WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1941

ESTABLISHED 1867

# Large Shipyard Trades School Will Open Here

City is Designated As One of Eight Regional Headquarters in U. S.

WILL TRAIN 1,000 MEN

Estimated \$60,000 Will Be Spent in Constructing School's First Unit

Wilmington district NYA diwithin two weeks, is to be lomiles south of Wilmington

va administrator, and Harold M.

tral and south Atlantic ll be taught fundamentals

Other Schools r regional schools in the program being undertaken NYA for the U.S. Maritime ssion are to be located in Bos-Jacksonville, Fla., Houston,

Portland, Me., and Seattle,,

an early purchase of the tract. than \$1,000,000,000.

sheet metal and heavy metal r employes. During the students' chool training period, an estimated pendent union. days, the aprentices will receive

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#### GREEKS REPULSE FASCIST ATTACKS

Italians Suffer Heavy Losses in Attacks Near the Viosa River

ATHENS, March 25 .- (Tuesday)-Greek troops fighting in Albania afflicted heavy losses on Italian units repulsing a series of fascist at-

government spokesman declared The Italians lost about two-thirds the troops they threw into these attacks, the spokesman said. Fifty scheduled.

allans were captured, he added. "The Italians displayed great demination despite heavy losses and deceeded in approaching our lines," said. "But our men used hand renades and charged with bayonets

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#### WEATHER

North Carolina: Partly cloudy, ightly colder Tuesday; Wednesday

(By II, S. Weather Bureau)
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours adding 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)

Temperature
1:30 a m. 52; 7:30 a. m. 58; 1:30 p. m.
90; 7:30 p. m. 61; maximum 68; minimum 51; mean 60; normal 55.

REING PLANNED BY NYA British Are Using Air-Borne Infantry In African Drives

> CAIRO, Egypt, March 24.— (Æ)—Air-borne infantry, an innovation adopted by Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell from the Germans, is being used in a rap-id mopping up of Italian out-posts in Somaliland and Ethiopia, the British announced to-

"Outlying centers of administration, some of which are 400 miles from our lines of communication, are being taken over by air borne troops, accompa-nied by political officers," said communique issued from South African headquarters at Nairobi, Kenya Colony.

The statement added that some sick women and children already have been evacuated." Berbera, capital of British Mogadiscio, Somaliland. and Italian Somaliland. from which British thrusts are being pushed into southern and eastern Ethiopia, are more than 600 miles apart. It was assumed that air transports were being used to occupy the whole vast shoulder of East Africa which juts into the Indian ocean and the Gulf of Aden between those

#### BETHLEHEM STEEL STRIKE IS CALLED

Action Taken Following Dispute Over Election by Independent Union

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 24. -(AP)-A strike was called late tothe trustees of day at the huge Bethlehem Steel that Greece considers her adhesion company plant where 18,000 employes have been working on de- the dispatch through Yugoslavia of fense contracts aggregating more war materials for the German and and Kenneth Wherry of Nebraska,

he school, Administrator Lang CIO's Steel Workers organizing will be maintained by the NYA committee were ordered out, ing in the "closest collaboration in t hnical and engi- outside each of the plant's six diated their government's move. ering staff of the North Carolina main gates. Chief of Police Ernest start of the variable of the said there was 'no troumay be attached to Yugoslavia's man of the executive committee to e now under construction near the ble and everything is very quiet." copy of the pact whereby Gerthe law under constitution in the pickets made no attempt to many and all previous signers of trained in fundamental shipyard prevent anyone from crossing their the tripartite agreement would

The strike was called at 5:30 ent frontiers. white lathe operation—they will p.m. (EST) by Howard Curtis, sabsorbed by the shipyard as regupute over an election by an inde

Curtis said the "billet" and several other departments have been 'closed." But that he was unable to determine until later tonight how many employes left their jobs Announcing the strike call, he declared:

'There will be mass picketing when the 11 o'clock shift is scheduled to go on."

He asserted that approximately 5,000 men, who reported for work at 4 p.m., were in the plant when the strike call was issued. The company-working on more than -employs 18,000 men here.

The CIO union had announced that it would withdraw its members unless the Employes Repre sentative Plan, an independent organization of employes, decided acks yesterday near the Viosa river, not to go through with an announced election of its own collective bargaining representatives. The ERP announced earlier today that the voting had begun as mand itself, declared that U-boats op-

Curtis said the strike was ordered when SWOC committeemen, working on the 3 to 11 p.m. shift, reported they saw "evidence of

Yugoslav Chiefs Co

Country With the Axis

ARE CALLED TRAITORS

British Legation Crowded With Serbs Who Want to Join Allied Forces

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March -(P)- Yugoslavia's leaders, called traitors and threatened with death for their submission, depart- Dr. Milan Stoyadinovitch, above, ed by special train tonight for ormer premier of Yugoslavia and Vienna to sign up the country with

agents, departed from a suburban hat Stoyadinovitch, who had been in custody for over a year as a postity, and upon the faces of the emissaries — Premier Dragisa ity, and upon the faces of the emissaries - Premier Dragisa Cvetkovic and Foreign Minister Cincarmarkovic — there were no

There were no flags, no bands, and the public was barred from the platform.

Attaches of the British legation announced almost at the same time that it was crowded with Serbs who wanted to enlist in the Allied forces. Vice Premier Vladimir Macek,

head of the country in Cvetkovic's absence, stayed behind to try to deal with the internal disorder clearly threatening the country. Both the British and Greek ministers warned Yugoslavia against joining the Axis, but it could not be immediately learned whether Britain intends to sever diplomatic relations upon conclusion of the Vienna ceremony expected at noon

tomorrow

The Greek minister was understood to have informed Yugoslavia to the Axis "a hostile act" since such an alignment would provide Italian armies if not actual troop

It was understood that a protocol

agree to respect Yugoslavia's pres-

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## **NAZIS SAY MORE** SHIPS DESTROYED

Claim 126,000 Tons Sunk members felt were too heavily con-By Submarines Supported by Battleships

BERLIN, March 24. - (AP) - The Germans officially reported today the destruction of at least 30,000 addia billion dollars of defense orders tional tons of British shipping, and issued an avowed eye-witness account of how a long earlier "cat and mouse" drama had ended in the sinking of 126,000 tons by U-boats supported by battleships-a new raiding technique.

The Nazi story of the war at sas thus was in two sections.

The first, dealing with current actions and issued by the high comerating in the North Atlantic had just knocked out 27,500 tons; that two small ships aggregating 2,500 tons had been sunk by reconnais-(Continued on Page Six; Col. 5) ans facility.

Reported Held By



the German-Italian-Japanese military alliance.

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The train and to sign up the country with landed over to British authorities by the Yugoslavian reports stated that Standard in the Standard Indiana.

# **GOP CHAIRMANSHIP**

Agrees to Continue in Post After Committee Rejects His Resignation

WASHINGTON, March 24 .- (AP)-Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, agreed today to remain as chairman of the 13 publican national committee after the reject his resignation. Becase of his duties as house

minority leader, however, Martin said he would need a salaried assistant or executive director to do the main chores at the committee. He added he already had the power to name such a man and probably would do so in a few weeks, al-

Harrison E. Spanger, national com-mitteeman from Iowa, and State Chairman Arch N. Bottitt of Indiana were mentioned, among others, for the post. The committee, meeting In Athens the Greeks broadcast- for the first time since the Novem-

illiam K. Knowland from California, was elected chairchusetts, who was made treasurer in place of C. B. Goodspeed, of Illi-The latter resigned because of ill health.

Weeks has been assistant treasu: er as well as executive committee chairman.

Knowland, assistant publisher of the Oakland, Calif., Tribune, a for mer state senator, and youngest member of the national committee, vas named executive committee chairman to give the west one of the high committee posts which some centrated in New England. The executive committee has all the powers of the national committee except authority to make appointments and

#### Legion Officers Conclude Meeting at Fayetteville

FAYETTEVILLE March 24.—(A) -Service officers of the North Car-Legion concluded today a discussion of the problems of rehabilitat-World War Veterans.

The various steps which the federal government has taken to aid the Veterans were outlined by T. O. Kraable of the Veterans Bureau. Also taking a leading part in the discussions were Paul Noell, state service officer, and Judson Deramus, chief attorney for the Veter-

Senate Passes British Lease-Lend Appropriation By Vote Of 67 To 9

The \$7,000,000,000 fund, the na- things public would day by a national-unity vote of 67 tion's largest peacetime appropria- Britain's needs." the lease-lend bill but was ready \$2,054,000,000 for aircraft and ac- to support the appropriation,

Adams gave the senate a state-

miscellaneous agricultural and in-still think that it was unsound in principle and apt to bring not only tion for a week on a recommenda-Lesser sums were included for danger but catastrophe and disas- tion of Sheriff David Jones and "However, since it has become county permit use of two basement

Among these were Senators quiring factories or factory sites bound by the lease-lend bill in its ing for a detention jail for Camp Adams (D.-Colo.), Vandenberg (R.- for the manufacture of war sup- legal requirements as those who Davis soldiers. The mayor and Mich), Brooks (R.-Ill), Willis (R.- plies, and for the expenses of ad- voted for it. It is presented here sheriff were delegated last week on the premise that congress havmost part they said that since help- Beyond this breakdown, the de- ing laid down the policy should. The two rooms proposed for the ing England and other nations re- tails were withheld from congress. and I think must, implement the sisting the Axis powers had been Adams, who as chairman of the bill by providing adequate financ-

18 Divisions Reported in **Fascist Nation to Prevent** Separate Peace

NAZIS TO KEEP ORDER

ALL ARE INFANTRYMEN

Observers' Moves Watched: Foreigners Banned From Northern Italy

BELGRADE, March 25 .- (Tuesday)—(A)—Foreign military observers heard reports tonight that there now are eighteen or twenty German infantry divisions in Italy —to keep internal order and to forestall any attempt by Italy at separate peace.

The troops were said to have filtered into the country under the cover of the strictest military secrecy. Informants said emphatically that they were infantrymen -despite Italian denials and German explanations that a certain number of ground troops have been sent in to service large German air units admittedly operating in Italy. Follow Earlier Report

These estimates of German strength in Italy today followed an earlier report of the presence of four German divisions in northeast Italy near the Yugoslav bor-

The United States government and others were informed of the earlier report, but no confirmation of it has been made except the acknowledgment in Rome that German fliers and airforce ground crews were in Italy.

The observer who reported the four divisions said the German troops were promptly dispatched to the south, being scattered along highway rortes and railroads. Some were sent to Sicily for transportation to Pripoli to join Italian orces, he added.

Movements of all potential observers in Italy have come under strict control and all foreigners seeking to pass through northern Italy have been refused pass-

## START ON NEGRO HUT IS DELAYED

City and County Commissioners Postpone Award Of Materials Contract

Further delay in beginning of construction on the \$10,000 negro soldiers recreational hut, to be financed jointly by the city and county, was occasioned yesterday as the city and county boards of commissioners deferred for one week action on awarding contracts for materials.

At the same time, the joint boards tentatively accepted a recomendation of a sub-committee of its membership that the colored soldiers' hut be built on board of education property on the southeast corner of 10th and Church olina Department of the American streets, opposite the Williston colored school. The hut will be an exact replica of Woodrow Wilson Hut, now nearing completion at Fourth and Princess streets, for use of white soldiers on leave in

Wilmington from Camp Davis. Motion to delay awarding of contracts for building materials came from W. Louis Fisher, city finance the Giddings'. commissioner, with the seconding by George Trask, county commissioner. The bids were opened and received by a joint meeting of the wo commissions last week.

ed from an announcement by Addison Hewlett, county board chairman, that the Federal government was dispatching a representative WASHINGTON, March 24.—(P)—duty of the national legislature to cy appropriations, was floor mana-to Wilmington to discuss with the generate passed the \$7,000,000,- provide funds for giving that policy of the debate that to make such of the debate that to make such use of federal funds for soldiers' recreational facilities. The repre sentative, J. W. Faust, represent ing the office of Paul V. McNutt, is expected here Friday or Satur-

day. There was the implied thought

Indirectly, the deferment result-

present at the meeting that feder-The two boards also deferred ac Mayor Thomas Cooper that the ing.

Jimmy's 'In The Army Now'

If They Are Attacked By Nazis;

Germans Mass Troops In Italy

Reds Give Turks Pledge Of Aid



James Stewart, 1940's No. 1 man of the movies, produces a snappy salute, just after getting his uniform at Fort MacArthur, Calif., for a year's service in the army. Stewart, who put on 10 pounds to gain admittance to the army, took a salary cut from \$6,000 to \$21 per month.

#### First Camp Davis Cadre Of 750 Men Arrives Soon

Camp Davis Building Work Holds Fast Rate

CAMP DAVIS, March 24. -Buildings were completed here last week at the rate of one every 33.8 minutes, according to compilations of R. H. Wattinger, general superintendent for contractors, who reported his compilations to the office of the constructing quartermaster.

Superintendent Wattinger based his figures on eight-hour days of 480 minutes, with a total of 26,402 carpenters days during the week on houses only. During the third week in February the peak building was reached when a house was completed every fifteen and half minutes.

During the peak week the operations were based on 35,600 carpenter days, Superintendent Wattinger's report revealed.

Wallace Man Fatally

Phoebus, and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Anderson of Wallace. All had been to Wallace to at-

Giddings worked at the Newport News, Va., shipyards.

SCHEDULED APRIL 10

Camp's Strength Expected Diplomatic quarters here be-To Be Near Capacity of 20,000 By Mid-June

The first major contingent of with the Axis. soldiers to occupy Camp Davis-a cadre of 750 militarymen from Fort Bragg, Fayetteville-will arrive in Holly Ridge on April 10, a spokes- offensive against Greece in eastman for Davis staff headquarters ern Thrace—and perhaps against announced last night.

The cadre—in military parlance a unit around which a battery or regiment is formed-will be comarts of soldiery at Fort Bragg during the past several months.

Reaches Capacity In June over the 1,500 mark the number of domination of Yugoslavia, declared officers and men who will occupy Hurt in Auto Accident the anti-aircraft firing center 30 miles north of here by mid-April, TARBORO, N. C., March 24.—(A) inasmuch as by that date there will Andrew C. Giddings, 39, of Wal- be some 500 commissioned officers lace, N. C., and Phoebus, Va., was and more than 250 non-commisfatally hurt and seven other persons sioned officers on duty with the ijured late today when their car temporary staff headquarters in skidded and struck a tree two miles Wilmington. By mid-June, it was indicated last night, the camp's The injured were his wife, three strength will be close to its capa Barracks and other facilities to Attack Troops at Cherchildren, an aunt, Edith Giddings of city of 20,000 men and officers

accomodate well over twice 1,500 men and officers are already comtend the funeral of an infant of pleted at the camp, and by April 10, the constructing quartermaster

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### Commerce Body's Funds Drive Is Well Received a follow-up to the 10,000 fire bollows and heavy explosives dropped by night on Berlin.

week campaign.

professional sources, the volunteers end two weeks hence. advised Harriss Newman, chairto the drive was "most encourag- help," Newman said.

evident last night as a corps of volunteer solicitors seeking to raise an "early bird" breakfast at the A Blenheim b a minimum fund of \$15,000 for the Cape Fear, all 135 of the volunteer command returning home from a reorganized and expanded Wilming- solicitors being present to receive morning attack on the Nazi-held ton Chamber of Commerce report- last-minute instruction. Divided coast dived to within 100 feet of the ed first-day results of their two- into teams and assigned regular prospects, the workers will comb gunned them as they paraded past From business, industrial and the city and county by the drive's of Barfleur, near Cherbourg, offi-"Our volunteer workers report

man of the Greater Wilmington that everyone contacted today was istry said, bombed the Cherbourg Forward movement, the reception most receptive and anxious to docks and "dived and dealt effective-

"The common-sense of every outer mole." "We're going to hit our mark if progressive businessman tells him The Germans, their own aerial

FORCES ARE INCREASED

Russia Places More Troops Opposite German Masses In the Balkans

REDS HALT NAZI OIL

#### Rumanian Army Being Mobilized and Sent to Positions on Prut River

ANKARA, March 25 .- (Tuesday) Soviet Russia gave Turkey early today a pledge of benevolent and helpful neutrality in case the Turks are attacked by Germany, and immediately was reported to have increased her armed forces on both land and sea opposite the German military masses in the southeast of Europe.

Thus the Soviet Union took her first concrete step to influence the course of the war since the German-Russian agreement of August, 1939, pact which immediately preceded the conflict. Now she has acted to bar further Nazi penetration southeast, along her western borders.

Oil Supplies Hit

It also was reliably confirmed that Russia has halted all supplies of oil to Germany since the beginning of March. The publication of the friendship

agreement in effect assures Turkey of full Russian material aid against German troops should Turkey be plunged into war to defend the Dardanelles, vital water gateway between the Mediterranean and Black seas. That Germany was

ware of the fast-changing Russian German - occupied Rumania that that little kingdom's army again being mobilized and sent to positions on the Prut river frontier facing Russia.

The Soviet command then was said to have increased her troops on the land frontier and her naval forces at strategic Black sea ports.

lieved also that Russia and Turkey deliberately timed the announcement of their friendship pact to coincide with the departure of Yugoslav ministers for Vienna to sign

Last Act The same sources viewed the declaration as the last act before the curtain goes up on Germany's Turkey and the strategic Darda-

Russia's cutting off of oil to Germany was seen as a potentially heavy blow since Rumanian crude veterans who have been initiating oil produces an inferior grade of selective service draftees into the lubricating oil, a pressing need for the Reich's air fleet, navy and mechanized units.

The Turkish press, commenting Their arrival will boost to well on Russia's stand toward German "Russia is certainly now using the most friendly language toward

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#### **GERMAN SOLDIERS** STRAFED BY RAF

bourg as Follow-Up to Heavy Raid on Berlin

LONDON, March 24. - (AP) - A ow-level machine-gun strafing of German troops on early morning a follow-up to the 10,000 fire bombs night on Berlin.

Attacks on objectives in western A response described as "en-| The fund-raising campaign swung Germany, the Low Countries and couraging and enthusiastic" was into action yesterday morning with Continental "invasion ports" also

A Blenheim bomber of the coastal Germans and heavily machinetheir barracks on the main street cials said.

This same Blenheim, the air minly with light gun positions on the

the pace set today is maintained," that the program outlined for the offensive against England held to Chairman Newman said last night. reorganized chamber of commerce a minimum by bad weather, struck There was no immediate figure will bring thousands of extra dol-There was no immediate figure will bring thousands of extra dolarvailable of the total sum pledged lars a year to Wilmington and during the opening day of the New Hanover county, hence, it is drive. Results will be posted at a no great difficulty to secure gen-Wales. One Nazi fighter was downluncheon today at noon at the Cape erous contributions," the chairman ed off the south coast, the government announced.

1:30 a. m. 87; 7:30 a. m. 77; 1:30 p. m. 84.

## 17:30 p. m. 84.

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(Continued on Page Three; Col. 5) approved by congress, it was the senate's subcommittee on deficien- ing.

000 lease-lend appropriation bill toto 9 and plans were laid to fly it tion would provide, among other tomorrow to President Roosevelt, things: vacationing in the Caribbean. The action came after less than

wo hours' discussions and the opposition did not so much as offer an amendment. The debate, in fact, consisted largely of statements of position from some of the dustrial articles. many senators who had voted against the original lease-lend autanks, for repairing and outfitting ter to my country. thorization bill, but for the appro-

cessories. \$1,343,000,000 for ordinance and ment of his position.

ordinance supplies. \$1,350,000,000 for the purchase of bill,"

belligerent vessels in American ports, for building or otherwise ac- law, I regard myself as much rooms of the new courthouse build-Ind) and Taft (R-Ohio). For the ministering the act.

"advertise As one of those who voted against

"I voted against the lease-lend al funds might be sought to erect he said, "I thought and I the building.

to survey possible guardhouse sites. guardhouse are presently occupied

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