

### 16 Promotions Made By H. & S. State Guard Unit

Sixteen promotions were given out by officers of the Headquarters and Service Company of the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina State Guard here last Thursday night, in preparation for the regular Federal inspection by Col. Pritchard, of Fort Bragg, which will take place the night of May 19th.

Stanley F. Brading was named staff sergeant.

The following three were promoted to the ranks of sergeant: Sam A. Bradley, Robert G. Williams and James R. Kuykendall.

The four named corporals were: James E. Harris, Capers W. Green, Fletcher E. Kuykendall and William A. Shoobred.

Eight men were given ranks as privates first class, and are: John Foster, William Frazier, Robert E. Gibson, Harvey T. Nathan, Jack H. Snyder, Fredrick Vaughn, Thomas R. Walker, and Willie D. Sherrill.

### Flying Fortresses Bomb Jap Bases

Flying Fortresses and Liberators battled a violent tropical storm to bomb Vunakanau airdrome near the key Japanese base of Rabaul on New Guinea Island, it was announced yesterday. They set large fires which were visible for 60 miles.

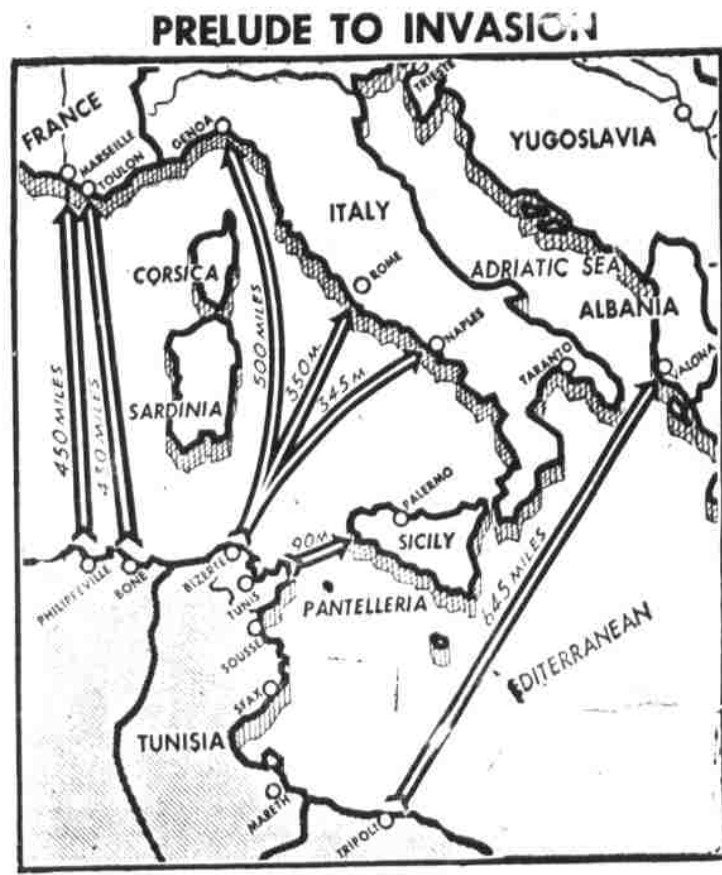
The raid—the second in four days—was carried out before dawn, a headquarters spokesman said. In addition to the big blazes, a scattering of smaller fires was seen all over the dispersal areas—apparently the flaming wreckage of Japanese planes hit on the ground, it was added.

### THRILLING ADVENTURES OF THE SEA

The sea hides many mysteries—strange stories of derelict ships, tales of feuds and mutinies, legends of phantom ships. Don't miss the first of a series of thrilling sea adventure in the May 23rd issue of

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WITH THE DWINDLING AXIS foothold in North Africa reeling under the continual impact of Allied attack, Hitler feverishly fortifies the points that are potential bridgeheads for Allied invasion. (International)

### "Where Kindness, Friendships, And Real Culture Reign"

The following gem on "The Country Town" is clipped from the current issue of a trade publication, the *Publisher's Auxiliary*:

An American country town, where no one is alone.

Where all are friends, where neighbors and kindness prevail, where each is his brother's keeper, where no one is alone.

Where life is simple, where there is kindness and warmth and friendliness for all and from all. Where homes are the abiding places of happy families and into which all are welcomed without distinctions.

Where unselfishness prevails, and affections and thoughtfulness is evidenced each day and hour.

Where Banker Brown is the friend and associate of Drayman Stine, and lends a helping hand when Mr. Stine or little Jimmy Stine is ill.

Where Merchant Smith pats crippled Jerry Murphy's tousled head and hands him a bit of candy or some cookies, which Jerry's widowed mother could not buy.

Where every home is open to

Sam Plover, the town barber, and his small son, Willie, while Mrs. Plover languishes in the hospital, that they may not feel alone.

Where there are no class distinctions, no social outcasts, no one without friends. Where no one is alone.

That is the American country town. As near a paradise as this earth can provide.

To be a part of such a community is a privilege. To perform a service for its kindly people is the even greater privilege that comes to the editor of a community newspaper.

He records the arrival of little Mary Jones and the joy of her parents. He has a mention of her when she enters the first grade in school. He prints a brief story of her parties. He records her name as a graduate from the grade school and when she enters the high school again, when she goes away to college, and then welcomes her home when her college days are over. He carries in his columns the announcement of her engagement to Sam Coles and a column or more about the wedding and the establishment of her new home.

He prepares with a loving heart a tribute for Grandpa when she passes to the great beyond.

He records the comings and goings of the people of the community without distinction as to class or social standing. They

### State's Farm Values Rise

RALEIGH. — North Carolina farm real estate values show the largest percentage increase in the nation, due to rising farm commodity prices and record-setting levels of income.

A state agricultural department review shows the index of state farm values has climbed to 161 per cent of the 1912-14 base period figure, compared with a national index of 99 per cent. The Midwest shows the greatest decrease with 76 per cent.

All the prices are far short of the national index of 1920, when land values rose to a record high of 223 per cent of the base period prices.

### Private Edward S. Bright Home On First Furlough

Private Edward S. Bright, son of Mrs. Ed Bright, is spending a 14-day furlough here with his mother. He has been in the service since December 22, 1942 and was inducted at Fort Jackson.

From Jackson he was transferred to Charleston, where he is serving in the Quartermasters Corps.

Prior to entering in the service Pvt. Bright operated the Hardin's Service Station near the Country Club.

### WPB Orders Refund On 100 Home Purchases

Home buyers numbering more than 100 have been given refunds by order of the WPB on dwellings purchased recently in the Philadelphia area. The action was taken under an agreement whereby sales prices were limited as a condition to WPB authorization of preference ratings for materials.

### Dempsey Divorce Postponed Indefinitely

White Plains, N. Y.—Trial of divorce and separation suits, instituted by Jack Dempsey, former Heavyweight champion, and his wife, Hannah Williams, has been postponed indefinitely with consent of both sides, it was learned. No reason for the postponement was given. The joint trial of both actions had been scheduled to start May 17 before Supreme Court Referee J. Addison Young.

are all people of the community, all of equal merit.

His job and his privilege is to protect and promote the interests of such a town and such people—a job he when well done that is worth having.

### NISEI RELEASED FOR FARM WORK



THESE THREE AMERICAN-BORN JAPANESE were released from an Arizona internment camp by the War Relocation Authority and permitted to come east to take jobs on the Maryland chicken ranch of Sam Rice, shown kneeling with an egg tray. (International Soundphoto)

### Misses Dionne Launch Ships With Nary A Miss At Slips

Superior, Wis.—Five eight-year-old sisters in gray suits and red coats stepped up to the looming bows of five cargo vessels Sunday, and a few minutes later the "Quint Fleet" had set a world sidewise launching record and was on its way to change bright rust-paint for camouflage and combat gray.

The five little girls, world-famous daughters of Oliva and Elzire Dionne, swung hard and straight to "help win the war."

Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, gave the formal benediction.

"These ships, built by Americans, christened by Canadians, to be manned by British—we wish them well," Admiral Land said. "Wherever they go in their work I hope there is one special trip they will make, be it soon or later—I hope they will sail into seaports of Japan with supplies for our garrison in Tokyo."

The vessels, each more than 250 feet long and of about 6,000 tons, were lined bow to stern along one slip of the Walter Butler Shipbuilders, Inc., so that a right-handed person would swing nat-

urally. Emilie, whose left-handedness had caused some concern, brushed queries aside. "I can use the other hand," she said, and shifting her pint bottle of Niagra River water with its 75 yards of red, white and blue jacketing to her right hand, she sent the third vessel in line splashing into Lake Superior.

"J'ai casse la bouteille," (I have broken the bottle) Annette exclaimed in French as she sponsored the

### Chinese Want More Contact With Britain

Dr. T. V. Soong, Chinese Foreign Minister, conferred with President Roosevelt, preparatory to his soon for London. He said his government wanted more to be in contact with Britain.

### Lewis Absent

New York—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, was absent from the office at Roosevelt hotel and was understood to have gone to Washington to consult with government officials.

first vessel. The girls, in alphabetical order, Emilie, Marie and Victoria.

Each turned to the girls Dionne for assistance. They did not do right. And they were that direct hit was made.

The quintuple launching by a crowd estimated at 12,000 when they stepped on platform. Other thousands massed outside the shipyard and in a field on the far side slip.

Introduced as "the little dian ambassadors of good" the girls greeted the crowd in lish. Then they sang a little song, and followed in English "God Bless America" and "Always Be an American."

Speaker after speaker stood, draped with the colors of the United States and Canada, the rest of the United Nations, termed the launching an outstanding example of international will.

Eugene Casey, executive assistant to President Roosevelt, had asked Mr. Roosevelt had asked to emphasize that teamwork exhibited by the launching, win the war. Such teamwork Casey said, is the basis for the relationship between the United

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- FOR RENT—6 room house on Main Street in Hazelwood, W. L. Harris, 128 Academy St., Canton, N. C. May 6-13
- FOR RENT — Attractive apartments, furnished, The Gables. Adults only. Call from 9 to 12 or after 5:30. May 6-13
- FOR RENT—Furnished, nice large room with adjoining bath with hot and cold water. Mrs. M. L. Jeffers, 702 Walnut St., Waynesville, N. C. May 13
- WANTED — Second hand baby carriage in good condition. P. O. Box 117, Haz Wood, N. C. M 13
- WANTED — A woman cook, white or colored, must be able to take charge of kitchen. Apply: The Agle House, Waynesville, N. C. M 13
- WANTED — For Fall term High School girl, assist with right-housekeeping and care of school child, by local family living out of town. \$2.50 per week. Write care of Mountaineer. M 12-20-27
- LOST—Three ration books No. 1 issued to Lee Evans, Bessie Evans, Lizzie McClure. Finder please notify Lee Evans, R. 2, Waynesville. Reward. May 13
- WANTED — A housekeeper and companion for elderly woman. Call Mrs. John L. Davis, Phone 242-W. May 13
- LOST—Oil ration book issued in name of Jess J. Sutton, R. 2, Waynesville, N. C. Finder please return to Jess Sutton. May 13
- FOR SALE—Sweet Potato slips, two kinds, red and white. Mrs. Frank Leopard, Ratcliff Cove. May 13
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