

### Jap Ship Losses In The Pacific Heavy

American ship losses in the Pacific have been heavy, but compared with those suffered by the Japs they are relatively light. According to the best information obtainable, the Japs have lost, either sunk or damaged, a total of 517 ships since Pearl Harbor as compared with 73 American ships sunk or damaged.

A comparison of the losses follows:

Category	Japanese		Tot.
	Sunk	Dam'd	
WARSHIPS:			
Battleships	1	9	10
Carriers	6	7	13
Cruisers	16	62	78
Destroyers	34	27	61
Submarines	7	5	12
Tenders	1	4	5
Auxiliaries	2	0	2
Gunboats	9	1	10
Minesweepers	3	0	3
Patrol Boats	5	0	5
Sub Chasers	1	0	1
Unidentified	0	5	5
Tot. Warship	85	121	206
Transports	38	37	75
Tankers	18	8	26
Cargo	61	17	78
Supply, etc.	11	9	20
Miscellan.	11	7	18
Totals	213	192	405

(\*)—Does not include losses inflicted by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Australian-based bombers, which have sunk or damaged 60 Jap ships since Oct. 1, alone.)

Category	American		Tot.
	Sunk	Scuttled	
WARSHIPS:			
Battleships	1	0	1
Carriers	36	0	36
Cruisers	4	0	4
Destroyers	14	1	15
Submarines	3	1	4
Plane Tenders	1	0	1
Sub Tenders	0	1	1
Target Ship	1	0	1
Gunboats	3	1	4
Minesweepers	4	2	6
Minelayers	1	0	1
Total Warships	36	6	42
Non-Combatant:			
Transports	4	0	4
Tankers	3	0	3
Fleet Tugs	2	1	3
Grand Totals	45	7	52

(\*)—Does not include 14 cargo ships sunk off Pacific Coast, five motor torpedo boats demolished in Philippines, and two Army transports.

A late report just received this afternoon stated that a second Jap battleship had been sunk, that American bombers got it last Saturday.

### The 47th Week Of The War

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War Secretary Stimson reported the Alcan Highway is now open to trucks carrying munitions and materials to troops in Alaska for its entire length of 1,671 miles. Formal opening will probably take place November 15th, he said. Mr. Stimson said the furlough period of two weeks given newly inducted soldiers will be reduced to one week. Approximately 3,400 tons of mail, including more than 1,000,000 Christmas parcels, were sent to U. S. armed forces overseas during the first 25 days of October.

#### The War Front

Army Chief of Staff Marshal, in a letter to Commander in Chief King of the U. S. Fleet, said the "skillful seamanship" of the Navy has already escorted 800,000 soldiers safely "across the submarine-infested waters of the Atlantic and Pacific."

The Navy reported November 1st that two enemy aircraft carriers, two battleships and three cruisers were damaged and 100 airplanes destroyed in a great sea and air battle 250 miles northeast of Guadalcanal. Navy Secretary Knox said the Japanese fleet units have retired from the scene in the Solomons and the "first round" of that battle is over.

In the battle the U. S. lost an unidentified aircraft carrier and the Destroyer Porter. Following this battle U. S. Naval units shelled enemy positions on Guadalcanal. On the ground U. S. Marines and Soldiers repulsed all Japanese attempts to dent their positions around Henderson Airfield. Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Australia reported November 2nd that fresh bombing raids on Jap bases at Buin and Faisi were believed to have sunk or damaged seven more enemy surface ships.

#### Labor Supply

President Roosevelt told his press conference that a compulsory registration for American women to determine their availability for war work is being considered. While no compulsory drafting of women for war industries is contemplated, he said, there is need for information which a compulsory registration could produce. Such a registration would require legislation which probably could not be completed until close to the end of the year.

Labor Secretary Perkins reported 4,500,000 new workers must come

### Germans Are Routed In Africa By Hard-Hitting Allied Army

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report today stated that German artillery had gone into action, indicating that opposition is developing.

A report coming from Madrid today claimed that the greatest air activity of the war was underway over and around Gibraltar, the full meaning of the action there not being disclosed.

Over in Guadalcanal, the Japs are definitely on the defensive despite the late landing of reinforcements. Gains have been made by the Marines west of the airfield, and on the east the Japs are being slowly pushed back, one report stating that nearly 300 of the enemy had been killed and that numbers of machine guns and artillery pieces had been captured. The defenders are being reinforced by bombs and fire from American warships and bombers.

The German drive in Russia was reported today to have bogged down on all fronts, the Russians adding that 100,000 Germans were killed in the past sixty days within Stalin-grad.

#### Five Arrested In Small Cigarette Theft Ring

Five colored boys, their ages ranging from 10 to 14 years, were rounded up and arrested this week by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks as alleged members of small cigarette theft ring. The boys, Lewis Felton Freeman, 11, William Teel, 10, Benjamin Franklin Purvis, 13, Roosevelt Wiggins, 12, and Henry Peel, 14, slipped two packages of cigarettes from the express office and peddled them to consumers at \$1 a carton.

Freeman is slated for a trip to the reformatory and the other boys will likely be placed on probation.

#### Winter Peas And Vetch Available To Farmers

Made available under the soil conservation program and financed by grant of aid, 500 bags of Austrian winter peas and hairy vetch are ready for distribution in this county, the office of the county agent announced today. Farmers are urged to apply immediately for the seed.

The time for seeding winter legumes has been extended until November 15th.

Mrs. Jim Rollins and little son, Jim, Jr., of Gassville, Arkansas, visited friends here today.

into the labor market before the end of 1943 and an additional 3,000,000 by the end of 1944. War Manpower Commission Chairman McNutt said that about 500,000 workers will be released to war industries when nationwide gasoline rationing becomes effective November 22.

### Mrs. Roy Roberson Is Buried In County

Mrs. Roy S. Roberson, 38, died in Tayloe hospital in Washington at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after several days' illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the home near Everetts at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Burial followed in the Wynn cemetery near Rose of Sharon church in Martin County.

Mrs. Roberson was born and reared in Martin County and had spent her married life in Beaufort and Martin Counties. She was a member of Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Roy S. Roberson; three sons, Elbert S. Roberson, of Martin County, and James Harvey and John Roberson, both of the home; a grandchild, four sisters, Mrs. Howard Whitehurst, of near Robersonville; Mrs. Sam Wynn, Mrs. Emma Terry and Miss Francis Moore, all of near Bear Grass, and a brother, J. K. Moore, of near Bear Grass.

### Oak City Parents And Teachers Meet

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Oak City school will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the school auditorium. Mrs. E. N. Howell, of Swannanoa, will be present and discuss vital war problems that may be necessary for the local P.T.A. to take into consideration. Mrs. Howell is a field worker and has visited our local unit before. We will be glad to have Mrs. Howell with us at the above announced meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 11th. There will be a special program arranged by the grades under the leadership of Miss Mildred Manning, chairman of program committee.

The public is cordially invited to be present and take part in the discussion.

#### No General Holiday To Be Had Next Wednesday

No general holiday will be observed here next Wednesday, Armistice day, but the banks will close along with a few other business establishments. The post office will remain open, but no rural mail deliveries will be effected that day, it was announced.

No observance program has been planned here, and life, patterned more or less on a war basis, will continue very much as usual.

### Reports Scrapped From The Nation

Holyoke, Mass.—More than a million pounds of scrap were collected in a recent household scrap drive in this city of 55,000 population.

### Motorists Will Have To Depend More and More On Used Tires

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J. C. Rawls, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires for farm.

R. Vernon Bunting, Williamston, one tire for farm.

Bryan Ward, Hamilton, two tires for farm.

C. W. Brabble, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire for farm.

A. E. Downs, Hassell, two tires for farm.

Marvin H. Leggett, RFD 1, Jamesville, two tires for farm.

Ira Jones, RFD, Williamston, one tire for farm work.

K. S. Bunting, Oak City, five tires for farm.

Reginald Sears, Hamilton, two tires for conveying timber buyer.

LeRoy L. Shone, Williamston, four tires and two tubes, for making emergency calls.

Four obsolete size trailer tires and tubes were allotted.

### Kiwanians Observe Ladies' Night Here

Ladies night was observed by the local Kiwanis Club last night with Edmund Harding, North Carolina's leading entertainer and speaker, taking the leading role in giving the club members, their wives and the teachers of the local schools a night of wholesome fun and entertainment.

Mr. Harding, a native of Washington and well-known by many of our citizens, sandwiched his many jokes with much valuable advice and information relative to our duties and obligations in connection with our war efforts. "The time is passing rapidly and we need to do something about it. All of us may not have the privilege to wear a uniform but there are many things we can do to help win this war," Mr. Harding reminded his audience many times during the night's entertainment.

Edmund's accordion, which is just about as indispensable to him as Charlie McCarthy would be to Burgen, led the club members and their guests in several appropriate songs.

### Peanut Prices Hold Firm As Sales Show Big Gain In Volume

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The shortage of regular burlap bags is quite noticeable as farmers make deliveries in odd-sized bags and bags made of cotton in various colors and types, including those looking very similar to fish or hair nets.

### Rev. D. J. Little Announces Services In Local Church

Rev. D. J. Little, newly appointed pastor of the local Pentecostal Holiness church, announces regular services in the church each first and third Saturday and Sunday. The minister again expressed appreciation to the people of the town and community for the hospitality extended in entertaining the annual conference of the denomination recently.

### Believe County Boy Is Still Alive After Being Reported Lost

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ship as reports when they were released several weeks after the sinking clearly indicated that the men had ample time to abandon ship in an orderly manner.

No members of the family could be contacted immediately, but all of them were said to have never abandoned hope for the youth's safety. Mr. Glover was heard to remark several times that he could not understand how the youth could still be alive, but it was apparent that he still hoped for his safety.

The report alters the county's war casualty list. Three young men, Murray Cargile, John Goldie Leggett and Austin Randolph Jackson, are known to have been killed, Leggett and Cargile in the Pearl Harbor attack nearly a year ago, and Dennis Coltrain and L. Dan Roebuck, Jr., are still missing. Reports indicate that there is little hope of young Coltrain's return, but there is still hope for the safety of young Roebuck who was on the U. S. Cruiser Quincey when it was sunk off Guadalcanal in August.

#### CHRISTIAN

Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Everlasting Doors."  
Prison Camp service, 2:30 p. m.  
Young Peoples meeting, 7 p. m.  
Evening service, 8 p. m.  
Choir rehearsal Tuesday, 8 p. m.  
Prayer service Wednesday, 8 p. m.  
A special program of five weeks begins Sunday on the general theme, "Opening Door for God." This program invisions the mobilization of all units of the church in an all-out program for God.

### Only 1,137 Ballots Are Cast In All 13 Election Precincts

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Mr. Bailey's name was scratched in several precincts. The vote accorded state officers who were without opposition, follows: Walter P. Stacy, Supreme Court chief justice, 1,079; Michael Schenck, associate justice Supreme Court, 1,066; Emery B. Denny, associate justice Supreme Court, 1,067 for the short term and 1,068 for the long term; R. Hunt Parker, 3rd district superior court judge, 1,076; Clawson L. Williams, 4th district superior court judge, 1,070; W. C. Harris, 7th district superior court judge, 1,073; J. H. Clement, 11th district superior court judge, 1,064; F. Donald Phillips, 13th district judge superior court, 1,064; Frank M. Armstrong 15th district superior court judge, 1,062; Julius A. Rousseau, 17th district superior court judge, 1,064; J. Will Pless, Jr., 18th district superior court judge, 1,064; Zeb V. Nettles, 19th district superior court judge, 1,065; Felix E. Alley, 30th district superior court judge, 1,063.

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