only fair to give the non-complacency view. This

Vessel Owned By Petroleum Navigation Company Believed To Have Gone Down With A Loss Of Five Lives; Twenty-Eight Survivors, 2 Slightly Injured, Landed At West Palm Beach

West Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—An American-owned tanker, the 5,278-ton Republic, of Houston, Texas, was torpedoed by an enemy submarine off the Atlantic coast with an apparent loss of five lives.

Twenty-eight survivors, two of them slightly injured, were brought ashore, the Navy announced today.

The 392-foot Republic was owned by the Petroleum Navigation Company of Houston. The Navy did not make public the spot at which she was attacked by two torpedoes from the enemy raider.

Three men were believed to have lost their lives in the engine room. They were Carter Ray Ebbs, third assistant engineer of Houston, Tex., Ernest R. Beverly, oiler, of New Orleans, and Jose Fernandez, fireman, whose address was unknown.

The others, Herman Hilker, messman, of Houston, and Phil Danceraux, messman, of New Orleans, were missing and believed drowned.

The 28 survivors were warmly received at an unidentified community, where residents provided them with sandwiches, coffee, whiskey and warm, dry clothing.

Capt. Alfred H. Anderson, 52, of Houston, a veteran of 36 years at sea, said he didn't see the torpedoes, but "there were two explosions—just like that," and snapped his fingers sharply.

"It was a terrible shock to me," he said, "but as soon as I gathered my wits, I wanted to protect my men. We got ready to leave the ship immediately as it was taking water fast and we left within 10 minutes.

"I didn't have to shout any orders. Most of the men were veterans, and everybody kept his head well."

Third mate Charles A. Felder, 62, Houston, Texas, was the only member of the crew who reported seeing the enemy submarine.

"It was a whopping big one," he said. "I think it was cruising around to make certain that we didn't try to signal with lights. I believe they would have turned machine guns on us if we had."

Felder, rounding out 47 years as a sailor, was credited with accidentally saving the life of radio operator John Samuel Lake, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

"The third mate," said Lake, "saved my life when he tapped on the window a few minutes before the explosion and invited me to have a cup of coffee. I left the radio room and picked up the cup of coffee.

"The crash hit. It wrecked the radio shack completely. The chair I had been sitting in was splintered."

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NEW REVERSES ARE PREDICT'D BY ROOSEVELT

President Says, However, Offensive To Be Assumed

CITES RATE OF WAR PRODUCT'N

Chief Executive Calls For Uninterrupted Production Without Mentioning Specific Stoppage

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt admonished the American people last night to prepare themselves for further reverses on the war fronts, and even as he spoke an enemy submarine was raking a spot on the California coast with gunfire.

By the grimmest coincidence, the bombardment opened up just before the time Mr. Roosevelt reached that portion of his speech in which he declared that the nation also could expect to suffer continuing losses at the hands of Axis overseas raiders in both Atlantic and Pacific "before the turn of the tide."

To speed the turn of that tide Mr. Roosevelt called for "uninterrupted production" to build up an overwhelming superiority of war supplies for the ultimate grand offensives of the United Nations.

"Soon, we and not our enemies will have the offensive; we, not they, will win the final battles; and we, not they, will make the final peace," he said.

As proof of increasing strength he reported that a careful survey of war production satisfied him that the nation would attain the 1942 goals he set on January 6 when he called for 60,000 planes; 45,000 tanks; 20,000 anti-aircraft guns, and 8,000,000 tons of shipping.

The President's voice was sharp as he stressed the two words—"uninterrupted production"—although he made no specific mention of the series of work stoppages which, for various reasons, halted war production in some industries yesterday.

Mr. Roosevelt was unaware of the California coast bombardment while he delivered his 35-minute radio address to the nation and to much of the world, but he said early in his talk that the battle ahead was "warfare in terms of every continent, every island, every sea, every air lane in the world."

The immediate reaction was that such forays showed a poor understanding of American psychology and that, instead of creating mortal

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Forces Delay On Pension Repealer

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Representative Martin J. Kennedy (D-NY) blocked immediate consideration in the House today of legislation to repeal pensions for congressmen.

Kennedy later explained that he objected for three reasons: One, that he was in favor of the pensions; two, that there were separate repeal measures pending; and that the question should be acted upon independently, and third, that the procedure suggested would not permit full explanation of a member's position.

The objection forced administration leaders to go to the rules committee for a special order which would make the legislation in order for debate.

War Traffic School Edward Scheidt, special agent in charge of the Charlotte office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced today that invitations have been extended to law enforcement officials in Pitt county to attend a war traffic school which will be held at Chapel Hill March 2-7.

Victory For Allies Seen In The End

Prime Minister Declares Victory Might Come Unexpectedly And Announces Plan To Submit Post-War Reconstruction Scheme; Suggests Victory Might Come Through Effects Of Attrition

London, Feb. 24.—(AP) Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today that Japan rules the air and is exercising a temporary and "waning command of the sea" in the area of her operations, but he predicted a final victory, which he said might come unexpectedly, over the Axis.

The Japanese also are employing numerically superior land forces of about 26 divisions—probably 390,000 combat troops and 100,000 additional men in supply and auxiliary forces—in the ABDA (American, British, Dutch, Australian) area, he added, and their command of the air "makes it costly and difficult for our air reinforcements to establish themselves and secure dominance."

Efforts to reinforce the area are further complicated by Britain's "very heavy" shipping losses since 1939, losses which he admitted had shown a most serious increase in the last two months.

Thus, as a result of Japan's entry into the war, Britain must reckon with "an evident prolongation of the war"—perhaps until 1943 or 1944.

But he announced that he shortly would submit a scheme for post-war reconstruction because "we cannot be sure as in the last war that victory may not come upon us unexpectedly."

Even without sensational victories, he suggested a successful conclusion of the war might come for the United Nations through the effects of attrition.

"It would not be necessary even to push back the German lines over all the territory they have absorbed. Germany might be defeated more fatally in the fourth or fifth year of the war than if the Allies had marched into Berlin in the first year."

Announcing that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has accepted an invitation to join the Pacific war council, a body upon which Britain, the Netherlands, East Indies, New Zealand and Australia already are represented for the purposes of recommending war strategy, he declared that "if we can look forward across" the initial setbacks since Japan entered the war "we can see very clearly that our position has been enormously improved not only in the last two years but in the last few months."

He said he had no more news of what had happened at Singapore (Continued on Page Five)

Chiang Goes Home After India Visit

Chungking, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has returned from his all-important visit to India, a government spokesman announced today, after a flying trip foreshadowing the establishment of regular air transport as a new and important addition to China's supply lines of war material.

The need for such new routes has been emphasized by the closing of Rangoon as the "feeder" port for the Burma road. But the spokesman reiterated that China is self-sufficient in food, has enough clothing to get along, can manufacture her own light arms, and has a quantity of heavy equipment waiting to be shipped to the front for use against the Japanese.

"But we are anxious to establish air transport with India as soon as possible in order to carry essential but not bulky war materials," he added, including medicinal supplies in this category.

COASTAL CITY IN NEW GUINEA JAP OBJECTIVE

Port Moresby Attacked By Low-Flying Bombers

NIPPON-OCCUPI'D CITY IS RAIDED

Australian Airmen Overcome Jap Fighter Planes To Bomb Airdromes and Shipping In Harbor

Canberra, Australia, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A medium force of Japanese bombers accompanied by fighters raided Port Moresby, principal coastal city in Papua, New Guinea, an Air Ministry communique announced today.

Flying in two waves, the Japanese planes dropped bombs on various parts of the city. Some buildings were damaged but no vital points were hit, the communique said.

There was no estimate of casualties.

Overcoming Japanese fighter planes which attempted to head them off, Australian airmen carried out another attack yesterday on Rabaul, New Britain island, bombing airdromes and shipping in the harbor, the RAF announced.

Semi-official sources declared that the raid, which was pressed home just before dawn in highly unfavorable weather, was executed by one of the heaviest formations the Australians had thus far hurled at Japanese bases in the southwest Pacific.

The Australians shot one plane in the raid, but lost down one Japanese fighter and probably destroyed two others, a communique said.

The Japanese occupied Rabaul which is situated in the Bismarck archipelago about 900 miles northeast of the tip of Australia, on January 24.

Army Minister Francis Forde, meanwhile, announced that a sweeping inquiry had been ordered into all aspects of the two air raids which the Japanese launched last week against Darwin, naval station on Australia's north coast. Fifth column activities will be investigated.

At Alice Springs, 1,000 miles south of Darwin, the population was reported digging trenches and air raid shelters and holding trial evacuations.

The Japanese threat to the country as a whole was emphasized by Lieut. Gen. Sir Ivor McKay, commander of the home forces. Arriving at Sydney for a defense conference, Sir Ivor declared:

"The Japanese have advanced step by step and there is every indication that we are included in the plans they have made."

Coordination. Washington, Feb. 24 (AP)—The consolidation of numerous agencies within the Department of Agriculture as a means of furthering prosecution of the war through better utilization of agricultural resources and industries was ordered today by President Roosevelt.

The mergers within the department are to remain in force until six months after the war ends.

COMMENT ON ADDRESS FROM WORLD CAPITALS

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Democratic and Republican members of Congress joined today in terming President Roosevelt's address of last night a straightforward and complete summary of the war situation.

Typical comment: Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, House Democratic leader—it was the greatest of his many great messages—perfect, practical and realistic. Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.): It

Another Ship Also Sunk With Total Loss Of 189

Bomber for Bataan

By CLARK LEE With Gen. MacArthur on the Bataan peninsula, Feb. 20.—(Delayed)—(AP)—A "bomber for Bataan" fund has been started among the American-Filipino troops fighting the Japanese on the Bataan peninsula and from Corregidor and other fortified Manila Bay islands.

The movement to raise funds to obtain at least one bomber from the United States started spontaneously after the troops had heard a broadcast reporting that production of airplanes by Ford and other American producers was running to astronomical figures.

This slogan was adopted: "Better buy one bomber than be buried on Bataan."

The campaign still is in its beginning stages but organizers believe that inasmuch as many soldiers have indicated a willingness to contribute up to one month's pay it will be possible also to raise funds for a ship to bring the bomber here plus high war bonuses for the ship's crew and to purchase gasoline and bombs.

DUTCH POISED FOR JAP DRIVE

Governor General Calls For Faith And Iron Will

Batavia, N. E. I., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Urged by the governor-general of the Dutch East Indies to face the foe with "faith and an iron will," the allied defenders of Java neared the zero-hour today in the battle for this last bulwark blocking the Japanese from the vital United Nations supply lines in the Indian ocean.

There was no new official word on the strength in southern Sumatra and in Bali, where the invaders have seized their latest footholds directly west and east of this island citadel in the face of stubborn opposition from outnumbered defense forces.

A brief Indies high command communique reported only fresh aerial blows at Java, the heaviest of which was aimed at military objectives. (Continued On Page Two)

Plan Settlement of Lend-Lease Funds

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—An Anglo-American agreement on broad principles for post-war settlement of lend-lease aid extended Great Britain was announced today by the White House.

Pointing out that it was too early in the struggle to foresee a definite detailed terms of settlement, the agreement set forth a "fundamental framework" which included expansion of trade, elimination of discriminatory treatment in international commerce, a reduction in tariffs, and in general the attainment of the economic objectives of the Atlantic charter.

More specifically, it stated that articles which at the end of war can be returned to the United States, and which this nation wants back, will be returned.

Full account is to be taken of all reciprocal aid.

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Two Ships Sunk Off Rocky East Coast of Newfoundland Portion of Convoy; Heavy Loss Of Life Attributed To Merciless Battering Of Wind And Waves After Vessels Were Grounded

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A United States destroyer and a naval stores ship have been pounded to pieces off the rocky east coast of Newfoundland in a roaring gale, the Navy announced today, with a loss of at least 189 officers and men.

Among the dead was Lieutenant Commander Ralph Hickox, 38, of Washington, D. C., who commanded the destroyer, the Truxton, an old four-stacker of world war vintage. The commander of the stores ship, the Pollux, was not identified but the navy reported his death.

The heavy loss of life was attributed to the fact that the two ships, constituting a portion of a convoy, were torn to wreckage under the merciless battering of wind and wave very quickly after they ran aground.

The double disaster occurred in daylight but visibility was extremely low. The frothy currents set up by the dashing of the waters against rocks and reefs, made the coastline indistinct and regular aids to navigation were obscured by low sweeping scud. The point at which the ships went aground was described as near the entrance to Lawrence harbor on which is located the town of Lawrence, Newfoundland.

Residents of that place were praised by the navy for their heroic efforts in pulling such men as survived through the icy storm tossed seas to safety.

The certain death aboard the Truxton was placed at seven officers and 90 men and there was a possibility that three more deaths would be confirmed later, the navy said. Dead aboard the Pollux were one officer and 91 men.

The Truxton was the same type of old destroyer as the Houston James which was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic off Iceland with the loss of 100 officers and men last fall.

The normal complement of the Pollux, a new 6,085-ton merchant vessel which had been taken over by the navy only last year, was not given.

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Storm Warning

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Warning of a high wind storm along the Atlantic coast was issued today by the Weather Bureau. In an advisory it said: "Small craft warnings changed to storm warnings of wind from Delaware breakwater to Cape Hatteras. Winds will increase 35 to 45 miles per hour by tonight on the middle Atlantic coast and lower Chesapeake bay with snow."

# Social and Personal

After several weeks of illness Miss Ayla Taylor is able to be out and has resumed her teaching at Pine-top.

Mrs. Bob Bracken and little son of Sanford, who have been visiting Mrs. Bracken's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lautares, returned to their home today.

Mrs. Roland Lang and Mrs. A. C. Monk, Jr. of Farmville, were here yesterday.

Miss Annie Pope, who has been the guest of Miss Lena Mae Smith, has returned to her home in Enfield.

Mrs. W. L. McGahey of Washington, spent yesterday in Greenville.

Mrs. John Lewis and Mrs. Louise Harris of Farmville, were Greenville visitors on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wilson of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with relatives in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ratcliffe, Jr. and children of Beaufort, spent Sunday with Mr. Ratcliffe's parents. Sunday was the thirty-seventh wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ratcliffe, Sr.

**Birth Announcement.** Mr. and Mrs. Marvin James of Ayden, Route 2, announce the birth of a daughter, Marieene, on Thursday, February 5, 1942. Mrs. James was formerly Miss Runelle Harper of Black Jack.

**Mrs. Smith Ill.** The friends of Mrs. S. A. Smith will be sorry to learn that she is confined to her home with illness.

**Announce Engagement.** Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Swindell announce the engagement of their daughter Lois Frances to Mr. John Marion Daly, Jr. of Kinston, North Carolina. The wedding will take place in March.

**Puppetry Class Postponed.** The children's puppetry and clay modeling classes regularly scheduled to meet at the local WPA Art Gallery on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon will not meet this week. This is made necessary by the fact that Miss Crisp, gallery supervisor, who teaches the classes will be in attendance at the district WPA training conference meeting on the ECTC campus Wednesday through Friday of this week.

**In Naval Reserve.** Reserve petty officers enlisted at the naval recruiting office in Raleigh yesterday included Gilbert Peel, Jr., 23, of this city, who has been engaged in defense work and was deferred by his draft board. He asked reclassification, however, in order that he could go ahead and enlist.

**Forbes-Peterson.** Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Peterson announce the marriage of their daughter Betty Payne to Mr. Jack Rives Forbes on Saturday, January thirty-first. Nineteen hundred and forty-two. San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Forbes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Forbes of Greenville.

**Coast Raider . . .** (Continued from Page One) causing minor damage to the pumping unit and derrick.

"There were several close misses on a crude oil storage tank and a gasoline plant. Apparently no damage was caused by these shells. A complete survey of the grounds has not been made and there may have been superficial damage. Whatever other damage is disclosed will not be extensive.

"No fires were started as a result of the firing. No tanks were hit. From fragments of shell found and marks on the ground it is believed a 4 or 5 in. gun was used. The firing was done leisurely, apparently only one gun being used. It required about 25 minutes to fire the approximately 15 shells.

G. O. Brown, an oil worker off duty, said the submarine was only a mile offshore and "so big I thought it might be a destroyer or cruiser. I have seen many submarines and this was larger than any of those in the U. S. Navy that I have seen."

"It was lying idly on the surface. Then it began shelling shot after shot with great regularity. I counted 12 shells that burst most of them on the Staniff place (where Brown lives) and the Burnside Oil Company lease. I spotted the last shell at 7:35 p. m.

"The submarine still lay on the surface. It started to get two-light. I watched it as long as I could distinguish its form and then it grew dark. It didn't submerge and there were no airplanes heard."

"Traffic along the coast highway No. 101, was halted because of the blackouts and army guards kept the curious from approaching the scene of the attack."

**Arrested At Paterson.** Newark, N. J., Feb. 24 (AP)—E. E. Conroy, special agent in charge of the Newark office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said today that 12 German and Italian aliens had been rounded up in the vicinity of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation plant at Paterson, N. J.

## Social Calendar

**TUESDAY**  
7:30 p. m.—St. Mary's Auxiliary of Episcopal Church meets.  
7:30 p. m.—Withla Council degree of Pochontas meets.

**WEDNESDAY**  
3:30 p. m.—Junior Woman's Club celebrates twelfth anniversary.  
7:00 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Edwards will entertain at dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cobb.

7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian Church.

8:00 p. m.—Meeting of all committee chairmen from Official Board and Church Planning Committee in the study of the Christian Church.

8:15 p. m.—Rehearsal of the Presbyterian choir.

**THURSDAY**  
7:00 p. m.—Dinner meeting of the B. and P. Woman's Club at the Woman's Club.

7:30 p. m.—Mrs. W. O. Freeland presents Margaret Anne Johnson, Janice Owens and Anne Cox in recital at Sheppard Memorial Library.

7:45 p. m.—Methodist choir meets for rehearsal.

7:45 p. m.—Girl Scout Troop No. 2 meets in the Molly Brown room of the Methodist Church.

8:00 p. m.—The Junior Philathea Class of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. C. Cockrell.

**FRIDAY**  
6:30 p. m.—The Kiwanis Club meets.

7:30 p. m.—Red Men will meet.

9:00-11:00 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allen and Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Barrett will entertain at open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen in honor of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Matthews.

## Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR  
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**End of the Century Club** Regardless of the inclemency of the weather, the club spent a most enjoyable evening on Friday.

The literary program consisted of the reading of the poem "Guinevere" by Mrs. Arthur, followed by a general discussion of the "Current Scene." Mesdames Arthur and Ficklen tied in an interesting contest on heroes and heroines of noted books.

After being so thoroughly entertained as well as having the appetite sumptuously fed, the club adjourned.

## Dutch Poised . .

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Three low-flying formations of enemy bombers, apparently without fighter escort, were greeted by a blasting barrage of anti-aircraft fire from Dutch guns and new, British-made cannon which gave the Japanese an explosive welcome. At least one bomber was shot down and others were damaged.

But in the face of this intensive fire the planes circled the city and then, swooping even lower, machine-gunned various parts of the town, causing a few casualties.

One other bomber was listed as "probably" shot down last night near Malang, in eastern Java.

The governor general, A. W. L. Tjarda Van Starkenborgh Stachouwer, also reiterated an appeal for reinforcements, saying in a broadcast declaration that "additions to our equipment would still be welcome."

Stachouwer urged the men of the N. E. armed forces and civilians, particularly in Java, to stand firm in the "hard fight that is ahead of us."

"We will fight with all the power in us," he added.

"Discussing the impending attack on Java, he said: "This time the enemy broadcasting stations speak the truth, the moment approaches when the our attack will be launched on our main island."

"The situation in Java is entirely different from that in the outer provinces. Putting a strongly superior force up against the Dutch forces on Java will be much more difficult."

"We face the coming military operations with faith and an iron will. Beating off the enemy, holding out, maintaining our positions, are conceptions which have come to have a new sense of grimness, hitherto unknown."

## Teacher In Play



Richard G. Walser, critic teacher at the Greenville high school, who will play the role of Nils Krogstad in "The Doll's House" at the college Thursday and Friday nights of this week.

This will not be Mr. Walser's first appearance in an Ibsen drama, as he played in Ibsen's "The Enemy of the People," in a Carolina Playmaker's production of the play in the Playmakers' production of some years ago. He took parts also in "The Tempest" by Shakespeare and "Iphigenia in Taurus" by Euripides.

In 1937 one of the productions in which he appeared as a member of the Carolina Playmakers Repertory Company was "Sun Up" by Vollmer.

In Greenville he has had roles in "Personal Appearance" and "The Night of January 16" produced by the Greenville Little Theatre.

During the past few years Mr. Walser has had varied experience in dramatic work, having been director of dramatics at the Lexington, Durham, and Greenville high schools and having served on the staff of the School of Dramatics during the summer at Chapel Hill. This year he is president of the Carolina Dramatics Association.

**Aliens Seized** Dallas, Tex., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Local officers and FBI agents rounded up more than 50 enemy aliens and seized great quantities of contraband during all-night raids in Dallas county. Police Chief J. M. Welch said today.

The aliens were questioned, fingerprinted and photographed at the office of U. S. Attorney Clyde Eastus, who issued warrants for the raids.

1. A prepared oration of not less than 10 or more than 12 minutes.

2. An ex-temporary oration of not less than 4 nor more than 6 minutes.

## LEGION PLANS HOLD CONTEST

### Oratorical Competition Open To Local Students

Plans for the American Legion oratorical contest to be held this year were announced today by Arthur B. Corey, county chairman.

The subject for the contest will be "The Constitution, the Guarantee of American Liberties."

Any boy or girl enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade of any accredited high school in North Carolina for the term of 1941-42 will be eligible to enter.

Each high school in the state participating shall between March 4, and March 6, 1942, select by public contest a contestant for said school and shall send winner's name and address to the County Chairman, Arthur B. Corey, not later than March 7, 1942.

The winner from each high school shall compete in a county-wide contest to be held between March 11 and 13, 1942, in the high school auditorium of one county seat unless some other place is designated by the county chairman.

The county chairman will be in full charge of this contest, select the judges, preside and report the county winner to the District Commander and Department Chairman not later than March 13, 1942.

The county winners will compete in a District Contest which will be held between March 18 and 20, 1942, at some central point in each of the 29 Legion districts of the state. The District Commander will be in charge, preside, select the judges and report District winner to the Department Chairman not later than March 21, 1942.

There will be five section contests for the winners of the 20 districts on March 30, 31, April 1, 2, and 3, 1942. The Department chairman will be in charge. There will be a final contest between the winners of the five sections on April 4, 1942. Place of district, section and final contest to be announced later.

Each contestant shall draw for his position on the program. Informal dress will be required—no uniforms of any kind will be worn. The names of contestants and the judges shall not be known until after the contest. Each contestant will be called by number.

The oration shall be composed of two parts:

## Joseph L. Bright Dies In Vanceboro

Joseph L. Bright, 67, died at the St. Luke's hospital in New Bern at 11 o'clock last night after two days of critical illness.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home in Vanceboro at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Brady, Methodist minister of Vanceboro; burial will follow in the Eilsworth Church cemetery nearby.

Mr. Bright was born, reared and spent his entire life in Vanceboro. He was a member of the Vanceboro Christian church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sallie E. Bright; one brother, George Frank Bright of near Vanceboro, and one grandchild, Joseph Leonard Bright of the home.

The extemporaneous feature shall be on the First Ten Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, generally known as the Bill of Rights and each contestant shall draw his subject from a hat only five minutes before he or she is to speak and is to speak without being allowed conference with anyone on the subject or to see any literature thereon. Penalty for plagiarism shall be disqualification.

Winners will be given prizes, and the winners in the national contest will be given a free four year scholarship to university of his or her choice valued at \$4,000.00 and an engraved watch.

**NOTICE OF VIRTUE'S SALE** Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered to J. J. White, Trustee, by C. T. Munford and wife, J. Caroline Munford, on the 12th day of January, 1933, which said Deed of Trust is recorded in Book Q-19, page 135, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned will offer for sale for cash, at public auction, before the Court House door in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, at

12:00 O'clock, Noon, on Monday, March 23, 1942

the following described real property, located in the Town of Greenville, Pitt County, State of North Carolina, to-wit:

**FIRST TRACT:** That certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being on the west side of Evans Street, between 10th and 11th Streets; BEGINNING at a stake on the west side of Evans Street 82 1-2 feet from the southwest corner of Evans and Tenth Streets; running thence southwardly with Evans Street 82 1-2 feet to a stake in what is known as the Parker or Schulz line; thence westwardly and parallel with Tenth Street 164'; thence northwardly and parallel with Evans Street 82 1-2 feet; thence eastwardly parallel with Tenth Street 164 feet to the BEGINNING.

**SECOND TRACT:** That certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying in the Town of Greenville and on the west side of Summit Street; BEGINNING at a point on the west side of said street 165 feet north of the northwest corner of the intersection of Summit and Third Streets; running thence westwardly, parallel with Third Street 150 feet; thence northwardly parallel with Summit Street 55 feet; thence eastwardly parallel with Third Street 150 feet to the west side of Summit Street; thence southwardly with the west side of Summit Street 55 feet to the BEGINNING, and being a part of Lots Nos. 14, 15 and 16 in Block "E" of the Lang property, as shown on map of record in Map Book 1, at page 131, Pitt County Registry.

**THIRD TRACT:** That certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being in the Town of Greenville and on the west side of Summit Street and the north side of Third Street; BEGINNING at a point on the west side of Summit Street 55 feet north of the northwest corner of the intersection of Summit and Third Streets, and running thence westwardly and parallel with Third Street 130 feet; thence southwardly parallel with Summit Street 55 feet to the north side of Third Street; thence westwardly with the north side of Third Street 9 feet; thence North 22 East 167 feet; thence eastwardly parallel with Third Street to a point 130 feet west of the west side of Summit Street; thence southwardly parallel with Summit Street 55 feet; thence eastwardly parallel with Third Street 130 feet to the west side of Summit Street; thence

southwardly with the west side of Summit Street 55 feet to the BEGINNING, and being a part of Lots Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the Lang property, as shown on map recorded in Map Book 1, page 131, Pitt County Registry.

This the 19th day of Feb., 1942. J. J. WHITE, Trustee. J. B. James, Atty. Feb. 20-1tw-4wk.

**PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION** State of North Carolina Department of State.

To All To Whom These Presents May Come—Greetings:

Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Peoples Trading Company, a corporation of this state, whose principal office is situated in the Town of Bethel, County of Pitt, State of North Carolina, (E. O. Burroughs being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of chapter

22, consolidated statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this certificate of dissolution:

Now therefore, I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 31st day of December, 1941, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of proceedings of aforesaid are now on file in my office as provided by law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 31st day of December A. D., 1941.

THAD EURE, Secretary of State. Feb. 21-1tw-4wk.

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# Main German Line Of Retreat Threatened By Russians

## RUSSIAN PRESSING FOR SMOLENSK

### Only 50 Miles From Center Is Captured

London, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The by radio was heard today admitting a statement admitted to the German radio that the Russians had launched their biggest offensive of the war and that the relief of Leningrad was expected at any moment.

By The Associated Press  
Russia's armies drove a spear against the heart of the German line today, sharply threatening the main route of retreat with capture of Dorogobuzh, only 15 miles south of the Moscow-Smolensk railroad, midway between the city and Smolensk.

Dorogobuzh is 50 miles east of the main key German base on the front.

At the same time, the British reported that the Red armies also captured the town of Panfilov, 14 miles north of the beleaguered base at Rzhev which is 125 miles northwest of Moscow and guards the north flank of withdrawing Nazi invaders.

In several days ago reported fighting south of Rzhev.

Hitler's field headquarters gave a vague account of the long winter-bound campaign, asserting that "at various points, formations of the army and corps repulsed more enemy attacks."

German night raiders were credited with the high command with big fires in the command post at Sevastopol, in the Crimea.

More than 14,000 Germans were reported to have been killed in Russian assaults which yielded serious points on the approaches to a southwestern city perhaps Kiev—and continued fighting reported about Leningrad.

Adolf Hitler is uncertain about the power of his Axis-led spring offensive. Norwegian forces said the Germans were organizing 500,000 pairs of skis in Norway for another winter fighting on the eastern front.

London, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Intense battles raged east of Smolensk as Russian dispatches reported the Red army surging on from Dorogobuzh, only 50 miles from the city in the central front. Retreating Germans were reported burning everything in the territory they yielded.

The initiative is now in our hands, a dispatch from the western front said.

At a solemn meeting Red army troops in that sector today to hear Premier Stalin's words of the day.

After hearing the phrase "Red army must float over all occupied territory," the Red army commanders and soldiers took arms to liberate all Nazi-occupied territory.

## Mrs. MacArthur Before War Game



Mrs. Douglas MacArthur sat in a box for honor guests at the war game festival in Manila only a few days before the Japanese invaders attacked the Philippines. At last report, she was with her intrepid husband as he directed the brilliant defense against the Japanese on Bataan. This photo has just been released by the U. S. army signal corps.

## Deb Deserts Dances For Defense



Society girl Betty Fehr leaves her home in Philadelphia for her job on a defense plant assembly line—one of a number of Philadelphia debutantes who have forsaken the bright lights for factory work. Betty and her chums avow their work is not one of those flash-in-the-pan whims, that they've spent weeks of hard training for their jobs and that they'll stick to them.

## Survivors Of Pan Massachusetts



First Officer Alfred Carnini (left) of New York, gives a V for Victory sign to Third Officer H. L. Dodge (center) Baltimore, and Capt. Robert E. Christie (right), Corpus Christi, Tex., at a Jacksonville, Fla., hotel after they and other survivors of the torpedoed tanker, Pan Massachusetts, were landed. They had a harrowing escape through burning oil. Twenty crewmen died.

## Dangerous Baggage BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter 23  
One Mystery More  
Blindfolded, gagged, and bound and racing through the city streets as if speed laws didn't exist, it couldn't possibly be really happening, Sharon thought wildly. It was too absurdly melodramatic. But, she tried vainly to free her hands, it was happening.

Could it have been this about which the Countess had warned her, she thought, trying to brace herself against the car's wild lurching. Or, was it some scheme evolved by the Countess herself to get Sharon out of her way? And what had they done with Tom? Slipping across the wide seat she made sure that she was the only "passenger." She was alone—with some madman at the wheel.

The car slowed now with a high whine of brakes and turned sharply. A sharp jolt and then the sound of a gate clanging shut behind them. The car stopped so abruptly Sharon was thrown forward onto her knees. Someone opened the door, lifted her out.

"Sorry we had to handle you so roughly, Sharon."

It was Harvey Goodwin himself. He unfastened the gag, pulled off the blindfold.

For a moment, Sharon blinked at him, trying to focus her eyes and her thoughts. Then she glanced at the wrists, rubbed red by the handcuffs, and indignation came to a boil within her.

"What in the name of heaven did you think you were doing?" she demanded, furiously. Goodwin opened the door to the plant office, snapped on a light, motioned her inside.

When he'd closed the door, he said quietly, "I'm sorry to have had to take such rough measures. I had to get Tom Stafford out of the way. I had the boys bind you up too, so Tom would not suspect you were an accomplice."

"Oh!" Sharon rubbed her wrists. "Well, why didn't you tell me?" "Because I wanted you to react quite naturally," he smiled. "And you did! I'm sure Pavlo has some bruised shins."

"Pavlo?" "Pavlo is driving the car that is taking Tom to a safe place," Goodwin explained, grimly. "Pavlo will see that he is put to sleep for a few hours. And when young Tom wakes up again, he'll be back in my guest room and never know the awful 'head' he has is anything but a nasty hangover! That takes care of the opposition—for tonight."

Maybe, Sharon amended silently, Tom may have been "high" enough to put on a good act. But he hadn't been drunk Tom was too smart for that. Furthermore, he would certainly remember that scene on the terrace—hangover or not! But, and she shrugged away from all that, that was tomorrow's problem and it would have to wait until then. Right now, there was too much else to worry about.

Grim Errand  
"Here, put this on," Mr. Goodwin ordered, handing her a flannel-lined raincoat. "You are driving the second truck. Just follow me. It's eleven now so we'll have to step on it."

She struggled into the oversized coat, turned back the sleeves so that her hands were free. Pulled a man's cap over her head.

"And better take this—just in case," Goodwin handed her the ugly little automatic he had carried on their trip to Half Moon.

Sharon drew back. "No, thanks. I'm more afraid of that than I would be of a hold-up."

"Take it," he insisted curtly. "And use it if you have to. Snap this release," he showed her, "and then pull the trigger. Am I low?"

With dread, Sharon felt him slip the gun into the big side pocket of the raincoat.

"All set?" he asked a moment later. Sharon could only nod.

They crossed the darkened yard toward the looming shadows of two big trucks. Someone climbed down out of the cab of one as they approached.

"Everything all right?" Goodwin demanded sharply. "Yes, boss."

"Good." Then to Sharon, "Do you go." She scrambled into the cab clutched the big wheel with cold trembling hands. The engine was already growling quietly. She waited until the truck ahead moved toward the gate. Then she released the brake, slipped the gear, felt the big heavy motor under her take hold, move forward. They were off.

The plant, in the southern part of the city, was some four miles from the warehouse on the docks. To Sharon, that night it seemed forty Goodwin led the way by circuitous back streets, little-travelled, but poorly lighted. And the fog which had been pouring in from the ocean, curtained the streets ahead. Eerily the tall, darkened buildings lining the streets loomed suddenly out of the fog, followed their passing with hollow, muffled echoes. Occasionally a traffic signal light blinked warningly. And from out on the bay, fog horns wailed like lost souls.

Numb with cold and with a fear that chilled her even more than the dank fog, Sharon kept her eyes fastened on the truck ahead and prayed for sheer physical courage to see this through.

Finally, the big lumbering truck Goodwin drove turned into the Embarcadero. Clear out to the end and then finally into the yawning opening of a warehouse. Sharon pulled on the wheel, slowed cautiously as the truck ahead disappeared in the cavern of darkness.

"Douse those lights." A gruff command shouted at her as she pulled in. Obediently, she snapped the switch and felt as if the darkness had pounced down at her. She jerked the truck to a dead stop.

"That's good. I'll take it from here." The same strange voice. Her eyes still unaccustomed to the dark, she fumbled her way out of the truck's cab, stepped down onto the cold cement floor.

Then Goodwin spoke just beside her. "That's all for now. You can wait outside. The truck will be ready to take back in about half an hour. Let us know if you see any suspicious letters. Got it?"

"Yes," Sharon didn't wait for any more. Only too glad to be out of that black cave, she went out onto the street.

Deserted, almost completely blacked out, the docks stood like hulking, black monsters crouched as if to spring.

Down the street, a lone night watchman prowled, his flashlight tracing long, ghostly fingers up the walls of the huge building. And the rest of the street beyond, shrouded in white fog.

Sharon shivered uncontrollably, saw her own breath make a little plume of smoke in the cold air. She walked the length of the building and back, briskly, trying to rouse the circulation in her chilled body.

Something Wrong!  
Back at the great doorway again she was surprised to find it closed! Only the small door marked "office" remained unlocked. Stepping inside, Sharon found herself in a small, dimly lit room.

Stuffed with tall filing cases, an old-fashioned roll-top desk, a door opposite her opened into the warehouse. Pursuing the sound of voices beyond, she crossed the tiny office peered into the gloom beyond.

Mountainous piles of sacks on either side of the huge building. Row after row disappearing into the darkness as if there were no end. Sacks of what, she wondered idly. Then she heard Goodwin's voice.

"Remember our cases on the bottom. The wheat on top. And pack them tight so they won't roll," he told someone sharply. "Remember these have got a long ways to go."

Long? To Los Angeles? Surely not more than a few hours by the slowest kind of freighter. Still—Then another word snagged her attention. Wheat!

Her curiosity roused, Sharon stepped out of the light of the narrow doorway, into the gloom, walked closer to the sound of Goodwin's voice.

"But look, boss. If they could get these bags—"

"They won't," Goodwin interrupted. "Just do as I tell you. And make it snappy. Be sure you keep track of the code numbers. Now move."

Aware now of the many figures moving through the darkness, Sharon watched, fascinated. Silhouetted by the faint reflection of light from the bay, men passing to and fro through the side-opening of the warehouse were plainly visible. And the superstructure of the small boat docked at the dock there. The board each man carried made him grotesquely misshapen when, in the instant he moved up the gangplank, Sharon could see him.

They worked at top speed. Staggering up the gang plank with a heavy load, returning on the run to the gradually diminishing stack of boxes.

Finally one of the men drew near enough to Goodwin to say, "We've got the steel aboard, sir. Shall we be loading that wheat?"

"What about the gas tanks full?" "Yes, sir."

"Well, pull out in 15 minutes, then."

"Yes, sir."

Goodwin spun on his heel then, walked directly toward where Sharon stood concealed in darkness. Before she could step out of his way, he had bumped squarely into her. He grabbed her instantly.

"Who is it?" "It's I—Sharon" whining under the cruel grasp of his fingers. He released her. "I thought I told you to stand outside? What are you doing in here?"

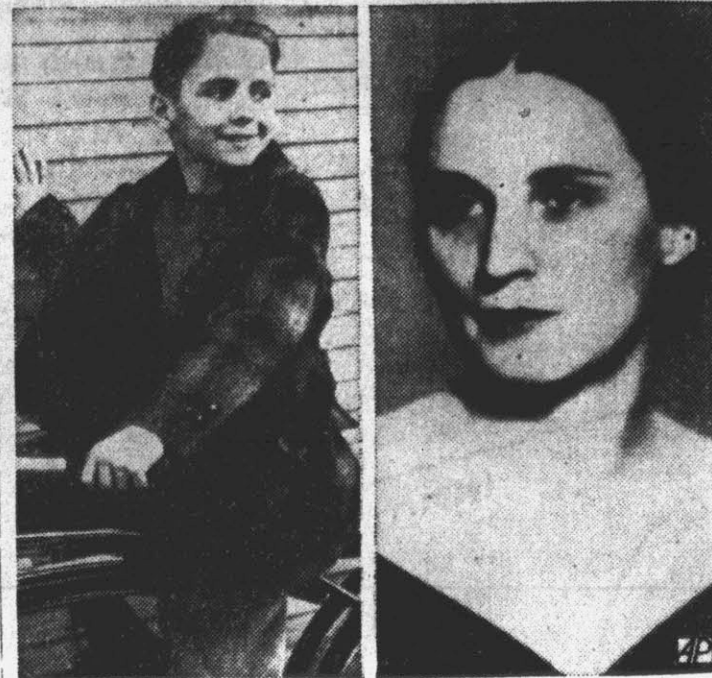
"Just watching."

"Do your watching outside, then, curtsy. I'm depending on you to warn me if anyone shows up."

Without replying, but slinging under the sharp rebuke, Sharon fled back through the office to the damp, cold street outside. There, as she paced slowly to keep from freezing, she tried to organize her impressions.

Something told her there was much about tonight's strange developments that she did not understand. Too much! The violence, the secrecy, the strange commands in the dark—steel first, and the wheat on top of that! What wheat! And why "code numbers?"

## Son of Prisoner Nurse Hopes For Best



Nine-year old Bobby Jackson (left) of Union, O., said "I just got a feeling that my mom's all right and I know I'll see her again." He is the son of Mrs. Leona Jackson (right), one of five Navy nurses presumed captured by the Japanese at Guam. Bobby spends much of his time riding a bicycle given him by his mother as a Christmas present.

## Fresh Japanese Troops Aid In Burma Offensive

### Reinforcements Apparently are From Singapore

London, Feb. 24 (AP)—The Japanese have thrown fresh troops into a mounting Burma offensive which has driven the British back upon the Sittang river, last natural barrier guarding the Rangoon-Lashio railway which feeds the Burma Road, a military commentator declared today. Presumably Japanese forces freed by the fall of Singapore now had joined the invasion of Burma.

Withdrawing from the 30-mile sector between the Billand Sittang rivers in a stubbornly-fought rearguard action, the British now hold positions within 25 miles of the railway town of Pegu and within 70 miles of Rangoon itself, which lies to the southwest around the head of the Gulf of Martaban.

The all-India radio broadcast an RAF communique from Rangoon reporting attacks by American volunteers and British fliers against Japanese land and air forces. Four enemy planes were destroyed on the ground, with no loss to the attackers, the communique said.

Another all-India broadcast, alluded to the possibility of a Japanese stand outside? What are you doing in here?"

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To Be Continued

## Colonel Is Victor In Argentina Duel

Buenos Aires, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Raul Damonte Taborda, 32 year old chairman of Argentina's "Dies committee," was wounded twice in his right arm today in a saber duel with Enrique Rotter, retired army officer whom he had criticized.

Rotter, 51, formerly was acting governor of Buenos Aires province, and Damonte Taborda had said in a campaign address that the colonel was a disgrace to the army uniform.

so heard in New York by CBS, said Gen. Sir Alan Fleming Hartley, the commander in chief of India, "now has become responsible for operations in Burma." It said this order was issued "following on the recent discussions with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek which resulted in more direct cooperation between India and China."

The commentator said there was "confused and heavy fighting" throughout the area with "heavy casualties."

There still is communication with Rangoon, he added, and the Japanese have made no attempt to flank the British left, where "all quiet" was reported.

There was no confirmation here of reports of Japanese landings in the side delta of the Irrawaddy river, west of Rangoon.

The colonel demanded satisfaction, and despite the laws of Argentina prohibiting dueling, the men met shortly after dawn today. Taborda's congressional committee recently toured the United States investigating conditions and methods of the United States in dealing with subversive activities. Damonte Taborda, a civilian, had insisted on pistols for the duel, but the colonel maintained that he was the aggrieved party and as such entitled to the choice of weapons. He demanded sabers. The combat was fought on a private estate outside the city.

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### GREENVILLE HI-NEWS

By CORA REDDITT EVELYN SCHELLER

#### Council Meeting

After discussion on ways to get money for the bus, the council met about the Victory dance Friday night. Everything and Thunder, the singing picture voted on by the school students, will be shown Tuesday, March 11.

#### Junior Lion

John Ray Hardee was elected for Lion last night at the student council.

#### Monogram Club

Last night at the Monogram club meeting the members decided to induct new members to the club this week and initiate them next week. They voted by the club to give 10 per cent of the proceeds from the Faculty versus Monogram basketball game, Monday, March 3, to bus fund.

#### Dramatic News

The following two plays were given in the Little Theatre Friday evening to the Dramateers. "Away on the Road," directed by Jasper Hard and starring Mitchell White, Les Rowlette, and John Bunch. "The Man No" starring James Key, Leonard Ernest, Jane Rogerson and Dorothy Davenport, was acted by John Ray Hardee.

#### Paper Campaign

Last November 4,000,000 sheets of paper for Defense Stamp were used. "Help prevent a paper shortage by bringing all the paper you can to school," stated Mrs. Elizabeth Austin, chairman of the paper committee.

#### Nursing

Miss Mary Robertson, a nurse in college infirmary, gave an interesting talk to the senior class this morning during the first period. "There is a need for over 5000 nurses at the present time," she declared. Nursing is an important, necessary and inexpensive profession.

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Strength FOR THE DAY. By EARL L. DOUGLAS.

At last Moody could stand it no longer. He went to the barn and hurriedly had his horse hitched up, overtook the young man, and drove him with his baggage to the station. When he returned to the house, he had no further difficulty in fixing his attention on the Bible. Very often people read the Bible, agree with its noble sentiments, and wish longingly that men might turn from their evil ways and obey its commands. Yet all the time there lie about them opportunities to put the teachings of the Bible into operation. Sometimes the best thing a Christian can do is to interrupt his reading of the Bible and honestly try to put a few of its commands into practice. It is amazing how the true meaning of Bible passages leap out to greet us after we have met some human need in the spirit of self-sacrifice. (All Rights Reserved—Babson Newspaper Syndicate)

PLENTY FOR ALL. In a joint announcement, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard and Price Administrator Henderson recently said that food stocks in this country are abundant, and that there is no need or justification for hoarding or abnormal buying. Consumers should remember that "Scare buying" is one of the surest ways to produce price inflation. Temporary shortages are created as demand runs far ahead of supply. One of the most important steps toward price control is wise buying. War will cause us all to forego many a luxury, but there will be plenty of necessities to go around. An intelligent, calm public is essential to workable price control of any kind.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS. While President Roosevelt's address to the nation last night contained nothing sensational so far as reevaluation of military information was concerned, it was a straightforward statement to the American people and their allies that would inspire confidence in the United Nations' efforts in the war. Stating that his recently set goals of production for this year and the next had been scoffed at by our enemies as "pipe dreams," Mr. Roosevelt declared that our present rate of production was being stepped up to



meat that schedule and he assured the nation that in the end we could outbuild and overwhelm our enemies. Emphasizing the need for willingness on the part of every American to make sacrifices to win the war, Mr. Roosevelt declared that there would be no work stoppages until the war was won. In the end, he said, we will win the conflict and write the peace that will give liberty and freedom to the world.

With especial emphasis on the efforts of our enemies through propaganda to create disunity within our own nation and between our nation and our allies, the President warned against the spreading of unfounded rumors that would tend to lower morale. He warned that gossipers were unwittingly playing into the hands of our enemies. The President's address should bring renewed hope not only to America and its allies but to those millions of people throughout the world who are now suffering under the crushing heel of the merciless conquerors.

Washington Daybook. By Jack Stanton.

Washington — The Capital in Wartime. The Red Cross says that since Pearl Harbor, more than 55,000 persons have donated to the nation's blood bank. The following little item isn't intended to detract one bit from any one of those. They've done their bit and more. But among them is a little group that deserves special mention in my book. Here's why: I have never known a member of Congress to shy away from "helpful" publicity—that is, not until now. But up in the Capitol, the number of congressmen who have volunteered blood has reached such a level that Dr. G. W. Calver, Congressional physician, has had to organize a Capitol branch of the blood bank. And one specific stipulation is that there is to be NO publicity about it. Typical of the secrecy surrounding these donations is the case of Sen. Tom Connally, of Texas, 64 years old. The senator is no shrinking violet when it comes to getting his name on Page 1. But it was only by chance that it leaked out that he had been one of the first to get himself okayed. Today, if you ask him about his trip to the blood bank hospital, he'll tell you, "I don't know what you are talking about and besides don't you make out that contributing to the blood bank is a publicity stunt, because it isn't." The Interstate Commerce Commission has had its share of complaints, but in Washington, at least, it always has been known as one of the leaders in governmental economy. When the order went out

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1. Drink slowly, 2. Aromatic seed, 3. Chop, 4. Garden implement, 5. Early form of, 6. Scotch chemist, 7. Palm leaf, 8. Stand, 9. Cravat, 10. Forgive, 11. Threw lightly, 12. Conjunction, 13. Internal fruit, 14. So be it, 15. Attendance, 16. Pale, 17. Secondary, 18. Caution, 19. Also. 20. One of the Muses, 21. Failure: slang, 22. Vehicle on runners, 41. Relative, 42. Artificial language, 43. Gas, 44. Gang, 45. Finlashed, 46. Thus, 47. Occur, 48. Pushes rudely, 49. Exist, 50. Tear, 51. Tree, 52. Philistine god, 53. Constellation, 54. Make edging, 55. Fragrant, 56. Rent.

Word search puzzle with words like SLAW, TOTE, AVON, TEND, MURES, SCAT, ANAPSTYS, ARETE, RIE, GREGREE, TRET, LIAR, SEERS, PIGEON, BEAD, GERARDIA, ERVIL, INN, ROAD, NEE, SEED, GET.

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle. DOWN: 1. Store, 2. City in Kansas, 3. Fruit, 4. Bower, 5. Gas of the air, 6. Negro of the Niger delta, 7. Decide, 8. Resounds, 9. Hovels, 10. Great Lake, 11. Noxious plant, 12. Put on, 13. Cook, 14. Necessary of a coal mine, 15. Covered with water, 16. Befitting a grown boy, 17. Finished, 18. Unit of light intensity, 19. Unrefined, 20. Settle money upon, 21. Exist, 22. Metal, 23. Ahead, 24. Fall, 25. Work beyond one's strength, 26. Cordial and pleasant, 27. Male swan, 28. Slope, 29. Sward handle, 30. Operatic air, 31. Saney, 32. English school, 33. Spoken, 34. Telegraph, 35. Epoch.

which we expect Washington to remedy. It would be a pity if either complacency or want of guidance should result in unpreparedness to carry us through the Valley Forge of our greatest trial.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded in the offices of Register of Deeds Roy T. Cox during the past week: Brown Oil Co., Inc. to W. E. Fulford, et al., 4 acres—\$100. Perry Atkinson, Jr. to Joe Atkinson and wife, lot—\$10. Holmes Bros. Co., Inc. to John D. Holmes, et al., \$10. Wischickon Plush Co. to J. N. Williams, lot—\$10. Warren Staton and wife to Earl Smith, lot—\$10. W. J. Bundy and J. H. Harrell, Comms., to H. H. Tripp and wife 112 acres—\$8,654.63. Ellis Joyner, et al. to Wiley Blount and wife, lot—\$10. S. M. Edwards, Jr. et al. to Lewis Vann and wife, lot—\$10. J. R. Turnage, et al. to Bob and Annie Coward, 111 acres—\$1. City of Greenville to L. C. Venters, lot—\$150. Willie M. Batts and husband to Ella Moore Suggs, lot—\$1. Dink James, Comr. to Ella Moore Suggs, lot—\$5.

NEWCOMERS AND REMOVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Harrison have moved here from Kinston, and are living at the corner of Halifax and Watauga avenues. Mr. Harrison is employed by the State Highway Commission. Mr. and Mrs. James Keel are now living in their new residence at Third and Rotary avenue. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gilson have moved to Route Two, Greenville, from 1311 Reade street. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McLawhorn have moved from 207 Jarvis street to 106 Jarvis street. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Worthington are living at Tyson and Colonial avenue. Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Hendrix plan to move to Greenville around March first from Trenton. Mr. Hendrix is taking the position vacated by E. E. Bennett as Pitt county farm agent. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Blair have moved to Greenville from Concord and are temporarily living at Quinberry Manor. Mr. Blair is manager of Blount-Harvey company. He takes the position vacated by O. P. Matthews, who is moving to Gastonia.

Requests Ceiling For Flashlights

Washington, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration today asked manufacturers to put a voluntary ceiling on flashlights, dry batteries and flashlight bulbs, because of heavy buying. Coupled with the action was an OPA warning against what it termed foolish hoarding of batteries for blackout use. OPA asked the producers not to increase prices above the levels of February 1 and to cancel any increases made since that time. On that date an emergency price schedule, occasioned by heavy buying on the Pacific coast, was in effect. Price Administrator Leon Henderson described flashlights and dry batteries as "items of essential civilian defense equipment" and said that stability of prices was of "great importance."

Changes Mind. Audubon, Ia., Feb. 24 (AP)—David C. Davis, 21 year old Irwin, Ia. school teacher who said he refused to register for the draft because he was "politically, socially and economically against war," has changed his mind and has offered to enlist in the Army. Officials said he would be given that chance tomorrow.

America's "Think" Committee



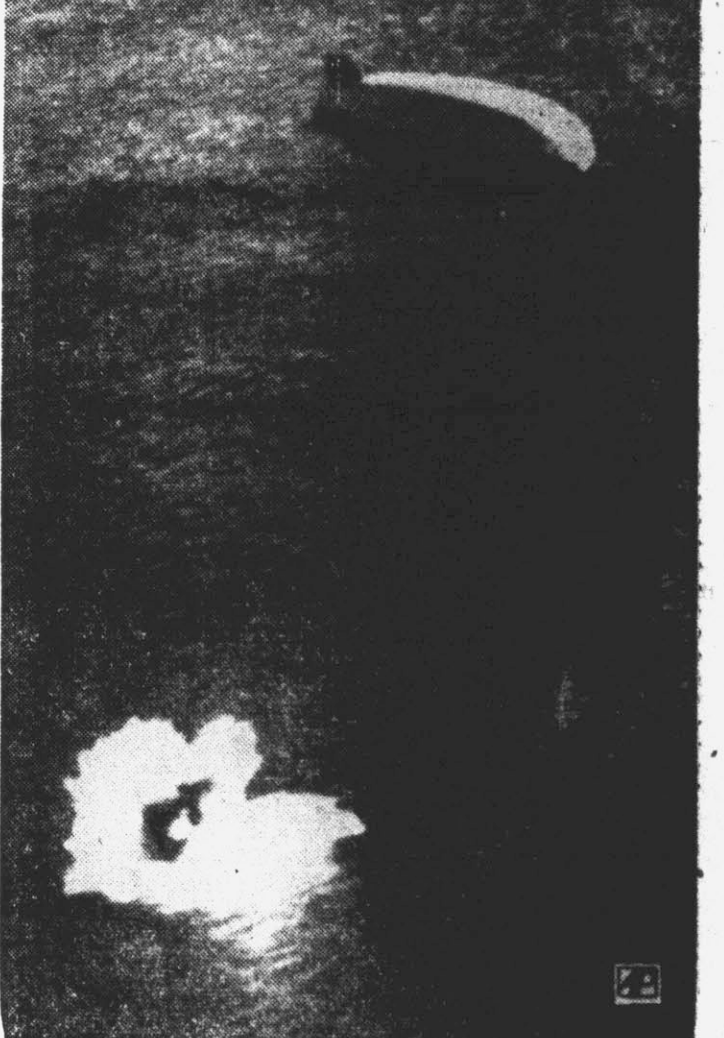
The nation's three-man "thinking committee," handpicked by war production chief Donald Nelson, is shown as it met for action in Washington. (Left to right) Thomas C. Blaisdell, Fred Searies and Robert E. Nathan, who will advise Nelson on production and procurement.

U.S. Hero On Eve Of Jap Attack



Gen. Douglas MacArthur (right) is shown conferring with his ranking field commanders, Maj. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright shortly before the Japanese attack on the Philippines. At the time, MacArthur was supervising training of the combined U. S. and commonwealth armies which under him have made army history in holding out against the invaders. Photo has just been released by the U. S. army signal corps.

Blimp On Guard Against Subs



This official navy photo caught a navy patrol blimp in action against submarines off the Atlantic coast, sighting an oil slick, the blimp let go with depth charges on the chance that an enemy sub lay beneath. A heavy charge is shown kicking up water below.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. G. Moye, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of February, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 11th day of Feb., 1942. JESSE R. MOYE, II, Administrator of J. G. Moye, Dec'd. J. B. James, Atty. Feb. 12-11w-6wk.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

North Carolina—Pitt County WHEREAS, the undersigned Commissioner in a special proceeding entitled "Chesley E. Willis, Individually and as Executor of the last Will and Testament of Mabel Barnhill, deceased, and Jennie P. Willis, his wife, vs. D. T. Beaman, Jr., Mrs. Melissa Annette Barnhill,

Julius Jackson Willis and James Willis and Mabel Ray Beaman, the last three named being minors and appearing herein their duly appointed guardian Chesley E. Willis, and C. Everett, guardian ad litem, on 12th day of February, 1942, report to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County of a big purchase privately the lands hereinafter described, and within the time allowed by law advanced bid was filed with Clerk of the Superior Court, and order was made directing undersigned Commissioner to re-sell said land upon an opening bid \$6,510.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, under by virtue of said order of Court undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale upon said opening of \$6,510.00, at public auction to highest bidder for cash, on Wednesday, the 11th day of March, 1942 at 12 o'clock M. on the premises in Bethel, N. C., the southwest corner of the intersection of Main and Pleasant Streets or the Greenville-Bethel and Tarboro-Williamston roads, following described real estate, wit: That certain lot or parcel of land together with all the improvements thereon, lying, situate and being the Town of Bethel, Pitt County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: to-wit: Beginning at a point in the Southwest corner of the intersection of Main and Pleasant Streets or Greenville-Bethel and Tarboro-Williamston roads; and running thence in a Southerly direction along the Western boundary of Main Street, or the Greenville-Bethel road, 100 feet; thence in a Westerly direction parallel to Pleasant Street, 100 feet; thence at right angles a Northerly direction parallel with Main Street, 100 feet to the Southern boundary of Pleasant Street; thence an Easterly direction along the Southern boundary of Pleasant Street, 100 feet; the beginning point. This property will be sold subject to (a) all the terms and conditions of a certain lease agreement entered into under date of March 1, 1929, between Mabel Barnhill (deceased) and the Greenville Land Association, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of this County; and (b) subject to items of indebtedness in the amount of \$3,834.41, with interest from March 15, 1942 and \$1,800.00, with interest from Jan. 11, 1942, secured by a deed of trust recorded in Book U-17 at page 596, Office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County; the said purchaser taking title subject to said mortgages, indebtedness and paying in cash the difference between said mortgages, indebtedness and the selling price for said land. The sale will also be made subject to the confirmation of the court and a deposit of ten per cent to be required of the successful bidder. This the 21st day of Feb., 1942. CHAS. R. DANIEL, Commissioner.

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To Relieve Misery of COLDS take 666. U.S. PATENT, MAR. 10, 1908

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### JUNIOR TEAMS ALSO TO PLAY

Locals To Be After Revenge For Previous Loss

By BEVERLY WHITLEY

Playing their final non-conference tilt of the season tonight at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium, the Green Phantoms of Greenville high school will clash with the Wilson Cyclones, a class A outfit.

The mighty Green and Whites are expected to put the best in cage strength against the Wilson aggregation, which smashed the Farley men last Tuesday night to the score of 33-18.

In the preliminary engagement the Baby Phantoms will seek revenge from the Junior Cyclones who handed them a 27-10 defeat. The tip-off time for this encounter will be 7 o'clock.

Tonight's battle is expected to find the Cyclones winning much harder since the Greenies have recuperated from last Tuesday night's defeat.

The Farley men play their last game of the season Friday night on the local court with the Washington Pam Pack. This is expected to be the most thrilling game of the season and will probably be a sell-out.

At present expectations are that Troy Riddle at center, Gene Johnson and Hubert Musselwhite, guards and Connor Merritt and Larry Brown at forwards, will be sent on the hardwood at tip-off time for the Phantoms.

Truxton, a world war destroyer, and the U. S. S. Pollux, a cargo ship, ran aground in foul weather off the coast of Newfoundland and were lost.

"Due to the extremely difficult surf caused by the gale raging in the Atlantic and the bitterness of the winter weather loss of life was heavy on both vessels. Heroic efforts to swim lines ashore failed due to the inability to handle them when they became oil soaked."

"A breeches buoy was finally rigged to a ledge at sea level, but some of the survivors were washed away before they could be gotten to the top of the cliff that lined the rocky shore."

"The Truxton broke up almost immediately after grounding and soon thereafter the Pollux did likewise."

"The survivors owe their rescue in large measure to the tireless, efficient and in many cases heroic action of the people of St. Lawrence, Newfoundland."

"The next of kin of those lost in this tragic drama of the sea have been notified."

"There is nothing to report from other areas."

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Declaring he was satisfied with the present assignments of various cabinet members in the reshuffled government and the chiefs of staff

He said he had no intention of making further major changes. On a few undersecretaries may be shifted it was indicated.

Expressing regret at the loss to the government of Churchill's "colleagues who readily placed their resignations" in his hands in order to facilitate the changes of the past week, the spokesman declared:

"They had, of course, no greater share of responsibility than the rest of the administration in the disaster, which have fallen on us in the far east."

The spokesman said he was sure the government "had achieved a more tenely braced and contained administration to meet the new dangers and difficulties coming upon us."

Churchill has shaken up his government twice within less than a week—first in "streamlining" the War Cabinet, with the inclusion of Sir Stafford Cripps, and on Sun-

### Meeting Held By Scout Executives

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Greenville district Boy Scouts of America was held last night with L. M. Buchanan, chairman, presiding.

S. B. Underwood, district commissioner, reported on the Boy Scout emergency service meeting held in Rocky Mount on January 21st at which time W. E. Lawrence of the national office discussed what Boy Scouts could do in National Defense.

Mr. Buchanan and Commissioner Underwood, and A. L. Hodges, assistant scout executive, are pushing the matter of organizing the Boy Scout emergency service group. This group will be trained to serve in black-out first aid, in communication when normal communication is interrupted, in rescue work, and other emergency defense work.

The chairman of the Health and Safety Committee, Dr. Emmet, proposed that a survey be made of all the Scout troops in the county to determine how many scouts had been immunized against typhoid, diphtheria, and smallpox and as to how many held birth certificates.

The executive board then discussed plans for the coming summer activities for the Boy Scouts in this district.

### Automotive Industry Instructors Sought

Motor transport has assumed such a vital role in defense activity that the United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for instructors in over ten branches of the automotive industry. The instructors are needed by the Quartermaster Corps of the War Department. Salaries range from \$2,600 to \$4,600 a year.

Instructors will conduct classes in the following branches: Automotive parts; automotive electrical and carburetion; body finishing and upholstery; automotive machinist; tire recapping and sectional repair; fender, body, and radiator; Diesel engines; internal combustion engines; welding; and general. They will plan the courses in these subjects, and prepare and revise text and related instructional material.

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### LARGE CROWDS ARE PREDICT'D

Tire Shortage May Boost Tourney Attendance

Raleigh, Feb. 24—(AP)—It sounds paradoxical, but the tire shortage may help the attendance at the Southern Conference basketball tournament here March 5-7.

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Usually the Friday and Saturday tickets are the first to be sold, and there's some demand for Thursday night tickets. But there's never been a sell-out for Thursday afternoon.

This year, the greatest demand has been for Thursday tickets—both afternoon and night. Willis Zehmer, of Raleigh, who is in charge of ticket sales, explains it this way:

"In the past, there were a lot of people who commuted to the Friday and Saturday night games. This year, with the tire shortage, they've apparently decided to make only one trip to Raleigh. Consequently, they're planning to attend the Thursday afternoon and night games, so they can pack a lot of basketball into one day. It looks like we may have our first sell-out for a Thursday afternoon."

"The conclusion might be drawn that the Friday night and Saturday night contests thus would draw smaller crowds than before, but Zehmer doesn't think so."

He figures that with Duke, N. C. State, North Carolina and Wake Forest all assured of tournament invitations, there'll be enough partisans in the immediate vicinity of Raleigh to fill almost all—if not all—of the seats.

A look at last night's doings: Herb Clime, Wake Forest's ace center, scored 18 points in leading his

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mates to a 52-37 victory over Clemson. The Deacons now have 11 wins and five losses in the conference. Hubber Seward and Cedric Loftis paced Duke to a 64-46 victory over Maryland. The two Blue Devils had 10 points each. Duke leads the loop with 13 wins and one defeat.

Today's schedule for Big Five teams: Wake Forest at Furman; College of Charleston at Davidson; Richmond at North Carolina; Virginia Tech at Duke.

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The announcement of the double sea tragedy was made in navy communique number 44, based on reports received up to 9:30 a. m., eastern war time, today. The communique:

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**FOR SALE, CHEAP—SEVERAL**  
good Florence and New Perfection Oil Stoves, in good condition. Quinn-Miller & Stroud.

**ROOM TO RENT IN HEATED**  
home. Twin beds. Small adjoining room with single bed. Suitable for three young men—or will rent to couple. Will permit use of kitchen. One block from college campus. Mrs. C. M. Warren, 502 East Ninth St. Dial 3198 or 3356. 23-14

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to repair—Electrolux Hoover, Eureka, or any make. Carry hoses, cords, bags, brushes and parts. Guaranteed rebuilt cleaners for sale. Fleming Vacuum Cleaner Repair Service, 305 Paris Ave., Dial 2287. Feb. 18-1 mo.

**FOR SALE, CHEAP — ONE**  
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**Hog Market**  
Raleigh, Feb. 24.—(AP)—(NCDA) Hog prices remained steady today at Richmond, top \$12.25, and at Rocky Mount, top \$12.

## What Price Wealth



Mrs. Ruth Ryan Sanford (above), 24, wife of Henry Sanford, Jr., millionaire sportsman, died of a bullet wound at her Smithtown, N. Y., home. Coroner Grover Silliman said the wound was self-inflicted—much in the same manner that Sanford's first wife took her life four years ago.

## STARTS PROBE OF AMMUNITION

**Witness Says Age No Criterion Of Effectiveness**

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Rear Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance, said today that the Navy was using some ammunition made more than a decade ago, but added that "mere age is no criterion of its effectiveness."

He appeared before the House Naval Committee at an inquiry ordered as a result of a radio report quoting an unidentified naval lieutenant as saying that anti-aircraft ammunition aboard his ship in the Pacific was made in 1930 and was only 30 per cent effective.

Blandy said that both he and Navy Secretary Knox were "very seriously concerned" over the report and added, "I am not going to stop until I get full information."

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) disclosed that the committee had been asked to conduct the inquiry, and to hold open hearings at the request of Knox himself.

"The greatest danger of the report," the Rear Admiral said, "is that Axis propagandists will seize it and circulate it in South America."

Repeatedly, Blandy emphasized that all ammunition was tested at regular intervals, and that the Navy had received no reports of its ineffectiveness.

"Any report which is based on age (of the ammunition) is untrue," he said at one point, after declaring that the Navy had tested some ammunition in storage since 1920 and found it "slightly better than normal."

## Twelve Are Tried In Today's Court

Twelve cases were tried at the regular Tuesday session of Pitt County court, which was completed during the morning. They follow: William Guy Harris, driving drunk, \$50 fine and costs, appeal noted; Robert Luther Harrell, colored, abandonment and non-support, six months, suspended upon payment of costs, \$25 by September 1 and \$25 by January 1, 1943; David Terterton, colored, abandonment, six months, suspended upon payment of \$5 today and \$3 weekly; Clifton L. Moore, speeding, pay \$25, license suspended 10 days; Luther Harris, drunk on highway, judgment suspended upon payment of costs; Eddie Lee Williams, driving drunk, \$50 fine and costs, license revoked 12 months; L. C. Stocks, driving drunk, \$50 fine and costs, license revoked two years and 60-day sentence, appeal noted and bond set at \$200; Mary Lee Tyndall, driving without a license, pay costs; William Odell Chapman, colored, driving careless and reckless, speeding, pay costs, license suspended 10 days; Charles L. Sutton, speeding, 30 days, suspended upon payment of costs, and on further condition he not violate any laws for 12 months, license suspended 10 days; Joe Bardin, colored, larceny six months, suspended upon condition he move out of Pitt county and stay out.

## In Rangoon

Mandalay, Burma, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Fighting raged today for 100 miles along the lower Sittoung river, to which the British had withdrawn after abandoning their Billa river line 30 miles to the east.

Compulsory civilian evacuation of Rangoon, Burma's capital, was carried out February 20. Unofficially it was learned that depots containing supplies that could not be carried away were set afire by authorities.

RAF bombers are attacking roads at the rear of Japanese positions daily. Returning pilots say troops and transports along these routes are "as thick as ants and can't be missed."

The American military mission is still in Rangoon, where it is staying until many thousands of tons of defense supplies for China can be shipped northward, including hundreds of trucks. Some un assembled, trucks still at the Rangoon docks are due to be demolished.

## N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Long-range war optimism, notwithstanding the rather cloudy current news budget, today helped the stock market dig in on a selective recovery front.

The ticker tape moved in the final hour and closing prices were under the tops in most cases.

**FINAL STOCKS**

Air Reduction	34
All Chem and Dye	129 1/2
Allis Chal Mfg	27 1/2
Am Can	60 1/2
Am Car Fdy	32 1/2
Am Rad and St S	4 1/2
Am Roll Mill	11 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	39 1/2
Am Sug	17 1/2
A T and T	127 1/2
Am Tob B	46 1/2
Anaconda	26 1/2
Arm Ill	25 1/2
A C L	3 1/2
AU Ref	20 1/2
Aviat Corp	3 1/2
Baldwin	13 1/2
Bendix Aviat	34
Beth Stl	60 1/2
Boeing Airpl	17 1/2
Borden	20
Briggs Mfg	18
Burl Mills	18 1/2
Bur Add Mach	34 1/2
Cannon Mills	34 1/2
Case J I	64
Caterpil Trac	16 1/2
Champ P and F	34 1/2
Ches and O	51 1/2
Chrysler	34 1/2
Coca Cola	62 1/2
Coml Credit	17 1/2
Coml Solv	8 1/2
Consol Edis	12 1/2
Con Oil	5 1/2
Cont Can	25 1/2
Corn Prod	52 1/2
Curtes Wright	7 1/2
Doug Air	59 1/2
Dow Chem	110
Dupont	117 1/2
Eastman Kod	132 1/2
Elec Auto Lt	22
Firestone	15 1/2
Freeport Sul	36 1/2
Gen Elec	25 1/2
Gen Foods	32 1/2
Gen Mot	34
Goodrich	14 1/2
Goodyear	69
Int Harvest	48 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	2 1/2
Johns Man	59
Kennecott	34 1/2
Libby O P Gl	21 1/2
Loewes	40 1/2
Lorillard	13 1/2
Louis and Nash	69 1/2
Mont Ward	26
Nash Kely	4 1/2
Nat Biscuit	15 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	13 1/2
Nat Dairy Prod	14 1/2
Nat Dist	21
NY Cent	9
NY Am Aviat	12 1/2
Otis Elev	12 1/2
Pac Mill S	17 1/2
Packard	2
Pamam Pix	14 1/2
Penny J C	67 1/2
Penn RR	23 1/2
Pepsi Cola	17 1/2
Phillips Pet	36 1/2
Phillips 66	24 1/2
Pure Oil	8 1/2
Radio	2 1/2
Rep Stl	17 1/2
Reynolds B	55 1/2
Seab A L	9-32
Sears	50 1/2
Sou Ry	17 1/2
Sperdy	25 1/2
Sid Brands	35 1/2
Sid Oil N J	35 1/2
Stewart Warner	5 1/2
Texaco	34
Tex Gulf Sul	33 1/2
Un Carb	64
Unit Air	29 1/2
Unit Corp	11-32
Unit Drug	5 1/2
U S Steel	15 1/2
U S Smelt and Ref	45
US Steel	51 1/2
Vanadium	18 1/2
Warner Pic	5 1/2
Western Union	25 1/2
West Elec and Mig	76
Woolworth	25 1/2
Yell T and C	15 1/2
Total Sales	394,860



**COY BOY**—Pvt. Leonard Sellers, from Wichita, Kas., exchanges a bashful word with Erna Rugge, hat check girl, at the Hollywood Beaux Arts ball. Miss Rugge, who came to this country from Austria, once held the title of Miss San Francisco.

## Grain Market

Chicago, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Prices of grain futures turned mildly reactionary after a higher start today. Weakness in the corn pits soon spread to other commodities and in most instances early gains were wiped out entirely and in some cases were replaced by fractional losses.

Wheat closed 1/4 to 3/4 of a cent under Saturday's final levels. May \$1.29 1/2, July \$1.31 1/2—1/4; corn 1/2 to 1/4 down. May 87 1/2—1/4, July 89 1/2; oats unchanged to 1/4 lower, soybeans 1/4 to 3/4 down, rye 1/4 to 1/2 higher and hard unchanged to 2 1/2 cents higher.

## Richmond Livestock

(Courtes J. N. and J. L. Williams)  
Richmond, Feb. 24.—Hogs, market steady, top \$12.25, good and choice 180-225 lbs., \$12.25, 100-120 lbs., \$10.75, 120-140 lbs., \$11.25, 140-160 lbs., \$11.75, 160-180 lbs., \$12.05, 225-250 lbs., \$12.15, 250-300 lbs., \$11.80, over 300 lbs., \$11.55, sows under 350 lbs., \$10.75, over 350 lbs., \$9.75, stags \$8.75.

## New York Cotton

New York, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 to 55 cents a bale higher.

At midday prices were 20 to 30 cents a bale higher.

**Pitt Registration**

The third registration was held Monday, February 16, at which time all men between the ages of 20 and 45 were required to register. The registration was handled by volunteers throughout the county and 3,102 persons were registered on that day. According to statements of James S. Picklen and John R. Carroll, chairmen of the two Pitt county boards, they have had opportunity to check the records since that time and are pleased to report that this registration was handled in a very satisfactory and efficient manner. They therefore wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who assisted in the work for their good services.

## Tire Certificates Issued In County

Certificates for the purchase of tires and tubes for trucks and automobiles were issued February 20 by the Pitt County Tire Rationing Board to the following:

Dr. M. T. Frizzelle, W. T. and Alvin Ray Cannon, Major Smith, Borden B. Basden, Greenhill Dairy, Albert W. Massey, Roy P. Gaskins, R. L. Gaston, J. B. Lewis, Smith's Transfer, William A. Manning, W. J. Tripp, N. B. & C. Line, Alex. Speight, W. B. Harrell, J. E. Askew, Dr. E. B. Beasley, Greenville Fert. Co., Mrs. Sally Dixon, James A. Mercer, Joseph LeRoy Manning, James Williams, C. J. Gable, Larry R. Stox, Ernest G. Hargett, Blount Fert. Co., Rev. Daniel Boone, Greenville Stock Yards, Howard M. Wilson, Town of Ayden, John H. Knox, J. N. and J. L. Williams.

## TO DEPEND ON U. S. WORKERS

**Laborers Made To Feel Their Responsibility**

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—War production officials have decided on a promotion campaign to speed America's arms output by making workers feel their importance and responsibility in the war.

It was learned that the program awaits only the nod from President Roosevelt and that War Production Director Donald M. Nelson would accept leadership in the campaign.

As tentatively outlined, these are its main features:

1. Special recognition for meritorious performances by individual workers, with emphasis on ideas for production short-cuts instead of on "speed-ups" which would result in fatigue and rejected war materials;

2. Awards to plants turning in notable production jobs, similar to the present Navy award of the "E" flag for excellence to ahead-of-schedule shipyards;

3. Trips for foremen and workers to summer army maneuvers to permit them to see the actual operation of the tanks, half-tracks, guns and trucks so that they can visualize field conditions and shape their work accordingly;

4. Reports by commanders at the fighting fronts on exceptional performances of planes, vehicles and weapons in actual combat; these reports would be relayed, with public commendations, to the plants which contributed the material, as an incentive to build more and better weapons of the type, and as a standard for competitors to meet.

It was understood the program already has received approval of high labor quarters.

**Alien Roundup.**  
New Orleans, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Federal law enforcement officers in a series of raids here last night on German, Japanese and Italian aliens arrested 13 persons and confiscated munitions and other equipment.

**Suspend Hearing.**  
Vichy, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Hearings in the Rom war guilt trial of five former government officials were suspended today until Friday because of the illness of Edouard Deladier, one time Premier, who is sick with influenza.

## COLORED NEWS

After 16 meetings held in the county selecting leaders for communities and neighborhoods, we will hold a county-wide meeting in the courthouse February 26. All the leaders from the communities are expected to be present to listen to Mr. John W. Mitchell, state agent, and Mrs. Dazell Low, district agent, talk about the victory garden, scrap iron, and many other helpful things pertaining to growing feed and food for the defense program.

Our latest activity is trying to get a victory garden in every home. Let us remember that spring time is vegetable time.

—Dennis Dupree, Negro County Agent.

## Calls Out Army



On orders of President Alfredo Baldomir (above), Uruguay's army of 17,000 raised the republic as Baldomir dissolved Congress, surrounded the Parliamentary building and other public places with troops, canceled leaves, called off an election set for March. It was a swift move to prevent Senator Luis Alberto Herrera, who opposes inter-American cooperation, from getting into power.

## AID TO ALLIES IS STEPPED UP

**Flow Of Lend-Lease Tripled Since Pearl Harbor**

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The rate of lend-lease aid to the other United Nations has tripled since Pearl Harbor. It was disclosed today in an official report.

Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., the lend-lease administrator, said in testimony made public by the Senate Appropriations committee that during the first 8 1/2 months of the program, such aid averaged about \$141,000,000 monthly, compared with \$338,000,000 in December and \$462,000,000 in January.

He also disclosed that the aid ferrying service across the Atlantic to the middle east, created last summer and operated with lend-lease funds, had been extended "so that the bombers for our fighting forces, as well as those of our allies, can be flown by that route to the fighting areas of the southern Pacific."

Lend-lease aid to the Free French and the Free Belgians contributes to protection of the route across Africa, he said. Bases in Scotland and northern Ireland, built with the lend-lease funds, are now available for American troops in that part of the world, the administrator added.

From March to the end of November, lend-lease aid totaled \$1,232,000,000, and by the end of January had reached more than \$2,000,000,000 and still climbing at an accelerated pace, Stettinius reported.

"This increase must and will continue," Stettinius said in asking that \$5,330,000,000 in direct lend-lease funds, voted by the House, plus an additional \$95,000,000 be incorporated in the pending \$32,762,737,900 supplemental defense appropriation.

## To Invite Artist To Art Festival

At a meeting in the gallery in Sheppard Memorial Library last night, the Sponsors' Board of the local WPA Art Gallery decided to invite Louis Orr, widely known artist of America and France, to come to Greenville as the gallery's special speaker during the Art Festival.

The invitation will be issued personally by Dr. Robert Humber, who has known Mr. Orr as a personal friend both in America and in France, and who is collaborating now with him on the publication of albums of etchings of famous North Carolina buildings and places of artistic and historical interest. Mr. Orr, a native of Connecticut, is now in America at work on the etchings for these albums.

## Sit-Down Strike At Power Plants

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Four hundred maintenance workers of the AFL operating engineers union of the Union Electric Company of Missouri began a sit-down strike at three generating plants of the company today but there was no immediate lack of power.

The plants affected were Cahokia and Venice, Ill., No. 2 and Bagnell, Dam, Mo.

Maintenance men at the St. Louis County Gas Company also joined in the sit-down.

An official of the \$200,000,000 utility said the controversy was over the transfer of an employee from one plant to another.

Company officials said that unless there was a breakdown, current would continue to flow to the many industries and homes dependent on the company in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa.

## New Reverses

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terror, they would have the opposite effect of making the people fighting mad.

And a fighting mad people, many thought, would rise at once to the "prodigious effort" to which President Roosevelt summoned the United States last night.

"The task that we Americans now face will test us to the uttermost," the commander-in-chief declared.

"Never before have we had so little time in which to do so much."

The President's address had both a somber side and an encouraging side.

The Axis, he reported, was exerting every ounce of strength, striving against time, in a supreme effort to destroy the lines of communications linking the United Nations, so that the Allies would be isolated and then conquered one by one.

The United Nations had been forced to yield ground and might have to yield more, he acknowledged, but he added:

"Actually we are taking a heavy toll of the enemy every day that goes by."

Specifically, he said, "to date—and including Pearl Harbor—we have destroyed considerably more Japanese planes than they have destroyed of ours."

Moreover, Mr. Roosevelt disclosed American forces in the southwest Pacific battle theatre were steadily growing.

Transportation difficulties had been immense, he said, "but I can tell you that in two and a half months we already have a large number of bombers and pursuit planes, manned by American pilots, which are now in daily contact with the enemy in the southwest Pacific."

"And thousands of American troops are today in that area engaged in operations not only in the air but on the ground as well."

This was the first official intimation that a sizeable vanguard of an A. E. F. was on the scene of action.

Turning to the debit side, Mr. Roosevelt discussed the situation of the Philippines in terms that left no room for optimism on the possibilities of reinforcing or relieving General MacArthur.

The turn of events there, he said, had long been anticipated.

The President paid tribute not only to MacArthur's men, but to the fighting forces of the United Nations in China, in Burma and in the Indies.

"They are making Japan pay an increasingly terrible price for her ambitious attempts to seize control of the whole Asiatic world. Every Japanese transport sunk off Java is one less transport that they can use to carry reinforcements to the army opposing General MacArthur in Luzon."

The President administered stern reproof to "the rumor mongers and

## TODAY AT THE MOVIES

**FITZ—THE LADY IS WILLING**—Marlene Dietrich, Fred MacMurray  
**State—TONTON BASIN OUTLAWS**  
Ray Corrigan, John King

poison peddlers in our midst" for "damnable mistatements" on American war losses, and he called attention to the promptness with which Axis propagandists seized on such material to encourage defeatism.

Mr. Roosevelt said that the consequences on Pearl Harbor had been "wildly exaggerated" in weird rumors of staggering losses.

Cautioning the people against placing stock in unfounded gossip of this character, the chief executive promised that the country would be kept informed on the trend of the war.

## Britain Would

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help them to take such a step."

Chiang Kai-Shek, who has just returned to Chungking from India, said last Saturday that he "hopes and believes that Britain, without waiting for any demand on the part of the Indian people, will as speedily as possible give them real political power."

"I am of the opinion that this will be the wisest policy which will rebound to the credit of the British empire," Chiang's message concluded.

He said he hoped the people of China "and their brethren people of India" would "join the allies and participate shoulder to shoulder in the struggle for survival of a free world until complete victory has been achieved and the duties incumbent upon them in these troubled times have been fully discharged."