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Allies Have Lost 391 Ships Since January

Navy Department Announces More Sinkings and One Ship Damaged—25 Lives Lost In Caribbean.

Four more United States vessels, two of them carrying passengers, have been torpedoed and sunk by axis submarines in the Atlantic and Caribbean with a loss of 25 lives, the Navy Department disclosed Wednesday.

Brazilian dispatches said that a 7,093-ton British merchant vessel, the Cortona, had been torpedoed off the Brazilian coast, but did not disclose whether it was sunk.

A total of 391 vessels have been sunk in the western Atlantic area since mid-January, according to an unofficial United Press compilation.

Nine men were lost and 51 injured when a medium-sized American ship carrying 281 passengers and crew was sunk in the Atlantic about two weeks ago; eight died during or after a submarine attack on a large British merchant vessel several hundred miles at sea in the north Atlantic more than two weeks ago; four navy gunners and three crewmen died on a medium-sized U. S. merchant vessel torpedoed in the Caribbean on July 1, and one man was lost when a medium-sized Norwegian cargo vessel was sunk May 17 in the Atlantic off the north coast of South America.

At an east coast port where 77 crew members and 20 passengers were brought after they were picked up at sea by a Norwegian vessel, Capt. Maurice Andrews of the large British vessel said three men were killed when a torpedo struck, two others died in getting the boats away, and two died in the lifeboats.

At an east coast port, 48 crew members of the American ship said that it sank four minutes after torpedoes struck its port side. Chief Officer Leon Francis Hart said the ship sank so rapidly that some of the men merely stepped over the side into the sea. Others said that from 75 to 100 survivors hung on to floating wreckage until a United States naval vessel, whose commander was praised by Hart for "courage and efficiency," picked up the men.

Other survivors escaped in a half-dozen lifeboats and five life rafts.

Congress Modifies War Draft Regulations

Johnston county drafts boards are in receipt of new instructions with respect to certain modifications in the draft law by Congress, which separates registrants four distinct categories, as follows:

CATEGORY ONE—Single men with no dependents.

CATEGORY TWO—Single men with dependents.

CATEGORY THREE—Married men who do not have children but who maintain a bona fide relationship in their homes with their wives, provided marriage took place prior to December 8, 1941, and at a time when selection was not imminent.

CATEGORY FOUR—Registrants who with their wives and children, or with their children alone, maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes, provided marriage took place prior to December 8, 1941, and at a time when selection was not imminent.

Local boards have been advised that they should fill their July and subsequent calls in accordance with this policy, if possible. But the boards have also been advised that the national interest requires that all calls to meet the manpower requirements of the armed forces must be filled on schedule. If any local board does not have a sufficient number of single 1-A men available to fill its call, it has been authorized to depart from the general rule of priority and use married men who ordinarily might be expected to be in category 3, if such departure is necessary to meet said requirements.

The Red Cross Home Nursing Class Meets

The Red Cross Home Nursing Class held their first meeting Wednesday night, July 15th, at 8:00 o'clock. The Selma Woman's club building was used as the place of meeting.

Mrs. Linwood Moyer is very efficiently teaching the class. There is room for a few more to join the class. Come to our next meeting Friday night at same place and same hour.

INCOME

Cash income from American farm marketings in May, totaling \$988,000,000, was only slightly higher than April receipts but 32 per cent more than in May of last year.

Applicants For Gas Must Fill Out Forms

Due to lack of sufficient help, the Johnston County Gas Rationing Board has made a new ruling with respect to handling applications for supplemental allotments, as well as for people seeking rationing books for trucks and other vehicles. They explain their position as follows:

"The rationing board has found it necessary to adopt the following policy with reference to the rationing of additional gasoline for holders of A cards and for the rationing of all trucks, pick-ups, tractors and non-highway equipment.

"Owing to the limited number of paid employees in the service of the rationing board and due to the fact that volunteer workers have already given nine days without pay to ease the situation in addition to the initial registration conducted at the school houses, he board finds itself compelled to require all applications in the future to be properly filled out by the person making the application.

"Proper blanks can be secured at all times from the rationing board in the courthouse. For the further convenience of the public, blanks can be secured from L. G. Pope in Kenly, Turner Vinson in Clayton, the post office in Benson and the post office in Princeton. Arrangements can be made to have blanks in other centers if requested.

"Arrangements will be made for the board to be in session on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 16, 17 and 18 in the courtroom in the courthouse, to receive and pass on all applications properly made out and ready to be presented.

"The board will give precedence at this three-day session to the registration of trucks and non-highway traffic rather than passing on additional gasoline for A books which can wait a week or two without inconveniencing the holders of A books. Those making application for ration books for trucks, and pickups must present their pocket registration card and the black number of the five dollar stamp.

"The board wishes to call attention to all applicants for additional gasoline who have failed to mail their pocket cards with their application that it will be necessary to have their pocket cards before additional gasoline can be allotted."

C. Lester Stancil Dies From Operation

Angier.—C. Lester Stancil, 49, of Angier, Route 1, died at Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Raleigh Wednesday at 4:00 a. m., following an operation on Saturday.

Funeral services will be held Thursday (today) at 6:00 p. m., with Elder T. Floyd Adams of Willow Springs family cemetery near the home.

Mr. Stancil was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stancil. He was married to Miss Pearl Ellen in 1925. Surviving are his wife; five sons, Thomas Judd, Ray, Carl, Russell, and Robert Stancil; three daughters, Mary Rose, Doris and Frances Stancil; two sisters, Misses Florence and Ella Stancil, all of Angier, Route 1.

Scrap Rubber Drive Brings Good Results

The 25-day special drive in Johnston county for scrap rubber proved quite satisfactory, there being 165,519 pounds of scrap rubber collected during the period ending July 10. During this 25-day period there was collected through filling stations and other channels in the entire nation a total of something like 400,000 tons. While this is a lot of rubber, when we consider the great number of war industries turning out war material 24 hours per day, one can easily see that it takes lots of rubber and other materials.

Liquor Still Taken Near Four Oaks

Deputy Sheriff Dock S. Strickland, assisted by Jailer G. C. Uzzle and Assistant Jailer Will Barbour captured a 75-gallon copper still Saturday afternoon near Four Oaks, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Melvin Barbour whose case was docketed for trial in Recorder's Court this week. The copper still was confiscated by the officers, but no one was at the still at the time. A half-gallon of whisky was also confiscated.

Nearly 50 per cent of Bolivia's rich tin deposits are controlled by one man.

County-Wide Style Show In Smithfield

Edna Ruth Parker of Meadow Township Is Winner—Twelve 4-H Girls Participate In Show.

In a county-wide style show held at the American Legion Hut in Smithfield last Friday night, Edna Ruth Parker, Meadow township 4-H club girl, was declared winner, and will have the honor of representing Johnston county in a style show at State College, Raleigh, on October 3rd.

There were twelve 4-H club girls who modeled dresses they had made, as follows: Doris Mitchiner and Marjorie Whitley, Wilson's Mills; Edith Lee and Ruby Mae Munden, Four Oaks; Doris Braswell, Pine Level; Dorothy Lambert, Princeton; Mary Ann Robeson, Cleveland; Edna Earl Johnson and Edna Ruth Parker, Meadow; Kathleen Staring, Selma; Hazel Johnson, Smithfield; Vera Wright, Corinth-Holder.

The judges were Mrs. John Harris of Raleigh, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Jr., and Miss Virginia Puckett, of Smithfield.

The style show was held in connection with a meeting of the county 4-H council, presided over by George Johnson, Four Oaks club member. John Harris from State College gave an illustrated lecture on landscaping at this meeting.

General County Tax Rate Raised 3 Cents

The commissioners of Johnston county, in studying the county budget for the next fiscal year, did some lowering of school taxes when Superintendent H. B. Marrow submitted a budget which had been approved by the county board of education, showing it was possible to lower the school rate from 65 cents to 62 cents. This budget was approved by the county commissioners without material alterations.

But when it came to the general county fund, the present rate which is \$1.37 on the \$100 valuation, the commissioners took a glance backward at the school budget they had just approved at a saving of 3 cents on the \$100, and decided that they could raise this to \$1.40 on the \$100 and the people would take it good-naturedly, so it was done on this wise: School levy—Reduced from 65 cents to 62 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Debt Service—Approved at same rate as last year, which is 36 cents on the \$100 valuation.

General Fund—Raised from \$1.37 to \$1.40 on the \$100 valuation.

Total county levy—remains unchanged at \$1.38 on the \$100 valuation.

Weather Conditions Curtail Tobacco Crop

County Agent M. A. Morgan made an estimate on June 1 that Johnston county farmers would produce a 27-million-pound crop of tobacco this year, but due to more recent weather conditions Mr. Morgan has revised his figures downward, and his latest estimate places the prospective poundage at around 23 million pounds. While in some sections of the county weather conditions have been almost ideal and a bumper crop is anticipated, in other sections heavy rains have damaged crops, while in still other sections crops have suffered severely for lack of enough rain.

The county agent's earlier estimate placed the average production per acre at 1,000 pounds, and with an acreage of 27,000 acres planted in tobacco would produce 27 million pounds. His latest estimate, however, places the prospective poundage per acre at 850 pounds per acre.

County Auditor Gets Leave of Absence

County Auditor Jerry L. George has been granted a leave of absence for 30 days, effective Monday, July 13.

George, it will be remembered lost the nomination for re-election in the May Primary, and his term of office expires December 1, and it is presumed that Mr. George is taking some time off in order to make sure he has a job when his term of office expires.

John A. Wallace, who is Chief Deputy to Auditor George, has been named acting auditor by the county commissioners during George's absence.

LEND-LEASE

More than 5,178,000,000 pounds of American farm products had been delivered to representatives of the United Nations for Lend-Lease shipment up to June 1.

Thirty-six per cent of all U. S. Indians live in Oklahoma.

Candidate For Sheriff



The above picture is that of Luby D. Mitchell of Princeton, Republican candidate for sheriff of Johnston county. Elsewhere in this issue of The Johnstonian-Sun will be found Mr. Mitchell's announcement of his candidacy, and his pledge to the people, should he be elected in November. Look it up and read it.

Manager Holt Lake Dies Suddenly Thursday

Funeral Services Were Held From Thanksgiving Church Friday — Was Brother of N. M. Brannan, of Selma.

Claude Lester (Pete) Brannan, 42, died suddenly at his home at Holt's Lake at 12:45 on Thursday of last week.

Funeral services were held at the Thanksgiving church, eight miles north of Selma, at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, with the Rev. Mr. Freeman, pastor, conducting. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Brannan was manager of Holt's Lake.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie Barnes Brannan; two sons, Willie Lester Brannan and James Wyatt Brannan; four brothers, J. L. Brannan, of Clayton, route 2; W. M. Brannan, of Dunn; N. M. Brannan, of Selma, and Olar Brannan, of Hopewell, Va., and one sister, Mrs. Ada Sandlin, of Wilmington.

Four Oaks School Building Unroofed

A windstorm of almost tornadoic proportions swooped down on Four Oaks on Wednesday afternoon of last week, ripping the roof from the central section of the new school building for white people. The storm was accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain which drenched the interior of the building embracing 12 classrooms, and leaving the basement covered in water three inches deep, according to H. B. Marrow, superintendent of schools, who estimated that it would cost \$900 to repair the building enough to make it usable again. But, said Mr. Marrow, this is the minimum cost. To replace the roof and repair the walls and classrooms as they should be, it will require upwards of \$2,000.

The same storm that damaged the Four Oaks school building is credited with playing a part in wrecking the large bomber plane which crashed and burned near Wilson's Mills, resulting in the death of the entire personnel of seven men in the plane.

JOHN N. WIGGS ON RATIONING BOARD

John N. Wiggs, Selma merchant, has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lewis Keene of Four Oaks. Mr. Wiggs is a successful merchant and will effectively take the place of Mr. Keene.

Furloughs For Inductees

The past policy of granting furloughs to inducted men upon recommendations made by their local board was discontinued on June 30, 1942. Since July 1, 1942, every inducted man is granted a fourteen day furlough at the induction station unless he prefers not to be furloughed. The new procedure provides for the transfer of men so furloughed to the Enlisted Reserve Corps immediately following induction and the issuance of orders recalling them to active service at the end of the fourteen day period. The Army will furnish transportation, lodging and meals for such Reservists to and from the cities where their local boards are located.

Explosion Claims Will Be Heard by Congress

Mrs. Walker To Interview NYA Applicants Here

At Selma Mayor's Office Every Friday, 1 to 3 P. M.

Mrs. Elise M. Walker, area youth interviewer for NYA, will be in Selma each Friday from 1 to 3 p. m. to confer with young men and women relative to training for war production work. She may be found at the Mayor's office.

Certain resident centers in the state have been retained for training in radio, machine shop, sheet metal and welding. Young people from 17 to 24, white and colored, interested in training in any of these lines are invited to confer with Mrs. Walker.

The centers at Durham and Raleigh train white boys; the one at Greenville, white girls; one in Rocky Mount, Negro boys; and one in Fayetteville, Negro girls.

All of the courses last three months, during which the expenses of the trainees are paid, and in addition the trainees receive \$12 a month.

A high school education is required for those who take the course in radio.

No Federal Grader For Smithfield Market

Federal inspection service is not expected to be inaugurated on the Smithfield tobacco market this year, according to an announcement released by the department of agriculture.

The department announced the inspection service would be extended to nine additional flue-cured markets this year in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

The markets are Baxley, Hazelhurst, Tifton, Vidalia and Waycross, in Georgia, opening July 28; Mullins, South Carolina, opening August 6; Wilson and Ahsokie, North Carolina, opening August 25, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, opening October 1.

In a referendum held in May, about 70 per cent of the eligible growers participating approved the free and mandatory inspection service on the 49 flue-cured markets not already covered by such service. Smithfield was included among those 49 markets. However, the service will be extended to only nine markets because of the department's inability to obtain qualified inspectors.

Officials said the service would be extended to the other 40 markets as soon as inspectors could be obtained, but they expressed doubt that it would be this year. The inspection service will be available on the 26 southern flue-cured markets which it had last year.

County Home Keeper Tenders Resignation

W. J. Alford has tendered his resignation to the Johnston county board of commissioners, as keeper of the County Home, stating that he preferred to make the effective date July 15, but would stay on until August 1, if necessary. In accepting his resignation, the commissioners asked Mr. Alford not to relinquish his duties at the home until August 1st.

The commissioners are asking that applicants for keeper of the county home be submitted prior to July 20th meeting of the board.

The county home job pays \$1,200 a year, and in addition to his salary he and his family are given living quarters and food supplies without cost.

Former Selma Boy Receives Promotion

William Harvey Thorne of the 677th School Squadron, Gunter Field, Alabama was recently promoted to the grade of Corporal. The announcement was made by his Commanding Officer, Col. Aubrey Hornsby. Gunter Field is a Basic Flying School of the Southeastern Air Force Training Center where American and British Cadets win their wings.

The United States marine corps was formed by the continental congress on November, 10, 1775.

Claims Filed Totaling \$278,046.39 — Committee Asks For Received Bills Where Repairs Had Been Made — Congress Has Sole Authority To Pass On Claims.

If Congress recognizes total claims, the explosion of a munitions truck near Selma last March 7 will cost the federal government \$278,046.39. That is the figure to be submitted by Governor Broughton for consideration by Congress in paying property damages, personal injury and death claims growing out of the blast that killed seven people and wrecked numerous buildings in the vicinity.

A committee of Charles Ross, State Highway attorney; R. P. Holding of Smithfield, and W. H. Call of Selma heard the claims and has completed recommendations, which will be submitted to the Governor and then to Congress.

The committee did not attempt to hold official hearings to pass upon the damages claimed. It asked for receipts bills where repairs had been made or estimates of damage where the property owners were not in position to restore their belongings. The aggregate of these claims varied little from the final recommendations, which were slightly lower. Congress has sole authority to pass upon the claims.

Eighteen claims for personal injury or death totaled \$177,903.56, including one for \$50,000, one for \$25,000, three for \$20,000 and two for \$10,000. A total of 159 property claims totaled \$94,059.59 and ranged from as little as \$6.85 to as much as \$26,446.35. There were 16 claims of insurance companies under subrogation agreements for losses paid. Those totaled \$6,083.24. There will be one \$726.50 claim from a Georgia man whose truck was damaged.

Among the buildings destroyed were Talton Hotel, Gurkin's Tavern and Luke Capp's service station, all of which were located near the intersection of US 70 and US 301, the spot at which a car collided with the munitions truck, set it afire and resulted in the blast.

Receives Promotion

A letter just received by Mrs. Jesse James of Selma from her son, Jesse, Jr., somewhere in the Pacific, dated June 28, tells her that he was recently promoted to the grade of Technician Corporal. He also graduated from Motor School and received a non-commissioned officer's diploma for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Echelon work.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

HUB BROWN, manager of the Economy Furniture Company, is reported to be quite an orator—HUB was called on to introduce the Tobacco Tags, famous radio stars, at the Pine Level high school auditorium last night—after the introduction HUB made a fine talk on "Boy Scout Work"—the Tags appeared under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of Pine Level and presented an entertainment that was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience—ALVIN KORNEGAY is Scoutmaster of the Pine Level troop—the Tobacco Tags have played to the largest crowds ever gathered in the south for a hillbilly show—MILDRED PERKINS SPENCER was seen "walking" to work this (Thursday) morning—MILDRED recently purchased a new bicycle and while learning to ride same was thrown to the ground, receiving slight injuries—"as soon as I get over this soreness," she said, "I'm going to try it again!"—HARRY and BILLY OLIVER, sons of MR. and MRS. RICHARD P. OLIVER, were born on St. Valentine's DAY and at the same hour, and they are not twins, either—just two years difference in their ages—HARRY works for his dad in the grocery store, while BILLY holds a position with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company—both are very popular with the younger set in Selma—that crape myrtle tree on the lawn at the Merchants Hotel here is attracting more attention than anything around these parts—it is a solid mass of bloom, bright red in color—MRS. ANNIE BARHAM, owner of the Merchants Hotel, says this tree was planted many years ago and has never failed to produce an abundance of bloom—CHARLES FULGHUM, ROBERT LEE DENNING, DICKIE BROADWELL and LONNIE A. GRANT, JR., are leaving Sunday for a stay at Camp Tuscarora, near Goldsboro.